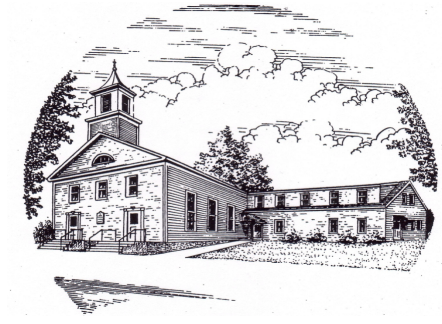


*"So that the Gospel may be preached
amongst us here"*



FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Newsletter

September 2026



*"We celebrate and share God's love by connecting people with God and each other
through acceptance, worship, mission, community, and the gospel of Jesus Christ."*

Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

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[Feeding Hills Congregational Church UCC](http://FeedingHillsCongregationalChurchUCC)

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

Dear Friends,

As I write this, the seasons are changing all around us! We have wrapped up summer in activity and rolled back into the school year. On Sunday, August 30th, we gathered together on the front steps of the church to pray for the students and staff going back to school. It's a sacred and joyful moment as you offer your words of prayer for our community. I hope that you will join me in continuing to pray for them daily!



I'm writing this on the 25th anniversary of 9/11. It's a day that we remember with tears and grief, but also with pride in how our country came together to support and encourage one another in the midst of great uncertainty. May remembering this inspire us to once again seek unity with our friends and neighbors, inside and outside of our church walls!

As time moves on, we have many things to look forward to! While this is a very busy month, as the Big E kicks off, I hope that you will continue to put church on your calendar! It's important that we continue to gather together, to worship, to pray and encourage one another. Sometimes we forget that faith isn't just something that's in our heads, the thoughts we have about God. Participating in worship, service and community is essential in our faith. relationship with God. And while God is with us wherever we go, there is something special about our gathering. This month, pay attention to how you experience God in our gathering!

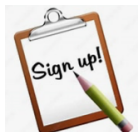
Many things are happening at our church! We have had a very successful food drive to benefit the Church Cupboard at the Roots Soccer League Jambouree! Many thanks to Dave and Jeff for their support of the Cupboard through their work with families all around our region! The cupboard is open the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, and we continue to support more than 80 local families. Our Visioning Team continues to discern and explore possible options for our future as FHCC, so please hold them in your prayers as well! May God remind you that even as the seasons change, God's love and presence is unfailing!

Blessings,

Pastor Janet

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Roster of Worship Roles

Sunday Volunteers (September - November 2026)

Please consider adding your name to a role. Not only can it be rewarding to be an active participant, but it helps to keep FHCC strong. You can share with another person if you like. THANK YOU!

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Task	Name
1 Worship Assistant	Matt G.
2 Refreshments	Paul B. & Kathy R.

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Task	Name
1 Worship Assistant	Diane F.
2 Refreshments	Sue S. & Deb B.

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Task	Name
1 Worship Assistant	Sandi S-P.
2 Refreshments	Sue S. & Deb B.

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Task	Name
1 Worship Assistant	Kathy R.
2 Communion Servers	Deb B. & Sandi S-P.
3 Refreshments	Sue S. & Deb B.

Sunday, October 11, 2026

Task	Name
1 Worship Assistant	Matt G.
2 Refreshments	Sue S. & Deb B.

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Task	Name
1 Worship Assistant	Dave B.
2 Refreshments	Sue S. & Deb B.
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Sunday, October 25, 2026

Task	Name
1 Worship Assistant	Diane F.
2 Refreshments	Sue S. & Deb B.

Sunday, November 1, 2026

Task	Name
1 Worship Assistant	Sandi S-P
2 Communion Service	Kathy R. & Paul B.
3 Refreshments	Sue S. & Dev B.
4	

Sunday, November 8, 2026

Task	Name
1 Worship Assistant	Matt G.
2 Refreshments	Sue S. & Deb B.

Sunday, November 15, 2026

Task	Name
1 Worship Assistant	Dave B.
2 Refreshments	Sue S. & Deb B.
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Sunday, November 22, 2026

Task	Name
1 Worship Assistant	Jeff H.
2 Refreshments	Sue S. & Deb B.

Sunday, November 29, 2026

Task	Name
1 Worship Assistant	Diane F.
2 Refreshments	Sue S. & Deb B.

If you find that you are unable to facilitate the task you volunteered for, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Please do that as soon as possible and notify Pastor Janet and Music Director Sean.

Sue S. , Kathy R., and Deb B. graciously set up and clean up refreshments on a regular basis. Please consider donating to the purchase of refreshments.

THANK YOU!



“Will Bike 4 Food” Sunday Sept. 20

Once again, Matt will be riding 25 miles in Will Bike 4 Food to raise funds and awareness for food insecurity. His goal is \$1500, enough to provide 4,500 meals to those who may not know where their next one is coming from.

From Matt, *“Thank you so much for your past and current support. It truly means the world to me, and the clients of The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts”*.

Donations can be made in person, or online at

https://secure.foodbankwma.org/site/TR/Events/General?pg=personal&px=1043211&fr_id=1170

You can read more about the ride in general at www.foodbankwma.org



Music Night

A joyous group gathered on a July Saturday evening for fellowship and music. After a potluck supper, there was a performance by the awesome church music team: Paul B., Sara C., Rachael K., Sean, and Pastor Janet. The songs included “Impossible Dream”, “Soul on Fire”, “Landslide”, “My Jesus”, “Home”, and several others.

Emcee Maddy introduced each piece with entertaining commentary.

Thanks to the whole team for your hard work; it was a truly enjoyable evening!





Mystery Dinner

The auditions were scheduled at the theatre. But before any roles could be assigned, director Stan Deere is found dead backstage!

Who done it? Was it Phil Lee? Daff O'dyll? Dusty Silver? Ed Lyne? Jim Nast? Juan Iron? Penny Pincher? Steph O'Scope? Victoria Sponge? Taylor Stummi? Annette Kord? Sue Zennywon?

After a thorough investigation (and of course dinner), the brutal baker was brought to justice!

Thanks to everyone for their participation, and to hostess Maddy for putting the event together. There are truly some hidden thespians in the church family!

Prize winners for best actor were Sean ("Jim Nast"), best detective Jeff ("Taylor Stummi")





Agawam Good Neighbor Day Sept. 28

From 6-8pm, come on out and meet your neighbors at the Agawam library on national Good Neighbor Day. The intention is to have fun and mingle with other members of the community. **Attendees are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item for the community food pantry, Church Cupboard (of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church).** Volunteers are needed to staff the collection table. Sign up in the church hall, or contact the church office if you'd like to "be a good neighbor"!

More information on Good Neighbor Day:

<https://agawamlibrary.libcal.com/event/16547521?more>



What's Going on at the Church Cupboard

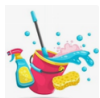
The Church Cupboard continues to serve a vital need in our greater community. There is always a need for volunteers to help on open days, and to help with inventory at other times.

There is also a continuing need for donations, both monetary & non-perishable food. See the list of most needed items below.

The September youth soccer jamborees at Westfield Roots and Wilbraham Middle School will collect food items to benefit the Cupboard. The players and their families have been very generous to the Cupboard in the past year; thanks to Jeff & Dave for making the arrangements.

The latest needs:

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| • Crackers | • Canned Meals | • Snacks | • Juice / Coffee |
| • Condiments | • Jam/Jelly | • Pancake Mix | / Tea |
| • Shelf Stable | • Canned Fruit | & Syrup | • Garden |
| Milk | & Veg | | Produce |



Church Cleaning

Each week, the church needs sprucing up after use by various groups. Please consider adding your name for an hour so on a Friday or Saturday. Specific needs are listed near the sign-up lists. Contact any member of council if you need access to the building.



- Anthony
- Lori's niece and family
- Students & teachers in the 2026-27 school year

Please send any prayer concerns to include in future newsletters.

Bible Trivia

[1.] What book of the Bible contains the verse “*Everything on earth has its own time and its own season.*” ?

- A. Genesis
- B. Ecclesiastes
- C. Revelations
- D. Luke

[2.] Who was the commander in Israel, who would only go to battle if the prophet Deborah went with him?

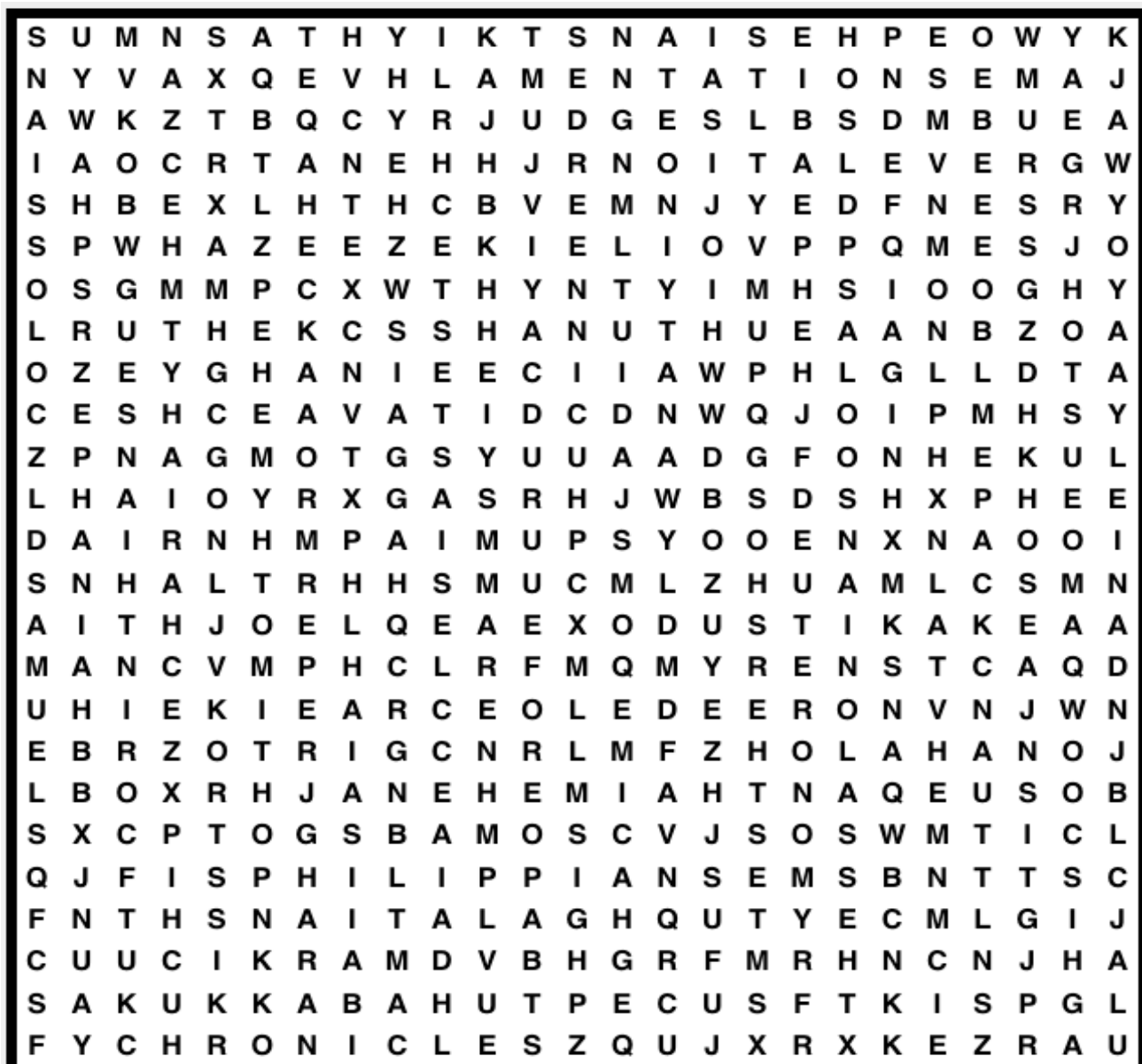
- A. Eleazer
- B. David
- C. Barak
- D. Absalom

Answers:

[1.]: B, Ecclesiastes (read chapter 3, verses 1 - 8)
[2.]: C, Barak (read Judges chapter 4)

Bible Word Search

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Acts	Ezra	John	Micah	Ruth
Amos	Galatians	Jonah	Nahum	Samuel
Chronicles	Genesis	Joshua	Nehemiah	Song of Solomon
Colossians	Habakkuk	Jude	Numbers	Thessalonians
Corinthians	Haggai	Judges	Obadiah	Timothy
Daniel	Hebrews	Kings	Peter	Titus
Deuteronomy	Hosea	Lamentations	Philemon	Zechariah
Ecclesiastes	Isaiah	Leviticus	Philippians	Zephaniah
Ephesians	James	Luke	Proverbs	
Esther	Jeremiah	Malachi	Psalms	
Exodus	Job	Mark	Revelation	
Ezekiel	Joel	Matthew	Romans	