

## WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30, 2025



**From Woody:** We will have a busy weekend coming up. Saturday at 1:00, we will celebrate the life of Floyd Guyette. It was a life of faith, service to our country, love of family and friendship to all of us fortunate to know him. The choir, of which he was a member, will be singing, and there will be a reception in the Dignard Room after the service. On Sunday at 3 we will have a time of Advent reflection with the leadership and organ music of Dawn Sweet. Hope to see everyone.

In case you missed our letter from Carolyn Ferguson-Wilson on Sunday, I am summarizing the situation she describes in her new home in Ave Maria, Florida.

*I have observed firsthand what happens to a community when ICE agents detain people. It is a painful and sad situation, and the children suffer the most. Community members have taken some children into their own homes and other community folk go to the children's homes to care for them. Many people are afraid to go out as ICE collaborates with local law enforcement in order to make traffic stops so that anyone can be pulled over and detained. Many of these workers have documentation....Green Cards, work authorizations and permits, however, the agents detained everyone without regard to their legitimacy. Families did not know where their loved ones were taken and any attempts by the family members to help their loved ones by presenting proper documentation to officials, were met with hostile agents who refused to acknowledge the documentation and physically and verbally abused the family members.*

Carolyn is leading an effort in her new home to help care for the children and to get them some inexpensive gifts...books, games, toys for 2 year olds through middle school. Anyone who would like to help can either bring items in on Sunday or make a check out to the church and we will send her some money to help. Many thanks to all who are already helping our Joyful Sharing efforts. If you wish to talk with Carolyn her phone number is 239-658-5021.



**Craft Fair:** Thanks to Kristi Citak and all who helped and/or donated to the Craft Fair last Saturday. Even though there were several other events going on around town, we all felt it was a success.



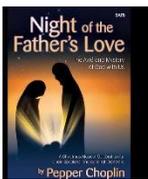
**Joyful Sharing program:** The Joyful Sharing Program helps local families with food and gifts for the holiday season. Joyful Sharing, through the Community Church of New Boston, has helped many families over the years. This year, we anticipate the need may be higher than last year, due to the current economy. If you are interested in sponsoring a wish list, they are available each Sunday morning following the church service. Barbara Ballou is happy to meet with you if you desire to look over and choose a wish list from the folder. You are not expected to fulfill the entire list. Just do what you can.

Donations of cash, checks (*made out to CCNB with Joyful Sharing on the memo line*) and gift cards are also gratefully accepted. You may drop these donations at the Rec Dept., the Whipple Free Library or the Town Hall. These donations may also be brought to the Community Church of New Boston. If you sign up here, we will know the donation is coming. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45AFAB2AA5F5CE9-60335736-2025#>

**Donations and Fulfilled wish lists are due back December 14 at the Community Church, or December 12 at the Whipple Free Library or the Post Office.**



**Advent Organ Meditation, December 7 3:00 pm:** Dawn Sweet will be offering an organ meditation based upon the Advent hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." This hymn originates from the "O Antiphons" used during vespers in the 6th century. These antiphons are still chanted and/or sung today during vespers or evensong in the Roman Catholic, Episcopal and Lutheran churches. The form of the hymn we know today was composed in the 12th century and varies from hymnal to hymnal. Some of the traditions have maintained the seven antiphons which are: Emmanuel, King of the Nations, Radiant Dawn, Key of David, Root of Jesse, Lord and Wisdom. (Possibly we can check our hymnal prior to December 7th.) Also there will be a contemporary prayer written by Dawn to be prayed at the meditation. Hope this time will enrich our days of Advent, waiting and expectation as we prepare for the birth of Jesus, the Christ.



**Christmas Cantata:** This year's ecumenical Cantata is *Night of the Father's Love* to be held at the Community Church of New Boston on Saturday, December 13 at 1:00 pm. Participating choirs, aside from our own, include Hillside Methodist Church, St. Lawrence Church, and the Goffstown Congregational Church.



**Peace Quote:** This, our United States of America, is and should always be a beacon of hope, safety, and second chances. The Statue of Liberty quote says in part, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free...." Carolyn Ferguson-Wilson in her letter to President Trump



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