

# The Clapper

God  
is still  
speaking,

SECOND CHRISTIAN CONGREGATIONAL  
United Church of Christ  
Pastor: The Rev. Brad Hirst

November 2011  
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**Evergreen Festival**  
**Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:30 AM – 2:00 PM**  
**See page 6 for details!**



On Sunday November 6th, we will be observing All Saints' Day in our morning worship. Please join us as we recognize both the saints among us as well as those who have gone on before us.

If you have experienced the death of a friend or loved one in the past year and would like to have that person's name lifted up in worship that day, please notify the office by Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM so we may include those names in our bulletin.

## Turnaround Sunday

Did you know we have a Church Coach? On November 13<sup>th</sup> Paul Nickerson is going to lead us in a special training session! Paul is coaching our pastor and leaders and congregation to create a plan to help us reach out to the community and gather new people into our church and will preaching in worship that Sunday, asking us the question "Do you want people to experience Jesus?" Following worship, over a light lunch, he will present the key ingredients in making our church turnaround a success. Be sure to come out for this important event in the life of our church!

EACH 1 FRIEND  
BRING 1 RAISING  
SUNDAY  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**November 6, 2011**

### If you invite them, they will come

It's a simple concept that works! How often does a friend tell you that he or she has been waiting for an invitation to your home? In your mind, this person may not need an invitation. You have been to your friend's home often enough. But that person feels the need for an invitation to yours.

Your friends may know what church you attend, and may have heard exciting things about what your church is doing, but they still need you to extend an invitation.

Research suggests that three out of four people attend a church for the first time because they were invited. However, less than two percent of church members will ever invite someone to church. That means there is an abundance of people simply waiting for an invitation . . . from you.

Use the opportunity of Each One Bring One Sunday to showcase the mission of Second Christian and to build relationships. Churches grow when members extend personal invitations to others.

So lets extend an extravagant 2CC welcome to our friends on Sunday, November 6!

**EACH 1 FRIEND  
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*We are going  
to a place where music  
falls and fills up everything.  
And though it be a long time,  
I know it's gonna be alright,  
'cause we've already started to sing.*

Dear Friends,

We have closed our worship services singing the above words by Matt Bolton off and on for a few years now. Maybe in reading these words that beautiful tune by Burns Stanfield has popped into your head! I must tell you how it warms my heart to see you, young and not-so-young, singing these words from memory – *by heart* – with smiles on your faces!

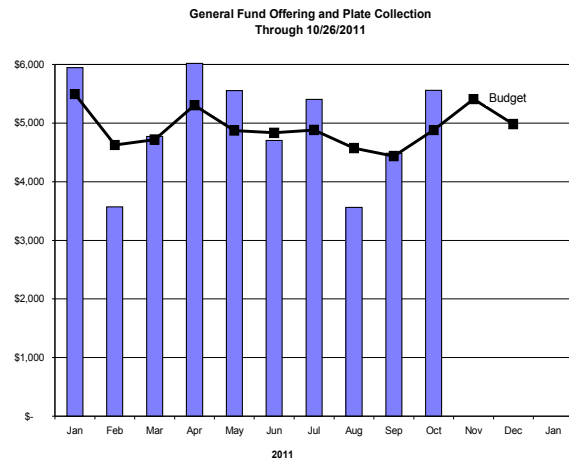
These words and this melody have become part of who we are, part of our repertoire. But more importantly, they have come to describe who we are and what we are about. Working among you and talking and learning with you, I see us living into these words, as we seek our way to be the church God calls us to be and as we live out our faith in today's world. Yes, we are going!

But we are not yet there. I'm not sure we even know what "there" looks like yet or how long it will take the get *there*! We are at the beginning of our *Church Turnaround*, a process that will lead us on a path of examination and renewal, one that will invite us into new ways of being Second Christian Congregational United Church of Christ. It will be a time of uncertainty, a time of risk and change, but a time to look beyond what we see in front of us to wonderful possibilities we dare not even imagine!

So save the date. On November 13, Paul Nickerson, our church turnaround coach, will be with us in worship. He'll be preaching on Mark 2:1-12 and ask the question: *Do you want people to experience Jesus?* You see, a church turnaround is not about filling up the pews or balancing the budget – not that those are bad things! No, church turnaround is about sharing what we experience here with others. After worship we will have some delicious soups and breads to share as Paul takes us a little deeper into what this whole church turnaround thing is all about and where we go next.

We are going; we've already started. Come with us!

From the Treasurer:



The black line at the top of the chart represents the monthly target to meet budget.

The vertical bars represent the actual offerings received each month, as of October 26.

### Count Yourself Blessed!

Yes indeed, we are blessed! Each of us has a warm home with running water and food in our refrigerators. We have money in which to buy the necessities – mostly – and sometimes even those items that call our name because we “just have to have it.” We are constantly reminded of the gifts that God has blessed us with and what we have done with those gifts.

Our blessings go even deeper because we are given others to walk with us in times of laughter and joy, sorrow and sadness. We can count ourselves blessed because we have a place here at Second Christian where we are welcomed, loved, and valued!

It is that time again. In the next few weeks our annual stewardship letter will be going out to all the members and friends of Second Christian. On Sunday November 20 we will once again be given the opportunity in worship to give our thanks to God for all the blessings bestowed upon us by making a personal faith promise – a representation of our commitment to the ministry and witness of our church. Your faith promise is a critical piece to help form our vision for the ministry and mission of Second Christian for 2012. All of our gifts make a difference!

With God’s blessings,  
Tom Baran, for the Stewardship Team

**Council Meeting Highlights – September 27**

July 20, 2011 minutes approved as presented. Sept. 25 minutes accepted with correction.

**Treasurer's Report:** Accepted for audit.

**Old Business**

The Church pre-bought 3200 gallons of heating oil from P. Gagnon & Son at a set price of \$3.2999 per gallon.

The work on the new heating system is slower than anticipated and is at least two weeks behind schedule. It was discovered the chimney will need to be lined. The Church will have five heating zones, plus a hot water zone. The work that has been finished is well done.

**New Business**

The Evergreen Festival will be November 26, time to be determined. [See page 6 for details!]

The treasurer requested that we authorize the withdrawal of \$45,000 from the invested funds for the purpose of paying bills. We also need to replenish the emergency fund as it has been used to cover expenses. The finance committee will decide.

The finance committee also needs to decide how we are going to pay back the money for the new heating system. We may need a Capital Campaign.

It is time to work on the 2012 budget, which should include funds for needed repairs to the Church.

**Team Updates**

**Stewardship:** Tom Baran will assume leadership.

**Welcoming:** Edith Morgan not present, but asked Nadine to present ideas for welcoming people to the Church. A gift bag was displayed and ideas presented for additional items to be included. It was suggested that the Welcoming Team be responsible for the greeters on Sundays mornings.

**Learning:** Bible study will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM. The Doorkeepers will continue on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month.

**Communication:** Linda Baran made magnets for Rally Sunday. Linda stated she needs guidance in how to approach the communications. It was mentioned that items of interest need to be put on the website and in the Clapper.

**Diaconate:** Patty Higgins & Laura Donnell will be installed as Deacons on Oct. 30. The Unbinding the Gospel and Turn Around Teams have been holding meetings. Congregational Care Groups will be held at various members' homes as a means for the Pastor to be able to meet parishioners and discuss matters relating to Church Life.

**Going Out:** Our Church will participate in the Mission 1 project sponsored by the UCC, God is Still speaking campaign. We will hold a Bring One Sunday, contribute to the food pantry and give to Neighbors in Need.

**Trustee:** The floors need to be stripped and waxed before winter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla deRochemont, Scribe

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**Welcoming Team News**

The Welcoming Team has been hard at work preparing for the Each 1 Bring 1 Sunday on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Invitations have been handed out, and a sign up sheet is available in the vestry to list your guest's name so we may welcome them. Also welcoming kits will be ready to hand out soon for visitors not just on Each 1 Bring 1 Sunday, but every week! If you have any questions, please speak to Edith Morgan (207-475-6580).

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**Mission:1 11.1.11-11.11.11**

**That they may all be 1**

**ONE UNITED CHURCH on a shared mission  
for 11 powerful days  
to feed the hungry  
and confront food-related injustice**

To help the United Church of Christ meet its goal of collecting more than 1 MILLION ITEMS OF HEALTHY FOOD and other household items, **our goal is to collect 111 food items** here at Second Christian to give to Footprints Food Pantry.

And in those 11 days to help the United Church of Christ make an extra-special push to gather contributions of more than \$111,111 for NEIGHBORS IN NEED, **our goal is for 11 people** to make on-line contributions at [UCC Mission 1](#) that will be shared for hunger-action purposes.

*TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT! YOU CAN HELP!*

**Diaconate Meeting Highlights – October 11**

Present: Bill Baran, Betty Baran, Edie Niles, Lucille Melhorn, Laura Donnell, Nadine Donnell, Patty Higgins.

September 7 minutes approved with corrections.

**Old Business**

Congregational Care Group Gatherings: Bill & Betty hosted a gathering in their home on September 28. 13 in attendance. It was great fellowship and conversation. Edie is looking to host one in November.

Church Turnaround Event: At these events small groups of church people interact with non-church people, with the intention of inviting them to church at a comfortable time, and then knowing people when they arrive. Tom & Linda Baran invited people to a wine tasting at Enoteca, October 7, and then invited them back to their house for more fellowship.

**New Business**

Perrine Gift: Bill read a letter written by Tom Baran concerning the table Will Perrine, Linda's brother, built as a gift to the church. Bill made the motion for the Deacons to recommend to the congregation the acceptance of the table, placing it in the sanctuary, for whatever may be necessary and appropriate usage. Vote passed should this pass congregational vote, the Perrines will be invited to church for a dedication of the table.

Visitations: Church members were lifted up for visitations and remembrance.

**Upcoming Events**

Oct 30: Reformation Sunday with recommendation to Pastor Brad for Communion.

Nov. 6: All Saints Day, Each 1 Bring 1 Sunday.

Nov. 13: Paul Nickerson, Vitality Coach, preaching

Lent: The season of Lent will be a time for the congregation to work together on the *Unbinding the Gospel*.

Next meeting November 8, 2011

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Higgins

Recording Secretary

**Hilda Fife Scholarship Fund**

In 1981 Hilda Fife, a retired English professor at the University of Maine and Kittery native, established a scholarship fund at Second Christian. The first scholarships were given out in 1990 and since then about thirty students have been awarded scholarships totaling \$30,000. Professor Fife would be very pleased.

Over the years, other church members have added to the principal. This year the family of Emily Starkey has made a very generous donation in Emily's memory to this fund. We wish to offer our heartfelt thanks to Richard Starkey and his family for helping us to continue to help students from the Second Christian Congregational United Church of Christ family in their pursuit of higher education.

Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients: Melanie Fetterolf, who is attending Seacoast Career School, Patty Higgins, attending the Academy of Congregational Life and Leadership; Melanie MacKenzie at Stone Hill College; Apryl Perry at the University of New Hampshire; and Patrick Seaward, attending Brandeis University. Scholarships will be awarded at the November 27 worship service.

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to welcome Wilma Wheeler, who joined the committee in September. Other committee members are Jean Briggs Badger, Judy Jumper, Edie Niles, and Laurie Rowan.

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**Going Out News**

**Table of Plenty:** Our next Table of Plenty serving date is November 17 at St. Raphael's. Call Laurie Rowan (439-3134) if you'd like to join our team.

**Church World Service Kits:** We have a start on ten baby kits with eighteen baby blankets so far. For a brochure with a list of items please see Laurie Rowan. Completed kits will be collected at the end of April.



**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service**  
**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM**  
**First Congregational Church**  
**State Road, Eliot, Maine**

*Notes of Appreciation...*

Dear Brad and All,

I want to thank you for your very warm welcome to Second Christian. Now that I know the way, rest assured, I'll be back!

It was a gift to worship with you, liturgy, hymns, anthems – you all shared the message of the day. Your concerns and people's response and care for one another mark who you are as a congregation. (Now I look forward to your pictures captioning that spirit!)

I wish you well as you continue into the fall and want to thank you again for such wonderful and delicious hospitality.

May God's blessings rest upon all of you.

Susie Craig

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To the Friends and Members of Second Christian,

It was so wonderful to look up on the day of my installation and see so many supportive and loving faces from Second Christian.

There is not a day that goes by that I do not think of all that you have given me through the years. I shall never forget where I come from, what you have taught me and that I am blessed because I can call you my home church.

Love and appreciation,

Beth Hoffman

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Thanks to all of you who were so supportive during my recent hospitalization and have continued since coming home. I am doing much better and know much of that is due to your support and prayers.

Love the cards and calls! I am working on getting back to church but it may be awhile yet. In the meantime, God bless all my church family. You are the best.

Gini Barron

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*The Book of Life*  
*We mourn the passing of*  
*Lynda Buckinger*  
*1937 - 2011*

**From the Desk of Reverend William R. Baran...**

October 30<sup>th</sup> is Reformation Sunday, celebrating / remembering whence we have come as a church led by Martin Luther:

“We are not the ones who are able to sustain the church. Our forebearers are also not the ones. Those who shall come after us are not the ones. But rather, as it once was, so and is now and shall be ever...The One who sustains the Church is the One who says...‘I am with you always even to the end of the world...’ Jesus Christ!”

Martin Luther  
1483-1546

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***Shut-in Gift Bags***



The holiday season is right around the corner, and we are getting a head start on the gift bags for shut-ins. This year instead of collecting individual items, Lezlye and I will be purchasing the items for the bags, such as lotions, shampoo, soap, tissues, note cards, stamps, etc so that the bags can be more uniform.

We are asking for cash donations toward the purchase of these items to complete the bags for Meals on Wheels, shut-ins, and Holiday Baskets. If you'd like to help, please see either Lezlye or Elaine.

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**Footprints Food Pantry**

Please remember your monthly donation on November 13. They particularly need peanut butter, pasta, spaghetti sauce, soup, baked beans, cereal, Helper Dinners (hamburger, chicken, tuna), rice side dishes, pancake mix, syrup, jelly, and juice.

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**Kittery Coffee House!**

**November 12, 6:30 – 9:30 PM**

The proceeds from the event will support the Portsmouth Steering Committee (PSC) and the USS Virginia Family Readiness Group (VFRG). The PSC is a volunteer led organization dedicated to helping the sailors and families of the USS Virginia. The VFRG is a network of families whose sailors serve aboard the USS Virginia. Our mission is to enhance and support the well being and morale of the crew and family members. Thank you to everyone planning to come out to support us!



## *Evergreen Festival*

### *November 26<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-2:00*

The Evergreen Festival is fast approaching! As in the past, it will feature handmade gift items, holiday arrangements, baked goods, candy, country store, coffee shoppe, jewelry, and attic treasures. Let's all work together to make this event a success!

Here are some things to think about for the upcoming Evergreen Festival:

- The Coffee Shoppe is looking for cookie and snack donations.
- Don't forget the Bake Table and Fudge as you are doing your baking.
- Crafts, Crafts and more Crafts. All shapes and sizes welcomed.
- Printed price tags are available in the vestry or ask Valerie for some.
- Clean and gently used items for Attic Treasures will be accepted soon.
- Remember to volunteer at your favorite table or lend a helping hand setting up for the fair!

If you have helpful suggestions or concerns, please speak to this year's co-chairs Kathy Runey (439-7515) or Patty Higgins (207-703-2069).

### *Evergreen Festival Raffle*

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets available from Judy Jumper, Elaine Hansberry or members of The Doorkeepers! Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** Gourmet Basket
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** Painters, Players & Poets Show framed ocean print: "New Year's Day" by Bradford Sherman
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** Handmade quilt by Denise Baran
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize:** \$50 cash
- 5<sup>th</sup> Prize:** End table with bird painting by Linda Wentworth
- 6<sup>th</sup> Prize:** Framed cardinal print by Linda Wentworth

## **Countdown to the Evergreen Festival!**

We will be gathering the greens for the fair on Sunday, November 20, at 2:00. Monday will be dedicated to assembling the booths starting at 6:30. Tuesday, November 22, we will put the greens up after a potluck dinner at 6:30. Then join us on Friday as we finish setting up for the fair. The door will be open all day so please come when available. It is always a fun filled week and there are plenty of opportunities for *you* to help! Anyone with questions or thoughts please call Kathy Runey (439-7515) or Patty Higgins (207-703-2069).

### **Adopt a Basket for the Fair!**

This year we are inviting you to add your own flair and personal touch to the baskets we sell by "adopting" a basket. There are still a few baskets in the vestry available for "adoption." Please take one home and fill it with a theme. It can be holiday, relaxation, cooking, gardening; the possibilities are only limited by your imagination! Once your basket is filled please return it to the church and we'll be happy to sell your creation at the Evergreen Festival on November 26. If you have any questions, please speak to Jean Briggs Badger.

### *From the Archives...*

**The Kittery Herald**  
**Published by the Ladies Social Circle of**  
**Second Christian Church**  
**December 1892**

December 15 & 16, 1892 in Trefethen's Hall, the Ladies Social Circle of Second Christian Church will hold its Annual Fair.

There will be a full line of fancy and useful articles suitable for Christmas presents, besides holiday articles, &c. &c. Confectionery and cake refreshments and ice cream &c. &c.. An Oyster supper will be served. A very fine and profitable entertainment has been provided, new program each night. Ticket for one night 15 cents. Two nights 20 cents. Buy your tickets now!



**Don't forget to turn your clocks**  
**BACK on November 6<sup>th</sup>!**

**DEACON OF THE MONTH: Edythe Niles**

**ALTERNATE: Lucille Melhorn**

**November Ushers:**

06 Dick & Judy Jumper  
 13 Wilma Wheeler & Edith Morgan  
 20 Charlie & Nadine Donnell  
 27 Vic & Bobbie Contella

**November Greeters:**

06 Pam Cooper  
 13 The Runey Family  
 20 Brad Sherman  
 27 The Donnell Family

**November Liturgists:**

06 Elaine Hansberry  
 13 Brad Hirst  
 20 Larry Hansberry  
 27 Malcolm Heal

**OUR PRAYER LIST**

*Please keep the following people in your prayers this month:*

Kathy Bales	Molly Banville	Gini Barron	Carl Burbank	Robert Carlson
Heather Clark	Jim Cole	Carolyn Consaga	Vic Contella	Charlie Curtis
William Davana	Alvin Fletcher	Jean Fletcher	Sandi Folmar	Leon French
Sandy Garland	Beth Glover	Larry Hansberry	Constance Herron	Margaret Launer
Sam Legasse	Susie Legasse	Mildred Leland	Anna Lesswing	Laureene McQuade
Howard Moulton	Kim Polak	Priscilla Reuter	Gregory Sanborn	Lezlye Shea
Rosella Spears	Ian Stewart	John Zacharias		

*If you are aware of anyone who should be added to or taken off our prayer list, please contact the [church office](#).*

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

November 6	Chris Wiswell
November 9	Matt Jones
November 14	Linda Hirst
November 15	Adam Baran Beryl Hill
November 16	Paisley Heal
November 18	Oscar Foye
November 19	Joy Leclair
November 20	Hannah Cooper
November 21	Benjamin Briggs
November 25	Kristen Kidd

**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

November 1	Sonny & Cindy Boyd
November 5	Bob & Pam Bickmore
November 29	Charles & Ro Curtis

Lectionary Readings for November	
Nov. 6	Josh 24:1-3a, 14-25, Ps 78:1-7, or Wisd of Sol 6:12-16, or Amos 5:18-24, Wisd of Sol 6:17-20 or Ps 70, 1 Thess 4:13-18, Matt 25:1-13
Nov. 13	Judg 4 <sup>th</sup> 1-7, Ps 123 or Zeph 1:7, 12-18, Ps 90:1-8, 9-11, 12, 1 Thess 5:1-11, Matt 25:14-30
Nov. 20	Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24, Ps 100 or Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24, Ps 95:1-7a, Eph 1:15-23, Matt 25:31-46
Nov. 27	Isa 64:1-9, Ps 80:1-7, 17-19, 1 Cor 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37

Don't forget to visit our online calendar [click here](#)

