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**SECOND CHRISTIAN CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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2019 Evergreen Festival

Be sure to invite your friends, neighbors, relatives and coworkers to this year's better-than-ever **Evergreen Festival**, our annual holiday fair, slated again for the Saturday *after* Thanksgiving – November 30 from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm.

Our crafters have been busy making the perfect gifts for your family and friends. All craft items for the Evergreen Festival should be given to Valerie Brock or Cheryl Beckert (please suggest a price or range) no later than the Hearts & Crafts gathering on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 9:00 am.

Highlights of the fair will include a Country Store with baked beans, cheese, homemade pickles, relish, sweet jams and jellies, and much more. Also featured will be home-baked goods, fudge and candy, hand-made gift items, jewelry, wreaths, Christmas centerpieces, theme baskets, and attic treasures. Prizes for the raffle include a hand-made quilt, an original painting, a print from the Painter's, Player's, and Poet's show of 2011, \$75.00 cash, and a framed cross-stitch. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The raffle drawing will be at 2:00 p.m. (attendance not required).

A luncheon will be served from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. and will include a choice of lobster roll, chunky chicken stew, or pulled pork sandwich, all served with chips or roll, dessert and beverage. Muffins and coffee will also be available in the morning.

Check this month's [Special Insert](#) for more info about our Fair Week schedule November 26-30!

Honoring Those Who Served Sunday, November 10

On Sunday, November 10, we will be recognizing military veterans as part of our family worship service. We invite all military veterans in our church family and in our community to attend and be thanked for their dedicated service to our country. We will also be honoring the widows and widowers of military veterans so that we may recognize the service of their spouses.

Be sure to join us for this special service of worship. If you know someone that is a veteran or a widow of one, please invite them to join us for worship on November 10. We also request that you contact Tom Baran or Nadine Donnell between now and the start of Worship on November 10, so that we can record your service or that of your spouse, or guest to be honored during worship.

Do You Love a Fair?

Most of our local "sister" churches have a holiday fair over these next several weeks. So why not put them on your calendar and support them? While you are there, let them know who you are and that our *Evergreen Festival* is coming up on November 30, and they won't want to miss it!

St. Raphael's – Saturday, November 9, 8-2 pm

First Cong'l, Eliot – Sat., November 9, 8-1 pm

St. Mark's UMC – Sat., November 9, 9-2 pm

Eliot UMC – *We are still trying to find out...*

First Cong'l Kittery Pt. – Friday, Dec. 6, 3-8 pm

First Parish So. Berwick – Friday Dec. 6 and Saturday Dec. 7

From the Pastor

All Hallows Eve, 2019

Dear Friends,

Many of you know that I recently had a birthday. And as this was a "significant" birthday, there was much made of it. On the morning of my special day I got to sit in the pew while enjoying a wonderfully lay-led worship service, and was treated to a great rendition (and full history) of a traditional birthday song. The next day my son Andrew appeared unexpectedly from NC and escorted me to a "surprise" birthday party.

The surprise was not so much that there was a party – Linda had to get me to a particular place at a particular time – the surprise was the many people who were present at that gathering. From a childhood friend of almost 50 years to church folk to friends I've made here in this community and the many people in between, many parts of my life were gathered together there. People who took time out of their day, or added a few hours to it, for a little celebration. It was humbling. And it was great, great fun!

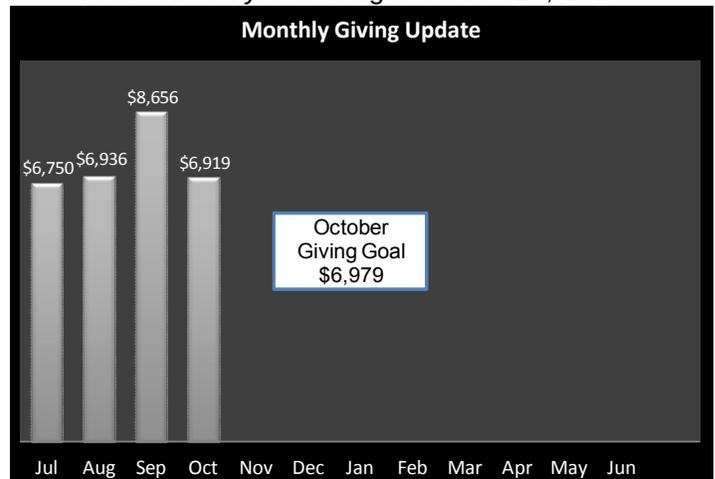
Moments like this can invite reflection on the various communities we find ourselves a part of, communities that we sometimes help create, and those we stumble into by sheer luck – or we might say, *by the grace of God*. So it was a day for me to give thanks for the many blessings of my life: for loving family and dear friends, for communities gathered by faith and communities gathered by geography or avocation. I have been deeply, deeply blessed along the way to share in such kind and loving communities, and am grateful to you all for your place in my life.

Another thing that happens at "significant" birthdays is that people get curious. "You're 60! What's next? Are you thinking about something else, looking ahead toward retirement?" Perhaps for fear of what I might say (one way or the other) no "church people" have asked me this question, but a handful of others did. The short answer is *No*. I love what we are doing together here at Second Christian. God has accomplished a great deal through us over these last 17 years, and I believe we are still doing good ministry together, and that God has plans for even greater things as we grow our community of love and care here in Kittery and into the world around us.

See you along the Way,

From your Treasurer:

The vertical bars represent the *actual* offerings received for this fiscal year through October 27, 2019.



2020 Offering Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for next calendar year will be available in the vestry soon. If you currently do not use assigned envelopes but would like to start, please contact the office and we will be happy to assign you a number.

If you prefer to use the envelopes in the pews, but would like to have your donations credited to you for tax purposes, just write your name on the envelope, and we will make sure your donation is properly accounted for. If you'd like to eliminate the paper trail entirely, electronic giving may be for you. If you have any questions, please contact [Charlie Donnell](#).



Benefit Piano Concert

On Friday November 15 at 7:00pm, William Ogmundson, an Emmy Award nominated composer and professional pianist will present a program of piano music entitled "American Beauty." Will is a former organist and choir director here at Second Christian, and has also performed at the Vatican and Notre Dame de Paris. His original compositions have been performed worldwide. William will play American classics from Stephen Foster to George Gershwin and everything in between, including John Philips Sousa and Scott Joplin and many more. A great time is guaranteed for the whole family! And as always... bring a friend!

Church Council Notes

October 29, 2019

President Tom Baran opened the meeting. Present: Laurie Rowan, Kathy Runey, Alan Robinson, Tom Baran, Brad Hirst, Priscilla deRochemont, and John Marzinzik via the portal, which he and Diana donated to the church. It was accepted with gratitude and many thanks. Absent: Ernie Wiswell, Dawn Boyer, Kathy Maloney, Linda Baran and Don Tirabassi. Minutes from the Sept. 3, 2019 meeting were approved as written. The finance report was reviewed and accepted for audit.

Unfinished Business: The Safety team will be meeting next month. We need to get another bid for the kitchen renovation. Alan will prepare a proposal to send to Sean Marshall. Church Cleanup Day will be Nov. 2nd at 9:00 am 'til noon. The new sound system is installed in the Sanctuary and the old one will be brought down to the vestry. We are planning for a Leadership Retreat.

New Business: Don Tirabassi has offered to cover child care if the need arises. Making a new office space for the Pastor was discussed.

Ministry Team: No report from the Deacons.

Trustee: Alan presented a detailed list of finished projects, unfinished projects, and other wants or needs for the future.

Learning: "As the Page Turns" will discuss *The Silent Woman* by Alex Michaelides Dec. 12 at 6:30 pm.

Night Kitchen had a good attendance October 13. Meetings are the 2nd Sunday each month.

Going Out: A Blanket Sunday was mentioned, as well as Church World Services. It was noted that Wilma continues to make dresses for "Dress a Girl Around the world."

Upcoming dates:

Nov. 8 & 9: Paul Nickerson; "Reaching New People" workshop.

Nov. 30 8 to 2: The Evergreen Festival.

Dec. 7 3:00 pm : Christmas parade and we will have cocoa and cookies on the Patio.

Respectfully Submitted,
Priscilla deRochemont, Scribe

Deacons Meeting Notes

Oct. 8, 2019

Present: John Grindle, Linda Wentworth, Sharon, and Ernie Wiswell, Linda Baran, Brad Hirst, Diana Marzinzik, Tom Baran, Laurie Rowan, and via Portal, John Marzinzik. September minutes were unanimously approved.

Brad welcomed new members John Grindle and Linda Wentworth.

Old Business:

Deacons: November deacon of the month Edith Grindle, alt: Tom Baran.

December: Charlie Donnell, alt: John Grindle.

Communication: Haleigh Stenta has resigned as our child care helper. The Deacons approved sending her a card and a check for \$100. to thank her for her faithful service.

Safety Plan: There will be AED training and a fire drill during the regular service, so all of our church family will know what to do in emergencies. The safety committee is also looking into cameras for the downstairs, and a way for parents to see their children in childcare on their phones from the sanctuary, as well as keyless door locks. John and Diana Marzinzik are planning to donate a Portal to the church, so shut-ins could watch the service from home. *Reaching New People Workshop* Nov. 8-9. Brad, Alan, Tom, Linda and Linnea will be attending. Brad suggested maybe a lay Sunday could be planned for months when there is a fifth Sunday. Alan will check to determine a need for our hosting a Thanksgiving dinner for Navy families on Nov. 17.

New Business:

Commissioning of new Deacons and church leadership team is upcoming.

Choir: Tom brought up the purchase of choir stoles, saving the robes for special Sundays. The robes can be hazardous on the stairs. The deacons approved the purchase of choir stoles.

Honoring individuals for their service to the church. Willma Wheeler's outstanding commitment to *Dress A Girl Around the World*, as well as the Doorkeepers' dedication to our church were mentioned. Perhaps these Sundays will be planned for the new year.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Rowan

As the Page Turns...

The Book Club will not be meeting in November. Our next gathering will be on Thursday December 12 when we will discuss *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides . All are welcome to join in the discussion and fellowship.

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**Second Sunday Jazz  
Musician of the Month:  
Melissa Aldana**

On Sunday, November 10, our Second Sunday Jazz Trio will continue leading us on a journey exploring the contributions of female jazz musicians with the work of Melissa Aldana. Aldana is a Chilean saxophonist who began playing when she was six under the influence and tutelage of her father Marcos Aldana, also a professional saxophonist.

Aldana began with **alto**, influenced by artists such as Charlie Parker and Cannonball Adderly, but upon her first hearing the music of Sonny Rollins, she switched to tenor. The first tenor saxophone she used had belonged to her grandfather.

She started performing in Santiago jazz clubs in her early teens. In 2005, after meeting him while he was on tour in Chile, she was invited by pianist Danilo Perez to play at the Panama Jazz Festival as well as a number of auditions at music schools in the US. As a result of these introductions she went on to attend the Berklee College of Music in Boston.

After her graduation in 2009 and relocating to NYC, Aldana studied under George Coleman and recorded her first album, *Freefall*, in 2010.

**Dates to Remember**

- Dec. 1: First Sunday in Advent  
*Hilda Fife Scholars Sunday*
- Dec. 8: *Fair Tide Christmas Christmas Tea and Fashion Show*
- Dec. 20: *Winter Solstice/Blue Christmas Service*  
at the Dance Hall Kittery.
- Dec. 24: *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

**"A Rainbow of Colors"**

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!*  
*Psalm 98:4*

Your church choir will begin wearing colorful stoles from time to time that will visually display a rainbow of colors. This display of colors shows our belief as an Open and Affirming church that all God's people are welcome here at Second Christian. The choir will continue to wear the traditional choir robes on special Sundays and at appointed times designated by the choir director or pastor. The stoles were approved by the Deacons who were very supportive of this additional attire for the choir.

Your choir is full of very dedicated people who practice on Wednesdays and arrive at church early on Sundays to practice. We sing to glorify God and enrich the worship service with songs. It's an extremely beautiful experience to be a part of the choir at Second Christian under the direction of Mike Effenberger. We thank you for your support!

**Sharing from our Bounty!**

Sunday, November 10 is a Second Sunday, so we'll be collecting donations for **Footprints Food Pantry** and **End 68 Hours of Hunger**.

THE NEED IS CRITICAL at this time of year! Together, we can meet the needs of hungry people in our community by each donating a little extra out of our bounty.

Footprints needs the staples: peanut butter, pasta, spaghetti sauce, baked beans, rice side dishes, cereal, juices and coffee.

End 68 Hours of Hunger has designated us "The Chicken Church!" Let's claim that title boldly by grabbing a few 5 ounce cans of chicken next time you're at the grocery store!

***Let's fill up the box this month!***

**Remember: We collect for FOOTPRINTS FOOD PANTRY and END 68 HOURS OF HUNGER Every Second Sunday of the month – this month it's November 10!**

**SERVING YOU IN NOVEMBER**

**DEACONS OF THE MONTH: Edith Grindle ALTERNATE: Tom Baran**

**November Ushers:**

03 Orville deRochemont & Tim Runey  
 10 Ernie & Sharon Wiswell  
 17 Linda & Tomn Baran  
 24 Sandy Raynes & Paulette Beers

**November Greeters:**

03 Sandy Raynes & Cheryl Beckert  
 10 Brad Connolly & Dottie Larkin  
 17 Barbara Robinson & Melissa Robinson  
 24 Edith & John Grindle

**November Liturgists:**

03 Edith Grindle  
 10 Alan Robinson  
 17 Don Tirabassi  
 24 Laurie Rowan

**OUR PRAYER LIST**

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

|               |                 |                   |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Bill Baran    | Molly Banville  | Natalie McDonough |
| Aidan James   | Tootie La Clair | Ann Grinnell      |
| Dotty Langton | Mildred Leland  | Nita Mitchell     |
| Matt          | Pattie Hamlin   | Carol Cole        |
| Emma Pearson  | David Raitt     | Travis Belleville |

*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<br>Don Tirabassi |
| November 16 | Paisley Heal                |
| November 18 | Oscar Foye                  |
| November 19 | Joy Leclair                 |
| November 20 | Hannah Cooper Brown         |
| November 21 | Benjamin Briggs             |
| November 23 | Jeffrey Kolod               |
| November 25 | Kristen Kidd                |

**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

|             |                        |
|-------------|------------------------|
| November 1  | Sonny & Cindy Boyd     |
| November 5  | Bob & Pam Bickmore     |
| November 18 | John & Diana Marzinzik |

**Reminder:**

Don't forget to *Fall Back!*  
 November 3 – at 2:00 AM  
 Daylight Saving Time Ends!  
 (and we really didn't save any daylight. Again!)

**Lectionary Readings for November**

*Season After Pentecost, Year C*

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|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Nov 3   | Hab 1:1-4;2:1-4 and<br>Ps 119:137-144 or Isa 1:10-18<br>and Ps 32:1-7,<br>2 Thess 1:1-4, 11-12,<br>Luke 19:1-10               |
| Nov. 10 | Hag 1:15b-2:9 and Ps 145:1- 5,<br>17-21 or Ps 98 or<br>Job 19:23-27a and Ps 17:1-9,<br>2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17,<br>Luke 20:27-38 |
| Nov. 17 | Isa 65:17-25 and Isa 12 or<br>Mal 4:1-2a and Ps 98,<br>2 Thess 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19                                           |
| Nov. 24 | Jer 23:1-6 and Luke 1:68-79 or<br>Jer 23:1-6 and Ps 46,<br>Col 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43                                         |



Don't forget to visit our [ONLINE CALENDAR](#)