

ST ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - SMALL BUT MIGHTY



St. Anne's
Episcopal Church

NOVEMBER 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parish of St. Anne's,

I write to you on the morning of my departure for Israel/Palestine. I shall join about 25 others (including Pete Jeffrey) and our Bp Gayle Harris as she leads her 12th and last Pilgrimage. I shall bring my experience of a previous pilgrimage that I made in 1985 before I was ordained.

Outside my office at church, I posted a map of Israel with a listing of my daily itinerary.

In addition to visiting biblical places like Tekoa, Sepphoris, the Judean Desert, Jericho, Capernaum, Nazareth, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem, we will be hearing lectures and visiting museums of contemporary Israeli and Palestinian Christian daily life.

Especially, I look forward to meeting and worshipping with the Archbishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East at Jerusalem's St. George's Episcopal Cathedral. Bp Gayle assures my welcome as an ordained priest there, while at a Byzantine Orthodox church in Emmaus I am *not* invited to wear a collar (our symbol of the priesthood).

I hope my conversations with you about these experiences will last for months. How does place, both land and culture, contribute to the formation of a people and our expression of our faith? How has the land and culture of Billerica shaped us? What do we choose for our future? Think on these things with me, I pray.

I shall take each of your names with me as I pray in and walk the places where our forebears in faith lived and told their stories. My feet will get dusty, like our Lord's.

With the peace of Jesus,

Mthr Jennifer



Worship:

9:00 am Sunday in person

**First Sunday of each month: 8:00 am and 10:00 am in person
(8:00 am service is not filmed)**

Weekly worship on our YouTube Channel:
["St. Anne's Episcopal Church, N. Billerica MA"](#)
 (Subscribe and see videos of our services!)

Our services are replayed on BATV

Check out our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/StAnnesBillerica
 ("Like" to see videos of our services as well as other news and information!)

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Vestry:

Rosemary Kinser	Warden
Michael Hopkins	Warden
Linda Kusnierz	Treasurer
Marguerite Massey	Clerk
Pat Cregg	2023
Dotty Callihan	2023
Maria Martin	2024
Marie Figenbaum	2024
Lisa Carpine	2025
Todd Baldwin	2025

**Mother Jennifer's
Office Hours:**

Tuesdays	11-5 pm
Thursdays	2-5 pm

PLEASE call or email her with
any kind of pastoral concern.

Church Office Hours:

Thursdays	2-5 pm
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Thrift Shop Hours:

Wednesdays,	
Thursdays, Fridays	10 am-2 pm

**Open on Saturdays
November 26 through
December 17** **10 am-2 pm**

12-Step Meetings:

Wednesdays (AA)	7:30 pm
Thursdays (NA)	7 pm

Newsletter deadline schedule!

December newsletter submission deadline: November 14

December newsletter distributed: November 23

January newsletter submission deadline: December 19

January newsletter distributed: January 4, 2023

November 8 is Election Day. If you have not already voted, you are encouraged to make a plan to vote this day.



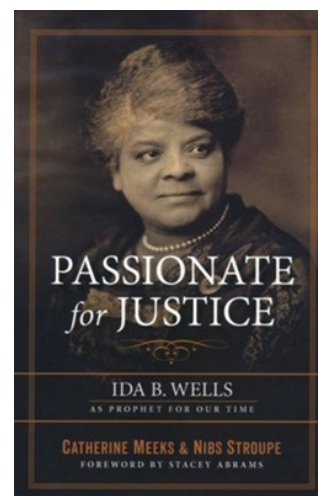
Thrift Shop Updates

The thrift shop will be open on Saturdays starting November 26 through Saturday December 17 10AM until 2PM for your Christmas shopping. We have lots of decorations, baskets, and other items. The Saturday hours are in addition to our regular Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday hours from 10 until 2.

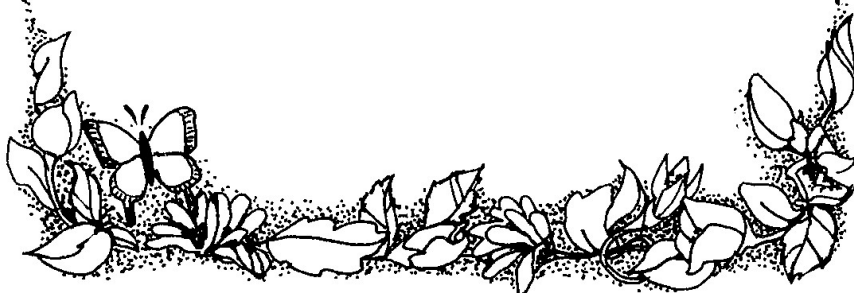


Social Conscience Book Group

The Social Conscience group will be reading *Passionate for Justice* by Catherine Meeks and Nibs Stroupe. Our themes for this year are women's rights, banned books, LGBT rights, and Latino rights. If you have a book that fits any of these topics please let us know. We meet the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Everyone is welcome.



Progress is being made in our Memorial Garden! Many thanks to all who helped with the installation of the sixth Columbarium cabinet.



Jennifer's Journal

Christmas Services. Even after last month's article, I still have received no feedback about your thoughts and wishes! I take this to mean that the services offered will be satisfactory, although it is strange to think about Christmas services when autumn is only now completely here! We will have two services on Christmas Eve (probably at 1pm and ?). *No service on Christmas Day* which is a Sunday, 2022. No service on New Year's Eve Saturday. Regular 9:00am service on Sunday, New Year's Day.

Diocesan Convention. Pray for our parish delegates to Convention, Todd Baldwin and Michele O'Shea this year. Join me in expressing gratitude to them for seeking balance between their own views and those of the parish regarding the five resolutions coming before the Convention:

Setting up a fund for reparations whose dispersal will be decided in following years

Requiring an internship for cultural competency of ordinands

Paying Deacons the minimum necessary to enter the Church Pension Fund (\$25/mo)

General support and awareness of the Poor Peoples' Campaign

Foster right relationships between us Episcopalians and indigenous in our midst

The other part of Convention is the annual Address by our Diocesan Bishop Gates in which we hear his perspective about our Diocese and his hopes for our next year. It will include his response to *Suffragan Bishop Harris's upcoming retirement*. How will we have enough bishops to make visitations to all 180 congregations in our Diocese?

Welcome Flag. What does it mean to you? Out front, we currently have a flag in disrepair. It feels disrespectful; we wish to change it. To what shall we all choose to change it? If you see a flag you like, *take a photo and send it* to your wardens or members of our Social Justice Committee (Russell Bent, Brenda Komarinski, Marguerite Massey, and Michele O'Shea). Let us hear how you want the public to view us at St. Anne's.

Stewardship Sunday. Come to church November 13th and be a part of *the gratitude of St. Anne's to God* for another year of our life in community.

Our Parish Administrator. *Jayleigh Lewis will be leaving us*, very sadly. She has found a full-time church position close to her home beginning in mid-November. But she is very gracious in extending her service to us until we have her successor. Please talk with our Wardens and Treasurer about your suggestions.

Vestry Visitor. Our Church Insurance representative visited this month. I heard that we were assured by the thoughtful and generous coverage offered to Episcopal churches. An insurance manual is available in the Church Office. One item for us to consider is a *crisis management plan* for during a worship service.

From Vestry Resource Guide owned by every current vestry member now. On page 47 of the book we use for denominational guidance, the following questions are asked.

How is your congregation's understanding of its mission and vision represented in your budgeting process? What steps might you take to develop a budget that reflects these values?

Does your congregation have an accounting policies and procedures manual unique to your parish in addition to the *Manual of Business Methods in Church Affairs*? When was the last time it was reviewed and updated?

Are the financial statements of related non-worshiping entities (such as thrift shops, ECW, men's groups, preschools) reviewed by the vestry and included in year-end reporting, including the annual audit and parochial report filing?

In what ways are your church buildings serving your congregation's mission and hopeful vision for the future? How might they serve them better?

Are inventories (lists or video) of furnishings and equipment for insurance purposes current and complete?

I was astonished to read this list of questions, because every one of these items has been addressed by St. Anne's. I think the recent work you all have done to update the best practices for ministry at St. Anne's has been and continues to be extraordinary. It's incredible! Thank you, each of you.



Mthr Jennifer's trip to Israel/Palestine

October 17-29, 2022

Monday 17 th	Leave Boston & Newark airports
Tuesday 18 th	Arrive Tel-Aviv, Transfer to Nazareth , Stay w. Sisters of Nazareth in Guesthouse
Wednesday 19 th	Jordan River, Capernaum, Mount of Beatitudes, Boat ride Sea of Galilee
Thursday 20 th	Sepphoris, Golan Heights, Caesarea Philippi (Banias)
Friday 21 st	Burquin & Nablus & Taybeh (in Palestine's West Bank), Arrive Jerusalem & visit Damascus Gate. Stay at Anglican St. George's Guesthouse. Meet with Anglican Archbishop Hosam Naoam
Saturday 22 nd	Shepherd's Field & Bethlehem (in Palestine), Separation Wall at Rachel's Tomb, Church of the Nativity, Lecture on Islam
Sunday 23 rd	6:45am Depart for Western Wall, Dome of the Rock, Sunday Eucharist at St. George's Cathedral in English and Arabic, Israel Museum, scale model of Old City
Monday 24 th	Judean Desert, Herodium, Free afternoon
Tuesday 25 th	Church of the Resurrection, of the Holy Sepulcher, the Armenian Quarter & Vespers, Upper Room, Lecture from an Israeli Perspective
Wednesday 26 th	Perhaps Masada, Yad Vashem the Holocaust Memorial Museum
Thursday 27 th	Jericho, cable car up the Mount of Temptation
Friday 28 th	5:30am Walk the Way of The Cross, Emmaus, Eucharist at Byzantine Church, Transfer to Tel-Aviv Airport and Depart
Saturday 29 th	Arrive Boston 9:15am and go straight to Diocesan Convention in Danvers, MA

The Canon for Immigration and Multicultural Ministries is inviting you to join The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris as she offers The Episcopal 101 to our Diocesan Community.

Date	Topic
10.11	What is the Anglican Communion, what is the place of The Episcopal Church in the Anglican Communion, and what is the structure of authority therein? Register here.
10.13	Why are we called The Episcopal Church and not Anglican Church? A comparison of leadership structure and authority of both churches. Register here.
11.15	Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts: Structure of authority, clerical leadership appointment here as compared to the way appointments are made in Anglican dioceses. Register here.
11.29	Vestry & Priest relationships in a local worshipping community: Vestry 101 Register here.
12.13	Financial matters: Stewardship, Spending Authorization, and Accountability Register here.

All events are from 6:00–8:00 p.m. on Zoom

For more information, contact Margaret Lias, Assistant for Congregations and Grant Administration mlias@diomass.org

The remaining sessions are an opportunity to hear directly from Bishop Gayle Harris before she retires!

<https://www.diomass.org/event/episcopal-church-101>

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THE DIOCESAN OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION AND
MULTICULTURAL MINISTRIES IS PLEASED TO INVITE YOU
TO JOIN US FOR

MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION OF ALL THE SAINTS

WHO STRUGGLED FOR JUSTICE AND
FREEDOM ON

11/12/2022 AT 5:00PM



PLEASE SEND THE NAME OF THE SAINT
YOU WANT CELEBRATED AT
JBNTAGENGWA@DIOMASS.ORG

This event will be on zoom as usual, but
registration will be required.

[HTTPS://US06WEB.ZOOM.US/MEETING/REGISTER/TZ0
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PASSCODE: 986546

Social Justice Committee

Social Justice – a way to allow everyone to feel welcome and respected when they come to worship

We are asking for your help. As you drive around, see how other churches show their welcoming nature. What flags, banners, and signs do they have? Snap a picture and send it to us (bkomarinski@gmail.com). How do you think St. Anne's should welcome all? Thank you!

-Brenda Komarinski, Marguerite Massey, Russell Bent, and Michele O'Shea



“Prayer”

The October 15th Ultreya, on Zoom, was hosted by Mike & Yvonne Hopkins

Prayer is giving our attention to God in a two-way spiritual relationship where we talk to God and listen to Him. Prayer is like a child's conversation with their father. We don't pray on our own, but alongside Christians throughout the ages and around the world.

Our Zoom Ultreyas have allowed many to participate from all over the country. All are welcome even those who have not experienced a Cursillo weekend!

SAVE THE DATE

Day of Renewal – Reinvigorate Your Walk with the Risen One

Saturday, November 12, 2022

Church of the Good Shepherd, Acton MA

8:30 am – 3PM

Registration will open soon!

“Walk with Us”

Peace, Hope, and love to all.....

Rosemary

From the Wardens

We've now had our first Sunday with 2 services, one at 8 am and one at 10 am. We'll continue with one Sunday a month dedicated to 2 services and continue to monitor attendance and encourage parishioners to continue to provide us with feedback.

November is traditionally Stewardship month and we've designated Sunday November 13 as Stewardship Sunday. Everyone will be getting a stewardship letter and pledge cards in the next few weeks, so start thinking about pledging. The pledge is important because it allows us to prepare a budget and accurately plan our finances for the following year. If you do pledge, please consider sending your pledge in early and if you don't currently pledge, please consider doing so.

A few things are on-going with B&G:

The new columbarium is up and standing, but requires a few more screws to make it secure.

The Thrift Shop is DRY – no more water running through the kitchen every time it rains. By the time you read this update, the mold will be removed, and surfaces treated to mitigate the possibility of future problems.

Temperature control for the church will be considerably improved once we get the furnace people in to help set up the controls.

A replacement railing is in process for the one that was damaged by a car.

A plan is being developed to re-construct the Thrift Shop kitchen area. Work to be done after the first of the year.

And that's the short list. The real list of everything to be done would take up the whole newsletter.

Every year, we need to elect new vestry persons to take the place of those whose terms are up. A normal term is 3 years, and the terms are offset so that the term for 1/3 of the vestry is replaced every year. The job of the nominating committee is to come up with names of people that might be interested in serving on the vestry. If you're interested or know someone who is, please let us know.

That's it for the wardens this month.

The Wardens.

Movie Night

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, November 12 at **6:00pm**. We will be watching the movie "**Hidden Figures**."

This is a 2 hour and 7 minute movie. A discussion will follow.



Regathering Report

The Regathering Team met in late September to review areas related to the COVID response.

In August, the Diocese released Fall 2022 COVID-19 Guidelines,

<https://www.diomass.org/news/diocesan-news/fall-2022-covid-19-guidelines>

In summary, the guidelines referred to **physical distancing**, **mask wearing** in line with guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, continue to promote **good ventilation**, no restrictions on the **distribution of Holy Communion** referring to the March 28 communication, intinction continues to be discouraged. **Care of the most vulnerable**, highly recommend full COVID vaccination, including boosters by all persons engaged in this ministry. Mask wearing is required for in home **pastoral visits**. Be aware of **COVID transmission** in your area.

Mask wearing is optional at St. Anne's. It is important that we all monitor our health, adjust our activities, and recognize those who are most vulnerable in our comings and goings. Masks will be worn by those who are distributing the Holy Communion.

Disinfecting misting is no longer being performed following services as determined by the current transmission in our area. We have learned since the early days of the pandemic that it is not necessary.

We are pleased to have more activity and event planning has begun at St. Anne's. We reviewed guidelines related to food handling. Food servers are recommended to wear gloves and food is to be individually wrapped.

While COVID continues to be around us, and the flu season has begun, we encourage everyone to receive flu vaccines and booster vaccines for COVID.

Where to find vaccine information and vaccination sites:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-covid-19-vaccine-information#information-about-getting-vaccinated->

To track COVID transmission access:

https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view?list_select_state=all_states&list_select_county=all_counties&data-type=Risk

Kathy Brewster Ken Kinser Linda Kusnierz Marguerite Massey



The Eucharist Prayer lesson is available for take home now. We saw how that set of windows are in our service in abbreviated form. Singing "Holy, Holy, Holy" then sharing a meal, and finishing with song as we go out into the world. Our next in-person lesson is Thursday, November 17. We will have classes for the 3-6 year-olds from 3:30-4:30pm and then for the 7-12 year-olds from 4:30-5:30pm. Our November theme is the Seas and Ships of the New Testament. If you have questions, please let Brenda know (bkomarinski@gmail.com).



St. Anne's Christmas Event- Sunday, December 4, 2022

Music, Food, and Fun

This Event will be threefold

***Concert with a variety of musical performers**

***12 days of Christmas Prizes**

***Food and other Items**

Please think about prizes. These prizes can be anything **new**: theme baskets, gift cards, or anything that **you** would want to win. If you would prefer to do a monetary donation, I can do the shopping for you. The prizes will need to be turned in to the church by **November 20th**. We will be putting donations together to create 12 amazing prizes.

Please look out for more information on the musicians, concert/chance tickets, and food.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at

Lisa.carpine@outlook.com

Lisa Carpine

A note on music...

Hope you're all doing well. ☺



Current Choral Project...

For anyone interested in being part of the Christmas Eve (evening service) choir this year...we're planning on having 3 - 4 rehearsals throughout November & December to rehearse a few songs for those services. The 3 - 4 rehearsals will most likely be on some Sundays at 10:30 am (or possibly 10:15 or 10:45 am, depending on feedback of those interested). Rehearsals will last 30 minutes.

Both those who have lead much singing at St. Anne's, and those who have not lead singing at St. Anne's are welcome! If you haven't lead singing at St. Anne's but may be interested, please feel free to reach out to me at (617) 480-9775. Participation can of course be just for the Christmas Eve music.

Best,
Peter Morelli

* Carolisa's Classes * Gift Certificates Available *

* Schedule a Workshop @ St Anne's for a special occasion or just for fun!

Further info on all classes & Sign up: moonlightdjz@gmail.com

 Carolisa Moonlightdjz  Carolisa's Classes

ZUMBA & LINE DANCE Mix @ St Anne's

Mondays 6:15p-7:15p * New Session Nov. 7

Try it -\$10 ~ six weeks \$55

Advance sign up required @moonlightdjz@gmail.com

Move, Groove, be Fit & Have FUN! Get funky to a fantastic mix of dance classics to current plus plenty of 80's, 90's; latin and Bollywood. Mix it up with a variety of line dances; review the "party" dances; Learn an Irish & a barn dance! It's easy to catch on; adjust the level to suit you. Best are sneakers without much tread. **Beginners & all fitness levels welcome – come with friends!** Dance off calories in this FUN & friendly class!

* Schedule a Workshop @ St Anne's for a special occasion or just for fun!

Line Dance 101~ Friends' Night * Bellydance 101 ~Girls' Night

*Family Fun Dance for your family gathering or holiday

BELLYDANCE 101 * Girls Night * Moms Night * Friends Night

Tuesday November 15 ~6:30p-7:45p @ St Annes * \$11
Advance sign up required @moonlightdjz@gmail.com

Gather your friends, co-workers, sister to try this beautiful and joyous dance! Energizing yet relaxing; fast & fiery to slow & smooth, we cover the basics including a Greek dance and the Veil dance! (Veils may be borrowed) Increase flexibility and work all muscles in this FUN & friendly Beginners class. **Women of all ages and fitness levels welcome!** Wear comfortable stretchy clothing & socks or fitted slippers that "slide" *

***ALSO on ZOOM Wednesdays- 6:30p * join friends from anywhere!**

HOLIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT .. Dancing, Fun & Games!

with Carolisa & Peter * Coming Soon!

*Get ready to Move & Groove, rock out & have FUN! *Party Dances * Fun & Games * Classic favorites * Learn something new * Get creative & show your stuff! * Do the limbo; freeze dance; musical hoops; learn a barn dance! Includes a few dances for the littlest children. Kid-friendly music. *geared to ages 4+ with parent, grandparent or caregiver participation.



St. Anne's Prayer List

Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd of the sheep, you gather the lambs in your arms and carry them in your bosom: We commend to your loving care this child _____. Relieve their pain, guard them from all danger, restore to them your gifts of gladness and strength, and raise them up to a life of service to you. Hear us, we pray, for _____. Amen.

Barbara Rogers & her son Kevin, Bob MacKenzie, Casey Epperson, Chick Meech, Cyndi, Diane Brown, Donald Fudge, Donald Sutton, Sr., Elaine McLaughlin, Helen, Janet Lyna, Jean Flight, José Soreso, José Torres, Sr., Joshua Young, Kathy Chang, Lee Conley, Linda E., Lucy Ann Young & her daughter Paula, Marie Horgan, Mary Lander & her daughter Christine, Norm & MJ Zarella, Paul Hamner, Philip Lavoie, Sally DiRocco, Sue Kennedy, Tammy, Tom, Vicki Mahoney, Yvonne Hopkins

We also keep in our prayers all who are ill with COVID-19, the families of those who have died, **especially the family of George Squires, Sr.**, all who are affected by the war in Ukraine, all who are affected by racism and violence, and all who are grieving.

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

O God, our times are in your hand; Look with favor we pray, on your servant _____, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer pages 830 (*For a Birthday*) and 430-1 (*Blessing of a Marriage*)





Amy Desmarais	10/2	David Carpine	11/2	Steve Hopkins	12/2
Lucy Ann Young (89 years!)	10/5	Maria Baldwin	11/3	Belinda Fletcher	12/5
Yvonne Hopkins	10/6	Eli Baldwin	11/4	Marguerite Massey	12/7
Travis Farmer	10/7	Norm & MJ Zarella	11/5	Pat Cregg	12/10
Sue Kennedy	10/8	Jennifer Stockton	11/19	Andrea Jeffrey	12/18
Julian Cole	10/19	Amy O'Sullivan	11/20	Kathy Brewster	12/21
Easton Elder	10/26	Jose Torres	11/24	Lisa Carpine	12/25
Olivia Mannetta	10/27	Keanna Crotty	11/25	Nicole Knowles	12/26
		Aster Komarinski	11/28		



November 2022 St. Anne's Ministers' Schedule

Date	Ushers	Lector	LEM/Prayers/Server	Acolyte	Video	Audio
November 6 8 am	George Cousens	Kevin Kotelly	Kathy Brewster	none	none	none
November 6 10 am	Dotty Callihan Pat Cregg	Ken Kinser	Ron Desmarais	Brenda Komarinski	Eli Baldwin	Ed Giroux
November 13	Russell Bent Marguerite Massey	John Geen	Ed Giroux	Mike Hopkins	Sandra Giroux	Mark Komarinski
November 20	George Cousens Linda Kusnierz	Jane Kotelly	Mark Komarinski	Brenda Komarinski	Sandra Giroux	Ed Giroux
November 27	Ken Kinser Rosemary Kinser	Lisa Carpine	Dotty Callihan/ John Geen	Mike Hopkins	Ron Desmarais	Ed Giroux

November 2022 St. Anne's Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10 am Bible Study	2 9:30 am Craft Group 10-2 Thrift Shop	3 10-2 Thrift Shop 2-5 Church Office Hours	4 10-2 Thrift Shop	5 1 pm St. Anne's Social Group
6 8 am Sunday Service 10 am Sunday Service	7	8 10 am Bible Study 7 pm Bible Study on Zoom	9 10-2 Thrift Shop 6:30 pm Deanery Assembly	10 10-2 Thrift Shop 2-5 Church Office Hours 4 pm Clergy and Wardens	11 10-2 Thrift Shop	12 5 pm Diocesan Multicultural All Saints Event 6 pm Parish Movie Night
13 9 am Sunday Service 10:30 am Social Conscience Book Group	14 December newsletter deadline	15 10 am Bible Study 12 pm Billerica Interfaith Meeting	16 9:30 am Craft Group 10-2 Thrift Shop 7 pm Vestry Meeting	17 10-2 Thrift Shop 3:30-5:30 Church School	18 10-2 Thrift Shop	19 Billerica Food Pantry Distribution
20 9 am Sunday Service 10:30 am Social Justice Committee Meeting	21	22 10 am Bible Study 7 pm Bible Study on Zoom	23 10-2 Thrift Shop	24 Thanksgiving Day	25 10-2 Thrift Shop	26 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 9 am Ladies' Breakfast 10-2 Thrift Shop
27 9 am Sunday Service 10:30 am Social Conscience Book Group	28	29 10 am Bible Study	30 9:30 am Craft Group 10-2 Thrift Shop	   <p>"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever..." <i>Psalms 107:1</i></p>		