



Grace United Church

Lectionary Scriptures

November 7

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17
Psalm 127
1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

November 14

1 Samuel 1:4-20
1 Samuel 2:1-10
Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-14,
Mark 13:1-8

November 21

2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 93
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

November 28

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

You Belong Here!

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Thanksgiving

November brings a season of thanksgiving. Our hearts and minds are turned toward God. On Oct 30th we had the privilege of serving over 150 meals to people in our community even as we celebrated a fall festival with costumed children (and adults).

Our elders are gearing up for service as they welcome new members to the team and will strengthen their ministry efforts. Our adult and children's Sunday school programs are well attended as together we grow in the faith. Both the Praise and Ministry teams are thinking creatively about projects and ministries that bring vitality to the church and to individuals' lives.

As we learned in our stewardship campaign, our gifts (of time, talent & treasure) are a response to God's gift to us. We have been given so much. Isn't it wonderful to see that as we are giving back, God is truly multiplying our gifts! We have so much to be thankful for!

Pastor Karen

Business Meeting Sunday, November 21
General Board will present the 2022 Budget for approval by the congregation.
The Nomination Committee will present the slate of officers to be elected.

From Bread and Wine to Faith and Giving
2022 Stewardship Campaign



God works through us to transform our community and the world. The gifts we bring to the "Table" are more than money or time—they become real workings of ministry. Please prayerfully consider your decisions as you review the Pledge Commitment and your spiritual gifts of time and talent. Plan to join us with your commitment forms on November 7th for Transformation Sunday.
The Stewardship Team

The Ministry Committee is excited that we have Houghton College students attending our worship services. We hope that they feel welcome and will continue to join us. We continue to make our calls among the members who aren't getting out to church, please let us know of anyone who would like a call or a visit from Pastor Karen.

By the looks of the boxes being filled in the narthex we are going to delivering another "truckload of goodies" to the Salvation Army the week of November 15th. Keep up the good work!!!

We are going to have a Christmas tree on the library lawn this year. There will be details coming soon about how we would like to decorate the tree. If you have any ideas, please feel free to let us know.

ACCORD has a new program called The Fatherhood Connection which is a 13-week parenting and personal development course for fathers and fathering men in Allegany County. If you know of anyone who would be interested please have them contact Kerri Potter at kpotter@accordcrop.org.

Please let us know if there is anyone who we need to help out with meals from the "Helping Hands Freezer".

RAMP MINISTRY Our ramps crew was privileged to provide six families with improved access to and from their homes during the building season. Dennis has shared, "This is the first year we have completed our season with no backlog of ramp requests to carry forward to the next season." We expect this will change by next spring, but we are grateful to have been able to provide ramps for all who had patiently waited for a ramp. We are blessed with a great crew of volunteers involved with this mission and with financial support that enables us to do this wonderful work throughout our county.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday November 7— All Saints Day. We will be remembering and honoring those we lost during the Covid pandemic.

Sunday November 14 —If you would like to learn more about Grace United or if you are thinking about joining the church, we invite you to an informal gathering at the pastor's house on Sunday November 14th at 2:00 pm. Just let us know and we'll get you all the details. We would love to have you!

Sunday November 21— Grace United Business Meeting following worship.

Sunday November 28— Hanging of the Greens for the Advent Season.

From the Praise Committee: Praise Music starts at 9:50 am on Sunday. Masks are required.

Bible Discussion : Sundays at 11:15 am with Rev. Gerald Borchert

Tuesdays at 7 pm with Ann Gardner

Way of the Child: Sundays at 11:15 am. It's a Montessori-like setting that allows children to engage with Scripture in new ways.

Hand Bell Rehearsal's start at 6:30 pm on Wednesday nights, followed by **Choir** at 7:30 pm, for those who have been vaccinated. Please dress in church clothes as we will be recording it for the YouTube Worship. **Praise Band** meets at 8:30 pm.

Remember if you are away on Sunday and unable to join us, you can watch a prerecorded service on the church's Facebook page or on YouTube under Grace United Wellsville.

Church stewardship

While there is hesitancy to mention snow right off the bat, the good news is, the Stewardship Committee has a snow removal contract in place to keep our walks and parking lots clear of the white stuff. In further preparation for the winter season, Dale has relocated a thermostat in the Mission Center and replaced a worn-out control valve in Linda's office. Phil has been busy replacing additional light fixtures and redoing the floor extension near the podium at the Worship Center.

Meanwhile, on the landscaping front, Mary Lou Maxon and Sue Pederson continue to keep the lawn and flower beds looking nice at the Worship Center. In fact, unless the temperatures drop soon, Mary Lou may don Santa gear while riding her mowing sleigh. Of course, 'Ho, Ho, Ho', would be replaced by 'Mow, Mow, Mow'. And Ralph has continued to help with landscaping at the Mission Center. All this volunteer work by church members helps keep our expenses to a minimum. Thank you to all who help with maintenance throughout the year.

The last couple months have brought some changes and additions involving those who lease space at the Mission Center. Directions for Independent Living, needing room for expanded staff, moved across the hall on the ground floor to occupy the former and larger Youth for Christ space. Their move enabled David Manzo to relocate from the second floor to the ground floor area that DIL vacated. Then, Genesee Valley Media returned to the Mission Center to occupy a suite of rooms they had originally leased on the second floor. We have also agreed to rent the Mission Center kitchen a day or two each week to Justine Wiedemann for her fledgling Wildflour Company business, as well as gymnasium space for occasional cooking classes. Rental income from Mission Center leases help defray the cost of utilities, maintenance and insurance for the former Christian Temple building. Many thanks to Susan Lemons for writing and modifying lease contracts that govern use of this facility.

Lastly, Stewardship has started the process of developing a proposed budget for 2022. Your participation in the form of a pledge of financial support makes this task easier and more accurate, so please consider placing your pledge in the box located in the Narthex on or before November 7. Thank you.

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/5 Beth Shook
11/9 Nan Allen
11/13 Carol Gresham
11/19 Jon Gardner
11/25 Dave Toot
11/27 Ed Czarnecki
11/28 Ron Salmonson

11/9 Phill & Marcia Pratt
11/18 John & Eloise Spicer

September Financials

Total Income: **\$8,335.10** Actual expenses: **\$11,202.43**
Net difference: **(\$2,867.33)**

Total for the year:
Income: \$82,565.25 Expenses: \$91,246.32
Net difference: **(\$8,681.07)**

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Holiday Assistance Program!

Accord Community Action Angels are accepting applications for the 2021 Holiday Assistance Program! Visit their web site or call 585-268-7605, select option 2, and a Service Navigator will assist you.

Usher & Reader Schedule for November

November 7 – Head Usher Sue Pederson

Liturgist: Carol Flurschutz, Ushers: *Bob Shook, Beth Shook

November 14 – Head Usher Sue Pederson

Liturgist: Marcia Pratt, Ushers: Sharon Czarnecki, *Linda Elliott

November 21 - Head Usher Marcia Pratt

Liturgist: Nancy Johnson, Ushers: *Kim Toot, Sue Williams

November 28 - Head Usher Marcia Pratt

Liturgist: Sharon Dimmig, Ushers: Marcia Pratt, *Nancy Johnson

Star & Underline denotes Security Usher who stays and locks door and watches for latecomers.