



November 2025 THE MESSENGER

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CF25 — Such a sweet, sweet success!



By Micki Carter

Smell that? That's chocolate-dipped success, sweet success! It's wrapped around the 42nd annual Chocolate Fest which took over the Congregational Church of the Peninsula on Saturday, Oct. 18.

In just two three-hour sessions, this year's chocolate extravaganza outdid every previous one in so many ways. And it grossed about \$20,000!

For the first time ever, we had a shuttle running between CCP and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church down the hill. This more than solved the nearly impossible task of squeezing the most guests per session ever (325+) into CCP's limited parking spaces.

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Clockwise from upper left:
Decorations Chair Maura Whitmore outlines the work that needs to be done on a white board in the Dining Room; the first Chocolate Fest Chair, Micki Carter, and the current CF Chair, Jill Visor (with 42 years separating their responsibilities); the Dining Room decked out in teal and silver for the soon-to-arrive Chocolate Fest crowd.



We are an Open and Affirming Congregation valuing everyone's race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, class, physical and mental abilities.

Letter From Pastor Jim

November offers us new connections

By Rev. Jim Mitulski

Dear Friends, November is full of opportunities for us to reconnect within our community and also with others to whom we are connected by affiliation or proximity.

It also has opportunities to welcome new people into our spiritual home. Invite the people you know to church — that is the most proven way that people decide to visit a church for the first time.

Are you looking for a new volunteer opportunity? Attend the workshop on Improving our Digital Ministry at the Golden Gate Association Gathering on Saturday, Nov. 1.

We have some amazing guest preachers this month, including some that will help us grow more fully into our Open & Affirming covenant. Be sure to invite your transgender friends and family for our observance of Transgender Day of Remembrance on Nov. 16, with our guest preacher Bishop Megan Rohrer.

Do you have something to be grateful for? Join us on Nov. 23 for a service of gratitude. We have three ecumenical opportunities this month — at Trinity Baptist in San Mateo, at Trinity Presbyterian in San Carlos and at San Carlos Community UCC. We are connected to a broader body, the Body of Christ.

I know you will enjoy hearing Mary Fisher testify to her Jewish faith, and her commitment to art and activism since her famous speech at the Republican National Convention over 30 years ago.

You can hear that historic address [here](#). I spoke to her this week from Times Square where she was supporting Broadway Cares.

Here's an [interview](#) in Bay Area Reporter about her visit to CCP Nov. 9.

The message for November is simply this: We are not alone; we are connected and care. I hope we'll see you on site and online. In faith, Pastor Jim

Online Book Group with Island United Church

The group meets via Zoom on Tuesdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Join the Zoom [here](#). It's always okay to come if you aren't caught up with the reading, and newcomers are



Author, artist and AIDS activist Mary Fisher will speak at the CCP worship service on Nov. 9 and then offer a book chat and book-signing from noon-1:30 p.m. in the Dining Room.

always welcome. Many non-church goers also participate, and people come from all around the country.

Books are available at libraries and can be purchased online easily. Free copies are available at church at the beginning of the month; donations are welcome.

The November book is *Ain't No Graves* by Mary Glickman. There will be a special session on Nov. 25 devoted to a group reading of *The Great Silent Grandmother's Gathering* by Sharon Mehdi.

Reading schedule: Nov. 4, chaps 5-8, pps 66-122; Nov. 11, chaps 9-13, pps. 123-207; and Nov. 18, chaps 9-13, pps 208 -end

Upcoming Selections: December — *The Nursing Home Hoax* (Senior Sleuths Mystery Series by book group members Shelley Thrasher and Ann Faulkner). January — *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman. February — *Harriet Tubman Live in Concert* by Bob the Drag Queen,

Upcoming Worship Themes and Events

Nov. 2, All Souls and All Saints Day, Holy Communion. Rev. Colleen Darraugh, pastor of Metropolitan Community Church, Knoxville, Tenn., Stewardship Brunch

Nov. 9, Artist and AIDS Activist Mary Fisher, author of *Uneasy Silence*, is our guest preacher, followed by a book talk and signing during Coffee Hour, noon-1:30 p.m.

Nov. 16, Transgender Day of Remembrance, Rev. Dr. Megan Rohrer, author of *San Francisco's Transgender District*, is our guest preacher, followed by a book talk and signing after Coffee Hour, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Nov. 22 (Saturday), Harvest Dinner, 6 p.m., with our neighbors — Island United Church, San Carlos Community UCC, Congregational Church of San Mateo and College Heights UCC.

Nov. 23, Thanksgiving Sunday, Pledge Sunday, Prayers of Farewell Blessing for Rev. Thomas Crosby, who will also preach for us. And a local Service of Gratitude at Trinity Presbyterian in San Carlos with San Carlos Community UCC, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. worship

Nov. 27 (Thursday), Thanksgiving Day Service with St. James AME and Island United Church at Trinity Baptist Church, 39 East 39th Ave., San Mateo, with special music by Justin Porto and Audrey Boyd.

Nov. 30, First Sunday of Advent, worshipping at San Carlos Community UCC.

Dec. 7, Advent 2, Madrigals Concert 5 p.m.

Dec. 14, Advent 3, Pop-Up Christmas Pageant, Hanukkah

Dec. 20, (Saturday) Christmas Cookie-Making, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Dec. 21, Advent 4, Community Caroling. 4:30-8:30 p.m.

Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, 9 p.m. with handbell choir, Communion and Carols by Candlelight

Dec. 28, Christmas 1, Kwanzaa, New Years, Combined service with area UCC churches at CCSM

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Warren's Wonderings

How do we fill out our team at CCP?

By Rev. Warren Dale

October is always special to Georgi and me. Oct. 3 is our wedding anniversary, and it is the time for the Huntsman World Senior Games.

We always enjoy entering the St. George, Utah, Convention Center and walking into the section to register. We always notice the senior athletes passing us with the medals. "Congratulations," we say, "and what did you compete in?"

And their reply might be any of the following:

- Pickleball
- Square dancing
- Lawn bowling
- Biking in gravel (ychhhh)
- Ping pong (Run, Forrest, run!)

They always reply with such pride.

The day after we registered, I watched Georgi, our daughter Michelle Miller and daughter-in-law Tammy Dale compete in the 3,000-meter power walking on Thursday.

Friday, I began the pool play for our volleyball team (four days of six to eight games per day).

What I find most interesting is how in the first two days, we meld as a team. There is always someone whom we have added to fill out our team.

It reminds me of Jesus calling together his team, as told in Matthew 4:

"As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him.

"Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James, son of Zebedee, and his



Pastor Warren's daughter-in-law, Tammy Dale, won first overall in her class; Georgi LaBerge took silver in her class; and her daughter, Michelle Miller, won bronze in the 3,000-meter power walking race.

brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him."

So, how long did it take for Jesus to meld them into a team?

At our Senior Games, it is special to note what skills, what preferences, what hopes each player brings as a part of our team.

Each time I go to church, I look to see who is new on our team.

I want to find out what their skills are, what their preferences are, and what their hopes are.

And in doing so, they are enhancing our team — and my journey.

I hope you enjoy the newbies!

**All are invited to join the Good Hope Luncheon Tuesday,
Nov. 4, at noon at Breakers Cafe, 270 Woodside Road,
Redwood City. RSVP to Gabriela Simon.**

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Chocolate Fest

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All the pews in the Sanctuary were pushed forward so that the room could be transformed into a well-lit and well-ventilated tasting space. It was a vast improvement over last year's first attempt.

The result was two open and inviting rooms for vendors to spread out and share their chocolate confections with very happy visitors.

To expand outside space, blankets were spread on the CPNS lawn for families who needed a bit more space for their kids to run around. But if the parents wanted a bit of private time, Pastor Sheryl set up free child care in the Fireplace Room with an able crew of Sarah Brown and Kendall and Garrett House.

But of all the changes this year, perhaps the most successful was the Silent Auction which was run entirely by the San Mateo County Health Foundation, the beneficiary of this year's Chocolate Fest proceeds (along with our 100-year-old building!)

The Silent Auction brought in \$6,900, and all the work to present it was done by Dana Floro and Ksenia Chistykhova of the SMCHF staff.

"Having SMCHF take full responsibility for the Silent Auction was a game-changer for event management," Jill said. "It allowed our team to focus on the experience, knowing the auction was in expert hands."

The vendors were very happy. "Your team is amazing," said Srinivas Eerpina of Godavari Chocolate. "Every year, I'm grateful to create more wonderful memories together."

"It takes a lot of collaboration, commitment and hard work."

And from Kate Carrier of Kate's Single-Batch Toffee: "I had such a fantastic time at this year's Chocolate Fest — thank you for having me! The volunteers were wonderfully helpful and the guests were fantastic; I always enjoy talking toffee with everyone."

"I'm already looking forward to next year!"

The list of thank-you's is long indeed: Greg Thornhill, for donning his Willie Wonka suit one more time as our MC and for handling the operations role as smoothly as ever; Maura Whitmore, who used our teal and silver decorations to transform us (with a nod to the Scouts who set up and the



The Michael Medwid Trio this year included CCP's Justin Porto on bass and Alex Makeev on piano, playing modern jazz and some of Alex's own compositions. Above, Linda Howard twinkles with teal; then John Jurow and Ksenia Chistykhova from the San Mateo County Health Foundation, and Renata Tabellion and Meggie Hoffman who scooped Mitchell's ice cream for our guests.

team of elves who did much of the work); Jane Fernald and Danielle Chamberlin, who wrangled the volunteers; Carol Chivers, who collected door prizes; Marcia and Lance Hilo in the kitchen; Micki Carter and Mike Venturino, who handled the tickets (with thanks to an able assist with the crowds from Audrey Elbert); Rebecca Perry in the office who managed a dozen last-minute tasks, and what felt like hundreds of others who turned up and worked magic!



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More Chocolate Fest '25 smiles and sighs!

Greg Thornhill donned his Willie Wonka suit (and very hot hat!) one more time; Carol Chivers set up the door prizes that she gathered; and Donna Daulton, Rich Butts and Mary Beth Gray managed the drinks table.



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Moderator's Report

Why vote to call Sheryl was postponed

By Maura Whitmore

I'd like to report to you all what is happening with the vote to call the Rev. Sheryl Johnson as a pastor at CCP.

As you know, we postponed our Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Oct. 19. I explained at the lectern after the service that we (the Personnel Committee, Sheryl and I) were not on the same page as to assumptions, goals and aspirations of the call itself.

Originally, Personnel had determined that Sheryl's job as director of Christian Education (in order to comply with state

labor laws) needed to be converted from a contractor position to that of a paid employee.

When calling Sheryl was discussed at Council, it was mentioned that calling her to a pastorate would give her appropriate standing in the Conference and would allow her to participate the UCC pension plan sooner rather than later in her career.

We in Council believed that calling her as a pastor would be revenue-neutral. We voted to forward the question to the congregation.

As the vote came closer (and Chocolate Fest prep was in full swing), it became apparent to us and to Sheryl that some negotiating on compensation, benefits and the understanding of what the call meant to Sheryl, and to us, still needed to happen. We needed to be able to articulate this to the congregation.

On Sunday morning Oct. 19, we were not ready to do this.

Talks with Sheryl, Personnel and myself are ongoing. We will have documents in place as soon as possible. Even though Council has already approved the vote to call, we will go back to Council with the new particulars for a final blessing.

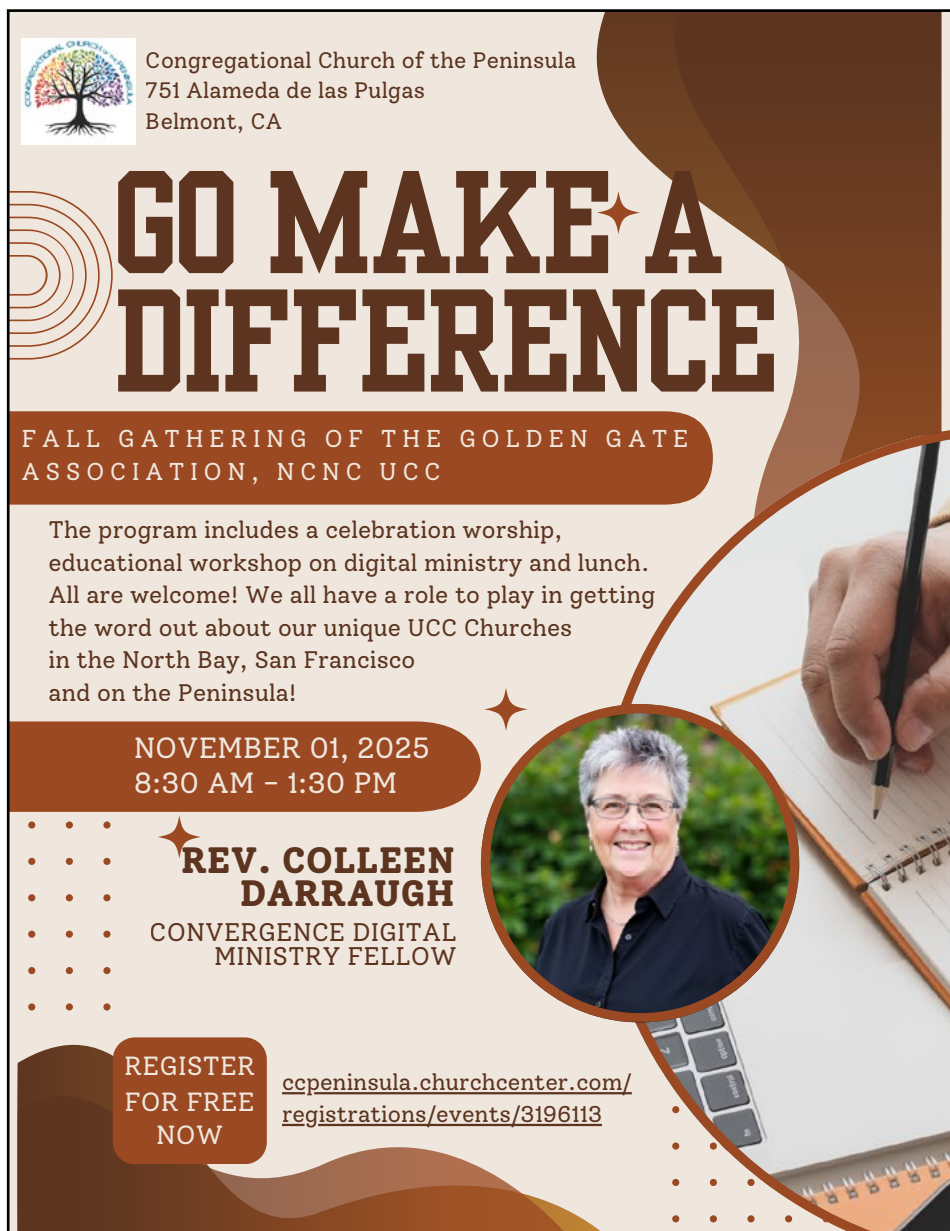
No one involved in this process has been okay with the way it has gone, but we are optimistically moving forward as fast as possible to be ready, willing and able to have a vote on calling Sheryl to a pastorate at CCP.

**Harvest Dinner
is set for 6 p.m.**

**Saturday,
Nov. 22,
in the CCP
Dining Room!**

**Church Council
will provide
the turkey!
We bring the
sides, salads
and desserts!**

Don't miss it!



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Domini Hoskins Black History Museum

Collecting and maintaining Black history

Puente de la Costa Sur

Supporting migrant farm workers on the Coast

Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity

Lifting the lives of the undocumented

Project Change

Providing scholarships for current and formerly incarcerated students

St. James Community Development Corporation

Housing young adults raised in foster care

Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center

Providing mediation services for San Mateo County groups

LGBTQ Religious Archives Network

Collecting and preserving LGBTQ religious history

Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse

Empowering victims of domestic violence

California Community Foundation

Recovering from wildfires; rebuilding together

Faith in Action

Standing in solidarity with those affect by ICE action in San Mateo County

Community Congregational Church of Altadena

Helping to rebuild after the devastating Eaton wildfire

Ayudando Latinos a Sonar (ALAS)

Honoring the hopes and dreams of Latino farmworkers on the Coastside

Sustainable San Mateo County

Supporting the economy, environment and social equity of the county

Guardian Scholar Program

Boosting former foster youth in their efforts to gain a college education

Empowerment Through Action at Hillsdale High School

Transforming the futures of high school and middle school students

Community Foundation of Texas

Providing relief for those affected by the devastating Kerr County floods

RISE Academic Empowerment

Tutoring children of the North Fair Oaks neighborhood

NAACP

Second Harvest



From Pastor Sheryl

A pop-up pageant planned for Dec. 14

By Rev. Sheryl Johnson

October has been a busy month for our children, youth, young adult and family ministries.

A major initiative has been preparing our Godly Play materials so that we are ready to offer sessions for kids during church on Sundays when we have children in the right age range who are interested in a separate program for part of the worship time.

Although some families appreciate having programming for kids during church services, others like to stay together to worship as a family. Both are good options! Research also shows the importance of intergenerational spaces and kids' presence in worship to forge lifelong faith connections.

So, if you see a family with kids staying in the service the whole time, know that it can be a good thing!

We have prepared kids' activity bags (multi-colored bags with quiet kids' activities located next to the Narthex table) so that kids can feel welcome both in the Sanctuary and in programming, if they choose to attend.

In October, we also celebrated the end of our partnership with Keegan Pham and his environmentally focused Change the Story initiative.

A few folks had a chance to go to Hayward to see the farm where he and his colleagues have done some wonderful educational and environmental programming for their Harvest Celebration. Although we weren't able to find a youth to partner with this fall, we look forward to participating in the program again in the future.

At the end of the month (Oct. 26), we had a wonderful social outing for youth and young adults. We went to Lemos Farm for an afternoon of hay rides, corn mazes, pumpkins, goats, and other seasonal fun.

Mark your calendar for our next youth outing: Sunday, Nov. 30. Youth, young adults and anyone who considers themselves "tech saavy" are invited to join our admin Rebecca and me for crepes/boba near the San Carlos Community Church (where we'll be meeting that Sunday) to learn about our new church organization app.

The purpose of learning about the app

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POP UP CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & FUN!

Sunday, Dec 14: 10:00am-1pm
10am: Choose a costume and enjoy some snacks!
10:30am: No-lines, no-rehearsal Christmas pageant for all ages during our worship service (featuring festive Christmas carols!)
11:30am: Special Christmas crafts
12:00pm: Free kid-friendly lunch!

All ages are welcome; kids must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

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is to test it out for the church and then be ready to serve as "tech support" for other members of the congregation in the future. All are welcome!

We'll also have time for just catching up with one another and celebrating the Thanksgiving season.

During Chocolate Fest, we had a wonderful opportunity to meet with many families who attended the event.

In the kids' space, we had kids' chocolate bar-making, foam candy creations (not for eating!), dessert-themed coloring, games and much more.

This was a wonderful chance to get to know families in the community and share about our family programming, including the monthly playgroups, Godly Play, service opportunities, and our upcoming Christmas programming.

Thank you so much to Sarah Brown, Garrett and Kendall House for their assistance with that space.

Speaking of Christmas, we are excited to be planning a pop-up Christmas pageant on Dec 14! Please invite family, friends, neighbors and anyone who might be interested.

We will be inviting our preschool friends from CPNS, and I would love it if you could take some posters to put up at local coffee shops, libraries, rec centers, etc, so that we can include the whole community.

Thank you for your help! Christmas is often a season when people who are curious "check out" churches.

Thanks so much to everyone for their support and encouragement, especially the BCE team.

We are so blessed to be a wonderfully committed intergenerational church.

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Christmas giving to families will be a bit different this holiday time

By Micki Carter

Providing families in need with a real Christmas with gifts for the children (and mom and dad as well!) and food for the dinner table has long been a tradition at CCP.

Most often in recent years, we have partnered with Samaritan House. This year, we are planning to work with Faith in Action Bay Area.

We have begun talking to Lorena Melgarejo, executive director of Faith in Action in San Mateo County, and Adriana Guzman and Carolina Parrales of FIABA's Redwood City office.

The plan is to serve the families that are under the care of the Community Fund of FIABA. These are all families that have been affected by ICE arrests and deportations. In most cases, these are the mothers and children left at home after the fathers have been forcibly removed. Some are in detention centers, and some have already been deported.

In addition, we hope to be able to include some of the families that CCP's Circle of Care fund has been able to help.

The scope may be larger than we have dealt with in the past so we are expecting to see if we can interest our sister UCC congregations in the area in this joyous time of sharing.

The details are still being worked out but we are considering creating a Google form (in English, Spanish and perhaps Russian) that parents can use to create their family's wish lists.

So, instead of getting handwritten gift wishes to shop with, you may get a link to a Google form with your family's wishes on it.

As in the past, we will not wrap the gifts but will provide wrapping paper and ribbon so that the parents can truly make the gifts their own.

We all want to do all we can for these families who are suffering under this immigration onslaught. Stand by for a chance to do one small thing to improve the lives of those in pain.



The Rev. Thomas Crosby (center), chaplain at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Menlo Park with a shared covenant with CCP, asked the church to provide a new computer for the Women's Trauma Program at the VA. CCP bought one and Kris and Richard Morgan delivered it in October. Turns out it may be something of a parting gift as Thomas has announced he has accepted the position of senior chaplain at the VA Hospital in Dallas. See Parish Personals on Page 2 for more information.

Stewardship Brunch will be after worship on Sunday, Nov. 2.

Greg Thornhill will be whipping up his fabulous blinis with all the familiar fixings, including vegan options! (Expect some discussion of pledges, budgets and spending as well.)

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CCP's November Calendar

1 Sat	8AM - 5PM	☐ Church Events	Golden Gate Association Fall Gathering
2 Sun	9:30AM - 10:15AM	☐ Church Events	Preschool Playgroup with Rev. Sheryl
	10:30AM - 12:00PM	☐ Worship	Sunday worship
	11:30AM - 12:00PM	☐ Church Events	Coffee Hour
	12PM - 1PM	☐ Church Events	Stewardship Brunch
	5PM - 6PM	☐ Off-site events	Zoom worship with Pastor Warren
4 Tue	12:00PM - 1:00PM	☐ Off-site events	Good Hope Luncheon
	1:30PM - 2:30PM	☐ Off-site events	Online Book Group
5 Wed	11:00AM - 12:00PM	☐ Off-site events	Online Prayer Time with Pastor Jim and Pastor Warren
6 Thu	6PM - 7PM	☐ Off-site events	Thursday Night Prayer & Check-in
	7:30PM - 9PM	☐ Church Events	Choir Rehearsal
9 Sun	10:30AM - 12:00PM	☐ Worship	Sunday worship
	11:30AM - 12:00PM	☐ Church Events	Coffee Hour
	12PM - 1:30PM	☐ Church Events	Mary Fisher Author talk + book signing
	5PM - 6PM	☐ Off-site events	Zoom worship with Pastor Warren
11 Tue	1:30PM - 2:30PM	☐ Off-site events	Online Book Group
12 Wed	11:00AM - 12:00PM	☐ Off-site events	Online Prayer Time with Pastor Jim and Pastor Warren
13 Thu	6PM - 7PM	☐ Off-site events	Thursday Night Prayer & Check-in
	7:30PM - 9PM	☐ Church Events	Choir Rehearsal
16 Sun	10:30AM - 12:00PM	☐ Worship	Sunday worship
	11:30AM - 12:00PM	☐ Church Events	Coffee Hour
	12PM - 1:30PM	☐ Church Events	Rev. Megan Rohrer Author talk + book signing
	5PM - 6PM	☐ Off-site events	Zoom worship with Pastor Warren
18 Tue	1:30PM - 2:30PM	☐ Off-site events	Online Book Group
19 Wed	11:00AM - 12:00PM	☐ Off-site events	Online Prayer Time with Pastor Jim and Pastor Warren
20 Thu	6PM - 7PM	☐ Off-site events	Thursday Night Prayer & Check-in
	7:30PM - 9PM	☐ Church Events	Choir Rehearsal
22 Sat	5:00PM - 9:00PM	☐ Church Events	Harvest Dinner, 6-9 p.m.
23 Sun	10:30AM - 12:00PM	☐ Worship	Sunday worship
	11:30AM - 12:00PM	☐ Church Events	Coffee Hour
	12PM - 1PM	☐ Church Events	Social Action Meeting
	5PM - 6PM	☐ Off-site events	Zoom worship with Pastor Warren
25 Tue	1:30PM - 2:30PM	☐ Off-site events	Online Book Group
26 Wed	11:00AM - 12:00PM	☐ Off-site events	Online Prayer Time with Pastor Jim and Pastor Warren
	7:00PM - 9:00PM 📧	☐ Church Events	CCB Council Meeting
27 Thu	8AM - 10PM	☐ Off-site events	Thanksgiving Day
	6PM - 7PM	☐ Off-site events	Thursday Night Prayer & Check-in
	7:30PM - 9PM	☐ Church Events	Choir Rehearsal
30 Sun	10:30AM - 12:00PM	☐ Worship	Sunday worship
	11:30AM - 12:00PM	☐ Church Events	Coffee Hour
	5PM - 6PM	☐ Off-site events	Zoom worship with Pastor Warren

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There was a lot of sniffing and snuffling in the pews on Oct. 5 for the Blessing of the Animals as lots of beloved pets, mostly dogs this year, waited for their chance at a blessing from Pastor Jim. At left, Elizabeth Nordt brought her sister's very well-behaved dog. Jill Visor had her pair of pups in their stroller. Lots of cats were remembered with photos since they are far less church-broken!



December Messenger deadline will be Nov. 24.



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**Don't forget
to 'fall back'
to Standard
Time on
Saturday,
Nov. 1!**

**You wouldn't want
to get to church too
early, would you?**

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