

*"So that the Gospel may be preached
amongst us here"*



FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

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(The latest newsletter is also available on the church website)

Dear Friends,

The weather has shifted and we are now having beautiful fall days! Our family has settled back into our school routine, and I hope that you have enjoyed the beauty of the trees as they continue to change.

As we look ahead toward the Holiday Season, things get busy, so we have included extra dates so you can be sure to get them onto your calendar.

Our Council has been very excited about planning fellowship opportunities for you all this season, so please be sure to stay tuned for information.

To give you an update on the Church Cupboard, we are very busy! Roots Soccer has kicked off our school year helping to stock the shelves, and Hope Community Church is following their lead this October gathering items for us to continue to serve the 32 families that are receiving groceries currently. We have given out more than 2,000 items, which is exciting! There are two ways you can help! Please see the sign up sheets in the hall for opportunities to attend and help give out groceries OR grab an extra Thanksgiving item or two when you do your shopping. We are hoping to provide a Blessing Box to each of our clients in November to assist them with their holiday meals.

Also in November, we will have our two Stewardship Sundays. It is very critical that we begin to plan our giving for next year, so that we can ensure our ministries can continue to serve you and those around us!

Advent will soon be upon us, and I would like to have an individual to share a story of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love each week as part of our Advent wreath lightings. Begin to reflect now on the specific experiences that you have experienced these gifts of God this past year!

It is a busy time of year, but I pray that you will find time to fellowship with each other and bring your joy to God! We have so much to be thankful for! Many blessings as we bundle up and share this next season together.

Pastor Janet

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Choir	2	3 This N That 4-H Whole Club	4 Church Cupboard 8:30-11:30
5 WORSHIP & COFFEE HOUR	6	7 Early Intervention AA	8 Early Intervention Choir	9	10	11
12 WORSHIP & COFFEE HOUR	13	14 Early Intervention AA	15 Early Intervention Choir	16	17 This N That Stem 4H	18 Church Cupboard 8:30-11:30 SCARECROWS ON MAIN TRIP
19 WORSHIP & COFFEE HOUR This N That Open Sew Youth Group 1st Westfield 4:30	20 AA HC 4-H Fair Assoc.	21 Early Intervention Council Mtg 715 AA	22 Early Intervention This N That Crafts 4H Wednesday Worship 730	23	24	25
26 WORSHIP & COFFEE HOUR Trunk or Treat	27 AA Bible Study Parlor 7:15	28 Early Intervention AA	29 Early Intervention Choir	30	31	



Scarecrows on Main

It's not too late! Enjoy "Scarecrows on Main" in Old Wethersfield, CT, Saturday October 18. Carpools leave the church at noon. For more information on the event, go to <https://oldwethersfield.com/scarecrows/>



Thanksgiving & Christmas are approaching. Mark your calendars now for the following events.

- Nov. 9 & 16 – Stewardship Sundays
- Nov. 16 – Friendsgiving Potluck after Church
- Nov 29 – Greening of the Church
- Nov. 30 – Cookie Swap after Church
- Nov. 30 – Bernice's Giving Tree begins – Bring in a winter hat or pair of gloves to share with our neighbors in need!
- Dec. 13 – Christmas Caroling & Holiday Party
- Dec. 21 – Blue Christmas Worship
- Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Worship



Trunk or Treat at ACC

Once again FHCC will be sponsoring a vehicle Halloween-themed trunk at the Agawam Congregational trunk or treat event. It will be held Sunday afternoon October 26. If you'd like to hand out treats, add your name to the signup sheet at the church. If you'd like to donate candy, you can bring to church anytime this month.



Newly Painted Church Shed

A tip of the paint brush to Dave & Tom for painting the church shed at the back of the parking lot. The shed was in poor condition early in the year. It has since been cleared both inside & out (including resident wildlife), repaired, and painted. Thank you very much!

The Church Cupboard continues to operate on the 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings of the month, 9-11 am. Volunteers are always needed to help serve this vital mission in our local community.

In addition, item donations are needed to fill Blessing Boxes” to be distributed in November.

Any donations can be brought starting at 8:30am when the cupboard is open



***We are SO
THANKFUL for
your help in
keeping our
shelves stocked
to support our
neighbors!***

THANKSGIVING ITEMS NEEDED

- **canned vegetables**
- **stuffing mix**
- **gravy**
- **cranberry**
- **yams**
- **pumpkin**
- **evaporated milk**
- **pie crust mix**
- **cornbread mix**

***32 Households Served
More than 2,000
food/hygiene items
gifted since May!***



Bible Study Resumes

Bible study will start up again October 27. Join at any time, whether you are new to Bible or have a Sunday School expert. All are welcome to these informal, open, contemporary discussions of the selected passage. Now held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.



Parish Cupboard Collection/Mission

Our relation with the Agawam/West Springfield Parish Cupboard is still ongoing. The collections are held the 2nd Sunday of the month.

All non-perishable, unexpired food items can be used. Cash/check donations are always welcome also. Items especially in need can be found on their latest wish list at

<https://theparishcupboard.org>.



Church Space Rental Availability

As a reminder to all – the church is available to rent out for events like parties, meetings, etc. The Hall, either 1/2 or both sides, and the kitchen, are available.

Please pass along to people you know looking for a venue for a function. More information, including rates, is available on the church website (fhccucc.org)



Bible Trivia

Using the NIV translation, what is the shortest verse in the Bible?

- A. John 11:35
- B. Job 3:2
- C. Luke 20:30

(See the correct answer after the prayer requests)



- Tom and his family
- The Kopy family
- All those who mourn

***“In HAPPY moments, PRAISE God.
In DIFFICULT moments, SEEK God
In QUIET moments, WORSHIP God
In PAINFUL moments, TRUST God
In EVERY moment, THANK God”***

Please send any prayer concerns to include in future newsletters.

Bible Trivia Answer:

Based on the number of words in the NIV translation, **A, B, and C are all correct (2 words).**

Of course, “shortest” depends on the translation.

If you read the same passages in the CEV translation (our pew Bibles):

John 11:35, “Jesus started crying,”

Job 3:2, “by saying to God”

Luke 20:30 “The second one married his brother's widow, and he also died without having any children”