

Week of November 19, 2023



From Woody: .I write this late on Sunday afternoon. It was a wonderful service today with the great music and the joyful spirit of the congregation. The giving of the Thanksgiving baskets was very organized and meaningful. The people we helped were appreciative and I think all of us who had a part felt good to be able to do it.

We are already into Christmas with probably over 100 kiddos getting gifts and it looks at the moment like 48 food baskets to be filled. Thanks to all who get the food and the gifts and a special thanks to Kim Borges, Colleen Jorczak and Barbara Ballou and all their helpers. I think we are doing what we are called by God to do and when someone has a meal or gets a gift, according to Matthew 25, we are feeding and giving gifts to Jesus. He is there in a special way with those who need help, according to his last parable.

Special thanks to Sam and the choir. They will be singing in an ecumenical choir led by Sam this evening (Sunday) in Goffstown at the Congregational Church and also will be singing each Sunday morning of Advent and of course Christmas Eve at 7 and 11. It is an honor to be the minister of this caring, talented and committed congregation, which is also very forgiving of my jokes and sermons. Happy Thanksgiving everyone and let us keep on keeping on in the mission of Jesus to work toward a Kingdom of God on Earth.



Decorating the Sanctuary: We will be decorating the church for Advent on Friday, Dec. 1 at 6pm. Help is needed and all are welcome.



Annual Christmas Cookie Walk: We will be having our annual cookie walk after church **December 10**. If you would like to donate cookies, we are asking for 4 dozen. You can bring them to the church on that Sunday morning. Please indicate if the cookies contain nuts. Contact Lynn Wawrzniak if you have any questions and/or wish to donate cookies.

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**We are looking for volunteers in several areas. There are sign up sheets on the church bulletin board.
Or you can let Barbara Woodland know (603-487-3643):**



Greeters: We are looking for greeters for Sunday worship. The job includes lighting the candles, getting water for Woody on the pulpit, and most importantly welcoming people as they come in the front door. We have had a number of new people recently and we want them to feel welcome.



Sanctuary Flowers: Volunteers are needed to provide flowers for the altar on Sunday. There is a signup list outside the office door at church, or you can email Ellen at andersel@njms.rutgers.edu It is a wonderful way to contribute to the service; one can give in memory of someone or some event as well.



Refreshments for Coffee Hour: We are looking for people to provide refreshments after church for the coffee hour. They can be homemade or bought and do not need to be elaborate. Again, this is a way to make people feel welcome.



Peace Quote: The time is coming when in the words of Isaiah, "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation and they will study war no more."