

First Congregational Church, U.C.C.
102 Middle Street
Hadley, Massachusetts 01035-9429



Reminder: Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 5. Please remember to “fall back” by setting your clocks back one hour on Saturday night.



CHURCH STAFF

Deacons

Lisa West
Ken Parker
Jonathan Morel
Donna Brewer-McGahie
Bob Andersen
Office Administrator – Cathy Samson
Custodian – Bryan Harper

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday Morning – 10:00 a.m.

Worship services & past events can be accessed on Facebook and YouTube.

CHRISTIAN ED

Sunday Morning – 10:00 a.m.

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The Rooster Crows

November, 2023



UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday morning worship begins at 10 a.m.

Sunday, November 5 – Communion Sunday

Sunday, November 12 – Cathedral in the Night

Sunday, November 19 – Reception of New Members and Recognition of Members with 50 or more years of membership

Sunday, November 19 – Congregational Business Meeting following Worship

Sunday, November 26 – Stewardship Sunday and Dedication of Pledges

Sunday, December 3 – First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 10 – Outdoor Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 17 – Christmas Sunday

Sunday, December 24 – No morning worship service

Sunday, December 24 – 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Candles

Sunday, December 31 – 9:30 a.m. Breakfast (provided by Deacons and Fellowship) followed by the Annual Christmas Carol Sing with Rosalee Oakley on the keyboard

Lisa West, Chair 413-695-4943

Donna Brewer 413-364-6463

Bob Andersen 413-687-3121

Jonathan Morel 413-549-3958

Ken Parker 413-549-3530



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

This is a reminder that the next congregational meeting will be on **Sunday, November 19**, following worship.



CHRISTIAN ED NEWS



SAVE THE DATE - The annual Christmas Pageant will once again be brought to you **LIVE** and **OUTSIDE** on **Sunday, December 10, at 10:00 a.m.** Please come and enjoy this short presentation followed by a Birthday Party for Jesus. Want to participate? Please reach out to Diana West.

We continue to explore the themes of Super Heroes in Sunday School. In November, we will also explore gratitude and what we are thankful for.

Please join us for a special candlelit service on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24, at 7:00 p.m. Pew activities will be available for children of all ages.

MISSION NEWS



Now that the weather is getting cooler there are more needs than ever! We are providing food for **Cathedral in the Night on November 12th** and need your help! We will be making lasagna after church on the 12th and making 100 sandwiches. There will be a signup sheet for donating water bottles, baked desserts, granola bars and time to help prepare it all. We will need persons to help serve the meal at Cathedral which starts at 4:00 p.m. and lasts until around 6:00 p.m. Additionally, we will be collecting used warm clothing, shoes, coats, backpacks, sleeping bags, hand warmers and the like!

We also have learned of another mission opportunity to donate items for the immigrant families that are coming to Hadley. We don't have all the details yet but will share when we know more. There is always a need for items at the food pantry as well!

BYLAWS!

The final proofing of the Bylaws has been completed. Four pairs of eyes can't possibly have missed anything!

[Click here to download the Bylaws file as a pdf.](#)

You can save it for your own reference, and/or you can print it out.

Hard copies will be available in the office, for those who don't have good printers.



MUSIC NOTES



The search for a new Music Director continues. Please share this opening with anyone in your world!

Special thanks to Betty Brown, a friend of the church, for volunteering to play for the choir during Thursday evening rehearsals. We are grateful to Terri Ann Hoog for her continued service playing the piano during worship. We appreciate all who have volunteered support and ideas. Our volunteer choir should be commended for providing worship music under challenging conditions.

All are welcome to join the choir on Christmas Eve service.

Rehearsals will be on Thursday night at 6:30 pm starting November 30th. We look forward to the coming holiday season and singing our favorite songs!

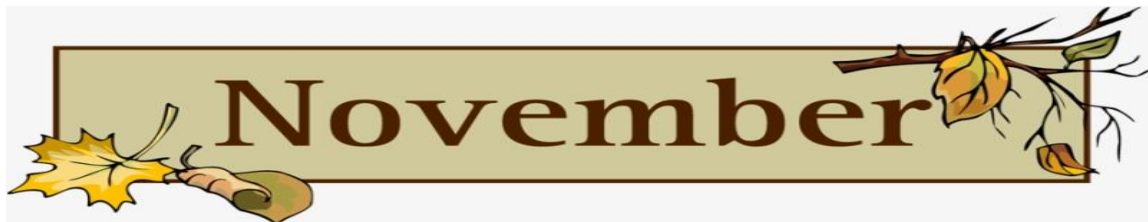
Debbie Ward
Music Committee

FINAL SERVICE

The First Congregational Church of Huntington, United Church of Christ at Norwich Hill, invites you to join us in worship to acknowledge and celebrate 245 years of ministry in the Hilltowns as we become a Legacy Church on **November 26, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.**

Please join us in this final service of remembrance, gratitude and hope, as congregation and pastor release each other from their covenant to be congregation and pastor and say “Well done, thou good and faithful servant” to a much-loved sanctuary.





November

1	Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Hadley Women's Group AA Meeting
2	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	CHOIR REHEARSAL
3	Friday	4:00 p.m.	Take and Eat Preparation
4	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Take and Eat
5	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	WORSHIP SERVICE & CHRISTIAN ED
7	Tuesday	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING GROUP
8	Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Hadley Women's Group AA Meeting
9	Thursday	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Club CHOIR REHEARSAL
12	Sunday	10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	WORSHIP SERVICE & CHRISTIAN ED Cathedral in the Night
13	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Hope Grange Meeting
14	Tuesday	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Clergy Luncheon Meeting HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
15	Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Hadley Women's Group AA Meeting
16	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	CHOIR REHEARSAL
19	Sunday	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP SERVICE & CHRISTIAN ED RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS & RECOGNITION OF 50+ YEAR MEMBERS CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
21	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
22	Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Hadley Women's Group AA Meeting
26	Sunday	10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	WORSHIP SERVICE & CHRISTIAN ED STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY & DEDICATION OF PLEDGES Final Service FCC Huntington
28	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
29	Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Hadley Women's Group AA Meeting
30	Thursday	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	CHOIR REHEARSAL CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR REHEARSAL

Events listed in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS are church-related events.