The Week Ahead at Grace Presbyterian Church: ***Nov. 22- Nov. 29***

For additional information, call the church office or ask an usher!

Sun. Nov. 22	9:30 am Sunday Service 10:30 am Potluck Brunch 7:00 pm Interfaith Service
Mon. Nov. 23	9:00 am Jazzercise 6:00 pm Reiki Share 7:00 pm Yoga
Tues. Nov. 24	9:30 am Iyengar Yoga 6:00 pm Jazzercise 6:30 pm Grief Group
Wed. Nov. 25	Church Office Closed 9:00 am Jazzercise 9:30 am Iyengar Yoga 7:00 pm Essentrics
Thur. Nov. 26	Happy Thanksgiving
Fri. Nov. 27	9:30 am Restorative Yoga
Sat. Nov. 28	8:30 am Jazzercise 8:45 am Yoga
Sun. Nov. 29	9:30 am Sunday Service 10:30 am Fellowship

Vision Statement

We are an open and affirming congregation. We genuinely welcome people of all ages, race, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations, beliefs, and those who are cognitively and or physically challenged. Our vision is to be a community of love and purpose, each one engaged in ministry, seeking to know Christ, growing in discipleship, and embodying God's love for the world.

Collection of Socks, Hats, Gloves and Scarves

In keeping with one of our Christmas traditions we will be gathering socks (and scarves,hats, gloves, mittens) to be distributed to Grace for dinner guests and others in need. Boxes will be at the church entrance and across from the church office. As you do your family shopping please remember how warm socks and scarves can make the season brighter for someone else. **Remember you can order the items online and have them shipped to the church office.**

Please have the items in by Wednesday, December 9.

Women's Bible Study: Philippians

Join the women of Grace Presbyterian Church the first Wednesday of each month, 12 noon -1:30 pm, to study Philippians (Paul's letter to the church in Philippi). It is an opportunity to read the scripture together, to engage in conversation about the early church and how these words speak to us today. Everyone is welcome.

Dec 2 — The Mind of Christ: Philippians 2:1–30

Jan 6 — Knowing Christ: Philippians 3:1–21

Feb 3 — Rejoice in the Lord: Philippians 4:1–9

Mar 3 — Contentment and Generosity: Philippians 4:10–23

Apr 7 — Living the Philippian Life: Philippians 1–4

Stewardship – "Living a Generous Life"

November 22 Worship Dedication of Pledges
Stewardship is Giving Thanks
Isaiah 12:1-6, Psalm 100, Matthew 15: 32-38
Celebration with a potluck brunch.

Christmas Choir, Anyone?

I'd like to introduce you to Pastor Anthony Godlefski. Some of you have already met him at our Sunday morning worship services. A retired United Methodist minister, he has served as Senior Pastor in several United Methodist Churches. He is also a professional musician and an experienced Choir Director. He has offered to help us put together a choir for this year's Christmas services.

Anyone who enjoys singing is invited to give our "Christmas Choir" a try. We won't be singing this Sunday, but you're invited to come sit at the "Choir Table" this Sunday November 1st after the worship service for a "Getting to Know You" and Q&A discussion with Pastor Anthony. At 10:45 a.m., a bell will ring to announce the start of our discussion. We're considering having rehearsals after Sunday services. Rehearsals will be starting soon. Everyone is welcome! Let's sing together!

Pastor Debbie

Our Abundance Table for November is Slightly Used Winter Coats, Sweaters and Sweatshirts

Abundantly blessed by God, we are invited to share in recognition of our abundance and God's generosity. In sharing, we pass along the gifts we no longer need. In this expression of thanksgiving, we extend the blessing of the gift. Each month we are invited to fill a table in the fellowship hall with items from our homes and lives that we are happy to share. This month our "Abundance Table" is a place for Slightly Used Winter Coats, Sweaters and Sweatshirts

Any suggestion for future table items and other comments should be directed to Gloria Bernard, deacon in charge, at gloriabernard74@yahoo.com.

Help Us Share the Good News!

Our church's Facebook and Instagram pages are wonderful ways to let others know about the love of Christ and the life of our church family. Every one of us can play a part in reaching our community.

When you see a church post, please take a moment to:

● 👍 Like it ● 💬 Leave a comment ● 📲 Share it with your friends and family

These simple actions help our posts reach more people and increase awareness of our church. You never know who may be looking for hope, encouragement, or a church home—and your click could be the invitation that brings them here.

Thank you for helping us spread God's love beyond our church walls. Together, we can make a difference, one post at a time.

Hospitality

Fellowship is a wonderful way to end our Worship Time together. There is nothing quite like sitting together over great snacks and a hot cup of coffee or tea. Due to our change in our cleaners schedule, we do not have anyone cleaning up the crumbs or debris after fellowship time. This invites ants and possibly rodents into our space. Also, it is not a good look for the groups who come in after we leave.

Therefore, we are asking everyone to just clean up on and under their table. There will be brooms and dustpans available for sweeping. It would be appreciated if each table just cleaned up its own space making the room clean for the next group. Thank you for your help and consideration,

The Hospitality Team

South Brunswick Food Bank Items Needed

Ground coffee - Peanut Butter- Jelly - Chef Boyardee, or any canned pasta Crushed tomatoes - Pancake mix - Syrup Spaghetti, and any boxed pasta Paper goods: toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, napkins, Boxed milk such as Parmalat - Canned meat and tuna. Please bring the item(s) to the church and put it in the cart by the front door. If you have any questions contact Lee - mrsp52@comcast.net

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Look Who's Serving

	Nov. 22	Nov. 29	Dec. 6	Dec. 13
Liturgist	Cheryl Kotch	Judianne Brown	Carol Thomson	Lee Piotrowski
Advent Candle		Nancy Varga	Sandy & Joe Chmielewski	Vilija & Greg Casey
Usher	Mike Royer	Janice Royer	Evelyn Savage	Laura Taff
Zoom	Peter Godinez	Gabi Quaely	Brian Boccardi	Maryann Rappa
Worship Leader	Rev. Debbie Paton	Rev. Debbie Paton	Rev. Debbie Paton	Rev. Debbie Paton
Coffee	Vilija Casey	Amy Miller Evelyn Savage	Gabi Quaely	Sandy Chmielewski
Counters	Laura Taff Lee Piotrowski	Dottie Pickell Mike Royer	Fran Trischetta Carol Thomson	Laura Taff Lee Piotrowski
Musician	Vince DiMura	Vince DiMura	Vince DiMura	Vince DiMura
Open/Close	Carol Thomson Mike Royer	Carol Thomson Mike Royer	Carol Thomson Mike Royer	Carol Thomson Mike Royer

CHURCH LEADERSHIP Pastor Debbie - Debbie is in the office Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. Works off site on Friday. She can best be reached by email pastordebpaton@gmail.com or cell phone 630-886-6785. Please honor Monday as her sabbath by only calling if it is an emergency.

Vince Di Mura - Music Director

Church Office - Maryann Rappa will be in the office Monday and Tuesday. The church office will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 25-Sunday, Nov. 29. She can be reached at office@gracepcsb.org or 732-297-9182.

NOT SURE WHO TO CONTACT?

- ❖ Questions about donations - Contact **Al Goddard**
- ❖ Questions about the children's ministry - contact **Nancy Varga** nmvarga2011@comcast.net
- ❖ Questions about the Deacons - **Sandy Chmielewski** sandra.chmii@gmail.com
- ❖ Have a prayer request? - contact **Tami Aug** tamaraaug@gmail.com
- ❖ Put an announcement in the bulletin? tell the **church office by Wednesday.** office@gracepcsb.org
- ❖ Put an article in the newsletter? Maryann Rappa office@gracepcsb.org
- ❖ Want to get involved? **Contact an elder.**

Questions about **Finance or Personnel** - Rob Aug**; Hospitality -** Janice Royer, **Outreach** - Donna Keller; **Property** - Mike Royer; **Worship** -Dottie Pickell; **Stewardship** - Rob Aug; **Wellness** Irene Carman; **Clerk of Session -** Peter Godinez

Elders - Rob Aug, Irene Carman, Peter Godinez, Donna Keller, Dottie Pickell, Janice Royer, Mike Royer
Deacons - Tami Aug, Gloria Bernard, Vilija Casey, Sandy Chmielewski, Barbara Elieff, Cheryl Kotch, Amy Miller, Gabi Quaely

USERS' GUIDE

- ➢ **Welcome**! If you are visiting, please sign our guest book on the table in the hall before entering the worship space.
- ➢ If you have a **prayer request**, fill out a blue *prayer request card* (the other side of the welcome card) and put it on the offering plate.
- ➢ **Restrooms** are on the fellowship hall side of the sanctuary.

More information?

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