



## FROM PASTOR HOLLY



A main, central theme in our Bible, which is our source of Holy inspiration and way of living, is the Hebrew word, “hesed” (pronounced kheh-sed), which means love. Hesed, however, is a particular kind of love, not romantic love, but a love like a parent completely focused on the best for their child. Hesed is faithful; it is loyalty love. Hesed is not a feeling, it is faithful love in action.

Over and over in Scripture we encounter stories of this kind of loyalty and commitment. Notions of family and loyalty are found throughout the Scriptures, each pointing to a God who is faithful and loving beyond measure and our imagining. Through these stories we are invited and encouraged to care for one another; to be each other’s keeper in a sense. Caring for the least: the widow, the orphan, the lame and broken.

And family is paramount to a steadiness to society, with obligations of saving the lives of widows and their offspring when a husband dies. The next closest male relative of the deceased is expected to marry the widow to ensure for her security and to be sure children come from this union carrying on the family line.

Ruth and Naomi are both widows seeking a new life together after their husbands both die as they return together to Naomi’s homeland. Naomi sets out to return to her homeland where she knows there are relatives who will respond and supply for her needs as is custom. Naomi takes full advantage of the social systems concerning widows, she is shrewd and calculating. Ruth is loyal beyond measure and goes with Naomi, even as this means she leaves her own people to stay faithful to Naomi.

At first glance, it seems that Naomi is the one caring deeply for her daughter-in-law by securing her a husband (Boaz), showing hesed in her act of faithful love. In the end, Naomi is simply working to secure her own safety and position back in her hometown. Ruth, it seems to me, is the one who shows unconditional loyalty to Naomi. Ruth does Naomi’s bidding, risking her own life, marrying Boaz, bearing a child and securing for Naomi her position of respect back in her hometown.

And this new child? He will be known as the grandfather of David, the greatest king of the Israel nation, as the story goes. Naomi seems to get all the glory, but Ruth is the source of the hesed love. Where would Naomi be without her Ruth?

Ruth and Naomi is just one story of how God works in the world:

***Hesed* love - faithful love in action, beyond measure and our imagining.**

In Faith,

Pastor Holly



## **WOMEN'S GUILD NOVEMBER MEETING**

BRING YOUR OWN SANDWICH/SALAD LUNCH (Dessert/Beverage Provided)

**Tuesday, November 12th at Noon** (Second Tuesday of the Month)

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE due to the National Election on the First Tuesday.

### **HELPING CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE**

We'll have a chance to learn of the wonderful work accomplished by the organization Fostering Hope, a mission supported by our Church. Our Guest Speaker's name is Pam Newcombe of Fostering Hope. Her message will be important to our understanding of this mission's goals.

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## **CALLING ALL MUSICIANS**

Rehearsals for our Bell Choir and

The World's Most Dangerous Church Band will be on Tuesdays.

6:30 for Bells - 7:30 for Band.



Please contact Bob Knapp if you have any questions or would like to join.



### **MEN'S GROUP**

Men's Group will meet on Saturday,  
November 9th, 8am, Cafe Sarina

## BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

12/4: West With Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge

1/29: I'll Push You: A Journey of 500 Miles, Two Best Friends, and One Wheelchair by Patrick Gray

2/26: The Witching Hour by Margaret Meyer

3/26: American Jezebel by Eva LaPlante

4/30: The Collected Regrets of Clover by Mikki Brammer

5/28: The Lioness of Boston by Emily Franklin

6/25: The Museum of Failures by Thrity Umrigar



**As always, check the website for the Zoom link, under 'Ministries'**

## SENIOR CITIZENS' FREE LUNCHEONS

All seniors are invited to join us for our 2024-2025 Senior Citizens' Luncheon gatherings at Byfield Parish Church in Georgetown.

These luncheons help provide an opportunity for seniors to gather in community over a hot meal and devotional time.

Luncheons are FREE to ALL attendees. Come as you are and join us! All luncheons begin promptly at 11:30am and hot lunch is served at 12:00pm.

Please RSVP by calling our church office at least 2 days prior to each luncheon, 978-352-2022.

## Friday Luncheon Thank You!

When a wonderful team is behind you the job is so much easier.

Toni Cassidy, Kristen Arsenault, and Erica Flynn got the lobster ready on Thursday evening. Gladie Kneeland assisted with setup.

Friday morning, bright and early, Susan Stead, Chris Comiskey, Sylvia Johnston and Kirsten Davis (it was wonderful having you back) got the sandwiches ready.

Our serving team included Ruth Stewart, Ruth Soper, Kirsten Davis and Toni Cassidy Michelle Bridges handled the publicity, and our Church Family also spread the word about the luncheon.

Thank you to this incredible team!

We hope you enjoyed lunch!

Janice Murphy



The First Congregational Church of  
Georgetown  
invites you to celebrate

### THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH'S DEDICATION



HISTORICAL  
"NOOKS AND  
CRANNIES"  
TOUR AND  
LUNCHEON  
TO  
FOLLOW.

RING THE  
PAUL  
REVERE  
BELL!

Sunday  
*December 8, 2024*  
at 10:30am  
7 Andover St, Georgetown, Ma

## THANKSGIVING ECCUMENICAL SERVICE

A combined service will take place on Tuesday, November 26th and will be hosted by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 9 Jewett Street.

### 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

If you or somebody you know is in distress, call **988**  
To Text a Crisis Counselor, text **988**

## A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Dear Church Family,

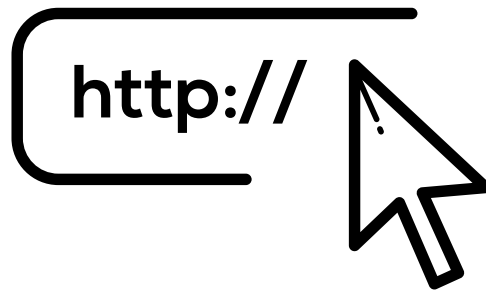
Sunday, October 27, was a joyous day for me after the wrap up of a hugely successful Church Fair. Everyone was excited to hear from Emily and Rich the details of the Fair closing, and we all agree that their enthusiastic leadership was key to the Team's talented efforts. This year's Fair was a gift to our community. Fairgoers from near and far enjoyed the brilliance of a sunny fall day, the amazing food and meals, unique crafts, the narthex boutique, elephants in the sanctuary, and more importantly, the warmth of renewed friendships, and laughter!

My birthday celebration came on the heels of the Fair. Thank you so much for the bright and beautiful fall bouquet that I am enjoying immensely! Quite honestly, I was taken back with being serenaded "Happy Birthday" and the many well wishes you gave to me that morning. My Church Family has been my rock for the last 64 years, through many changes, happy occasions and bumpy roads. However, comradery and caring for each other has never changed! We are Always One in the Spirit.

Love You all,  
Joan

# COMMUNITY NEEDS SURVEY

Click Below



## Groveland Congregational Church

Snowflake Fair

....a New England tradition



November 8

4-8 pm

November 9

9pm - 3pm

Food, cookies, fudge, baked goods, homemade apple pies, crafts, jewelry, Christmas decor, Thrift Shop Good Finds, prize drawing baskets, and over 30 local crafters.

4 King Street, Groveland, MA

[www.grovelanducc.org](http://www.grovelanducc.org)

# Fair Thank You from Stewardship Team

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God."- 1 John 4:7

Dear Friends,

Another Fair has passed and those in the congregation and community that participated could feel the love that was generated here in the First Congregational Church of Georgetown. Love has its origin and essence in God. We were created to be loved and to make the choice to love others.

As we approach our 150th year in this Church building, take a moment to reflect how much love has been spawned from our fellowship and giving. It truly is a blessing and an inspiration to maintain that essence in the years ahead.

The Stewardship Team is thankful for your strong and faithful support. You are stewards who have helped this congregation make a real difference in the lives of the people that serve in God's name. May you find your heart overflowing with gratitude and your spirit filled with hope for the future.

**Stewardship Sunday will be held Sunday, November 24th at 10:30 AM**, when we will be gathering with our pledge cards. Pledge cards may also be mailed in at your earliest convenience to the Church Office. Please return them by early December so our Finance Committee may plan for next year's budget. A giving guide and narrative budget are also enclosed for your review.

Blessings from the Stewardship Team,

George Comiskey, Toni Cassidy & Sylvia Johnston

## **Ideas for Fair Leftovers**

You guys are an impressively well oiled machine with this fair , but I have some suggestions that might help quickly clear the remaining items.

### **Facebook Marketplace**

Are any of you active there? That will be a great spot to give away or sell some of the leftover items.

### **A Good House Location?**

For some of the bigger items, does anybody live in a hot spot of driving traffic where you could put out some of the bigger items?

### **Drop Off Donations**

You can pack boxes with the smaller items and drop them at Savers, Goodwill, or to leave in your driveway for a pick up from Big Brothers / Big Sisters or the Epilepsy Foundation. They each come once a month.

If you need ideas on where to get free boxes, let me know.

Julie





# November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	<p>Note  <b>Red=Church Service</b>  <b>Black=Church Group</b>  <b>Purple=Team Meeting</b>  <b>Blue=Outside Group</b></p>					
3 <b>10:30 AM Worship</b>	4	5 10 AM Bible Study 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Band	6 3 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM Boy Scouts	7	8	9 8 AM Men's Group Café Serina
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Church Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Rev. Holly's Office Hours: Tuesdays 10AM to 1PM & Thu 9AM to 12PM

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