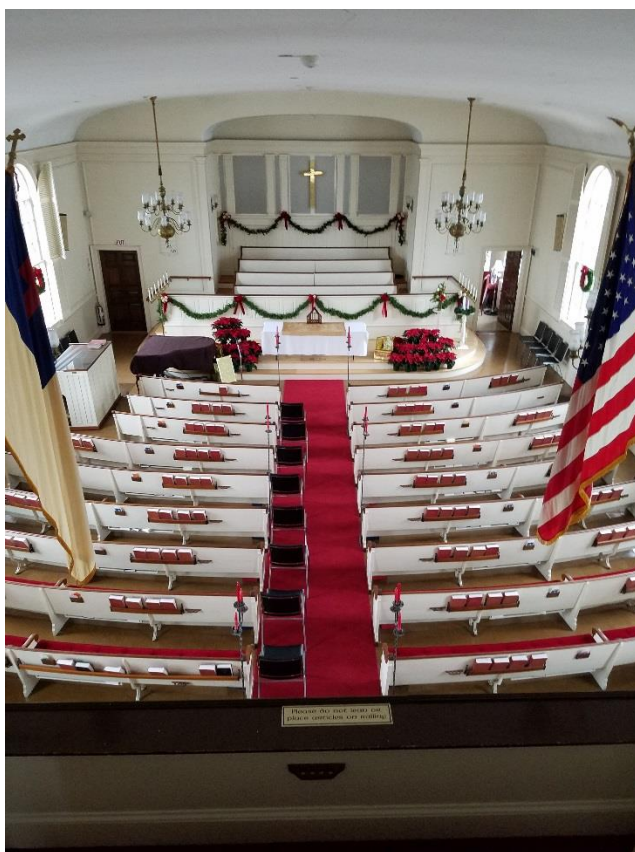




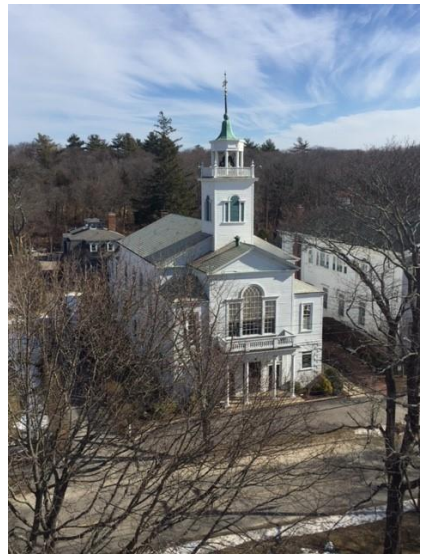
THE VILLAGE BEACON

November - December
2017

*Newsletter of the Second Congregational Church
Cohasset, Massachusetts*



Our Holiday Edition.....



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New Mission Statement:

Our mission is to welcome everyone to:
Experience the transforming love of God
Nurture spiritual growth at all ages
Connect to others in love and service
Share the Good News while respecting each
person’s spiritual journey (05/17)



From the Interim Minister

At this time each year, we are asked to pledge what we might give the church over the ensuing year. As we consider our commitment, we are forced to prioritize our philanthropy (and perhaps our life's mission) in

both broad terms, as well as in dollars and cents. What's the difference, we ask, between giving to our church and giving to other charitable organizations – health, welfare, or education? Is giving to our church just another act of generosity, or do we seek to express our gratitude for all God has given us in our lives?

In this season of Thanksgiving, we should feel incredibly grateful to have been part of the 2nd Congregational Church community this year – and it's been an extraordinary year. We shared, celebrated, and supported one another through the passage of life – baptisms, birthdays, anniversaries, engagements, and end of life services for dear and beloved friends. We supported mission opportunities by donating and volunteering including the CASP youth trip to West Virginia, Tennessee, and Kentucky. We came together in community fellowship to sing, eat, create art, and to just enjoy each other's company. And we embarked on the New Beginnings process in order to have a candid discussion about our church's true mission and purpose.

There are certainly costs associated with many of these activities, and that alone is reason to give. Yet we give money to 2nd Congo Church not just to balance a budget, but to express the compassion, generosity, and love that our Creator endowed in us. We give because when we come together in community, we are inspired and reminded to be the generous people that God intended us to be, and to live the life – as best we can – that Jesus patterned for us over 2000 years ago.

We give money, and also our time and talents, to our church both because of the gratitude for what we already have, and for what our church – and we as a community – aspire to be. And 2018, with our search for a settled pastor underway, promised to be an exciting year. Reflecting on this vision, and on the gratitude, we feel for God’s many gifts, let’s make this year’s stewardship a faith-based celebration! It is a celebration of what we already have, for sure, but also the resolve to keep moving forward, to build, to improve.

During our services, we heard testimonials from members of our congregation about why they give to 2nd Congo. We were grateful to hear their stories, give your own faith commitment some careful consideration, as you consider your commitment for next year.

Thank you for your loving and prayerful support of our church.

Blessings to all!

Pastor David

PS. We have certainly enjoyed & appreciated Bill Ketchum as our Christian Education Director, for his insights & warm style with our church family. A warm welcome also to his joyful and supportive wife, Debbie. They are gifts to our church family!

I would also like to personally thank Kristin Voldan for her extra energy & spirit over the summer in searching for our new Christian Education Director. Great Job!





The next time you see geese heading south for the winter, flying along in a V formation, you might be interested in knowing what science has discovered about why they fly that way... It has been learned that as each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in a V formation, the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

Christians who share a common direction and a sense of community can also get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust and uplift of one another!

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the draft and resistance of trying to go it alone, and quickly gets back into formation, to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front. If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed the same way we are going. When the lead goose gets tired, he rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point. It pays to take turns doing hard jobs with people at church or with geese flying south. The geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. What do we say when we honk from behind??

Finally, when a goose gets sick, or is wounded by gun shot and falls out, two geese fall out of formation and follow

him down to help and protect him. They stay with him until he is able to fly or until he is dead; and then they launch out on their own with another formation to catch up with their original group.

These geese who helped each other shared. Sharing is both serving and giving. It's a part of our "stewardship." We believe that it is the privilege of the Christian to dedicate what he or she has, what he is, to God. We commonly speak of time, talents and possessions: How we use these is a choice we make which indicates the depth of our faith.

You can share your time by serving in the activities of your church. You can share your talent – your abilities – by answering the call for workers. "Also, you can share your possessions, disciples, of all nations."

You can acknowledge the priority of God's work by giving your time, talent and treasure in the proportion of these gifts God has given you. **

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Let Us Pray For:



For those affected by the recent
Hurricanes.

For Ruth Walker in Queen Ann

For Patrice Vogelmann

For a brother with cancer

For a son with cancer

For safety for those traveling during this
Thanksgiving time.

For caregivers, who are truly “angels” among us

For congregation members facing illness, silently
among us

For members of our armed forces both home and
Abroad during these challenging days

For our Country and our leaders.





FLOWER DONATIONS



- 11/19 The Delorenzo Family...in memory of
Harry "Coo" Delorenzo
- 11/26 Judith Bucher giving Thanks for all the fruits of life
- 12/3 The Adams Family – "in remembrance of H. William
Adams Jr. grandfather of the Greer and
Yeager families"
- 12/10 Mr. and Mrs. Bob Driscoll –
"in loving memory of their son Kyle"
Al and Ginny Newcombe
"in memory of their son Scott Newcombe"
- 12/17 Mrs. Gordon Flint "in memory of her family"
- 12/24: Dorothea Parmenter "her husband and their parents"
Alice Bellefontaine and Herb Marsh –
"in memory of Polly Marsh"
Gay Dane "in memory of loved ones"
The Lehr Family "in memory of loved ones"
- 12/31 Joanne Winters and Family
"in memory of John Winters"





Christmas Season
Celebrations:

Saturday, December 2 Village Fair 10 – 3

Sunday, December 10 Christmas Pageant

“Listen To The Silent Night”

All children are welcome to participate!!

Rehearsals:

Sunday, December 3– Children come directly to the chapel

Friday, Dec 8 4:30pm-5:30pm

Sunday, Dec 10- children please come to the Chapel by 9:00am

Sunday, December 17 Christmas Cantata

A special Musical Celebration featuring

The Choir and Guest Musicians

Watch the “e-Blasts” for rehearsal info

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve

10:00 AM Family Friendly Service

All ages are welcome to enjoy the magic of Christmas

4:30 – The Living Nativity Service

8:00 Candlelight & Carol Service

We Build Sacred Community

Treasurer Report - October 2017



<i>Income October</i>	<i>25978.98</i>
<i>Income Year to Date</i>	<i>216453.05</i>
<i>Expenses October</i>	<i>31158.00</i>
<i>Expenses Year to Date</i>	<i>239024.38</i>
<i>Operating Fund</i>	<i>20520.34</i>
<i>Restricted Funds:</i>	
<i>Regular reserve</i>	<i>12150.94</i>
<i>Memorial Fund</i>	<i>12908.65</i>
<i>Money Market res</i>	<i>40,051.69</i>
<i>Fund Raising to Date</i>	<i>21142.00</i>
<i>Total Portfolio</i>	<i>487,784.84</i>



Electronic Giving

Would you find it helpful to have your offering debited directly from your bank account or charged automatically to your credit card, as you may do with other obligations?

Electronic Giving via your checking account, debit or credit card is secure and easy here at SCC. If you wish to begin giving electronically, simply fill out the form on the next page and return to the church office. **Please note, due to the large fees associated with American Express Cards, we will no longer be accepting these cards. We will continue to accept MasterCard, Visa, & Discover Cards.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

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**Electronic Giving
 Authorization Form**



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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

DONOR #

DATE

Effective date of authorization: _____

Type of Authorization Form: New authorization Change banking/credit card information
 Change donation amount Discontinue electronic donation
 Change donation date

Last Name

First Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Date of first donation:

____/____/____

Date of last donation (optional):

____/____/____

Frequency of donation: (please check only one)

- Weekly – Mondays
 Semi-Monthly – 1st and 15th
 Monthly on the 1st
 Monthly on the 15th

Church fund designations and amounts:

- General/Operating \$ _____
 Other: _____ \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Special Instructions:

Please charge my donation to my (check one): Visa MasterCard American Express Discover Card

Credit Card Number:

Expiration Date:

Name on Card:

Billing Address (if different from above):

I authorize the above church and Vanco Services, LLC to charge my credit card for StillspeakingMoney® in accordance with the information above.

Signature (as it appears on the credit card): _____ Date: _____

Please debit my donation from my (check one):

- Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #)
 Checking Account (attach a voided check)

Routing Number: _____
 Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3

Account Number: _____

⑆ 234567890 123 4567890 0001
 Routing Number Account Number Check Number

I authorize the above church and Vanco Services, LLC to process debit entries to my account for StillspeakingMoney®. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form to the church office for processing.

**Second Congo's Fabulous
Christmas Fair
Saturday December 2nd
10 am - 3 pm**

It's the most fabulous time of the year as Bates Hall is transformed into a dazzling shopping and dining experience for one special day. The crafters at SCC have been hard at work for months creating unique one of a kind ornaments, hostess gifts, wreaths, nautical inspired gifts, baked goods and so much more! Come and shop and bring your friends we have::

- Silent auction items
- Hourly surf and turf raffles
- Gift baskets for all ages and tastes
- Cabot cheese
- Santa Claus on the Common
- Children's craft table
- Clam chowder and grilled cheese bar



Linda Indek and crew are still seeking donations of gift certificates, gently used collectables and home-made crafts. You can drop your gifts off in the church office or deliver to Bates Hall on Friday December 1st. *Many hands make light work....see you there!*

Sign-up sheets to work in the crafts and chowder bar areas will be going up soon. Please offer your support by signing up to help!

CALLING ALL COOKS!!!

Our annual Christmas Fair is less than a month away and the “elves” have been working very hard to make this year’s event a success. One of the popular tables at the fair is our wonderful bake table filled with delicious and delectable “goodies” for the holiday season. But it will not be a success WITHOUT GOODS! Please plan to donate something to the bake table this year.

SUGGESTIONS: brownies or squares of any kind, cookies, sweet breads such as pumpkin, cranberry, banana, lemon etc., candies, coffee cakes, pies, jams/jellies, and snacks such as trail mix or Chex Mix. Bakes goods should be dropped off in Bates Hall on Friday, December 1 any time during the day or early Saturday morning, December 2 (before 9:30 if possible). Please label what the baked item is and if it contains NUTS.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP IN MAKING THE CHRISTMAS FAIR AT SCC A SUCCESS FOR THE CHURCH.

If you have any questions please call Debbie Anderson at 781-413-6540.



Monthly Volunteers for November/December

Date	Coffee	Greeters	Readers
11/19	Thanksgiving Pot Luck	Owen & Finn Geoghegan Brandon Bellefontaine Penny, Nelson and Zoey Murray	Lauren Bellefontaine Assistant: Susi Coley
11/26	Dick & JoAnn Faust	Tana & Paul Carlson	Herb Marsh Assistant: Doug Thompson
12/3	Kim Maynard	Deacons	Minister
12/10	OPEN	Marcia & Werner Deikman	OPEN
12/17	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN

Please sign up for openings on the volunteer Board



Coming Soon.....**WINTER FESTIVAL**

When: January 20, 2018 1 – 4 PM

Who: Everyone!! Multi-generational fun

What: Inside: dancing, games for all ages, crafts

Outside: skating on the pond, & making snowmen!

Where: Bates Hall & Outside on the Common

(weather permitting)!!

Committee forming now!! Contact Cindy in the office!!

Christian Education and Youth Corner



Christian Education has focused on prayers the past few weeks. We have been reading and discussing the 23rd Psalm, The Lord's Prayer and the Sermon on the Mount. We touched upon the meaning of Reformation Sunday and Martin Luther while the middle school group continued their

study of the Prophets.

We are coming to a busy time for children in our church with a Family Service November 19th with many kids already signed up to participate. Please come to our "No Shush" service where the kids are welcome to make a JOYFUL Noise. We are busy planning the Christmas Pageant for December 10th, and welcome all youth interested in being part of this service. Finally, after the holiday's the middle school will base their curriculum on Women in The Bible which is a fascinating subject and we are looking forward to learning more about the Bible through the lives of women. Blessings, Pastor Bill





Greetings from the Church Office!

Organizing and managing the work flow of the office is a balancing act! In order to be successful, I need to manage my time carefully. When information is given to me by the deadlines..... I'm able to meet the church's expectations, and help folks as needs arise. Thank you all so much for submitting your contributions for newsletters and "eblasts" on time!! It is so very appreciated.

Deadlines

Annual Report: January 15, 2018*

Beacon: January 15, 2018

EBlast: Thursdays by noon

Regular office hours are M – F 9 – 2

*late submissions will not be included in report



Nominating Committee

2018 Committee Openings

Are you interested in serving on a church committee? We are looking for new members for various committees (Deacons, Finance, Trustees, Christian Education, Flower, Music, Outreach, etc.). Please contact the nominating committee chairperson, Natalie Young at nyoung7@verizon.net.

Search Team Update

The team is currently in the process of conducting four in person interviews with candidates (concluded by November 14th)

The following step after in person interviews will be arranging to attend a worship service for any candidates that the team is moving forward.

At this time the team is not reading any more profiles.

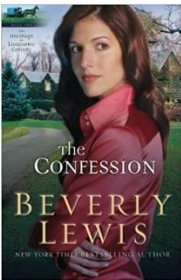
Our church has come a long way in this process of searching and discerning and we are grateful for your patience and forbearance in this process.

We feel our congregations sense of anxiety and concern and we are working diligently to conclude our search in both a timely and joyful manner. We ask for your continued prayers for SCC and our team.

Doug Thompson, Ross Rosano, Steve Parnell, Judy Neer, Kim Maynard, Abby Greer, Pam DeLorenzo, Bob Cunningham, Susi Coley



SCC Book Group



Our next Book Group will meet at Linda Indek's house December 12 at 7 PM

The dramatic sequel to *'The Shunning'* by Beverly Lewis. *The main character, Katie Lapp, is torn from her close-knit Plain community in the painful ordeal called the shunning.*

But as she strikes out alone into the strange and sometimes dangerous "English" world, she is unaware that the man she loves is planning to return to his Amish family...and to her. Hope you can join us!



OUTREACH NEWS

Ingathering for the Cohasset Food Pantry. Please bring your donations for the Cohasset Food Pantry to church this Thanksgiving Sunday and Outreach will make the delivery. The Pantry welcomes all donations of non-perishable food - cereals, soups, condiments, canned fruit, small juices, peanut butter, tuna fish, pasta and sauce, as well as household cleaners and toiletries. They are especially seeking coffee (ground & instant), hot chocolate, boxes of potatoes, canned pineapple rings, canned corn, carrots, & string beans, brownie & cake mix, and Christmas candy or cookies for the Christmas boxes to be assembled in December. Please be sure nothing has expired - most products are stamped with a "use by" date.

The pantry is also seeking gift cards to Stop&Shop or Shaws to help with meat purchases for Christmas meals. They may be left at the office anytime.

Thank you for your generosity. Many Cohasset families and elders are counting on you!

The Angel Tree: SCC's beloved Angel Tree will make its debut in the church foyer on Sunday, December 3. Some of this year's beneficiaries will include 'Christmas in the City', Cohasset Veterans and the Carolina Hill Family Homeless Shelter

METCO Holiday Wreath Sale (*see order form later in newsletter*): Fresh, double-sided holiday wreaths will be available at the SCC Village Fair on Saturday, December 12. Proceeds from the wreaths benefit the METCO Scholarship

Fund. Beautiful Handmade Bows (by Karen Kirkendal) will be available to decorate your wreath! Proceeds from the bows benefit our church.

Ongoing 'Hurricane Relief' & 'Wildfire Relief': The congregation can continue to partner with the Outreach Committee by contributing to the **SCC Hurricane Relief Fund** and the **SCC Wildfire Relief Fund**. Checks can be made out to the church (SCC) with 'Hurricane Relief' or 'Wildfire Relief' noted in the memo line. We appreciate the congregation's heartfelt and generous support of these disaster funds and believe this type of direct giving, when we have a personal connection with an institution, is what our congregation encourages.

Hurricane Relief Fund: We are collecting donations for 'The Abbie School', founded by Cohasset native Abbie White, in Culebra, Puerto Rico. The school suffered severe damage from Hurricane Maria. We have given 'The Abbie School' \$1,000 towards repairing their hurricane damaged school building.

California Wildfire Fund: We are collecting donations for 12 families of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Santa Rosa, CA who lost their homes in the Tubbs wildfire. This is Connie Afshar's mother's church in Santa Rosa, CA. When visiting her mother Connie regularly attends this church and can vouch that it's a wonderful, loving and supportive congregation. The church has established a specific "Fire Fund" designated to assist the members of their congregation who lost their homes in the Tubbs wildfire. We have given the Santa Rosa UU Church \$500 towards assisting members of the congregation who lost their homes in the Tubbs Lane wildfire.

Flood Relief: The Outreach Committee gave \$500 to the Salvation Army earlier this fall to assist the flood victims in Texas.

Dr. Martin Luther King Breakfast: Please join the Cohasset Clergy and the Cohasset Diversity Committee in honoring the memory and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Cohasset's 16th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast. The Breakfast will be held on Monday, January 15 at Cohasset's First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church from 9 – 11 a.m. A full breakfast will be served from 9 – 10 a.m. followed by an uplifting program from 10 – 11 a.m. honoring the legacy of Dr. King. Admission is \$5 per person or \$15 per family.



Thanksgiving Pot Luck

Sunday November 19th will be a family friendly church service led by Pastor Bill Ketchum. It is also our annual in-gathering of food for the Cohasset Food Pantry.

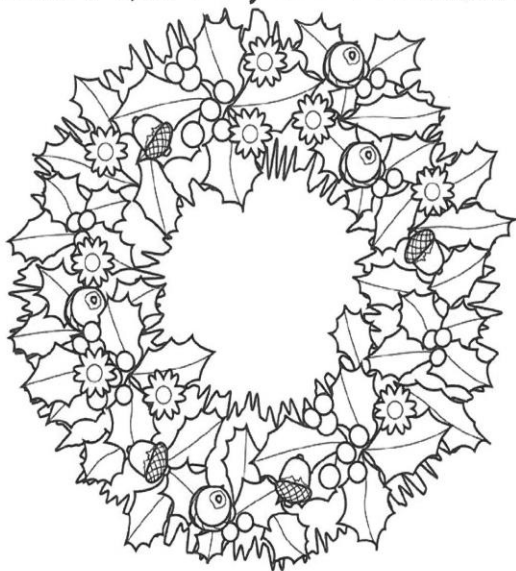
TIME: 11:00 am in Bates Hall

A- M BRING A SALAD

N-Z BRING A HOT DISH

Come and share our **MANY BLESSINGS** and fellowship together!

Annual METCO PSO Wreath Sale



Sponsored by the Cohasset PSO

To benefit the Cohasset METCO Scholarship Fund

Fresh 12 inch Double-sided Balsam Wreaths

\$12.00 per wreath

Pick up on Saturday, December 2, 2017

10:00 am-3:00 pm at the Cohasset Village Fair, inside the Second Congregational Church

43 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA

Order Form

_____ wreaths x \$12.00 = _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Please make checks payable to: Cohasset PSO-METCO
Please return form with payment to your child's school

Save the Date:

Dr. Martin Luther King Breakfast

Monday, January 15, 2018

9:00 am -11:00 am

First Parish Cohasset Unitarian Universalist Church
23 North Main Street, Cohasset, MA
\$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family

Second Congregational Church
POINSETTIA ORDER FORM
For Christmas Services, 2017



NAME of person ordering

Phone

NOTATION (to whom) in bulletin to read (choose ONE):

_____ "Given in celebration to the glory of God."

"Given in memory of _____

Other

message: _____

AFTER Service: check one as per your wishes for the plant following any Christmas Eve service:

I WILL:

_____ TAKE the plant with me at the conclusion of the Service: (Check which service:)



4:30 p.m. Or 8:00 p.m.

_____ LEAVE the plant to be taken to someone.

COST AND PAYMENT: Cost per plant is \$15.00. Please make checks payable to "2nd Congregational Church" (memo: Poinsettia) and mail (43 Highland Avenue) or drop off form to the church office.

ORDER DEADLINE: Monday, December 10th

November - December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursda y	Friday	Saturday
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
POT LUCK Lunch					DW	
26	27	28	29	30	Dec. 1	2
		Garden club 9AM Deacon 7 pm	1:30 Crafts 7-9 Artist Way DW	7:30 Choir	DW	Village Fair
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
New member mtg 11:30	Deidre Morgan 7:30- 9		7-9 Artist Way Trustee 7:30 Outreach 7:30 DW Staff Mtg 6 PM	CHOIR 7:30	Pageant rehears e 4:30 DW	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Pageant! Finance 11:15 Confirma tion 11:30		Book Club 7* Church Committee 7:30	DW		DW	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
CANTATA			DW		DW	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Worship 10 AM Families 4:30 Candlelight 8:00		Office Closed this week				

December - January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Worship 10:00	Happy New Year!		Trustee 7:30 Outreach 7:30 DW		DW	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Church Comm 7:30	DW	7:30 Choir	DW	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Confirmati on 11:30	MLK DAY Beacon Deadline		DW	Beacon Published CHOIR 7:30	DW	Winter Festival 1-4
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Deacon 7 pm	DW	7:30 Choir	DW	
28	29	30	31	Feb 1	2	3
			DW		DW	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			Trustee 7:30 Outreach 7:30 DW		DW	

Community Announcements



Heifer Farm Holiday Open House in Rutland, MA December 2 & 3 and 9 & 10, 2017 | 10AM - 4PM

Take your **photo with a goat** and honor family and friends with a purchase of a special gift at the **Living Gift Market!** Warm yourself with **hot chestnuts** at the bonfire; take a **hayride**; enjoy homemade **soup**; and a visit to **Santa**. Decorate a **gingerbread cookie** and don't miss the **Gift Shop!**

Free admission!

Canned good donations accepted for the Worcester County Food Bank. For more information, [508-886-5000](tel:508-886-5000) or heifer.farm@heifer.org. Want to make an online donation? www.heifer.org/catalog. We greatly appreciate your support!

NOTES

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