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Into those baskets therefore let us place ourselves,
those parts of us that need transforming,
grace and strength and healing,
the gifts in us that need to be increased and shared
with a greater generosity than we may be prepared
to offer on our own account.

www.reverendally.org



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Our church Anniversary October 1785 - October 2020 235 years of faith in the community</p>				1	2	3
4 10:30 Worship	5 Happy Birthday Evelyn K.	6	7 Happy Birthday Atticus DeJ.	8	9 Happy Birthday Laura McD. & Emma G.	10
11 10:30 Worship Happy Birthday Larry L.	12  Columbus Day	13 Happy Birthday Helen W. ON THE 12th	14	15	16	17 Drive-up Harvest Supper 6 p.m.
18 10:30 Worship Happy Birthday Lydia M.	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 10:30 Worship	26	27 Remembering Bev Wall on her birthday	28 Happy Birthday Premier DeJ.	29	30	31 CHANGE CLOCKS BACK  HALLOWEEN

Clergy Appreciation **Day Sunday Oct. 11th**



Photo by Lisa
Westervelt

October is
national Clergy
Appreciation
Month, a time
set aside to

recognize the contributions
and service of pastors, priests,
reverends, ministers, and all
other clergy members. Pastor
Appreciation Day falls on the
second Sunday in October and
is a day when the faithful come
together nationally to pay
tribute to our pastors and their
staff.

**We are very grateful for
our Pastor, Rev. Richard
"Rich" Fournier !**

Great News! Internet **Service Coming to the** **Church Building**

We are excited to let you
know about installation of
cable internet service at the
Mary Lyon Church building.
We are hopeful this will make
our Zoom services more
consistent and reliable.

The cable was installed from
the pole to the building on
9/22/2020. We are waiting
for info on equipment inside
details.

The Building and Finance
Committee has approved this
endeavor at the request of
the Worship and Spiritual
Life Committee.

Because this was not
budgeted, and the church
does not have the funds to
take this on at this time, it
must be funded totally by
donations.

Many folks have already sent
in donations to help ensure
that WiFi will be available at
the church in the near future.
*If you would like to make a
donation to help us install
and maintain internet
service at the Mary Lyon
Church, please send your
donations, payable to Mary
Lyon Church, to Judy Willis
at 253 Ashfield Rd.,
Buckland, MA 01338. Please
write: for internet or
technology on your check so
your donation will go for
this specific purpose.*

All donations are greatly
appreciated and will help
ensure that everyone is able to
enjoy Sunday morning
worship, even if they are not
able to attend in person in the
sanctuary.

Worship offered in the **church building and** **via Zoom online**

Since our special outside
Congregational meeting held
on Aug. 9th, worship has been
offered in the church on
Sundays at 10:30 a.m. as well
as being broadcast on Zoom.
Because of state and local
guidelines dictating the
number of people allowed to
gather in our building,
reservations are required
for those wishing to attend
in person worship – no
reservations are required for
Zoom and as mentioned at
the left, we are hopeful the
clarity of video and audio will
improve soon. **For more
information or to make a
reservation, call Pat at
413-634-5046.**

Telephone Charges & Zoom

If you call in to Zoom via your
home "land line" telephone,
you may incur long distance
charges on your monthly phone
bill. Charges depend on your
own personal long-distance
plan. The area code 929 used to
call into our Zoom worship is
actually New York City. We
regret if coming to church with
us is costing you a higher
telephone bill. Please don't stop
joining us because of the cost of
the phone call – we can work
out the cost together! There are
options for you to join us!
Reach out to us via calling the
pastor at 413-625-5451. Your
name will be kept in complete
confidence.

DRIVE THRU **Harvest Supper**

Sat. Oct. 17th 6:00 pm

Yankee Pot Roast

Gravy on the side

Baked Potato

Sour cream on side

Broccoli, Baby Carrots

Cole Slaw & Rolls

Spice Cake

Adults - \$ 12.00

Children 6-12 - \$ 6.00

Children under 6 – Free

**CALL 413-628-3231 for
reservations!**

Follow directions driving
around the church.

Stay in your car and
please wear masks.

**EXACT CHANGE
GREATLY
APPRECIATED!!**



Flowers for Worship



Oct Tina
Nov Sandy
Dec Pat C.

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Deadline for Nov. Newsletter

Wed. 10/28 by noon

Call Tina or email

info@marylyonchurch.org

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FROM THE FINANCE, INVESTED FUNDS, AND PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

Thank you to all who send in weekly offerings! Your generosity helps us keep up with church expenses. Please mail your donations payable to the Mary Lyon Church to our church collector, Vi S. whose address is in our directory or mail to the church to Vi's attention at Mary Lyon Church, P.O. Box 87, Buckland, MA 01338. If you would like more details or have questions about our church's budget, please send an email to info@marylyonchurch.org or call the church and leave a message at 413-625-9440.

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Food Pantry Collections

Oct: Pasta & Sauce

Nov: Canned meats

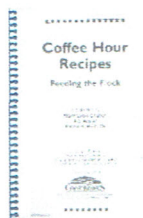
Dec: Peanut butter & Jelly/Jam

Pickup days:

Tues. 10/6 & 10/20 from 3 pm to 6 pm at Ashfield Congo Church on Rt. 116 in Ashfield.

To donate food, call 413-625-0020 to make arrangements. Contact: Hilltown Churches Food Pantry, c/o First Congregational Church, Main St. Rt. 116 P.O. Box 161 Ashfield, Ma. 01330 OR send to our church attn Missions, put Food Pantry on the memo line.

CHURCH COOKBOOKS FOR SALE



\$12.00 each

includes postage

We'll mail to you!

Email your order to

info@marylyonchurch.org

Or call (413) 339-4231

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Window Images Greeting Cards For Sale

in packs of six for \$15.00

You pick images



Price includes postage.

Email info@marylyonchurch.org
or call Tina.

Update from the Windows Capital Campaign Committee

Donations are still very welcome for our stained-glass window restoration project. Our current receipts are now over \$83,000. We are very close to our goal of \$90,000 although, if we are able to collect above our goal, we could obtain the protective covering for our windows.

We hope folks are still saving their pennies. Sooner or later, we'll be able to collect our pennies, count them, and add them to our total. Thanks so much for all contributions!

Monday Nighters

Our sewing and quilting group has suspended their meetings but the raffle for this year's quilt "Shakespeare in the Park" has been going along. It's an 83" by 100" Queen size quilt. Call Sue at the Atherton Farm 413-625-2659 or Luahn P.-F. for more information.



We have included a full-size sheet of raffle tickets in this newsletter. Drawing is planned for 12/20/2020. If you would like to purchase tickets, just cut out from the full sheet included. Fill in your info, and mail completed ticket(s) and your payment payable to the church - with "Raffle" on Memo line of your check. Mail to the church P.O.Box 87, Buckland MA 01338

If you would like more that the number of tickets included here, just let us know. We will also include a full sheet of tickets in our Nov and Dec newsletters.

A beautiful hand crafted piece for your home (great 2nd and 3rd prizes), a wonderful way to support the Monday Nighters and our Church.

***FOR SALE Monday Nighters
has two beautiful Autumn
themed table runners, 42" x
15", \$35 each. See pictures
below. Contact Luahn to
purchase or for more
information. 413.634.5451***





BUCKLAND FLU CLINIC

Flu Season is coming, and so is the annual Community Flu Clinic. *This is NOT a vaccine for COVID19.* It will be Drive thru at Mohawk Trail Regional School, Rt. 112 in Buckland **Saturday October 17 from 10 AM - 12 PM.** The Board of Health requires a form for each person seeking a shot - the insurance form and Covid-self screen form are available online at <https://frcog.org/event/mohawk-drive-through-flu-clinic>. Bring your insurance cards or a good paper copy of them. Most forms of insurance are accepted or, if you do not have a billable insurance, bring \$20 for the fee for adults and \$10 for kids.

For more info Contact Lisa White, RN, Regional Public Health Nurse of FRCOG, at 413-774-3167 x 156 for updated schedule and more information.

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Virtual Super Saturday Southern New England UCC

Two days of worship, workshops and networking. Saturday, Oct 24 and Oct 31. Both days 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Sign up for one day or two, two workshops or four. It's up to you! The cost per workshop is only \$10. Attend either day, as much as you want.

Register Online Today!

www.sneucc.org/supersatreg

Registration Deadline:

October 19, 2020

BOOK NOOK

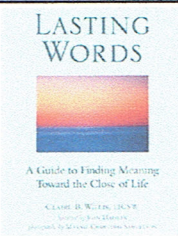
Pastor Rich recently read from this book during his Sunday message:

Lasting Words: A Guide to Finding Meaning Toward the Close of Life

By Claire B. Willis, a clinical social worker, an ordained lay Buddhist chaplain and a yoga teacher. In her private practice, she has spent over two decades working with oncology patients and with end-of-life issues. A co-founder of Facing Cancer Together: A Community of Hope, Claire is also an adjunct faculty member at the Andover Newton Theological School and a former group facilitator and instructor at The Wellness Community. She earned an M.A. from Episcopal Divinity School and a MSW at BU. Faced with the ultimate challenge of life-confronting your death-how would you want to be remembered? Are there stories you want to tell? Experiences you want to relay? Explanations about how you felt and why? Maybe you wish to ensure that future generations know your family lore. Perhaps you seek meaning and purpose and don't know how to access them. It's likely that you seek comfort and strength. But at the same time a deep desire to heal unresolved issues may unsettle you. And reaching for a spiritual connection may be the path you want to find.

[from amazon.com]

Share your book recommendations with us. Call or email Luahn or info@marylyonchurch.org.



The Ten Gnostic/Essene Commandments of Yeshua from Pistis Sophia

During the Sept. 20th Sunday message, Pastor Rich talked about the Essenes.

The Essenes were an ancient Jewish ascetic sect of the 2nd century BC to the 2nd century AD in Palestine. They lived in highly organized groups and held property in common.

The Essenes are widely regarded as the authors of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Mary, mother of Jesus, and John The Baptist were Essenes.

Yeshua was a common alternative form of the name יֵשׁוּעַ in later books of the Hebrew Bible and among Jews of the Second Temple period. The name corresponds to the Greek spelling Iesous, from which, through the Latin Iesus, comes the English spelling Jesus.

Pistis Sophia (Koinē Greek: Πίστις Σοφία) is a Gnostic text discovered in 1773. The expression Pístis Sophía is obscure, and its English translations varied: "The Wisdom of Faith", "Faith Wisdom", "Wisdom in Faith", or "Faith in Wisdom".

[descriptions come from [//en.wikipedia.org/wiki/](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/)]

The Ten Gnostic/Essene Commandments of Yeshua from Pistis Sophia

I will be gentle and reverent toward all life;
I will not kill or benefit from killing.

I will be loving to others and respect their property;
I will not hoard or steal.

I will have compassionate and wise relationships;
I will not abuse or use others in lust.

I will be forthright, peaceful and honest;
I will not deceive.

I will keep the temple of my body and mind righteous and pure;
I will not over indulge its desires or endanger its health.

I will cultivate serenity and goodness;
I will not gossip or engage in idle negative talk.

I will be humble and helpful to those in need;
I will not belittle or live off others.

I will give alms and cultivate gratitude;
I will not grumble or give in to envy.

I will be mentally focused and calm;
I will not give way to distraction and anger.

I will devote myself to the fourfold God;
I will not dishonor their Life, Light, Power or Wisdom.

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION UCC UPDATES

Tina is our church's delegate to the Association and is a member of its Executive Committee. If you have questions or suggestions, please reach out to her! Here's a message just received from the Association Moderator:

Greetings from the Franklin Association of the United Church of Christ! Here are some updates. Please share with your church leadership and congregations!

2020 has been a roller coaster year. We are so pleased to hear about the many creative ways that you have been reaching out to your members and communities.

If there is a common theme is that every Church is facing the same challenges and that every Church is not doing the same thing: some are having worship virtually by Zoom or Facebook, some are offering video and printed resources, some have resumed limited in-person services, some are providing community meals to go, some are promoting racial justice, some have had drive-up services, some are sharing their facilities with senior organizations and others who have been displaced, some are distributing face coverings, and more. The need for ministry and missions has not decreased but increased during this pandemic and we thank you for responding with your love, faith, and effort.

We acknowledge that this has been a very stressful time for some. In addition to the pandemic, our world has faced heightened focus on racial

inequality, economic disparity, and political conflict. We pray for all and will continue to work through our skilled clergy to provide opportunities to address and overcome the challenges for us as human beings, never mind as Christians and Church leaders.

The Association's Executive Committee and Church & Ministry Committees continue to meet remotely via video meetings. If your congregation needs assistance please reach out to association moderator John Taylor (413.834.3111), church and ministry chair Rev. David Neil (413.648.9306), or our Associate Conference Minister Kelly Gallagher (413.210.1124).

The Southern New England Conference has a huge amount of resources concerning responding to, and moving forward beyond the pandemic, online at www.sneucc.org.

Please remember that this pandemic will end, and we will be able to resume most or all of our "normal" practices and, better yet, we all may have new ideas and new practices to carry on into the future – think about "streaming services", community food pantries, and new a creative worship themes. The Rev. Dr. David Cleaver-Bartholomew writes "I believe this pandemic is giving us an opportunity for transformation, not transition, such that on the other side, we will be better equipped, more effective proclaimers of the gospel, and better suited to 'Live the Love and Justice of Jesus', not just now in 2020, but on into the future." I'd encourage you to read his full thoughts on sneucc.org.

SAVE THE DATE: We plan to hold the Annual Meeting of the Franklin Association, part of the new Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ, on **November 8th at 2pm** virtually via video conference. More specifics will follow.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE:

On some days it may seem like we live in a time of only disagreement, despair and darkness. If you allow me to glue together two biblical verses, be assured that:

And with this Word, God created all things. Nothing was made without the Word. Everything that was created received its life from him, and his life gave light to everyone. The light keeps shining in the dark, and darkness has never put it out. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify God.

[John 1: 3-5 and Matthew 5:16]

On behalf of your Franklin
Association,
John Taylor, Moderator

SILVER BELL BAZAAR CANCELLED DUE TO PANDEMIC

We are sad to announce that for everyone's health and wellness, we have decided we must cancel our annual bazaar held every November.

We hope 2021 will be bigger and better than ever!



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