

October 10, 2021

**The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost**

10:00 am

*Monroe Congregational Church is an Open and Affirming congregation.*

*Our deacons and pastors hope you will feel at home here. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, we welcome you in Christ's name*

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**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Moment of Quiet & Lighting of the Candles**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: In the big flashy moments and in the everyday little things,

*People: God provides.*

Leader: Whether we have done more than enough or next to nothing,

*People: God provides, and God calls.*

Leader: Day in and day out,

*People: God provides, God calls, and God teaches us to trust.*

*All: We come to worship the One who shows us a new way.*

**Opening Prayer**

Susie Cuseo, Deacon of the Day

**\*Our Church's Covenant**

*hymnal cover*

**\*Passing the Peace**

*In order for those tuning in from home to feel included, please turn and greet the webcam as you share signs of peace with one another.*

**Children's Message**

Sunday School students are dismissed with their teachers for outdoor Sunday School

**Call to Confession – Unison Prayer - Silent Prayer**

*Holy One, you know our needs. We have seen how you provide enough for all, and yet we struggle to share. We don't know how to do everything differently, so we continue in the way it's always been, even as we cry out for justice. Forgive us our constrained imaginations, our attachment to nostalgia, our tendency to hoard while others go hungry. Forgive us when we pray for big miracles while ignoring your daily sustenance and provision. Bring us into the wilderness once again and teach us how to be your people, living according to your way. Amen. ~silence~*

**Words of Assurance**

**Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer -- Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

**Offertory**

Cantabile  
Bethany Dupuis, flute

Georg Phillip Telemann, 1740

*Our offering plate will be passed among us today.  
You may also choose to give online at [www.mcc-ucc/donate](http://www.mcc-ucc/donate).*

**Scripture**

Exodus 16:1-18, page 62

*If you would like to read along, Bibles may be found underneath the pew in front of you.*

**Sermon**

*Our Daily Bread*

Rev. Jennifer M. Gingras

**Benediction**

**Parting Music**

Be Still, My Soul

Jean Sibelius, 1899

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**God is still speaking, welcome** to all who are worshipping with us today, in-person and online! Worship is live streamed on church’s You Tube Channel under CCLI Streaming License #2169137 on: <https://www.youtube.com/monroecongregationalchurchucc>, as well as on our Facebook page “Monroe Congregational Church, UCC”

We are an **Open & Affirming** congregation of the United Church of Christ, and we invite everyone to join in the full life and ministry of this church. We strive in word and deed to be faithful to Jesus’ model of loving acceptance and welcome to all persons, inclusive of every age, race, ability, economic and social status, nationality, faith background, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital standing and family structure.

**COVID-19 Safety:** In order to keep our community members safe (*including children under 12, the immune-compromised and those not yet fully vaccinated*), please follow these guidelines:

- Please stay home if you feel sick or have a fever (catch us on YouTube/Facebook)
- Please wear a mask indoors (if you need one, just ask!)
- We have provided hand sanitizer and tissues in the pews, please use carefully as the chemicals are corrosive on wood and other surfaces

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**Thank you for assisting in this morning’s worship!**

- **Deacon:** Susie Cuseo
- **Usher:** Jessica Pfalzgraf
- **Trustee:** Mark Barnhart
- **Counter:** Bill Stadler
- **Coffee Host:** Meg Sullivan
- **Web Steward:** Scott Young

**October 17 - Following the Footsteps of Jesus** ~ Join us in worship on Sunday, October 17th as Catherine Gingras (Social Worker, Deacon and grown up Pastor’s Kid) shares with us her reflections on a two-week journey of a lifetime to Israel. Be a part of her adventure in faith as she describes why many scholars consider the land “the Fifth Gospel” and shares stories, pictures and even some food at coffee hour.



***The flowers this morning are given by Linda Resnick in loving memory of her father, George A. Moffat***

**Flowers for Worship:** Would you like to honor or remember a loved one, or celebrate a milestone? You can do so, while also helping Monroe Congregational Church continue its tradition of fresh flowers on the communion table. Please review the available slots on Sign Up Genius and click on the button to sign up. If you do not have access to a computer, call Diane in the office 203-268-9327, and she will help you sign up!

You may choose to arrange flowers from your garden, purchase an arrangement, or send a check (\$25) to Monroe Congregational Church (memo: "flowers" & the date) or use our website to pay online, and we will order for you. If you are supplying the flowers yourself, please set them up between 9:30am and 9:45am, before worship. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48ADAC2CA5FEC61-flowers>



to the following people and to anyone we may have missed, we will keep you in our prayers. (Number is birth date)

Jacqueline Bleakney <sup>(10)</sup>  
Joseph Gilberti <sup>(12)</sup>  
Pete LaQuesse <sup>(12)</sup>

Liz Sampson <sup>(12)</sup>  
Richard Bauer <sup>(13)</sup>  
Brian Correll <sup>(13)</sup>

Audra Logan <sup>(15)</sup>  
Karen Matysczak <sup>(15)</sup>



to the following couples and to anyone we may have missed, we will keep you in our prayers. (Number is anniversary date)

Jennifer & Clark Gingras <sup>(10)</sup>    Kyla & Bill Allen <sup>(12)</sup>  
and Linda & Nick Caballero <sup>(15)</sup>

**Family Room Now Open:** Thanks to the blessing of technology, our church's nursery has been set up with a streaming option. If your young child needs a break, and you'd like to not miss out on worship, you may use the room which is setup with a TV, lots of toys and rocking chairs. Although the space is not currently staffed, it is open, clean, and ready for use by parents!



## ***In Our Prayers***

**Jackie Ajello** (Michele Mount's mother); **Michael Barresi** (Maria's Son); **Ben** (Maria Barresi's son-in-law's brother) **Jennifer Bittar** (Loraine Zeiner's friend); **Byron Brown & Bruce Bryant** (friends of Will Duchon); **Cheryl Ciambriello** (Wendy Colegrove's friend); **Lori Cimeno** (Peggy & Ron Villani's Daughter); **Cliff Cuseo**; **Dot Dralus**; **Matt Duchon**; The Family of **Roy Ford** (Jacque Bleakney's brother); **Marge Fox**; **Rachel Fracassini** (Jack & Linda Fracassini's niece); **Meredith Gibson** (Paul & Judy Coward's niece); **Fern Griffith** (Ashley Levin's friend); **Karen Guinness** (Jennifer Nivison's friend); **Gina & Liz** (Wendy Colegrove's friends); **Gary & Julie Hedine** (Nancy Hedine's son & daughter-in-law); **Mary & Rachel Heerema** (Julia Gutierrez's mom & sister); **Bob Heffernan** (Ann Zeiner's son-in-law); **Brian Hopkins** (Donna Konkol's cousin); **Vera James** (Jenn Wissink's mother); **Heather Joyce** (Paul & Judy Coward's daughter); **Kelti** (friend of Liska Gutierrez); **Walter Lane** (Marge Fox's brother-in-law); **Mary-Margaret Logan** (Andrew's mother); **Jacque MacLean** (Jennifer Nivison's friend); **Nicole Malia**; **Mike** (Janie Allen's son); **Rev. Jonathan Miller** (Paul & Judy Coward's friend); **Jean Moffat**; **Olivia Morrison** (Donna Nickdow's niece); **Joe Mumper** (Julie McClenathan's friend); **Kathy Nivison** (Andy's mother); **Pat Nugent**; **Ocampo family** (friends of Liska Gutierrez); **Olson Family**; **Ray Osborne** (Colegrove's Family friend); **Dean Perosino** (Gayle Hammond's brother); **Geno Piacentini** (Karen MacDonald's husband); **P.T. Philip** (Liz Sampson's father); **Norman & Jan Ricker** (Linda & Jack Fracassini's friend); **Barbara Rivel** (Judy Coward's friend); **Regina Roberts** (Kathy Maiolo's niece); **Kelly Rodman** (Angela Cross' friend); **Alfredo Rodriguez** (Osirus Gutierrez's cousin); **Roshong** (Judy Coward's nephew); **Lisa Rozmus** (friend of the Pfalzgraf family); **Noah Santiago** (Shari Carrano's great-grandson); **Connor Scalia** (Jen Nivison's friend); **Nicholas Scalzo** (Angela Cross's Father); **Carlos Serrano** (Kathy Maiolo's cousin); **Yessika Siccardi** (Sampson family friend); **Bernie Sippin**; **John Skarupa** (Barb Pellegrino's brother); **Christine Stadler**; **Christian & Dain Steiner** (Julie McClenathan's nephews); **Claire Stenzel** (June & Myron Winger's granddaughter); **Olga Terwilliger** (Nancy Hedine's sister-in-law); **Ian Thompson** (Gary's cousin); **Dick Thompson** (Gary's cousin); **Meg Trogolo** (Paul & Judy Coward's niece); **Richard Turco** (Jack Fracassini's cousin); **Susan Walker**; **Charles L. Wynn, Sr.**, (and his mother) **Alleane Wynn** (friends of Will Duchon); **Allen Zeiner** (Ann Zeiner's son); **Ann Zeiner**

**The concerns of our world:** *Those who serve or live in war or conflict zones; first responders and those who serve in law enforcement; those who suffer discrimination; those who struggle with mental illness, addiction, divorce or separation; Caregivers; the homeless, homebound and refugees; Our friends living on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation and in Oaxaca, Mexico*

**Those serving in the military, veterans & their families:** New York: **Zachary Gingras**, Washington: **Rachel Hoffman** (Vaughan Askue's daughter), Virginia: **Chris Meneses** (Loraine Zeiner's friend), Georgia: **Zachary Peters** (Jacob Parker-Burgard's cousin), Kuwait: **Steven Roshong** (the Coward's nephew), South Carolina: **Bob Peters** (Don Parker-Burgard's brother-in-law), North Carolina: **Jake Terifay**

## Christian Education

**SUNDAY  
SCHOOL**

We've started the school year off in Sunday School, Junior and Senior PF with great success! We will continue to remain outside for Sunday School so long as the weather permits. If you haven't registered for our youth programs yet, please do so here:

<https://form.jotform.com/212146410084141>

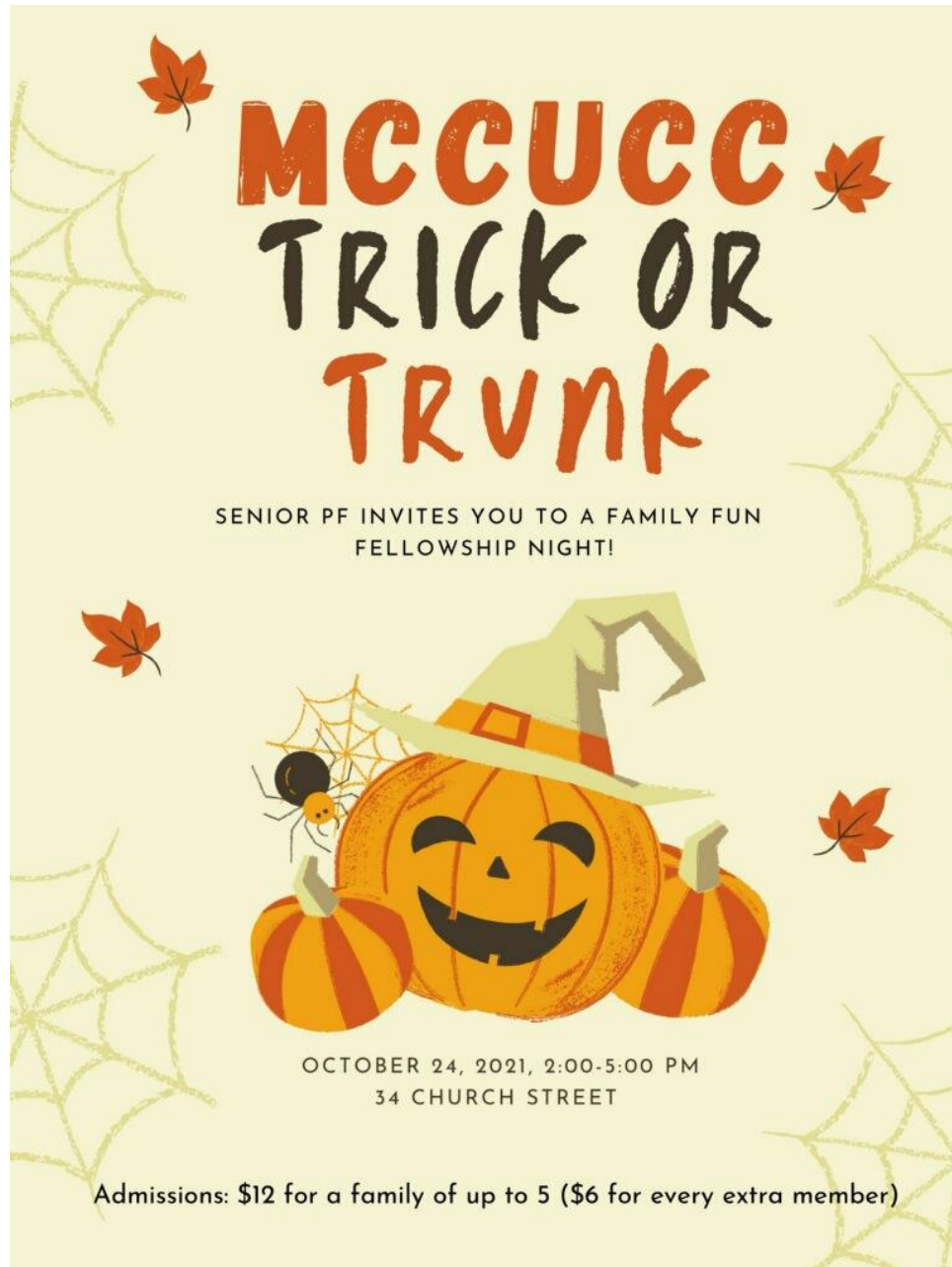
**Our October Jr PF Schedule:** Looking forward to loads of fun, we hope you are too!!

Sunday Oct 17 (1 pm) - Crop Walk - Bridgeport

Saturday Oct 23 - Halloween Party & Pumpkin Carving

Sunday Oct 24 - Sr. PF's Trick or Trunk Event

Sunday Oct 31 - No JR PF – Happy Halloween!



# TIME TO HAVE SOME SKELE-FUN!

Come and join us for raffles, candy,  
and Halloween themed games



Costumes are encouraged  
for all ages!

Or scan with your phone here:

LIMIT SPOTS!  
SIGN UP FOR A TIME SLOT HERE:  
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MCCUCC](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48acae2aa6fac70-mccucc)



If you have any questions don't hesitate!  
Email us at: [mccuccseniorpf@gmail.com](mailto:mccuccseniorpf@gmail.com)

**Sign Up now for the 2021 MCC Women's Retreat – Let It Go!  
November 12-14, Silver Lake Conference Center**

"Let go and let God." is a wonderful thought, but often easier said than done! We tend to want to hold on to our problems and stress and worry and agonize over them instead of letting God in to help. How can we move forward if we're still holding onto yesterday's conflicts and mistakes? There's freedom in letting go. Come away with the women of MCC, and we'll share time together on retreat talking, playing games, hiking, doing art and just letting go in God's big back yard. Friends are warmly welcome too!



Some of the questions you may have:

- **How much does it cost?** \$150 for four meals and two overnights. Please submit your payment by November 1 so that we have an accurate count for planning purposes. Please also make a notation on your check or through Vanco that says "Women's Retreat 2021". There are scholarships available, just speak with Pastor Jenn to confirm your spot.
- Can I pick my **roommate** ahead of time? Yes, simply let me know in an e-mail what your preferences are.
- What if I have **limited mobility**? Great news - we have been given permission to drive those with limited mobility down to the Lake, or to meals!
- What about **COVID restrictions**? In order to care for each other, all participants should be fully vaccinated (please submit a copy of your COVID-19 vaccine card). If you are unable to be vaccinated due to a health exemption, please test for COVID and provide a negative result.

Signup here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44A8AC22A2FB6-letitgo>

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**Deacons**



**New Member Informational Meeting, October 24** ~ Join the deacons for an informational meeting at 11:00 am in Dineson Parlor. Find out more about the history (how we got here), theology (what we believe) and ways you might connect with others and learn more about faith doing so. New Members will join the church during worship Sunday, November 7th.

**Weekly Bible Study Has Begun!** We cordially invite you to join us each week as we gather together to learn with and through one another. All are welcome in Dineson Parlor, **Thursdays from 9:30-11 am**. Bring your favorite Bible (whatever version you prefer) and a small notebook. Let Pastor Jenn know if you have any questions!



## Fellowship



**Morning Circle invites the ladies of the congregation to our meetings on Wednesday, October 13 at 11AM** in Wilton Hall, (Trick-or-Treat Bags), Nov 10 (Bean Soup Jars) and Dec 8 (Christmas luncheon). Contact Jackie Bleakney at 203-268-5275 with any questions or comments

**Young at Heart: 11:30 am Thursday, October 28, 2021**

Jennie's Restaurant

Co-hosts: Nancy Smith and Carol Viellett

**Please call** or speak to Nancy Smith, 203-880-5228 or [nancy.s.smith66@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.s.smith66@gmail.com) **if you plan on attending**



**Fall Adult PF 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays 5pm –all adults are welcome!**

With the pandemic on the upswing again, I imagine that among us are various levels of comfort with being indoors together the way we used to. For that reason, I'm going to suggest that we (1) trim our meeting time to two hours, (2) bring snacks that are easy to pick up (e.g., not a bag of chips that we all reach into), and (3) open windows during our time together. Also, anyone who wants to wear a mask is welcome to do so.

Kate and I look forward to welcoming you back to our house on a regular basis, so please put the following dates on your calendar: **October 17, November 7 and 21, and December 5.** –Don Parker-Burgard



**MCC Book Club welcomes new members who love to read and have lively discussions.** No expertise is necessary.

For more information, please call Julie McClenathan 203-261-0360. All meetings will continue to be via Zoom for now.

October 13th - A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

November 10th - Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann

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## Outreach

**Heifer International** is an organization where your pocket change helps to send animals to families. These animals are like a small business where wool, eggs, milk and more can sustain a family and the offspring that come from those animals can be given to other families giving them a hand up, increase access to medicine, school, food and a sustainable livelihood. **The collection jar will be on the serving table during**



**coffee hour.** Please contact Susie Cuseo with any questions or comments at [thecuseos@yahoo.com](mailto:thecuseos@yahoo.com) or 203-268-0280. Your spare change will support the lives of families in need.



**St George's Supper – Slay Hunger!  
Monday, October 18**

**Sign up Link** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054AADAF2EA2F85-stgeorges3>

Questions: Stacy Andrejczyk [markandstacy2005@yahoo.com](mailto:markandstacy2005@yahoo.com)





MCC is participating in the 2021 CROP Hunger Walk to support Church World Service and help families who are struggling with hunger. **We're asking you to join us** - with your steps and your donations - to provide more meals for the growing number of people in our community who need them, and greater food security in communities around the world. **At last year's Virtual Walk, our church collected the highest number of**

**donations in the greater Bridgeport area – thanks to your support and generosity!**

This year's Walk will take place on **Sunday, October 17** starting at United Congregational Church, 2200 North Avenue, Bridgeport. Registration begins at 1:30 pm. Participants are asked to bring non-perishable food for NOURISH Bridgeport. Twenty-five percent of monies raised remain in the Bridgeport area for hunger related programs. For more information, contact Team Monroe Congregational Church's captain, Julie McClenathan at 203-502-3795 or [JulieMcClenathan@gmail.com](mailto:JulieMcClenathan@gmail.com).

**To donate or sign up for the team, go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/team-mcc-2>**



**Give the gift of sight: Donate unused prescription glasses/sunglasses**  
Have you been cleaning out your junk drawers or have unused prescription glasses/sunglasses sitting around? There will be a collection basket on the table during coffee hour for the month of October. They will be collected, donated, cleaned and distributed to places nationwide. Give the gift of sight so that someone can clearly read a newspaper or see the smiling face of a loved one. Contact Susie Cuseo at [thecuseos@yahoo.com](mailto:thecuseos@yahoo.com) or 203-268-0280 with any questions or comments.

**The Mustard Seed Thrift Shoppe is looking for volunteers** to help with **sorting, tagging and hanging on Tuesdays at 1PM** and manning the counter. Counter hours are Fridays (10-12:30 or 12:30-3) and/or Saturdays (10-12 or 12-2). It's easy to open or close the Shoppe. Come visit a sales associate during business hours and get a tutorial or you can read the list of instructions that can be emailed to you. Please contact Susie Cuseo at [thecuseos@yahoo.com](mailto:thecuseos@yahoo.com) or 203-268-0280 with any questions or comments.



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### Monroe Community Events



Come out and support the **Playground Foundation's Pasta & Meatballs Family Dinner Night**

Friday, October 15 5:00 – 7:30pm

## **MCC Community Calendar**

### **Week of October 10<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am Worship

3:00 pm Senior PF Newbie Cook (kitchen)

### **Mon. October 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Indigenous Peoples' Day – office closed*

### **Tue. October 12<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 pm Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

### **Wed. October 13<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 am Morning Circle

6:30 pm Confirmation (Dineson)

### **Thur. October 14<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Bible Study (Dineson)

### **Fri. October 15<sup>th</sup>**

Family Dinner Night - Playground Foundation

### **Week of October 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Baptism - Cameron Paniccia*

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Music Committee (Dineson)

11:30 am Trustees (Conference Room)

1:30 pm Crop Walk (JR PF attends)

3:00 pm Senior PF @ Castle View Farm

5:00 pm Adult PF

### **Mon. October 18<sup>th</sup>**

3:45 St George's Supper

7:30 pm Council Zoom

### **Tue. October 19<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 pm Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

7:00 pm Bereavement Group

7:30 pm CE Zoom

### **Wed. October 20<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm Confirmation (Dineson)

### **Thur. October 21<sup>st</sup>**

9:30 am Bible Study (Dineson)

### **Week of October 24<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am New Member Lunch & Learn  
(Dineson)

2-5 pm Trunk or Treat SR PF Fundraiser

5-6:30 pm Jr PF

### **Mon. October 25<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 pm "The Art of Preaching" Zoom

### **Tue. October 26<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 pm Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

### **Wed. October 27<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm FEA Association Meeting (Zoom)

### **Thur. October 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Bible Study (Dineson)

11:30 am Young at Heart (Jennie's Pizza)

### **Week of October 31<sup>st</sup>**

*Halloween*

10:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Senior PF (location TBD)

### **Mon. November 1<sup>st</sup>**

7:30 pm "The Art of Preaching" Zoom

### **Tue. November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

1:00 pm Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

8:00 pm Outreach (Zoom)

### **Wed. November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

6:30 pm Confirmation (Dineson)

### **Thur. November 4<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Bible Study (Dineson)

### **Week of November 7<sup>th</sup>**

*Daylight Savings Time – Fall Back 1 Hour  
New Member/Communion Sunday*

10:00 am Worship

5-6:30 pm Jr PF

5:00 pm Senior PF

5:00 pm Adult PF

### **Mon. November 8<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 pm "The Art of Preaching" Zoom

### **Tue. November 9<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 pm Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

### **Wed. November 10<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 am Morning Circle

6:30 pm Confirmation (Dineson)

### **Thur. November 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Veterans Day*

9:30 am Bible Study (Dineson)

