



Herald of Good TIDINGS

"Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!'"

Isaiah 40:9

Dear church family,

Writing this during the first snowfall, with bins of decorations around my house ready to unpack and the smell of fresh greens from holiday wreaths wafting through my home, I am feeling the holiday spirit. The last of the pumpkins were removed from our property and the pumpkin pergola was transformed into a sparkly entryway for the season. We have arrived at Advent, a season of openness and preparation, as we journey together towards the birth of Jesus. If we truly follow the Christian calendar, the big celebrating doesn't begin quite yet.



We are getting ready, reflecting and turning inward as the darkness creeps into the afternoon, and the winter chill leads us to naturally hibernate. Our second Sunday of Advent features John the Baptist and a scripture about repentance, following last Sunday's text about being stirred from our slumber and approaching the world with alertness. So, as we move through this season, I invite you to the bold and courageous work of being countercultural, living these holiday weeks with intended integrity: stillness, quiet, introspection, preparation, awareness. I know, believe me, that the reverse is expected of you, that there are gift bags to fill, cookies to make, and gifts to wrap. Surely, agree to some of those things, but only if it is what you need to arrive closer to baby Jesus's birth. If you have prepared for a birth before, you know that it involves being healthy, slowing down your pace, preparing a room, gathering your support, and shedding what you can no longer do. The preparations are vast as you get ready for the adventure of taking on a new life.... that is our work now, our work together.

We have a diverse offering of worships and events over the upcoming weeks as we journey towards Christmas. Our Sunday worships will lead us closer to Christmas as we spiritually move from the restlessness and tension that comes with a persistent hope towards the oxymoronic readiness for war that is necessary for a deep peace. As we light our third Advent candle, the candle of Joy, the tone changes, and we explore this gem of a word – JOY. What is the difference between happiness and joy, and how do we find a well of joy to take us through the rest of the season? We close Advent with the fourth candle – Love, and contemplate the love of the Holy Family, their love of God and God's love for us, and how we can embody this love as Christmas Christians.

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From Pastor Julie

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Our Christmas Eve will offer two different worships. A Christmas pageant at 5:00 p.m., a way for us to act out the familiar story in unfamiliar ways, surrounded by carols and scripture. This is a family-friendly service for all ages, and there are many ways to participate... or simply enjoy with a smile. Later on Christmas Eve, we will celebrate a quieter worship at 9:00 p.m., an elegant service of hymns and carols, scriptures and a more meditative feel to celebrate the love of Jesus, closing with candlelight unity.

On Christmas Day, while we do not have a service in our sanctuary, our friends at Bethel Lutheran will offer a Christmas worship at 10:00 a.m.

Then, you can celebrate and party! Relish your family and be with all the big joy. No need to even get dressed on Sunday, December 28th as we enjoy our second Pajama Sunday, a casual service in Fellowship Hall while we nibble on breakfast foods and hear stories and poems about Christmas.

The true grand finale to the season is Epiphany, or Three Kings Day, which will be a regal and mighty worship on January 4th, with Communion. We will look at those Wise Men (or Wise Women, as acted out in the pageant in our church) and their brave, devoted journey to adore the baby Christ child. We'll be basking in the light of that shining star, illuminating the darkness.

Aside from these worships, you will notice that our calendar is full of social and service offerings: a Holiday Wellness Workshop, Women's Fellowship Christmas Luncheon, an all-church Christmas Sing-A-Long and Potluck, Christmas Cookie Walk, and much more!

So, wake up to the wonder of this season, and don't fret about the busyness. God doesn't ask you to be busy. God asks you to learn from Jesus, to birth into someone new and prepare for a new love for Jesus and from Jesus.

May your Advent be a time of deep preparation and tingling anticipation!

Love,
Pastor J



Advent & Christmas Worships**November 30**

Advent Candle – Hope
 Children's Message – Christmas Tree decorations
 Old Testament – Isaiah 2:1-5
 New Testament – Matthew 24:36-44
 Sermon theme – "Wake up!"

**December 7**

Advent Candle – Peace
 Children's Message – Candy Canes
 Old Testament – Isaiah 11:1-10
 New Testament – Matthew 3:1-12
 Sermon theme – "A Voice Cries Out"
 Sacrament of Holy Communion

**December 14**

Advent Candle – Joy
 Old Testament – Isaiah 35:1-10
 New Testament – Matthew 11:2-11
 Christmas Cantata – Celebrating Music of the Season

**December 21**

Advent Candle – Love
 Old Testament – Isaiah 7:10-16
 New Testament – Matthew 1:18-25
 Sermon Theme "Conceived from the Holy Spirit"
 Welcoming New Members

**December 24**

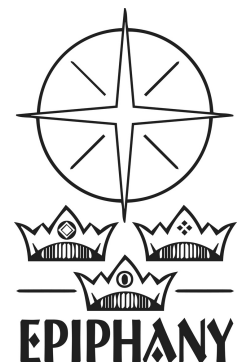
5:00pm – Pageant
 9:00pm – Candlelight Service

**December 28**

Pajama Sunday! Casual worship in Fellowship Hall with breakfast and coffee
 Scriptures – Psalm 148, Matthew 2:13-23
 Storytellers and Testimony: Katie Scharr

January 4

Epiphany Sunday
 Old Testament – Psalm 147
 New Testament – John 1:1-9, Matthew 2:1-12
 Sermon Theme – "Another Road"
 Sacrament of Holy Communion



Save the Date!

Healthy Holidays -
December 4th

Parents Night Out -
December 6th

WF Christmas Luncheon
& Yankee Swap -
December 13th

Deacon Basket-Making,
Potluck & Sing-along -
December 13th

December is:

Safe Toys and Gifts Month
&
National Handwashing Awareness Month

Grief Group will meet at 12 noon on
Monday, December 8th.



Please be careful with holiday gatherings. Be safe. Please keep in mind those who have a difficult time with the Christmas season. Whether they've lost a loved one or they're alone. Sometimes a phone call or a visit can be a great gift to them. We'll be delivering baskets and stockings to shut ins and those with health issues.

Thank you to all who have signed cards throughout the year. I always hear positive feedback from the recipients.

God Bless! I pray that you have a Healthy Holiday Season.
Debbie Pranaitis Parish Nurse

Advent Devotionals

Devotional #1:

After forty days Noah opened a window he had made in the ark⁷ and sent out a raven, and it kept flying back and forth until the water had dried up from the earth.⁸ Then he sent out a dove to see if the water had receded from the surface of the ground.⁹ But the dove could find nowhere to perch because there was water over all the surface of the earth; so it returned to Noah in the ark. He reached out his hand and took the dove and brought it back to himself in the ark.¹⁰ He waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark.¹¹ When the dove returned to him in the evening, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf! Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth.¹² He waited seven more days and sent the dove out again, but this time it did not return to him. (Genesis 8:6-12)

It's the dove that grabs my attention, the ubiquitous symbol of peace with symbolic origins that we tend to forget. We love doves soaring across a rainbow flag or decorating a peace pole, that tender instrument of peace flying by with grace. Of course, the Noah's ark story doesn't have the only claim on doves; there's a New Testament dove, too, flying with triumph following Jesus's baptism, a sign of mighty peace in the holy order of things. Certainly, I can't think about doves without a smile, remembering that man from my hometown who would appear at funerals and weddings to release his cote of doves at the conclusion, leaving us all marveling at their smooth circles, all united before they headed home.

What strikes me about the dove in Genesis is what I have always missed until now. Noah doesn't release the dove just once into the post-flood terrain, but repeatedly, and there are multiple flights before the dove soars into the big sky to begin life on its own. The first time, Noah pries open a window to observe the flood's damage and the new world before him, sending out the dove to explore. That first flight, while we can never know what exactly transpired with that dove as the first purveyor of the soaked earth, we do know that the dove didn't find a place to perch, couldn't rest anywhere or build a home. So, the dove returns. Then again, after time passes and the dove gets sustenance back in the safety of the ark, Noah releases that dove again, and after a flight over yonder, the dove returns with an olive branch, our symbol of peace in the assurance of growing possibilities all held in the dove's beak. The third time, of course, the dove takes flight and never returns, severing from the months and months on board an ark packed with animals, the uncertainty and rocky ride, and finds its new adventure.

We overlook the dove's first flight, the one where the dove sets out to gather information and bring back a sign or a possibility of what is out there, but returns with nothing at all other than a desire to get back into that cramped boat for its familiar safety. Recalling this thwarted attempt at blazing a new journey, I am actually comforted, or at least, feel assured that our stumblings don't always result to much as we attempt as we leave the protective ark that God provides for us, and the peace offerings we try to forge often result in a try and not a binding at all. Whether we like it or not, whether it's an awkward conversation or a season of life that slaps us with its arrival, an actual flood or navigating the political landmine of our own neighborhood, God presents us with opportunities again and again to enter before vast new landscapes. We don't always get very far. Often, we come back home to regroup and regroup (continued on Page 6)

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before setting out again. Sometimes, we have an offering to bring back, a vital shoot of life that can be worked with as a new way of seeing things as we venture forward, a needed one to permit our path. And, in the end, there is the liberation and loss that comes with flying away and embracing a new horizon, as the dove did, at last.

Our Bible study recently revisited Noah's Ark as part of our "Bible Studies for Grown Ups" series, reading it not as the popular story for children about a boat of animals and a bright rainbow overhead, but a story of one man's (crazy?!) faith to build an enormous vessel for only him, his family, and two of every animal as the world perishes in the depths of water around them. Noting the mixture of trauma and courage faced by Noah and family, we settled on the ark as God's embrace during the unsettling. We loved the detailed description of the ark, the tools to create it, its massive size, and the idea that God does indeed provide us with the instruments to build our own spiritual home, should we dare listen. And while that may result in unexpected transitions and loss, there is persistently a new horizon to explore. Isn't it just wonderful that the peaceful dove is there to teach us how to leave our fortresses? The dove reminds us to discover what is out there, a process that takes attempts, time, growth and the ability to carry a gift back home, our version of a fresh olive branch clenched in a beak.

And so, as we begin our Advent season, may we remember this, the dove of peace offering us the secret to knowing that peace: a nonlinear flight that emerges from God's protection and concludes with the birth of whatever is next.

Devotional #2:

"Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can count them," Then he said, "So Shall your offspring be" Genesis 15:5

Many of us can't quite understand the power of stars, unless we spend some time camping or trekking into the wilds far away from the light pollution of the Worcester Area. It is then, gathered around a camp fire long after dark, with the chirping of crickets and rustling movements in the distance, that we can look up at the big sky and see just how intense and bright are the stars that populate our skies. Imagine living in a time and place when stars were a guide, when their placement and constellation dictated your behavior or travel. Or, let's adjust our expectations, and just imagine spending a little time this evening or the next, driving just a ways away to see the starscape over a pasture or a body of water, someplace that is less peopled with more illumination from every star, so that their patterns and sizes are observable, calling to you, even. I tend to do this just before Epiphany, when I am preparing for Three Kings Day and remember to find their constellation overhead in the chill. I just love the idea that God created skies dotted with stars that I can see in Massachusetts in 2025 and someone else can see across the globe and someone else already saw in another place and someone else will see those same stars long after I have departed this earth.

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And, it is those stars that are the bright spots of our Genesis scripture during this season of light in darkness, a foreshadowing of those magi who will use them as a map, and a lesson for us to look at those stars as well. Perhaps we are intended to see those stars not so much as a map to get from one geographic place to another (after all, think of all the apps we have for that purpose now!), but as a spiritual map to replenish us and remind us that we are not alone at all, but surrounded by those believers who came before and those who will come, a reminder of God's artistry and the holy light show that really is there with a splendor that not even New England Botanical Garden can rival (although their annual light show is pretty special).

Devotional #3:

"Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can count them," Then he said, "So Shall your offspring be" Genesis 15:5

God says these words to Abram during a vision, following a successful rescue mission for his relative Lot, and a triumphant role in a battle between kings. Abram has devoted himself to the Lord's victory over gaining riches and power, setting the context for this covenant between them. Abram is developing into a leader, building his spiritual shield, and the Lord uses the expansive sky and glittery stars to illustrate what the promises to Abram. While Abram believes, he had wanted data and a sign, some proof of his legacy. And while he is deeply faithful, he isn't fully convinced, still asking, "how can I know?" We are then told that Abram settles into a deep sleep, and twice told of the thick darkness around him. It is in the darkness, this "thick and dreadful darkness," that the Lord speaks to him, eventually appearing as a blazing torch illuminating the scene of sacrifice and questioning, sealing the covenant.

I wish I could tell you that Advent was all about the glorious light and those shining stars...but it isn't entirely. For many of us, Advent is about being in "thick and dreadful darkness," and what remains in the shadows and prevents us from being illuminated, trying to walk in the darkness and adjust our vision, stumbling along the way. Advent is a season of preparation that lands in celebration, but it doesn't necessarily find that celebration throughout the journey; like Abraham, we wonder if our faith is fruitful and if our efforts will endure. That wondering inevitably leads us into dark places, trusting that the light will always overcome.

For more of the daily Advent Devotionals, please [download them here](#) or contact Cindy in the office.



Community Events

Thursday, December 4th – 6:30 p.m.

Prepare yourself for a healthy holiday season with this mindfulness workshop presented by the Women's Fellowship, featuring Jan Nowicki



Friday, December 5th – 6:00 p.m.

Celebrate with the town of Auburn at their Annual Holiday Tree Lighting. This is at 47 Auburn Street, at the Fire Station



Saturday, December 6th – 5:00 p.m.

Parents Night Out: Parents, drop off your little ones and our YOM (Along with adult chaperons) will babysit them for an in kind donation. We have a movie set up, we serve pizza and water and other little snacks, there is a craft station, a coloring station, a Lego station, etc. Lots of fun!!! It takes place in FH.

Saturday, December 13th – 12 noon

Women's Fellowship's annual Christmas Party/pot luck luncheon and Yankee swap. We again will have the theme "Heirloom to share" for the swap. Gifts should be gently used items that you longer want to hang onto that others may enjoy. Last year's party was a great success and a lot of fun!

PARENTS Night Out



Community Events

Saturday, December 13th – 5:00 p.m.

Potluck Dinner, Sing-along and Deacons Baskets

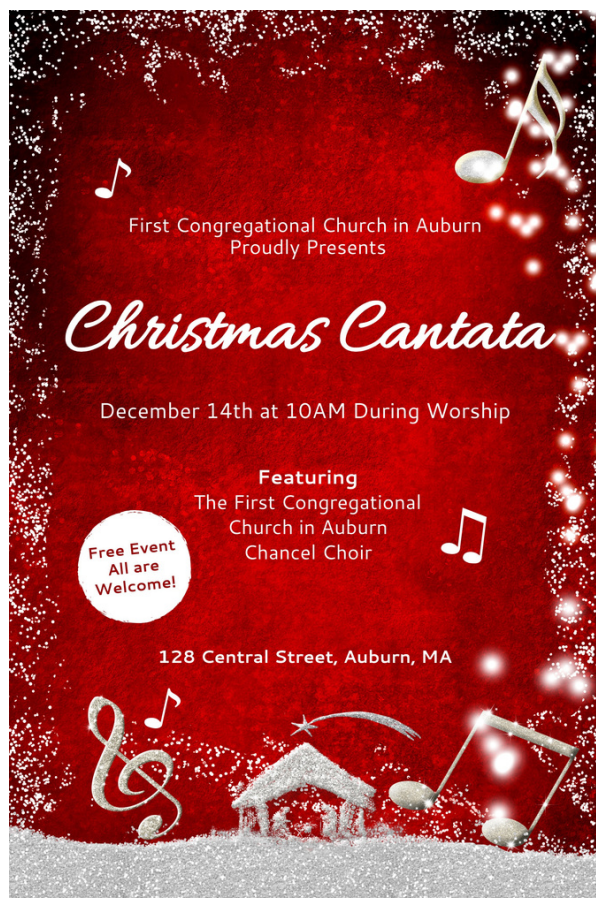
A potluck dinner occurs around 5pm after which everyone moves into the sanctuary to sing Christmas Carols accompanied by the piano. During this time, after dinner, the Deacons and other volunteers put together the Christmas baskets for our shut-ins and infirm.

A collection for these baskets is made starting at the end of November for items (both home-made and otherwise) listed on a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. These items are brought into FH and placed in a designated box either prior to or on the night of the potluck for inclusion in the baskets. These baskets were then delivered over the next several days to the recipients by the Deacons, Pastor Julie and Deb P.



Sunday, December 14th – 10:00 a.m.

Enjoy a wonderful Christmas Cantata, performed by the First Congregational Church Chancel Choir during worship this Sunday morning.



Sunday, December 14th – 11:30 a.m.

Children's Christmas Shopping Event: Children may "purchase" gifts for their parents or grandparents for \$1.



Community Events

Sunday, December 14th – 3:00 p.m.

YOM Gifting Event: The YOM will meet at 3:00 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church for a gifting event to help families in need this Christmas season.



Sunday, December 21st – 11:30 a.m.

Cookie Walk! Sign up to bake as many cookies as you would like, then buy a box and fill it with all of the cookies you would like to take home! This is a YOM event/fundraiser which helps fund YOM programs. YOM also designates charities to whom they would like to donate money.



Saturday, December 20th – 10:30 a.m.

Enjoy more Cookies & Carols at Pakachoag Church – there's a rumor a Special Guest will be stopping by! This is a FREE, drop-in event.

PAKACHOAG CENTER MUSIC EVENTS	
	Sat Dec. 20 Cookies & Carols 10:30 A.M. to 1 P.M. Festive Holiday Singalong with Cookies and Cocoa INSIDE, and a Visit from Santa in his Firetruck, OUTSIDE! This is a free drop-in event so come for all or some of it!
	Sat Jan. 10 An Evening with Don White & LDFA Music w/ Anelise 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. Don White is an award-winning singer/songwriter, a comedian, an author, and a storyteller. He's been bringing audiences to laughter and tears for thirty years. LDFA Music featuring Lori Diamond, Fred Abatelli & their daughter Anelise, are well known for their songs of eternal love and self-acceptance that soothe, excite and uplift simultaneously!
	Sun Apr. 19 Music Includes of Northborough 2 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. This welcoming group celebrates differences & all abilities. They will be sharing an array of nostalgic hits. You are invited to participate or to just come and enjoy as a listener. Donations welcome.
	For more details and updates about these and other events, please visit our website or follow us on social media.

Sunday, December 28th – 10:00 a.m.

Come to church comfy and cozy, where we will worship in Fellowship Hall.



Shannon Hartmann - Director of Religious Ed

Good Tidings of Comfort and Joy

Are you ready? Ready for the holiday season? Ready for what has been referred to (by me) as the Olympics or the Super Bowl of our church community? We have activities and parties and events galore. We celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ with wonder and splendor. We give back to our community with intention and love through warm coats, food and Christmas gifts. Amidst the (maybe controlled) chaos, I ask you to sit for a moment of quietness; take a pause from the baking and buying and decorating. In this moment, consider our church and what we are able to accomplish every year, around this season. Say a little prayer of gratitude for being a part of something so special. Jesus is the WHY, but YOU are the HOW! Thank you for adding to our collection plate, thank you for purchasing butter braids, thank you for baking and/or purchasing for our Cookie Walk, thank you for donating warm coats and clean socks, thank you for showing up!

As of today, we have 21 registered Sunday School students and 7 Confirmation Scholars. We have (3) SS teachers and on a good attendance day, all (3) classrooms are bustling with young, curious minds.

Our Youth On a Mission has collaborated with Bethel Lutheran church in adopting some local families to Bless with Christmas Gifts. I am beyond grateful to be part of an establishment that takes care of her neighbors.

Please take a moment to look at the ornaments on the children's tree in the sanctuary. Our Sunday School students make ornaments every year and they are displayed on that big beautiful tree!

Don't forget about our annual Cookie Walk on December 21. Any baked donations are appreciated, and we are happy to help you put a box of yumminess and love together for you to take home or gift to someone special.

Lastly, my Christmas wish for you...

Heavenly Father,

Please watch over us as we prepare to celebrate the greatest gift of all. Your son, our Savior, JESUS! Please remind us that, although He is King, He started as a baby, was a child, a teenager and ultimately a grown up. We ask to be filled with the Holy Spirit, to remind us of the reason for the season. Help us to not feel overwhelmed, burdened or stressed. Remind us that we are never alone.

AMEN



Here We Grow Preschool

Happy Holidays from Here We Grow Preschool

The last few weeks have been busy. I hope you all enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday. We want to take a moment to say thank you to all who donated to our Savers clothing drive last month. A big thank you to Todd Dube for donating his time and van to help us load and deliver to Savers, we would have been able to get it all there without his help. We delivered just under 2000 lbs of clothes and 200 lbs of books!

We celebrated Thanksgiving with our students with a “feast” in the vestry this year, we enjoyed pizza thanks to our friends at Holiday Pizza in Auburn, as well as cheese and crackers and brownies donated by the parents.

During the month of December, **Here We Grow** will work with the Auburn Police Department’s Secret Santa program in the collection of unwrapped toys and items for children ranging from infant to sixteen years old, there is a donation table outside the HWG office. They have told me at this time the greatest need is for the 8-12-year-old range. We will be collecting from Dec 2-15. The police department will distribute everything collected to children living in Auburn. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Our Holiday program will be held on Friday, December 19 at 10:30 in Fellowship hall if you would like to stop in and listen to the children sing.

The school will be closed from December 22 –January 2. Our first day back will be January 5, 2026. The **Here We Grow** staff and families wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season.

Cristi Corey – Director, Here We Grow Preschool



Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

The **5:00 p.m. service features our Christmas Pageant**, and is at a family-friendly time, keeping those with younger children in mind. Our Christian Education program is working hard on the pageant, and we hope to see you there.



The **9:00 p.m. service of lessons and carols** is a beautiful way to welcome in the Christ Child, ending with a peaceful candlelight moment. All are welcome.



Christmas morning service option:

First Congregational Church does not host its own Christmas Day service in our building, however, we are welcome to join **Bethel Lutheran Church, 90 Bryn Mawr Ave, Auburn, MA, for their 10:00 a.m. Christmas Service.**



Christmas wreaths, logs, & pots:

To decorate for this Christmas season, be sure to check out the Troop 101 Sale on **December 6th and 7th.**

Christmas Wreath, Logs, and Pots Fundraiser
Support Auburn Troop 101 Scouts!
Style, Size, and Availability may vary

		
\$20 Wreath 22-inches	\$30 Holiday Logs	\$30 Holiday Pots
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♥ Thank you for supporting Auburn Troop 101 ♥

A Blessing for Traveling in the Dark**Artwork and poetry by Jan Richardson**

Go slow
if you can.
Slower.
More slowly still.
Friendly dark
or fearsome,
this is no place
to break your neck
by rushing,
by running,
by crashing into
what you cannot see.
Then again,
it is true:
different darks
have different tasks,
and if you
have arrived here unawares,
if you have come
in peril
or in pain,
this might be no place
you should dawdle.
I do not know
what these shadows
ask of you,
what they might hold
that means you good
or ill.
It is not for me
to reckon
whether you should linger
or you should leave.
But this is what
I can ask for you:
That in the darkness
there be a blessing.
That in the shadows
there be a welcome.
That in the night
you be encompassed
by the Love that knows
your name.
—Jan Richardson



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December 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7 10:00 a.m. - Worship Coffee Hour - BOCE 11:30 a.m. - Confirmation	1 4:30 p.m. - Cadet Troop 65016 6:30 p.m. - HWG Board Mtg	2 9:00 a.m. - ACB 10: a.m. - Staff Meeting 12:30 p.m. - Bible Study 5:00 p.m. - AA (in Green Rm) 6:30 p.m. - Cadet Troop 65515	3 6:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts	4 9:00 a.m. - ACB 6:30 p.m. - Healthy Holidays Workshop 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts	5 4:30 p.m. - Cadet Troop 65038	6 5:00-8:00 p.m. - Parents Night Out
14 10:00 a.m. - Worship Choral Cantata Coffee Hour - Confirmands 11:15 - Children's Shopping 11:30 a.m. - Confirmation 3:00 p.m. - YOM Gifting Event	8 12 noon - Grief Group 6:00 p.m. - Brownie & Junior Troop 65327	9 9:00 a.m. - ACB 10:30 a.m. - Outreach Meeting 12:30 p.m. - Bible Study 5:00-6:00 p.m. - AA (Green Rm) 6:30 p.m. - Cadet Troop 65515	10 11:30 a.m. - Stewardship Mtg 6:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. - BOCE 6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts	11 9:00 a.m. - ACB 6:30 p.m. - Deacons Mtg 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts	12	13 12 noon - WF Christmas Luncheon & Yankee Swap 5:00 p.m. - Potluck & Christmas Sing-along & Deacons Baskets
21 10:00 a.m. - Worship Coffee Hour - Music & Historian 11:15 - Cookie Walk 11:30 - Confirmation 11:30 - Music Committee Mtg	15 Committee Annual Reports Due to the Office 4:30 p.m. - Cadet Troop 65016	16 9:00 a.m. - ACB HWG Program 11 a.m. - Memorial Service 5:00 p.m. - AA (in Green Rm) 6:00 p.m. - Parkinson's/ Dementia Support Group	17 HWG Cookies 6:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m. - Trustees Mtg	18 9:00 a.m. - ACB HWG Program 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. - Council Mtg	19 10:30 a.m. - HWG Program (in Fellowship Hall) 4:30 p.m. - Cadet Troop 65038	20 10:30 a.m. - Cookies & Carols at Pakachoag Church
28 Pajama Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Worship (in FH) Coffee Hour - Deacons	22 HWG Vacation 6:00 p.m. - Brownie & Junior Troop 65327	23 HWG Vacation 9:00 a.m. - ACB 12:30 - Bible Study 5:00-6:00 p.m. - AA (Green Rm) 6:30 p.m. - Cadet Troop 65515	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 5:00 p.m. - Family Service & Christmas Pageant 9:00 p.m. - Candlelight & Homecoming Service	25 CHRISTMAS DAY OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 a.m. - Bethel Lutheran Service @ 90 Bryn Mawr Ave, Auburn, MA	26 OFFICE CLOSED HWG Vacation	27

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: 12/7 – Board of Ed (BOCE); 12/14 – Confirmands;
12/21 – Music Committee & Historian; 12/28 – Deacons; 1/4/2026 – Outreach (2025 members)