
Subject: Pastor's Weekly Email

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Friends in Christ,

It was a great blessing to be able to take part in the Ordination ceremony for the Reverend Robin Bird last Sunday! I am grateful to the Reverend Joanne Myer, and to all of you, for keeping the home fires burning while I was away.

I am excited to be back in the pulpit this week with a message that I hope and believe is a 'word in due season' for our church! I hope you can make it! It will be a full and wonderful day of blessings as we welcome 6 new people into membership. Joining in covenant with us this Sunday are: Steven Leary, Janet DiTarando, Rick and Holly Olmstead, Taunya Cruz and Robin Bird. The "Little Bells" will chime in this week, as well. They are sure to charm us all.

Then, at 1 pm, we will gather on the grass outside the Memorial Garden for The Blessing of the Animals. Bring your furry or feathered friends and be blessed right along with them at this simple, but meaningful event. This is a terrific opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor with a beloved pet to share the experience with you! Come. Sit. Stay. Be blessed!

The Trustees are in need of some willing workers tomorrow (Saturday, 11/9) to help clean up around the church. If you have an hour or an afternoon to spare and you enjoy good food, fun people, and the feeling of accomplishment, show up tomorrow and lend a hand! You'll be glad you did (and so will we).

Finally, don't miss the Lasagna Dinner on Saturday from 5-7 pm! You can dine in or take out a delicious, authentic, Italian meal with all the fixin's for just \$10 each.

MAMA MIA that's a good deal! Reserve yours today by calling Carol Slicer (860) 872-2690.

It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood! Hope you are making the most of every opportunity to be a blessing.

With you on the journey,

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REMINDERS....

Adopt-a-Family for Thanksgiving: Sign up Sunday during Coffee Hour.

Homemade **Thanksgiving Pies** baked by Women's Fellowship. Orders will be taken during Coffee Hour on Sunday, November 17. Cost is \$10. Pies (frozen) will be available for pick-up during Coffee Hour on Sunday, November 24.

Anyone wishing to purchase **lights** for the **Memory Tree** in the Memorial Garden that is lit during the Christmas season may do so during Coffee Hour today and next Sunday, November 17.

Pictorial Directory Alert: Sign up for your FCCV Pictorial Directory picture on Sunday! An appointment is necessary.

Centering Prayer Group: Monday, November 11, 7 PM, Chapel. Questions? Call Rev. Stan Possell, 239-218-0246.

The Board of Christian Education is seeking a new Sunday School

Superintendent. This volunteer position in our Sunday School program assists with things such as training, planning and keeping attendance records. Anyone with interest, suggestions or questions regarding this important role, should contact Cheryl Turner, Steve Westerberg, Linda Shivers, either of our Pastors or just drop a note at the BCE table in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour.