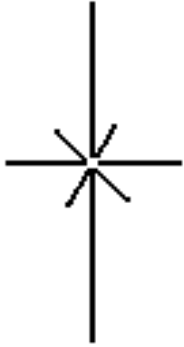


The Seekonk Congregational Church
United Church Of Christ

The
Caller

Gathered 1885



COME TO WORSHIP!!
SUNDAY'S AT 9:30AM

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In Memory of Robert & Dolores Barrow*

TO BELIEVE IS TO CARE-----

-----TO CARE IS TO DO !!!

2025 JANUARY / FEBRUARY

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ruth E. Shaver
Director of Faith Formation: Kristin Putney
Director of Music: Susan Barrow
Office Administrator: Maria Tavares
Treasurer: Donna Euell



Assistant for Operations: Louanne Jennings-Abelson
Co-Senior Deacon: Tony DeJesus & Lori Ferreira
Moderator: Stacy Inman
Parish Nurse: Addie Heelan
Co-Trustee Chairs: Craig Mace & Linda Sable
The Congregation Ministers

From our interim Pastor



The gospel According to...?

Luke (mostly)! Why? Because this is Revised Common Lectionary year C, meaning that many churches not all but many are following a common set of readings through the Gospel of Luke from now until November 22 at the end of the Christian year.

The transition from the Christmas season to the season of Epiphany happens on January 5 when we hear from Matthew (of all people) about the Magi arriving in Bethlehem with their gifts. They also came with a great deal of uncertainty. That means that they were asking questions, and they were open to surprising answers. They certainly received a surprising answer in a dream! Rather than going back to Herod with information about where the Christ Child is, they turned and went home by another way.

The next Sunday is Baptism of Christ; we will hear the voice of God say, “This is my beloved son, in whom I am well-pleased.” The season continues as we hear the story of the call of the disciples and some of their ministries and missions before it ends on—oh my goodness!—March 2 with the story of the transfiguration. We will hear God’s voice say again, “This is my beloved son, in whom I am well-pleased” and then God says, “Listen to him!”

This is when the disciples really began to understand that their stories were intertwined with the story of Jesus. They could each have written a *Gospel According to...* and though their stories might be similar, think how different Peter’s gospel would be from Matthew’s or John’s from Thomas’. Ultimately, every person who comes to The Way of Christ has a Gospel to share. We may only have four Gospels in the New Testament canon, but there are a lot of *Gospels According to...* floating around and not all of them are about Jesus’ earthly ministry.

In the United Church of Christ, we believe that “God is still speaking...” That means our stories of lives changed by encounters with God, Jesus Christ, and/or the Holy Spirit are part of the continuing testament and we each have a Gospel story to tell.

I wonder what stories the Gospel According to the Congregational Church of Seekonk might tell. And when I have a wonderment, I really like to know answers, so I’m inviting you to tell me your story or stories about how your life has been changed because you encountered God, Jesus Christ, and/or the Holy Spirit here, with the people you met here, or because you did something, like go to Haiti, because you attend SCCUCC.

You can share your Gospel story here: <https://forms.gle/97QQTjBAF1ExzKeX7> and you can keep it between us, allow me to share it anonymously, or allow me to share it with credit to you. You can share as many stories as you'd like and you can choose the level of sharing for each story individually by submitting them separately. I'll collect stories through this season of Epiphany and then use what I learn in the season after Easter.

Fair warning: I ***might*** ask if you'd be willing to share your story personally if you don't put restrictions on it, but I won't pressure anyone to do so. It can be one thing to write down our testimony and something completely different to speak it in front of people.

I hope many of you will take the time to share your story with me. Even if no one gives me permission to share, your stories will help to guide me as we begin to work on the church's leadership needs and prepare to write the profile.

But I do hope that some of you will be courageous enough to allow me to share and even to be willing to share your own story because we wouldn't be here if the people who first encountered Jesus had never told their stories. Our stories are just as powerful, and we need not keep silent about the ways that God has changed our lives through this congregation.

Peace,
—Pastor Ruth

From the board of Christian **EDUCATION**

CHURCH SCHOOL CALENDAR

JANUARY 2025 ~

5th Epiphany Sunday ~ K- 8th grade BEGIN (with family) IN CHURCH (Wear Red)

12th Baptism Sunday - Regular Classes

19th Regular Classes ~ Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Weekend –
Lock-In Event (5th-8th GRADES)

26th Regular Classes



FEBRUARY 2025 ~

2nd K- 8th grade BEGIN (with family) IN CHURCH

9th Regular Classes

16th Regular Classes

23rd Regular Classes



CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE 2024-2025

Jan 3 Fri 4PM to Sat 8:30AM **Homeless Sleep Out (CSH) REQUIRED**
(using Hall, Memorial room, Lower Hall, Sanctuary and Outside)

Jan 6 or 7 Mon or Tue, Mentor & Confirmand **Zoom Chat** 7:30-8:45 PM

Jan 12 9:30 worship (Ask congregation for Crossroads donations in coffee hour)

Jan 19 no required worship MLK weekend

Jan 24 & 25 leave Fri 4PM, return Sat 8:30 PM **Craigville Overnight Outreach**

Jan 26 no required worship

Feb 2 9:30 start in worship, then TEACH (CSH)

Feb 3 or 4 Mon or Tue, Mentor & Confirmand **ZOOM Chat** 7:30-8:45PM

Feb 8 Sat 10-11:30am **MAKE GRINDERS/ BRING ITEM** from list! (CSH)
making grinders in hall

Feb 9 9:30 worship **SELL GRINDERS & CLASS TIME** until 1:00 Lower Hall

Feb 16 No required worship, school vacation week

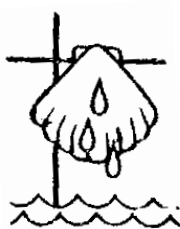
Feb 22 Italian Dinner (optional-CSH)

Feb 23 no required worship, school vacation week

Feb 28 Fri 6:30 - 9:00 Begin faith story in hall

PEOPLE AND PASSAGES

BAPTISMS



November 10, 2024

Solenne Estes Jackson
Daughter of Brynne & Rodney Jackson
Sister of Renne Jackson
Granddaughter of Kristin & Bobby Putney

November 17, 2024

Dawson Banks McPhail
Son of Lindsey Westgate and Kevin McPhail

December 8, 2024

June Valerie Oberg
Daughter of Michael & Tess Oberg
Betty McVay (Betty's ninth Great Granddaughter)

December 15, 2024

Khory Raymond Gonzalez and Kendahl Marie Gonzalez
Son and Daughter of Nancy Walters

December 22, 2024

Mya Ofoegbu
Daughter of McKayla & Chimmy Ofoegbu
Sister of Adriana Ofoegbu

IN MEMORIAM

James Parker Keller

March 26, 1931 ~ ~ November 10, 2024

Ralph M. Perhac

July 29, 1928 ~ ~ December 28, 2024

Our thoughts, condolences and prayers are with:

~We grieve with the family of Keith Dube on the passing of his Father, Alan Dube. Keep Keith and his husband Dan Dube and all their family in prayer.

~Raquel Perhac on the passing of her husband Ralph. Keep Raquel and all their family in prayer.

NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE

OVERFLOWING THANKS!!! ~~~

- ◆ To all who gave with such self-giving generous hearts to the mission of Christmas through angel tree gifts, food donations and gift certificates
- ◆ To Lesley Daigle, Linda Mace, Larry Hindle and many more who helped out with the many tasks performed for the crèche...
- ◆ To all who helped with the Bazaar and especially to those who chaired and co-chaired, may thanks for all of their hard work.
- ◆ To LoriAnn Mowry and Miranda Tracy and so many who helped with the Santa Breakfast...
- ◆ To all who participated in the Advent and Christmas worship services – readers, sacred dancers, youth choir, children's choir, cherub choir, senior choir, bell choir, guitar choir, candle-lighters, ushers, greeters, 5th graders, church school children, givers of flowers, decorators, liturgists, and worshippers!
- ◆ Many tanks to Andrew Correia, Director of J.H. Williams & Co., Funeral Home for donating calendars for the New Year 2025. Calendars are available for you to pick up on the table in front of the office or at either entry of the church.

FROM THE BOARD DEACONS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

As we start out this new year, let us reflect on the many wonderful things from last year. The first one that comes to mind gives us mixed feelings. On June 30, 2024, our long time Senior Minister, Rev. Joy C. Utter retired after 38 years of service to the members of the Seekonk Congregational Church! We were grateful that she finally had the opportunity to retire, but at the same time, we miss her dearly! However, despite her retirement, our attendance throughout the remainder of the summer remained strong, as continued to do so throughout the remainder of the year! Continuing on that theme, we have been blessed with some very good substitute ministers, and now, a great intermediate minister in Rev. Dr. Ruth Shaver!

We are very grateful that our Boards & Committees and Social gatherings are doing very well. We continue to have good attendance for our Sunday School classes. And, we manage to have plenty of you to volunteer for our many fundraisers. If you are fairly new to our church and would like to get more involved, here are some ideas:

- 1) Join the Board of Mission & Social Action or any of the other boards or committees
- 2) Volunteer to deliver food from Doorways every other Saturday morning
- 3) Take charge of our green shed of redeemable cans & bottles and take them to the redemption center. Most of the monies from this effort goes to help the homeless & hungry.
- 4) Help manage our own food pantry to make sure we always have plenty available for those in need
- 5) Buy grocery gift cards to give out to the needy
- 6) Volunteer to help in nursing homes & senior centers
- 7) Help spread the word to friends & relatives about the need to help others and how to do it

And while we are on the subject of helping others, if any of you have needs of any sort, or know of someone else that does, please let your Deacon know, or let Maria know and we will try to help you.

To start the year off properly, don't forget to wear your nametags (as we are sure you did all of last year). This is part of being "radically inclusive", making sure our arms are open to ALL who walk through our doors and letting them know who WE are, and that we are interested in knowing THEM.

Below is a listing of our Board of Deacons. We can easily be recognized as the ones who are wearing the red or purple (and sometimes white) stoles in church. We are here to serve, so if you have any concerns or questions, please give us the opportunity to help you.

DEACONS: Lori Ferreira & Tony DeJesus (Co-Senior Deacons)

Dawn Houle	Jim Siegfried	Bonnie DeBlois	Mark Johnson	Brian Burns
Linda Mace	Lesley Daigle	Cindy Pearson	Christina Greene	Tom Heelan
Louanne Jennings-Abelson & Evelyn Watkins (Deacon Emerita)			Jonathan Ryder (ad hoc)	
Donna Euell (ad hoc)		Russ Noble (ad hoc)		

Submitted By: David Graham (Deacon Emeritus)

The Deacon's Fund goes to help those in our faith community in need of emergency help or those who have special needs! For those who give via paper envelopes, the envelopes are GREEN and in the offering envelope box for the first Sunday of each month. OR if you give on-line, go to www.scc-ucc.com and click on the online giving button at the top right-hand corner and fill out the online giving form. We thank all who give faithfully and encourage others to consider a small gift for this fund each month.

From the Board of Trustees

Thanks to Trish Sweeney and all that helped with the November clean-up of the outside grounds. Many families and young people made quick work of a large job.

Winter is upon us and hopefully we don't get much snow this year. If we do, we would be very thankful for anyone who could come and help with the shoveling of the walkways and steps leading into the buildings.

Our revenue continues to be down and we still owe money to the Memorial Fund for money we needed to borrow to make some urgent repairs. We will begin the budgeting process for the fiscal year 2025/2026 in the next few months.

Repairs were made on the bridge leading to the Gardner Building which was power washed and stained with anti-slip stain to avoid falls. New smoke and carbon monoxide detectors were installed in the Gardner Building according to code.

Some good news! Thanks to a very generous donor, ceiling fans will be installed in the Sanctuary in the next couple of weeks. This will help with the circulation both in the Summer months and the distribution of the heat in winter. The money donated will also cover the cost of repairing the air conditioning in the Memorial Room as well.

The annual Trustee/Staff Christmas Party will be held on Monday, December 16th.

The Trustee of the month for January is Ron Rupert and February will be Craig Mace.

The Trustees would like to extend our best wishes for a safe and Happy New Year.

We would also like members to know that if they see something that needs attention in or around the buildings, please let a trustee know. Example, if someone notices toilets running or a thermostat not functioning, they should report it immediately even if they thought it might be insignificant.

The trustee of the month is listed on the office door. Otherwise, leave a message with the office. Thank You, Trustees



SNOW SHOVELING

The trustees would like to remind anyone, to shovel walks when we have snow storms... **JUST COME!!** We have shovels or bring your own.

Many thanks to all who have come and shoveled during this winter.

As always, if you have any concerns please see any member of the Trustees.

COLUMBARIUM NEWS

The Columbarium is available to all church members and their families. Use of the Columbarium Includes the inurnment spot, the container, the plaque, and the actual inurnment. Funeral and cremation costs are not included. We encourage anyone who would like more information on the Columbarium to contact Shelley Alves or Linda Sable

Be a Well Being Group
Tuesday, January 7, 2025 from 6 -6:45PM

ALL INVITED

The purpose of the Be a Well Being group is to provide a supportive and non-judgmental forum for exploring stress management strategies. Meditation, prayer, gentle movement, breath work and group discussion will be utilized.

Please join the group!! If you have any questions, please email Sarah Stevenson at mamastaloney@gmail.com

DO YOU HAVE A WILL?

The United Church of Christ has partnered with FreeWill.com to provide an estate planning tool at no cost to members and friends of UCC congregations around the country. The tool includes multiple options for securing the future for your minor children and/or your pets as well as for the distribution of your assets according to your wishes. You can even make a planned bequest to Seekonk Congregational Church (and any other charity of your choice) during the planning process. At the end, you have a document that is ready for next steps according to RI or MA state law and the particular needs of your estate.

On January 12 at 11:15 in Room 1 of the Gardiner Building, Pastor Ruth will share a demonstration of the tool for anyone who would like to see it. Please feel free to bring a laptop or tablet if you'd like to work along.

(If you have a will but you know it needs to be updated, come join the fun! You may get inspiration for the revision.)

Music & Arts Committee presents
OPEN MIC NIGHT

FRIDAY JANUARY 24, 2025
from 6:30 to 9 PM in the hall

It's time to share your talents, some singing, musical instruments, comedy, dance - all talent is needed. All ages are invited.

Sign up sheets are in the hall or call the office to let us know you will be part of the entertainment. A fun night for everyone.

Any questions, see Craig Grant or Director of Music, Susan Barrow

NAME TAGS

Your name tag is on the wall in the front entryway of the church. Please pick it up and wear it on Sunday morning. Place it in the basket next to the door in the hall before you leave.



Flower Committee...Reminds everyone there is a sign-up sheet in Gardiner Building for flowers to be given in memory or in honor of a loved one.

ITALIAN NIGHT DINNER

Saturday, February 22, 2025

Please invite your Family and Friends!



WE WILL SERVE TWO MAIN COURSES:

**'Spaghetti & Meatballs' and 'Penne, Chicken and Broccoli'
along with salad and Italian bread.**

Dessert: Ice Cream Sundaes with a variety of toppings.

Dinners will be available to eat in the Hall or available for "take out".

Tickets will be on sale after Church at Coffee Hour on Sundays, February 2, 9, and 16th. You can also call Maria at our Church Office at 508-336-9355 to reserve your tickets or purchase your ticket at the door. Please let us know if you are ordering a Take-Out Meal.

We will also have opportunities to volunteer to help with this event. Sign-up sheets will be available to help set up the Hall for the dinner, help serve at the dinner and also to help clean up after the dinner. We will also have sign up sheets for donations of food items for the dinner.

Thank you to everyone who helps with our Church Events –
we appreciate your help so very much!

We hope to see you at this fun Church Dinner!

Please watch for more information in our weekly emails and Church announcements!



BLOOD DRIVE

(make your appointment at) donate.ribc.org

There are Many Reasons to Give Blood

Blood Drive 4-7pm in the Hall ~ Monday, March 31, 2025

WINTER CLOTHING & COAT DRIVE CONFIRMANDS COLLECTING FOR HOMELESS PROGRAM

Please donate to the Hyannis Youth Street Reach Program. Confirmands are participating in a mini mission trip overnight in Craigville, MA, Jan 24-25

Please drop off items in church porch by Thurs, Jan 23 or text Kristin 774-991-1555

Winter items New or Gently used (All Adult Sizes): coats, sweaters, pants, shoes boots, hats, gloves, scarves, work/business clothes, suits, dress shoes

NEW WARM socks, underwear & undergarments

Toiletries: toothpaste, toothbrush, wipes, pocket sanitizer, chapstick, cough drops, combs, brush

Also Quilts and Warm Blankets

Thank You for your support! *Confirmation Class 2025*
Nate, Nathaniel, Daniel, JT, Areanna, Alanna, Grace, Christina, Rose

WHAT IS A PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY?



Throughout the centuries, shawls have been made to provide comfort, warmth and protection from the elements. Today's Prayer Shawls are handmade gifts of well wishes, into which blessings and intentions have been lovingly stitched with prayers for the recipient, offering comfort and warmth of a different kind. With this in mind, people who love to knit

and crochet have picked up their needles, hooks and yarn to use their love of their craft to make a thought filled gift for someone special, creating a gift from their heart.

Similar to praying, spiritual practice involves adding prayer or blessings from our minds and hearts to the work in our hands.

Who will receive the Prayer Shawl?

Prayer shawls often begin with a specific person in mind but they may also be inspired by an intriguing stitch pattern or a tempting yarn. Even if we do not have a specific person in mind, as our projects progress, we might learn of someone who is in need of a shawl.

How can you use the time making a Prayer Shawl as a spiritual experience?

To create a peaceful surrounding and to enhance your quiet, reflective knitting time, prepare your shawl-making space by lighting a candle, playing some quiet music and making yourself a cup of tea.

We will be happy to share Prayer Shawl patterns for both knitting and/or crocheting to anyone who wishes to make a Prayer Shawl. Please let Evelyn Watkins (401-680-2490) or Donna Euell know if you are interested in getting a pattern or finding out more about how to make a Prayer Shawl. Also, if you happen to know of friends or family who have extra yarn to donate, we will be happy to speak with you.

Thank you all VERY MUCH - and especially thank you all for taking time to pray for our many Church members and friends on our Prayer List in our Church's Weekly emails. We have heard from many how much it means to them that we are thinking of them and sending prayers.



PLEDGE GIVING (2024-2025)

“IT’S NEVER TOO LATE TO SUBMIT YOUR PLEDGE.”

You can call the office at any time
Is your Pledge up-to-date?

Electronic Giving ~ Traditional: Church Envelope

For more information regarding Electronic Giving (*forms*) and Pledge Cards
call Maria in the office 508-336-9355.

Your Stewardship Committee

~ OUR OFFERINGS ~

DIFFERENT WAYS OF GIVING

Have you ever noticed that some people don't put anything in the offering plate during worship!?!? Not that its anyone's business...but some folks would like it known that they give with a check each month or every two months while still others give electronically and have it taken out of their checking and sent to the church directly...and of course there are those who give faithfully into that plate every week! So...there are different ways of giving and we give thanks for the variety.

MAY GOD'S SPIRIT EMPOWER US WITH

~ THE JOY OF GIVING

**~THE STRENGTH OF SERVING AND ~THE COMMITMENT OF LOVING IN THE
WAY OF JESUS CHRIST...**

Super Saturday: I Love to Tell the Story

March 8, 9 AM to 4 PM

Online OR Onsite at First Congregational Church in Shrewsbury, MA

The stories of our faith remind us of who we are and whose we are; they are powerful and compelling. Join us for a day of reflecting on the power of sacred stories and how we might use story to tell of the Christian way of living and the power of the work we do as the Church and as people of faith.

Onsite Workshop descriptions: <https://www.sneucc.org/eventdetail/18794786/item/18799114>

Online Workshop descriptions: <https://www.sneucc.org/eventdetail/18794786/item/18800771>

Registration: <https://sneucc-reg.brtapp.com/SuperSaturday2025Onsite>

We can save money if a group of 5 or more of us register together! \$65 per person (onsite includes lunch; online cost helps cover technology investment costs) until January 15. If you're interested and would like to register as part of the group, please let Pastor Ruth know by January 8.

MISSION AND SOCIAL ACTION

Thank you so much to all who contributed food for the UCAP holiday food baskets! It is wonderful that we have been able to continue this project for the UCAP students and families.



UCAP is an independent public school located in Providence, serving middle school urban students who have fallen behind and need extra help to succeed. The school was created 35 years ago by Rob DeBlois, and the Seekonk Congregational Church has been a supporter for many years.

Thank you also to all who have contributed to the Help the Homeless meals which we provide on a regular basis, and to those who continue to contribute to our own food pantry on the porch. *Right now our food pantry is once again in need of items which require little or no preparation, such as cereal bars, tuna pouches, peanut butter, cracker and cheese kits, etc.*

The next date for making food for Help the Homeless is January 19th. We will be providing a hot meal of chicken, stuffing, and green beans, and will be requesting donations to purchase the chickens.

We continue to collect bottles and cans in our recycling bin. A special thanks to those who sort and count their donations! It is a huge help to the recycling fairies when plastic, glass, and cans are separated and counted! - but we are grateful for every donation! This money goes to Haiti, or to hunger concerns.

The MSA book club (open to everyone) is now reading *Rough Sleepers* by Tracy Kidder. It is about the homeless population in Boston, and is an eye-opening read. We will be discussing the book at Bonnie DeBlois's house, 380 Prospect Street, Seekonk, on Thursday, February 6th.

For future reference: we hope to begin collecting items to support a women's shelter. More information will follow.

- **CANS & BOTTLES MA Deposit Only:** Bring donations to the green bins - lift lid - drop in clean bottles and cans. Cans are sorted and brought to a recycling center. Money goes for unger/shelter/mission concerns
- **FOOD CERTIFICATES NEEDED...** Gift certificates needed in \$5 or \$10 amounts from area stores to ease the way for those in need. Please give to Rev. Ruth or leave in office any time.
- **THE CLOTHING SHED** is at the end of the County Street parking lot. Drop off your clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, curtains, pillowcases or stuffed animal donations in a tied-up bag.
- **FOOD PANTRY** (in Porch Area) is for anyone you know who has financial challenges Needed: canned meats, tuna, stew, peanut butter, paper goods, cereals, cereal bars, tuna pouches, crackers

EARNEST WORKERS



JANUARY and FEBRUARY 2025 – The Earnest Workers will have SOUP SALES after Church Service during Coffee Hour on several Sundays in January and February.

More details to follow about which Sundays you will be able to purchase delicious Soups to take home to enjoy.

JANUARY 8, 2025 – MAKING MAY BASKETS

The Earnest Workers will meet in the Hall of the Gardiner Building at 10 a.m. for our business meeting. We will also discuss additional plans for our January and February 2025 Soup Sales. Following the meeting we will make our traditional May Baskets. We sell our May Baskets during Coffee Hour on the last Sunday in April - this year it will be Sunday, April 27th - the Sunday after Easter. Coordinating the workshop making May Baskets are Joyce Greene and Pat Smith. Please bring a bagged lunch and a beverage. Dessert and decaf coffee will be provided.

FEBRUARY 5, 2025 – VALENTINE COOKIE DECORATING with KATIE POLAND – Please note this is a change to our schedule.

We will meet in the Hall of the Gardiner Building at 10 a.m. and have our business meeting. Katie will join us at 10:30am. Katie is a Church member who conducts Cookie Decorating events for members of our Church and others.

Katie shared her talents with us last year when we made cookies at our March meeting. It was a lot of fun! She has agreed to come again on February 5th to teach us about Cookie Decorating and to make Valentine Cookies. Thank you, Katie!

Please bring a bagged lunch and a beverage. Dessert and decaf coffee will be provided.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Early March Earnest Worker Events!

MARCH 5, 2025 - ASH WEDNESDAY Soup Luncheon after the noontime Ash Wednesday Service - We will meet in the Hall at 10:30 for a short business meeting. We will have some last minute sign-up sheets and task lists for the March Hatters Tea which will be held on Sunday, March 9, 2025. We will set up the Hall for the Ash Wednesday Soup Luncheon and then attend the Noontime Ash Wednesday Service, coming back to the Hall afterwards for the Soup Luncheon. More details to follow.

MARCH 9, 2025 – EARNEST WORKERS MARCH HATTERS TEA – Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Hall of the Gardiner Building. Note that the time changes on this day! More details to follow. We will discuss plans for the Tea at our Earnest Worker Meetings starting in January. Sign-up sheets will be available starting at our January Meeting also. Church members can watch for March Hatters Tea tickets going on sale in February.

Evelyn Watkins – Tea Coordinator

**THANK YOU to everyone who helped with our
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR this year!**

So many people helped by

- helping advertise for our Christmas Bazaar
- spending hours all week setting up Grandma's Attic, the Cafe Rooms, and the Hall for our wonderful Bazaar
- baking delicious items for our Bake Table
- donating items and gift baskets for our Drawing Table
- making Beautiful Wreaths and Centerpieces
- cooking and serving delicious food in our Kitchen
- helping at all the tables the Day of the Bazaar
- helping clean up after the Bazaar
- helping with the Photos with Santa and the Children's crafts
- and SO MUCH MORE!!

Many people attended our Christmas Bazaar and had a wonderful time!

It was good to see many happy faces from our Church Family and our Community having a good time!

Thank you all VERY MUCH!

We hope you all have a fun and wonderful Holiday Season and Happy New Year 2025!!

Your SCCUCC Fundraising Committee.

2024 Chili Cook Off 1st Place Winner

Pumpkin Chicken Chili ~~~ Addie Heelan

- 1 lb Chicken Breast, Raw
- 1 15 ½ oz can white beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 15 oz can Pumpkin Puree, not sweetened
- 1 15 oz can diced tomatoes, no salt added
- 2 4 oz cans fire roasted diced green chiles
- 1 medium white onion chopped
- 2 Jalapenos, deseeded and chopped
- 1 C chicken broth, low sodium
- 2 T chili powder
- 2 t cumin
- 1 T cilantro chopped, for garnish
- Optional: ½ c cream cheese

Directions:

Add all ingredients, except cilantro and cream cheese into slower cooker

Cover and cook on high for 4 hours

Remove Chicken and shred. Return chicken and mix

Add cream cheese. Cover and cook an additional 30 minutes

Christmas Poinsettias

In Loving Memory of:

Charles and Olive Cote
Robert and Carol Beauregard
Raymond Patenaude
Marie Jeanne Mc Nerney
Lucille Kirker
Robert Kelly
Silverio Santos
Alfred and Rose Santos
Paul Deslauriers
Gerard and Laurette Deslauriers
Edmond and Barbara Travassos
Wayne Travassos
Theresa Patenaude
Janice Moran
Loved Ones
Peggy & John and Millie & Jack, our parents
Randy Greene
Herb Brown
Grandma, Grandpa, Vo and Shain
Mimi
John Johnson
Michael Walters, Beatrice & Antonio Couto
The Rev. David Gregory
Howard W. McVay
Donna M, Pottorff
Donna Pottorff (my Mother)
My Parents, Connie & Earl Pearson and
My Sister, Cheryl Ruegg
My Parents, Janice and Walter Patrick
My Parents, Helen and Jack Landry
Loved Ones

Given By:

Deslauriers Family
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Maria Tavares
Elizabeth Barker
Addie and Tom Heelan
Joyce Greene & Family
Betty-Ann Brown
Michael & Lynelle
Kristen, Olivia & David
Kim Johnson
Nancy Walters & Children
Alice Gregory Supinski
Betty McVay
Larry Pottorff
Vincent McLaughlin

Cindy Pearson
Diane Burbank
Donna Euell
Beverly Martell & Lori Ferreira



In Honor Of:

Gabby, Reagan, Mason and Avery,
our grandchildren
Patrick, Erin and Ryan, our children
Lynelle, Michael and Lydia
Eric, Lindsay, Chace, Lyla and
Vivian, Michael, Veronica, Sofia and Lucas

Given By:

Addie and Tom Heelan
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The Christmas Rose is placed on the altar in Memory of Bob & Randy Greene Given by Joyce Greene

The poinsettias today are placed in Memory and in Honor of Loved Ones

*The Wreaths on the walls of the sanctuary are given in loving memory of
George and Nancy Clark given by their family*

*The two wreaths hanging on the front doors of the Church
are in Loving Memory of Loved Ones*

