



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

The miracles of Jesus are too numerous to tell. The stories in our Bible that we love and know so well. The feeding of 5000 healing the sick and lame, the rich man or the beggar, to him are all the same. The miracles of Jesus go on and on today. A sudden, sure awareness all along life's way. For He who stilled the waters, raging fierce and wild, Is surly here, and living in every newborn child.

My friends in Christ, we are indeed a time of need. Our political environment has created chaos in our world and is beginning to affect our personal space. This Thanksgiving, more than ever we need to focus on what we truly appreciate not only in our own space, but the community around us. We must find and be the resources necessary to provide for the newborns that use our daycare and beyond. With a government stuck in a shutdown families are stretched to put food on the table. We as Christians baptized to be followers of Christ, must rise to the occasion and feed the 5000.

Jesus died on a cross for us, for you and me, but He is risen! And He said, "Because I live you shall live also."

To give is to receive, let us find the Way.

Be thankful
Blessings,
Rev. Dennis



Attention Families

Infant/toddlers: Our Baby Room upstairs on second floor is offered for children Pre-K and Younger and is fully staffed.



NOVEMBER "BIRTHDAY" WISHES!

Happy Birthday to the following Church Members

Jill Ducham 11/3
Leslie Johnson 11/11
Meghan Casey 11/12
Rebecca Casey 11/13
Virginia Auchmoody 11/14

Christy Elwell 11/17
Judy Martin 11/17
Christopher Cicchetti 11/17
Elizabeth Trenske 11/23
Madisyn Bianchini 11/29



TIME CHANGE

Daylight Savings time ends Sunday, November 2nd, at 2:00 a.m. Please set your clocks back one hour before going to sleep on Saturday evening, November 1st.



WISH LIST FOR SAFE HAVEN SHELTER

- ◆ Shampoo
- ◆ Body Wash
- ◆ Paper Towels
- ◆ Deodorant
- ◆ Toilet Paper
- ◆ Women's socks (new)
- ◆ Women's Body lotion
- ◆ Women's Underwear (new)
- ◆ Hair Brushes/combs
- ◆ Diapers (large & ex-large)
- ◆ Sanitary Napkins/Tampons
- ◆ Children's Socks (new)
- ◆ Children's Underwear(new)
- ◆ Baby lotion/baby wash
- ◆ Wash Cloths/ loofah's
- ◆ Gift Certificates



Safe Haven currently provides the following bilingual (English/Spanish) services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault: up to 60 days of shelter for women and their children; individual

and peer group counseling; 24 hour crisis hotlines for domestic violence and sexual assault; legal advocacy information and referral; community education for adults and children; and court based family violence victim advocacy.

Please bring all your donations for Safe Haven on the third Sunday.





**Our Annual Holiday Fair is
November 15th
(see poster insert)**

**Reminder: Fair news: Time
to Fall clean we will take slightly used items
we will not accept donations of clothing or
electrical devices of any kind for various
reasons! Please try to bring them in before
Nov. 10th this makes it easier to price them
and get them out.**



**Decorating for Christmas & Hanging of the
Greens!**

**Friday, December 12, 2025 – 11 am
Volunteers Needed!**





Hanging of the Greens

December 14, 2025

4:00 pm

**First Congregational Church
222 West Main Street Waterbury**

*First Choir with soloists & instrumentalists!
Festive opening of the Christmas Season
& Decoration for the Church Holiday!*

Reception to Follow

Freewill Offering



ATTENTION MEMBERS:

Following the service, we will be hosting a reception in Clinton Hall. It would be greatly appreciated if church members could help by bringing cookies, finger sandwiches, and Hors d'oeuvres etc., please call Cathy Crouse (203-879-0408) to let her know what you are planning to bring for the reception so she can plan ahead!

Thanking you in Advance!
Cathy





From the Director of Music/Youth

Welcome November! This month promises to be a busy one here at First Church, there are several events coming up this month and into next that you will want to mark your calendar for.

Church Fair: Saturday November 15 from 10:00am-3:00pm. There are still open spots for vendors or, if you would like to assist with set-up, your time would be greatly appreciated.

Music: Chancel Choir & Bell Choir continue to meet on Thursday evenings. Bell Choir 6:30pm with Chancel Choir following at 7:30pm.

Christian Cinema will be on Wednesday, November 5 at 6:00pm. This will be a viewing of The Chosen. Please bring an entree or dessert to share!

Haunted House; we would like to thank everyone who attended, helped or in some way shape or form contributed to the success of the event this year. Our attendance for the weekend was 103. The event is quickly closing in on its 30th anniversary!

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Building; since we are closing in on “that time of year”, if we have a scheduled event and the weather is in question please pay attention to the local news stations for cancellations.

Important Events Coming Up!

The Hanging of the Greens, December 14, 2025 at 4:00pm

Longest Night Service 6:00pm December 21, 2025

Light Up Night December 21, 2025 at 7:00pm

I would like to wish all of you Blessed Thanksgiving and in the words of Paul, “Give thanks in all circumstances and to present requests to God with Thanksgiving, as Paul echoes the teachings of Jesus. Gratitude should be a way of life.

Stewart Crouse



ATTENTION CHURCH MEMBERS



Waterbury Baptist Ministries have had their turkey signups for the month of October. We would like to support them with Thanksgiving sides for all of the people that were not able to meet the signup deadline. We are anticipating that we would need support for 10-20 families, that was the

amount of last year's need.

We need your help and here are a list of items you can donate:

- 10 Boxes of Stuffing (big package)
- 10 Packages of Mashed Potatoes (big package)
- 10 cans of gravy
- 10 cans of cranberry sauce
- 10 cans of green beans
- 10 cans of corn

All you can do will be greatly appreciated. Please bring donations to the office.

Thank you