



The Beacon

First Congregational Church of Millbury, United Church of Christ

Our Mission: To welcome and inspire ALL through faith, love,
and fellowship according to Christ's example.

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We Are Thankful

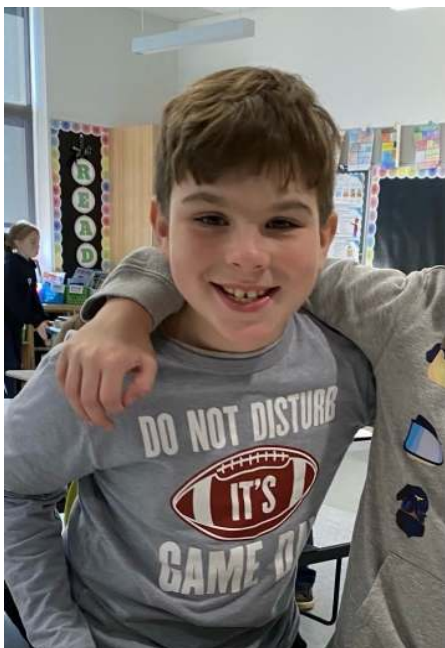
Our Turkey Raffle was a **Great Success** and **we are thankful** for that. So many wonderful people pitched in to help us out. When you see Jim Mousseau or Barbara Roy please thank them for helping us organize our wonderful event at the The Minney Post VFW. It is a perfect location for our event and the people of Millbury feel so welcome there. They set everything up for us and took it down!

We are fortunate to have wonderful news outlets to spread the details of our event, especially the Millbury Sutton Chronicle, the Bramanville Tribune, and the Millbury Sign.

We are grateful to our church members, friends, and businesses for providing a wonderful array of raffle items that were organized in an inviting way. It was so kind of Goretto's Market to allow our ticket sellers to set up tables to sell tickets during the weeks prior to the Raffle.

We are especially thankful to those who attended the Turkey Raffle and are so grateful to the 6 children, Melrose, Summer, Tenley, Bodhi, Brodie, and Kinsley, who were our Runners this year. They were full of energy and helped Leah Murphy, our great MC, move things along. Deanna & Michael Murray, along with the help of Justin Murphy ran the Snack Bar and kept us fed throughout the evening.

Everyone who worked or contributed in any way helped us raise money for the needs of our church, as well as to allow us to continue our mission work. The total proceeds from the event were \$ 6488!





9th Dirk Enthoven
20th Amy Peterson
24th Karen O'Donnell

Inclement Weather Cancellation Policy 2022-2023

Winter is here and with it the potential for inclement weather affecting our Sunday worship service.

In the event that worship needs to be cancelled or delayed, an announcement will be made on the church office answering machine.

Please dial 508-865-9737. You can also look for weather related cancellations on WCVB TV Channel 5.



Remember our shut-ins with a note or a card.....

Mr. Jay Stockwell
110 Hartness Road
Sutton, MA 01590

Chris Rudge
8 Carlstrom Lane
Millbury, Ma 01527

Mrs. Kay Lachance
32 Davis Rd.
Millbury, MA 01527

Eva Aubin
113 A.F Putnam Rd.
Charlton, MA 01507

John Davidson
63 Raymond Schoolhouse Road
Canterbury, CT 06331



Prayers & Concerns

- † Our Community
- † Our Country
- † Our World
- † All Military Men and Women
- † All First Responders
- † Our Church and our Ministry in Millbury and beyond
- † All who are suffering from COVID 19 and their families
- † Health care workers and essential workers, providing care and support for those with COVID 19.
- † Christine Hamer's brother Bill, in a long term care facility in Pennsylvania.



Thanksgiving Harvest Altar

We gathered vegetables to bring down to the Federated Church to help them make Thanksgiving Baskets for those in need.



**White Gift
Service December
11**

Please visit our Giving Tree and help yourself to some Gift Balls. The balls will list items needed for children at the Elmwood Street Elementary School. We will also help our seniors in need by purchasing \$10 Gift Cards from either Goretto's or CVS. Let's help all have a Merry Christmas!



Did you know...

There is a Christian radio station you may be interested in listening to. The call letters are K-LOVE and the dial for us locally is 95.5. Web site: <https://www.klove.com>

Enjoy!



**Christmas Eve
Candlelight
Service**

December 24th

4:00 pm



Jesus is the
REASON
for the
Season

Deacons Fund

On Communion Sunday at First Church, the first Sunday of the month, the Deacons take a special offering for the Deacons Fund, which is a fund to provide assistance to members in need. Envelopes marked DEACONS FUND are in your bulletin. Donations may also be made using the envelope any other Sunday.

Thank you for your generosity.

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Address Correction Requested

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Worship and Church School: 10:00 a.m.
Church Phone: 508-865-9737
Email: Millbury1stChurch@gmail.com
Web: <http://millburyfirstchurch.com>



**Resolve to
make a
difference
in someone's life!**



To add an event, please
email
Millbury1stchurch@gmail.com

Remember to check us out
on Facebook. See all the
photos. It's a great way to
introduce your friends to our
Friendly Church on the Hill.

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Deadline for January
newsletter is December 18th
The BEACON is distributed by
email or first class mail. It can
also be downloaded from the
church website. Copies are
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