

Week of November 5, 2023



From Woody: We are busy compiling lists and checking them twice, not to find out who's naughty and nice but to do our best to meet the need that exists in our area for help during the Holidays. It is a major effort and an important one. Spearheaded by Kim Borges, Colleen Jorzak and Barbara Ballou, we are getting help from town and school officials as well as others in reaching out. It is a huge undertaking but one which we can all be proud of. It really represents the teachings of Jesus when we reach out to people in need. They all have stories of their situations and over the years it has been rewarding to find some folks who's situations have improved so they are now able to help us help others. I just want to say thank you to everyone who supports this mission project through food donations, gift donations and financial support. We also are grateful to the great crew who pitches in to organize and distribute the food baskets for both Holidays. Lots of young people are there to organize, greet and sometimes deliver the baskets the Saturday before both holidays. Also included are the gifts for children at Christmas. It is the last parable Jesus taught, found in Matthew 25. When we help the poor we are helping Him because He is there with them. So thanks to everyone who has helped over the years and those who are just joining the effort. I am proud that our church is known for helping others. THANK YOU CHURCH FAMILY.



Welcome New Members: We will be welcoming four new members this Sunday, Nov. 12. If you would like to join as well, please let Woody know.



Holiday Food Baskets: Thanksgiving Dinner Basket time is just around the corner. The Distributions will take place on **Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023** and we will be collecting donations on **Friday, Nov. 17 from 7:30-9:00 am and Saturday Nov. 18 from 7:30-8:30 am**. Sign up sheets are available online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4FA4A92DAAF66-45482536-2023/34952514#/>

If you know of a local family that is struggling and needs a food basket, please reach out to Woody. Also, if you come across any banana boxes in your travels, we will be needing many to put together our baskets. We've been so blessed to be surrounded by such a generous and caring community and none of this could happen without you. Thank you so much!

Any questions, please reach out to Kim Borges (603)325-3091 or Colleen Jorzak (603)660-8966



**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: When you do it to the least of these my brethren, you do it to me....*Jesus*