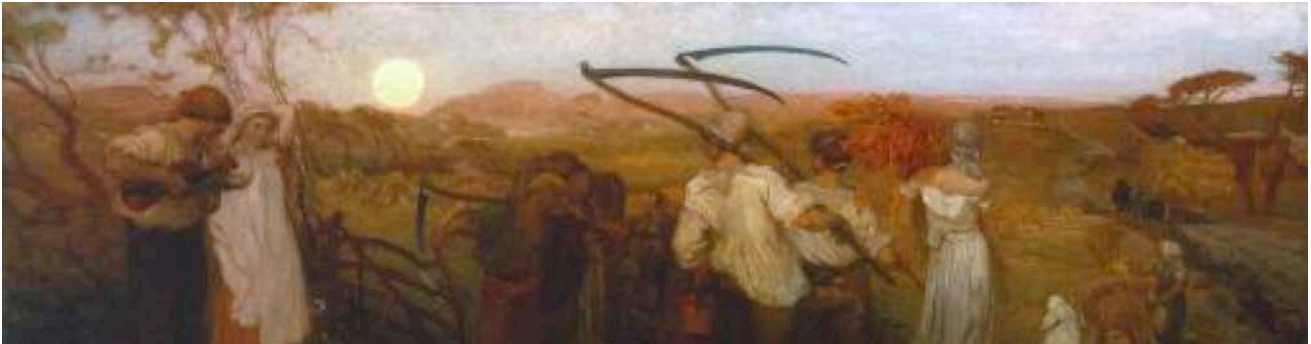


# The Inkling

The News of First Presbyterian Church

November 2014



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## November: Saints, Stewardship, Saying Thanks

November Sundays will be a time of remembering and rediscovering our call to discipleship. We will do that as a community of faith as we recall the lives of loved ones who died in the past year, rededicate our lives and a portion of our resources to the ongoing work of the church, and remember to give God, from whom all blessings flow, our thanks and praise.

November 2, All Saints' Sunday, will find us gathered together to remember again the great cloud of witnesses, the communion of saints, as we lift the names of friends and family who have died in the past year and as we remember all those whose presence we miss. Co-Pastor Maria LaSala will be the preacher for the morning. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated. The Rev. Sue Asher, parish associate and Director of Spiritual Care at Yale New Haven Hospital will join Maria at the Communion Table.

November is also Stewardship season in the life of First Presbyterian Church. During worship members of the congregation will share stories of the ways the church brings good news and proclaims God's justice. We do this in ways big and in ways small. We do this with others in the community as each responds to God's call to discipleship. Come and see how the ways of God bring healing, wholeness, and hope.

On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, the special Thanksgiving Offering will be received during worship. The gifts given in this offering go to support the programs that feed hungry people in New Haven, through the work of the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen (DESK), Christian Community Action's Food Pantry on Davenport Avenue, and the Connecticut Food Bank. Friends are also welcome to help prepare Thanksgiving Food Baskets. More details can be found in this Inkling.

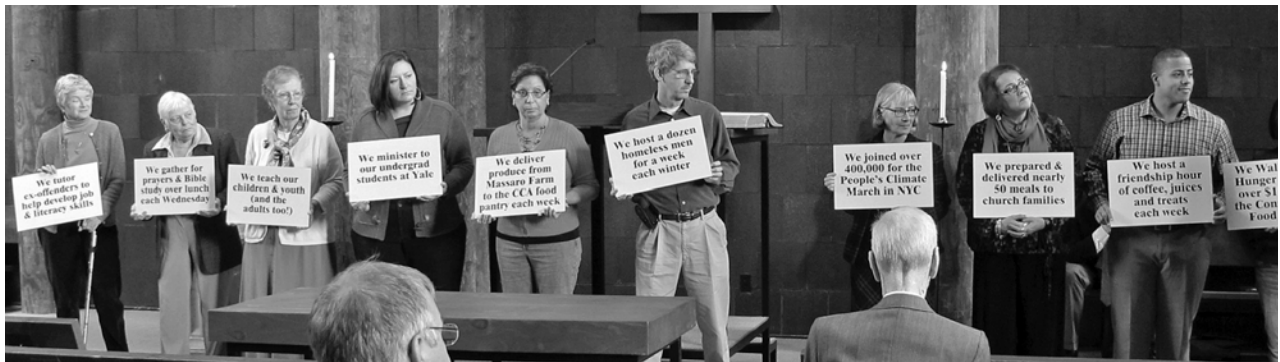
And, November ends just as Advent begins! November 30<sup>th</sup> is the First Sunday of Advent. We begin our preparations for the coming of Immanuel, listening again to the story of angels and shepherds, the story of a young woman and man, and the welcome news that a Savior is born for all people!

## Stewardship 2015: “We ALL are the Face of Stewardship”

November is a month full of change and expectation. It’s the time when we transition from autumn’s colorful leaves and milder weather to the coming colder and more austere winter time. The first Tuesday is Election Day, when we are called to exercise our civic right and duty and vote. We choose our future leaders and hopefully set a better course for our society and communities, locally and nationally. The fourth Thursday of the month is our national holiday Thanksgiving. We gather with family and friends to give thanks for the blessings of the harvest, celebrate past accomplishments and pray for a bountiful future.

Likewise, it’s a month when our church also gives thanks for our congregation’s activities and deeds of the past year and prayerfully contemplates and plans for our future. November is the month for Stewardship.

During the worship service on October 26th, ten members of the congregation were invited to stand up front as the Stewardship theme for 2015 was introduced. These ten friends, presented just a sampling of our congregation’s numerous activities over the past year. Activities such as hosting homeless men with Abraham’s Tent, delivering fresh farm produce to the food pantry, teaching our children and youth about the love of God, walking against hunger, sharing meals and tutoring ex-offenders at Emerge. They and ALL the others they represent are “the faces of Stewardship” in action.



After the service, a number of folks recalled other ways we respond in faith such as serving hot meals at Columbus House, youth group gatherings, participating in the Bread for the World “offering of letters”, filling the CCA wheelbarrow with good and healthy food for our hungry neighbors, and on and on. Clearly we are a congregation blessed with an abundance of gifts and givers, worthy of the support of us all both in time and talent as well as treasure.

At its October meeting, Session thoughtfully discussed and set a preliminary budget for 2015. Session is challenging us to increase our funding in two specific areas. The first is continuing to support our new professional Christian Educator, Kimberly Fais. Second, Mission is asking for an increase to subsidize a youth and/or young person’s group mission trip as well as for seed money toward expanding homeless housing opportunities with Abraham’s Tent. Session is hopeful that the congregation will prayerfully consider increasing their pledge of financial support for 2015.

Please plan to attend our Stewardship Celebration Luncheon on Sunday, November 16th. It’s our annual event which offers an opportunity to celebrate together the life of this church, to talk about our ministry and mission, and to present our stewardship pledges. Join us this month of November in being fitting stewards of all that God has granted us.

David B. Miller, chair of Stewardship

## **Texts for November:**

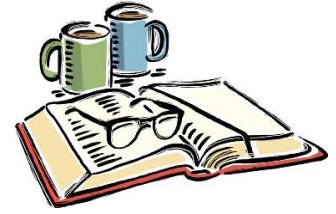
**November 1:** Revelation 7:9–17; Psalm 34:1–10, 22; 1 John 3:1–3; Matthew 5:1–12

**November 9:** Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25; Psalm 78:1–7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18; Matthew 25:1–13

**November 16:** Judges 4:1–7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11; Matthew 25:14–30

**November 23:** Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24; Psalm 100 or Psalm 95:1–7a; Ephesians 1:15–23; Matthew 25:31–46

**November 30:** Isaiah 64:1–9; Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19; 1 Corinthians 1:3–9; Mark 13:24–37



## **Adult Education**

Steve Latham, Director of the Yale Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics, will be continuing his discussion of legal challenges to the Affordable Care Act, aka “Obamacare,” and of the relationships among states’ rights, religious liberty, and health insurance coverage. On Sunday, November 16 you are welcome to participate in a conversation about the 2015 Church Budget. Come and hear about new initiatives in Mission and Christian Education and about the ways your pledge dollars will be used to support the ministry of First Presbyterian Church of New Haven here and around the world. And, later in November, Co-Pastor Maria LaSala will lead a study of the season of Advent, a time of expectation and hope. Spending time with the Advent scripture lessons, we will discover anew the wonder of God becoming one of us. Join us on Sunday mornings in November at 9:30 a.m. in the Miller Gathering Hall. Coffee and tea will be available.

## **Memorial Cairn November 3rd**

Reclaiming the Prophetic Voice will again be marking the cost of the continuing violence in Iraq and Afghanistan by placing the October stone on the Memorial Cairn at the intersection of Broadway, Elm and Park streets in New Haven on Monday evening, November 3, at 6 p.m. The stone will be inscribed with the October death toll of US military personnel and the approximate documented numbers of Iraqi and Afghani civilians killed during that same period of time. Katie Byrnes, Assistant Chaplain of St. Thomas More Chapel at Yale, will lead the service.

## **Young Adult Pot Luck Supper – Wednesday, November 5th**

All young adults are invited to a potluck dinner Wednesday, November 5th in the Miller Gathering Hall from 7-9 p.m. This month's theme is: Food from your hometown. Bring a dish that represents your hometown, home state, or home country. If you're interested in joining or forming a community group, this is the place to meet new friends and make it happen! For questions, email Carole Kuehl at [cjkuehl@gmail.com](mailto:cjkuehl@gmail.com).

## **CT Folk Concert November 7th**

Suzie Vinnick, ten-time Maple Blues Award winner and three-time Juno Nominee, will be the performer at CT Folk’s “Folk Fridays” at First Presbyterian Church this Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. The church receives ten complimentary tickets. E-mail [firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com) to reserve yours.

## **20@12 Bible Study will take a break in November**

20@12, the mid-week, mid-day prayer and Bible study program will meet on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and then resume on December 3<sup>rd</sup> when we turn to the Advent texts which tell the story of angels, and a young woman and man who open their hearts to the coming of God. Come just for prayer at noon, or bring your lunch and stay for Bible Study. We're done by 1 p.m. giving people plenty of time to return to work or to the classroom, or to return home.

## **New member class November 9th**

A luncheon for those interested in becoming members of the First Presbyterian Church of New Haven will be offered following the Friendship Hour on Sunday, November 9. If you would like more information, or plan to attend, please talk with Co-Pastor Bill Goettler or Maria LaSala, or email the church office at [firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com). Child care will be provided!

## **Memorial Service for Quintin Johnstone – November 9**

Yale Law School will hold a memorial service for Quintin Johnstone on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Law School. Quintin, who would have turned 100 in March, died in his home on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. A graveside memorial was held on July 10<sup>th</sup> with Co-Pastors Bill Goettler and Maria LaSala, and Yale Law School/Yale Divinity School student Margaret Fox, leading the prayers, with church members Betty and Jim Whitney, Mary Webber, and David Miller also in attendance.

## **Contribute to the CCA Wheelbarrow**

The CCA Wheelbarrow always awaits your food donations. Please support the good work of Christian Community Action with your contributions of food to help feed our hungry neighbors. Cereal, rice, beans, baby food, soups and other nutritious, non-perishable foods are needed, and on the last Sunday of the month, fresh fruit and produce are most welcome. Thanks.

## **Interfaith Cooperative Ministries and Ten Thousand Villages Collaborate**

Interfaith Cooperative Ministries invites any who are able to join a community shopping opportunity at Ten Thousand Villages at 1054 Chapel St. on Sunday, November 16 from noon to 6 p.m. Ten percent of sales will be donated to Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, a non-profit organization that provides free rides to medical appointments for seniors who need them and home visits to elders living independently.

## **Christmas and Advent Programs: Mark Your Calendars**

As we look ahead to the Advent and Christmas season, mark your calendars for the following:

**On Sunday, December 14**, the First Presbyterian Church Choir will be presenting their Advent and Christmas Music program during the worship service. The annual Christmas Dinner will be served after worship that day as well.

**On Sunday, December 21**, the children and youth will proclaim the scriptures and lead the congregation in worship. Children ages 4-12 are welcome to participate in another fabulous play by Martha Smalley. Rehearsals for the play will take place during Children in Worship beginning on November 9<sup>th</sup>, with a final dress rehearsal at 9:30 a.m. on December 21<sup>st</sup>, the morning of the play. Please talk with Kimberley Fais, Director of Christian Education for Children and Youth for more information.

## Thanksgiving Special Offering

Each year, through our Thanksgiving Special Offering, First Presbyterian Church joins people and institutions around New Haven to help Christian Community Action, the Connecticut Food Bank and Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen provide a season of thanksgiving for those who could not otherwise afford it. Your thanksgiving special offering will be divided 40%-40%-20% between these organizations. This offering is a major opportunity to give thanks by contributing directly to the well being of our neighbors.



Some 113,000 children live in poverty in Connecticut. 32% of New Haven's children live in poverty, mostly concentrated in a few neighborhoods such as the Hill section served by **Christian Community Action**.

**DESK – Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen** – serves meals to New Haven's homeless individuals throughout the week, adding an extra special meal for Thanksgiving Day. Each year **Connecticut Food Bank** supports these and many other local efforts by providing food and resources to approximately 600 community-based programs in six of the state's eight counties: Fairfield, Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London and Windham.

In addition to your most important financial contributions, there are opportunities to volunteer. CCA needs help sorting and preparing the Thanksgiving baskets it distributes. That will be on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The sorting will be in a new location, so signing up with Ralph Jones is most important! [[rcjmhs@gmail.com](mailto:rcjmhs@gmail.com) or 203-248-7386]

DESK needs volunteers on-site Wednesday, November 26 and Thursday, November 27 to help prepare meals, set up the dining room for the Thanksgiving meal, and package and deliver meals to the homebound, staying a short time to visit. Children with parents are most welcome, and helpful, in both these efforts. SIGN-UP is required. See Ralph Jones.

## Bread For the World Letters Sunday Report

An Offering of Letters event—a chance to write to members of Congress on important food related issues—took place following worship on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 26. Thank you to all who participated; our efforts resulted in almost 70 letters being sent to legislators.

### **In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (Philippians 4:6)**

When you pray, offer prayers for ...

Church members and friends who seek God's healing grace, including Ken Haynam;

John and Sandy Withers; Eugene Smith; Jeff Miller, David Miller's brother; Gordon Ambach; Ned Castner; Katy Poole; and Lucy Ambach.

Longtime Presbyterian Mission coworkers Gwen and John Haspels, who were attacked in Ethiopia and are now receiving medical care in South Africa.

The people of Turkey, Syria, South Sudan, Egypt, Israel and Palestine, Iraq, and for all across the Middle East, during this time of unrest, violence, and discord, for the girls who were abducted in Nigeria, and for all in West Africa who continue to fall ill from the Ebola virus.

For the people of Hong Kong as movements of protest take place.

David Meeske, serving with the Peace Corps in Mongolia.

James Smit, Patrick Copeland, and Jordan Matos, who are serving in the armed forces.

Those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis.

Prayers for other people and situations in need of our supplications.

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<b>30</b> <b>Advent Begins!</b> <b>9:30am</b> Choir, Church School <b>10:45am</b> Worship <b>12:00pm</b> Friendship Hour						

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<b>21</b> <b>9:30am</b> Choir, Church School <b>10:45am</b> Worship – Children and Youth led service <b>12:00pm</b> Friendship Hour	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>Christmas Eve</b>  <b>7:30pm</b> Service of Lessons and Carols <b>11:00pm</b> Communion Service	<b>25</b>  <b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>10:45am</b> Worship <b>12:00pm</b> Friendship Hour	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

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