

From the Hill

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*Now faith is confidence in what we hope for
and assurance about what we do not see.*

Hebrews 11:1



"Justin Juenemann has never done a good deed in order to be rewarded – but in light of his constant compassion towards

children in need, he was given the surprise of a lifetime...

Juenemann is a University of Minnesota student who is a backup kicker for the Gophers football team. Over the course of the last four years, he has never once been put on the field.

Whenever the 23-year-old human resources major is not training or studying, however, he spends his time volunteering at the Masonic Children's Hospital in Minneapolis.

Which is why he was surprised with a full scholarship for his final year at the school.

The football team's head coach, PJ Fleck, organized a meeting in which one of the kids from the hospital addressed the players. Kyle Tanner, who is a patient with a rare blood disease, singled out Juenemann as his favorite player – and the person who he sees the most at the hospital.

Fleck then handed Tanner a tee shirt gun and told him to fire it at Juenemann. True to his skills, the player caught the shirt and unraveled it to see the slogan: "Justin, congrats, you have earned a scholarship".

His teammates were so excited to see the message, they immediately roared with joy and hoisted Juenemann onto their shoulders. Juenemann then Face-timed his mother, who let out a shrill scream upon seeing the tee shirt.

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Our Church Mission Statement:

*"To nurture those in our own faith community
and to act on our faith by reaching out to others."*

We are an Open and Affirming church of the United Church of Christ.

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"Thank you Coach Fleck, Kyle, and everyone who was involved in setting this up," said Juenemann in a tweet. "This was truly an experience I will never forget!"

"I've never seen anybody serve and give more than that guy, who is not a star player, who hasn't played, where his face is recognizable," Fleck said ... "He could easily just not do it and nobody would ever say anything, and all he does is continue to keep his oar in the water, [and] live that holistic life academically, athletically, socially and spiritually."

by McKinley Corbley - Aug 16, 2017

Like Justin, a lot of what we do to live by Jesus' teachings may seem unseen. But Jesus assures us that what we do is always noticed in one way or another. Come together this season of new beginnings, and find that ... *"God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would (the plan) be made perfect."* Hebrews 11:20

Rev Edwards.

"Love and Serve" 2017

Pet Lovers Unite!

Pet Blessing October 15th during service: a time to thank our Creator for our special pet companions. Bring photos of your pets for the communion table. We will have a special pet blessing with St Francis medals to take home for your pets. Please leave your pets safely at home on this Sunday.



New Pet Pantry

A new ministry is being offered to our friends who visit the food pantry. Many elderly, and others, have pets who are a part of their family and it is sometimes as difficult to care for their needs.

We will be offering items in our Church Pantry that will help our friend keep their friends.

Please consider donation canned and dry food, treats and supplies for God's small creatures.

Please bring an offering of pet food/supplies to our Blessing of the Pets on October 15th.

Greetings From the Diaconate

"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

Psalm 118,v.24

How can it be October already??!!

The first chill in the air alerts us that that autumn cannot be far behind. We are so blessed to be able to watch the leaves as they change color and share this beautiful season with the wonderment of Gods paintbrush with our very special church family.

Exciting times and ideas are heading our way. Your deacons have been working hard for you. *Kristen Arsenault, Alecia Balduf, Emily Knapp, Gladie Kneeland and Janice Murphy* want to encourage our Church Family to share ideas, joys and sorrows with us. We love to hear your thoughts.



World Communion Sunday is October 1st and promises to be a great opportunity to share our blessings with those in need. Our Missions Team will be coordinating with us to collect monies for the UCC Fund for those affected by the recent weather disasters.

October is our Annual Church Fair and it promises to be great. Aren't we blessed to have this tradition continue year after year? The tireless workers and all who attend are the reason it works so well. There is so much for everyone! Think of New England in the fall, and our Church Fair is right there on the top of your list! Who can resist the colors, the smells, the laughter, and the home made apple pies!!!!!! A bite of these legendary desserts open a floodgate of memories.

We are happy to announce that a Pet Pantry will be coordinated by Tom and Marie. To welcome this new addition to our pantry there will be a "Pet Blessing" on October 15th. Please bring photos of your fur babies for this special Sunday blessing.

Rev. Lorraine will be holding a Pastors Study Group with "Race and Us: Woodlawn" book for discussion. Gladie watched the movie "Woodlawn" and highly recommends watching this as you prepare for this study group.

As always, please notify any of the above deacons with happiness or sadness or just for a chat or a hug. We are here for you.

Gladie Kneeland, Chair

Pastor's Study Group for the Fall



Race and Us: Woodlawn by Todd Gerelds follows the true story of a football season in Birmingham 1974, where the coaches, players, and families fought for a greater cause- to heal a city. In reading this book, we will look to see how the mural "Gloried Be They Who Strive for the Equality of All Mankind" on the old Woodlawn schoolhouse became more than words. This book is also a movie, for those who would rather watch before our group.

Church Pantry Sunday is October 1st



Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays

9:30 am—11:30 am

In line with the new academic year, families also have school lunches to make. The Outreach Team asks that you zero in on those needs when making your pantry donations.

Some Suggestions are: Juice Boxes Tuna Canned Chicken
Mayonnaise Snack-Pack Fruit & Pudding (non-refrigerated)
Canned Pasta Meals Coffee Kraft Mac & Cheese

Also in demand:

Shampoo Toilet paper Paper Towels Toothpaste

Since we no longer accept refrigerator or freezer items we will gladly accept grocery store gift cards. To enable families to pick up fresh meats, eggs and milk.

From the Member-at-Large

The Church Council is very interested in your ideas as to how we can grow spiritually as a church. How can we expand what we do well so that it reaches beyond our own walls? Please share your thoughts with me or with any of the Council members. Other thoughts and concerns may be told to me as well at any time.

Our new Member-at-Large to the Council is Joanne Kelly.



Music Rehearsals Resume

Our music rehearsals for The Fall are as follows:



Choir Rehearsals

Senior Choir: All welcome regardless of ability to read music. Only the desire to sing is necessary. Anyone under 6th grade please speak to Bob Knapp.

Mondays @ 6:30pm: October 30 and November 20

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm: October 3, November 14, December 19 and 26

Tuesdays @ 7:30 pm: December 5



Bell Choir: Ability to read music. Any age welcome.

Mondays @ 7:00pmP: October 30

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm: October 3, 10, 17, 24,
November 7 and 28, December 5 and 12.

Tuesdays @ 7:00pm: October 3, and December 19



Band: Instrument required. If you don't have one but can read music speak to Bob Knapp. There are always rhythm instruments if nothing else!!

Monday @ 7:00pm: November 20

Tuesdays @ 7:00pm: November 14, December 19

Tuesdays @ 7:30pm: October 10, 17, 24, November 7, 28
and December 12



Joan Chatterton

Alex Chute

Kirsten Davis

Bridget Edwards

Melissa Edwards

Scott Edwards

Sylvia George

Austin Greenfield

Ruth Jones

Ann Kelloway

Jessica Lee

Sharon Lee

Carter Lucido

Megan O'Grady

Ryan Quimby

Emma-Kate Winter

Outreach News

Remember that 100% of your donations will go directly to the victims of the last three hurricanes.

The destruction, the loss of lives, homes, and livelihoods from three terrible hurricanes have reached historic proportions. Not just thousands - but billions of dollars are needed for reconstruction and rehabilitation, and for healing. Our denomination is in this for the long haul. Church personnel work with local organizations right on the scene, so that your donations will be working to help people for a long time - over the months, and yes - years!



**DISASTER
RELIEF**

If you were unable to send your **Disaster Relief** envelope in for the October 1st collection, please feel free to send it in to the church office any time during October.

Women's Guild

We appreciate your support of the **COOKIE WALK** at the Church Fair on October 20 & 21. Thanks to our members, and contributions from our Church Family, the Cookie Walk has enjoyed a huge popularity! So, it's time to break out those favorite cookie recipes. Please bring your cookies for the Walk to the Fair beginning on Friday and ending on Saturday. The more cookies we have to share the better!

Bring Your Own Sandwich Lunch

Tuesday, October 31, at NOON

"HALLOWEEN STORIES: A GUIDED TOUR"

Hang on to your seats as we take an **ARMCHAIR RIDE** through old Union Cemetery. Gliding in on her broomstick, and guiding us in this tour will be Chris Comiskey, President of the Historical Society and our own Church Historian!

Dessert: Ann Kelloway and

Joan Chatterton

Devotions: Barbara Morehouse

Sign Up for Greeters & Offering Collectors

We are looking for individuals, friends and families to serve as greeters on Sunday morning (you will never have to do it alone). Just follow the link below. **Sign Up Genius** will send you an email reminder of the date you selected. Follow this link and sign up for your preferred Sunday! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044faea92fa7fb6-greeters>

If you do not have email and would like to sign up in person during Coffee Fellowship please contact the church office at 978-352-8443.



Each month we have a group of people who meet to talk about books selected by members. Meetings are held in different houses or at the church. If you are interested in attending a meeting, contact the Church Office or any of the people listed below to get directions to that month's meeting.

All are welcome and you do not have to RSVP to attend. Below is a list of the books they will be discussing in the coming months in case you want to get the book ahead of time or you might just be looking for a good read.

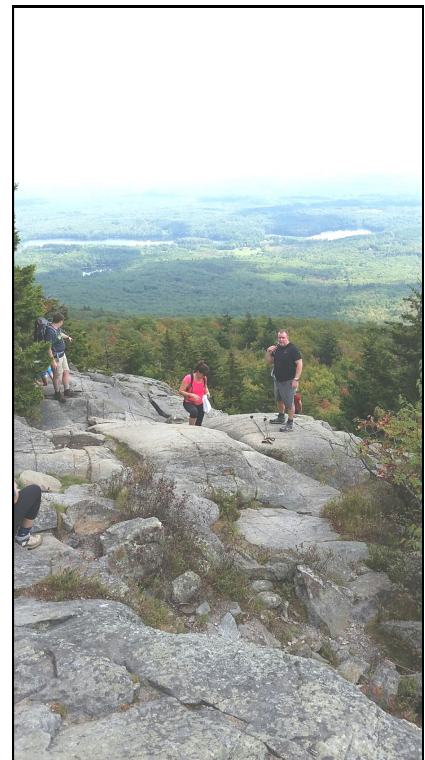
Date	Title	Author	Hostess/Location/Phone No.
Oct. 25	Making Rounds with Oscar: the extraordinary gift of an ordinary cat	David Dosa 2010	Joanne Kelly & Carol Lutes Location: Guild Room Carol: 978-352-7208
Dec. 6,	The Underground Railroad	Colson Whitehead 2016	Location: Church?
Carol: 978-352-7208			
Jan. 31, 2018	God Pretty in the Tobacco Fields	Kim Michelle Richardson	JoEllen Fielding Location: Church JoEllen: 978-352-6904



Light The Church Fund

Contributions for lighting the church can be made in memory of loved ones or in honor of someone special. If you would like to make a contribution or need more information please contact JoEllen Fielding at 978-352-6904.

Youth NEWS AND EVENTS



Save the Date!
October 20th and 21st

Annual Fall Harvest Fair

CHIC BOUTIQUE

RAFFLES

**HOMEMADE
PIES!
COOKIE WALK!**

RED TAG SALE

**SATURDAY
NIGHT
TURKEY
DINNER**

Artisans & Crafters



***We are looking for all those treasures
you found in the
attic, basement
and closets!***



***We are looking for items in clean and usable
condition, no sporting equipment,
no stuffed animals,
no old computers/out-of-date electronics.***

***Summer Office Hours begin June 20th:
Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 am—1:00 pm***

***You may bring them to:
The First Congregational Church
7 Andover St. Georgetown Mass
(Please use the office entrance on Clark St.)
And put them in the downstairs
corner classroom.***



Contact the Church office for more details.

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Back by Popular Demand!

The Chic Boutique

Open for 2 days during the Annual Harvest Fair!

Friday, October 20th, 10am—5pm

Saturday, October 21st, 8am—3pm

Time to clean out those closets!

We are looking for donations of clean, gently used women's and children's clothing, shoes and boots.

Please bring your donations to the church and leave them in the Bride's Room off the Narthex.

Please contact the church office at 978-352-8443 for more information.

What do we need for the Country Store Table?

We are seeking donations from our congregation members for our Country Store table.. ***Our goal is to sell out!*** Maybe you have a special talent.. Whether you volunteer to bake some home made fudge or knit a few potholders or dish-towels. The Country Store would gladly take your donation!

- Home Made Fudge
- Home Made Jellies and Jams
- Home Made Breads
- Home Made Relishes
- Maple Syrup
- Knitted pot holders - dishtowels
- Handmade Baby clothes—blankets
- Old fashioned penny candy
- Dill Pickles
- Perennial (potted) plants



Any home made items that you may find in a country store..!!

Please let the office know if you would like to help out with donations for the table this year . Thank you!