



The Tunbridge Church News

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Pastor's News

I am writing this on November 1, also known as All Saints Day. Having just come from a Memorial Service and prayed the classic prayers commanding a spirit to that “glorious company of the saints in light,” I can’t help but think of those I’ve loved who have passed on before me. I think of the ways they shaped my life and helped me become who I am.

As well, I think of those whom I never met, but who influenced my life through their legacy. My great grandmother comes to mind. It most likely never would have occurred to me to consider the college I ultimately attended had she not gone there nearly a century earlier. My decision, based in part on her experience, changed the course of my life.

Throughout the month of November we will honor the saints of the Tunbridge Church. Beginning with worship on the morning of the November 4 we will tell the stories of those who have gone before us, and who helped to shape our church by passing their faith from generation to generation, one person at a time.

November Events

Every Sunday our Worship Service is held at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday School for children is held during worship. Adult Bible Study, led by Rev. David Wolfe, is held at 8:45 a.m. in the

Parish House. The Weekday Bible Study group meets every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the **Parish House**.

Rev. Ashton's Parish House Office hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. except for November 6 and 8 when she will be out of town.

Regular Meetings:

- **Parish Council:** First Sunday of the month in the Parish House after the worship service.
- **Christian Education Committee:** Second Sunday of the month after worship in the Parish House.
- **Adult Choir:** Wednesdays 7:15 p.m. October-May.
- **Children's Choir:** Wednesdays 6:15 October- May.
- **Community Food Shelf:** open every Friday between 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- **Youth Group:** Third Sunday of the month at 2:30 p.m., October through May.
- **DivorceCare:** Support Group meetings, Parish House, Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Special Events:

- **Stewardship Potluck Luncheon:** November 4, in the Town Hall following worship
- **Thanksgiving Bag delivery:** Saturday, November 17.
- **Thanksgiving Eve Service:** Wednesday, November 21, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Bags

The Outreach Committee is gathering items to include in Thanksgiving Goody filled with treats for our community seniors. We will deliver them on Saturday afternoon, November 17. If you would like to contribute items for the bags or help to deliver the bags contact Sue Barnaby at 889-3736.

Choir News

Our choirs this month will be preparing for the Christmas season, which begins Dec. 2, the first Sunday in Advent.

The children's choir is again planning a pageant for the early Christmas Eve service and will begin rehearsals for the pageant in the next couple of weeks. There will be speaking parts in addition to the musical portions. All children are invited to participate. If your child doesn't normally attend choir, but would like to be part of the pageant, please speak with the director, Janet Zug (889-9602).

The adult choir has begun rehearsing Christmas music. It is always a fun, even exciting time, for the choir. We would love to increase our numbers especially for this special season. Please consider joining us.

The music this month includes on Nov. 4, "In the Valley flows a River;" on Nov. 11, "Angels Watch'n Over Me" and on Nov. 18, a brand new piece for us, "Kyrie Eleison." The choir will sing an old favorite, "A Thanksgiving Prayer," at the Nov. 21 Thanksgiving Eve service.

The children's choir will sing at the Nov. 25 worship service

Thank You to...

...Pam Dietz for once again coordinating the **Holiday in the Hills** event. This year the event netted \$5,600! Thank you also to Rob Howe, Lucy Howe, Kate Caldwell, Carley Howe, Vivian Smith, Amy Frost, Robert Brinkley and Kay Jorgensen managing various pieces of the event, and to the many people who contributed food, waited tables, collected money, provided housing and contributed to making the event a success.

...Elaine Howe for once again lending the cider press and supervising the cider pressing operation at a Family Afternoon. We'll enjoy the cider at the annual Stewardship Potluck Luncheon.

Divorce Care

DivorceCare will host "Surviving the Holidays" a warm, encouraging and helpful one-time event. Featuring video instruction and group discussion, it helps participants deal with the intense pain of separation and divorce during the holiday season.

Two sessions will be provided to our community. One will be at the United Church of South Royalton (aka The Red Door Church) Wednesday November 14, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and the second will be at the Tunbridge Church Parish House on Tuesday December 11, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.