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“O, heavenly Father: We thank thee for food and remember the hungry. We thank thee for health and remember the sick. We thank thee for friends and remember the friendless. We thank thee for freedom and remember the enslaved. May these remembrances stir us to service, that thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.”

- Abigail van Buren

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Thank you Jody Scalise for sharing the beautiful image of our church above.	1 Happy Birthday Floyd S.	2  Election Day	3	4 Happy Birthday Laurie B.	5	6 Happy Birthday Shirley W. CHANGE CLOCKS
7 Worship 10:30 am	8	9	10	11  VETERANS DAY	12	13 Happy Birthday Paul W.
14 Worship 10:30 am Franklin UCC Mtg 2:00 pm	15	16	17	18	19	20  Silverbell Bazaar 9 am-3 pm
21 Worship 10:30 am	22	23 Happy Birthday Sally LaB.	24	25 Thanksgiving 	26	27
28 Worship 10:30 am ADVENT BEGINS	29 Happy Birthday Jenna S.	30	Give Thanks - For each new morning with its light, for rest and shelter of the night, for health and food, for love and friends, for everything Thy goodness sends.			

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Editor's note: Starting with this November 2021 issue of our newsletter, I've removed the column formatting. This change makes it simpler and faster for me to type and insert photos and will allow easier reading on our website/computers. Feedback on content and format is always welcome. I'm always looking for material to include and share with our church community. Please contact me with comments. Tina at 413-625-9629 or send an email to info@marylyonchurch.org

<p><u>Flowers for Worship.</u> Nov. – Sandy C. Dec. – Pat C. Jan. – <i>2022 schedule will be available next month</i></p>	<p><u>Food Pantry Collections</u> Nov: Canned Meats Dec: Peanut Butter & Jelly/jam Jan: Soup & Crackers</p>
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Food Pantry Pickup days: Tues. 11/2, 11/16 & 11/30 from 3 pm to 5 pm
 at Ashfield Congregational Church on Rt. 116 in Ashfield. If you want to donate food, bring to our church or call 413-625-0020 and arrange either a pick up at your home or meet time at the Ashfield church. Should you wish to send a financial donation directly, mail to: Hilltown Churches Food Pantry, c/o First Congregational Church, Main Street, Rt. 116, P.O. Box 161 Ashfield, MA. 01330 OR send to our church attn Missions, put Food Pantry on the memo line.

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Buckland Public Hall Tag Sale THANKS!

Thank you everyone who organized, donated, shopped and worked our recent BPH Columbus Day weekend tag sale. Special thanks to the Annie and Jim for hosting on their front yard and for being there all three days from beginning to end.

The BPH Committee is grateful for all the efforts – \$1,550 was raised to offset the expense for a new oil tank and other maintenance needed at the hall.

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Monday Nighters RAFFLE

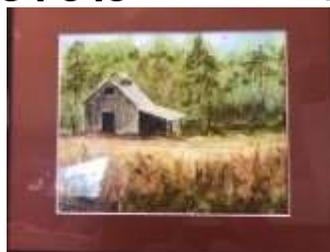
The Monday Nighters will have a Quilt Raffle this year on November 20, the day of the planned Silver Bell Bazaar. The group will have a table in the church of crafts, baked goods and Raffle items.

First prize will be an antique quilt from Barb Scott. The top was made by Barb's maternal grandmother, Lillian "Lilla" (Bliss) Hilliard (1869-1943). Lilla cared for Barb and Barb's mother for many months early in Barb's life. The Monday Nighter's finished the piece.

Second prize will be "Autumn Barn", a watercolor print painted by Cyndie Stetson.

Third prize is a Christmas pillow made by the Monday Nighters.

Tickets are available at Atherton Farm, Rt. 112 Buckland, and by calling Luahn 413.634.5451 or email luahn.page@gmail.com





Silver Bell Bazaar 9a to 3p Sat. 11/20/2021
If you have facebook or another social media resource, please let your family and friends know about the bazaar.
Let's make this the best bazaar ever.

Our wonderful Mary Lyon Church, "Silver Bell Bazaar" will take place on Saturday, Nov. 20 from 9 am until 3 pm. There will be the Monday Nighters items, quilt raffle, bake sale, plants, birdhouses, gently used books, jewelry, beautiful hand-crafted items, silent auction, bag raffle, watercolor prints and paintings, cards, the Mary Lyon church coffee hour cookbook, and more. Items and tables will be located in the church and in the public hall.

For more info and to donate/help out, call Cyndie at 339-4231.

Thank you all for participating in our bazaar.

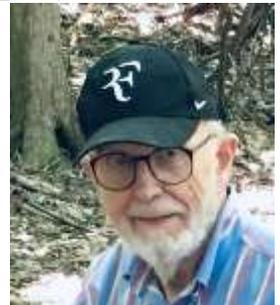


CHURCH COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

\$12.00 each includes postage Full of recipes from church members and friends. Books will be available at the Bazaar.

Memorial Service Held at MLC for J. Paul Sampley

"We were blessed to have such a wonderful person as Paul share our lives for so long with gentle caring, sharp thoughtful reflection, terrific wit and the deepest most sincere affection. I think who he was challenges all of us to be there for one another and for others with our best level of caring, sharpest most thoughtful reflection, ever increasing ability to laugh and not take ourselves too seriously, to see the humor in ourselves and lots of life's silliness, and most of all to love one another ever more fully." – Sally Sampley



The church was well attended on Saturday afternoon Oct. 16, 2021 to celebrate the life of our dear friend. Paul's wife Sally and 40 other people watched from their homes around the globe on Zoom. People from British Columbia, Austria, Korea and across the USA joined us. Pastor Rich and Paul's god-daughter Suzanne spoke heart-felt messages from the pulpit and our choir offered wonderful music. Friends from Charlemont played music.

In spite of the ongoing pandemic, we were able to offer fellowship after the service outdoors. Thanks to the Purinton family for putting up their tent, to Doug and Penny for directing the set-up of beverages and the dozens of delicious cookies donated by many of our members.

"You have a great team of talented people who figured all this out! It was really wonderful to work with you. Thank you so much for all the loving support of the Mary Lyon community. I am grateful to you all." – Suzanne Webber



ANNUAL MEETING OF FRANKLIN ASSOC. OF UCC

November 12th 2:00 PM at First Congregational Church of Ashfield

The Annual Meeting of our local Franklin Association is coming on November 12th at 2pm at the First Congregational Church of Ashfield. As of this time the meeting and service will be in person with masks required - and that may change as the world changes. **We hope all churches will be represented, and everyone is welcome to attend not just delegates.**

As part of the new northwest region of the Southern New England Conference, a great resource is the twice monthly e-newsletter for our area.

Stay informed Sign up for the UCC Newsletter:

Northwest Region of The Southern New England Conference, United Church of Christ
508-963-8106 holmesd@sneucc.org www.sneucc.org/northwest

Subscribe to the conference newsletters at: <https://sneucc-email.brtapp.com/subscribe>

Feeling a bit tired and overwhelmed by the ongoing pandemic? If you have not had the pleasure to hear Conference Minister Rev. Darrell Goodwin speak here's your chance. In a recent message Rev. Goodwin shares thoughts about Wading Through the Wilderness. May God continue to bless you and your congregation as you do good work on the earth,

Sincerely, John Taylor, Moderator of the Franklin Association

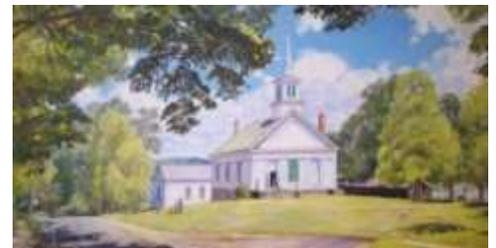
of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ.

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Annual Business Meeting of the 'Friends of Robert Strong Woodward'

Thursday November 18th at 6:00 p.m. downstairs at our church. Artist Robert Strong Woodward (1885 -1957), known for his landscape paintings, had a studio just south of our church on Upper St. The mission of the Friends of RSW is to preserve, promote, and perpetuate his artistic legacy. Everyone must wear a mask. Social distancing will be in place. Should you have any questions, contact church members Carl N. and Janet G. or the Friends of RSW friends@robertstrongwoodward.com.



West County Churches Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday 11/23/2021 Link will be emailed

Instead of gathering for an in-person joint Thanksgiving service, the pastors of the West County churches have met virtually and have planned a wonderful recorded service that will be made available online. Pastors participating include our own Pastor Rich along with the pastors from Trinity Church, Charlemont Federated, Ashfield Congregational, Shelburne Congregational, and St. John's Episcopal. More details will be available soon.

Thank You for Your Continued Support

Offerings and weekly donations payable to the Mary Lyon Church can be sent 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. This money goes to church expenses like utilities, insurance, pastor salary, etc.

Worship offered in the church building and via Zoom online

Worship is offered in the church building on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. as well as being broadcast on Zoom. The Worship and Spiritual Life Committee and the Finance, Invested Funds and Properties Committee insure all state and local guidelines are followed. If you have questions about attending in-person worship, call Worship & Spiritual Life Committee chairperson Anita at 413-625-6481 or Properties Committee chairperson Ken W. 508-529-3973 for more details or you can email us at info@marylyonchurch.org

Finance, Invested Funds and Properties Committee

NEXT MEETING Sunday November 7th in person, after church service

If folks have any questions or concerns related to the church budget/expenses, don't hesitate to contact the Finance Committee - please let chairperson Ken W. know by calling him at 508-529-3973 or be in touch with any member of the committee: Ken W., Eric T., Luahn P., Paul W. or Doug M.



Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday Nov. 7th

Change clocks BACK 1 hour at bedtime Sat. Nov. 6th

Help Wanted

Clean The Church Weekly

Our church cleaner completed her last month with us in September. Volunteers cleaned the church during October. We need a solution for keeping our beloved building clean. It takes 1 to 2 hours per week and the rate of pay is currently \$14.00 per hour. Or, if you would like to volunteer, sign up with a friend to make it go faster and have fun. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in the job or volunteering to clean the church, please call/refer them to Judy Willis at 413-625-2649. A list of duties will be provided. Please contact Judy Willis if you are interested in the job or volunteering, she can answer any questions you may have.



Tina would love to find a co-editor or editors to be responsible for the calendar a few times annually to give her a month or two or three off. She'd love to hear from anyone who might like to help with this publication. Email her at info@marylyonchurch.org or call 413-625-9629.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

by Rev. Rich Fournier
(read from the pulpit a few weeks ago)

Now, in the Autumn of my life



The hillsides burst with color and
Share their falling leaves with everyone.
It's a letting go, an undressing, a prelude
to a deep rest, a dreaming in the dark of
the many mansions of the soul.

My thoughts, once so clear and collected
Now float away like the leaves on the wind
To land where they will and scatter.
My mind needs a good raking.

But my heart is intact and holds the gratitude
for so many years of wonder and love, of
friendships and blessings, and I am filled.

We hope to have our traditional Buffet Luncheon during the Silver Bell Bazaar on 11/20. We will let you know! Watch for more information coming soon!



December Memorials

For the past several years we have dedicated our December newsletter/calendar to the people we especially miss during the holiday season. If you would like your loved one to be included in this special memorial section to publish next month, please be in touch with Tina no later than Wed. 11/24 at noon. Call her at 413-625-9629 or email info@marylyonchurch.org.

Annual Church Reports Reminder

Annual Meeting Sunday January 23, 2022

Year end is coming. It's time to think about all we have accomplished in spite of the pandemic. Committees' and Officers' written reports for the year 2021 are due by Sunday, January 9, 2022 so they can be distributed to all on Sunday, January 16th. If you have questions about the Annual Meeting, please contact our church moderator, Paul Willis, at 413-625-2649.