The Week Ahead at Grace Presbyterian Church: ***Nov. 29- Dec. 6***

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

Sun. Nov. 29	9:30 am Sunday Service 10:30 am Fellowship
Mon. Nov. 30	9:00 am Jazzercise 6:00 pm Reiki Share 7:00 pm Yoga
Tues. Dec. 1	9:30 am Iyengar Yoga 6:00 pm Jazzercise
Wed. Dec. 2	9:00 am Jazzercise 9:30 am Iyengar Yoga 7:00 pm Essentrics
Thur. Dec. 3	9:30 am Iyengar Yoga 6:00 pm Jazzercise
Fri. Dec. 4	9:30 am Restorative Yoga
Sat. Dec. 5	8:30 am Jazzercise 8:45 am Yoga
Sun. Dec. 6	9:30 am Sunday Service/Communion 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.

Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday is almost here! Tuesday, December 1!

This Giving Tuesday, we invite you to make a difference by supporting the Sand Hills Community Wellness Center, a cause that truly matters.
Every donation, no matter the size, makes an impact. Your generosity helps us continue our mission, **"To reach out to the community by providing programs and services that enhance the growth of mind, body and spirit". No one is ever turned away for financial reasons.**

In 2026 we offered our regular programs as well reiki training classes, cooking classes, diverse workshops and a kirtan. We also started grief groups and plan to expand our offerings in 2027.
If you are able, please consider making a donation and sharing our message with family and friends. Together, we can make a difference!
Thank you for your consideration, kindness, generosity, and support. Every gift counts and is appreciated!
https://sandhillswellness.wixsite.com/sandhillswellness/givingtuesday

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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

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.

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. 29	Dec. 6	Dec. 13	Dec. 20
Liturgist	Judianne Brown	Carol Thomson	Lee Piotrowski	Vilija Casey
Advent Candle	Nancy Varga	Sandy & Joe Chmielewski	Vilija & Greg Casey	Gwyn Cox-Roberts
Usher	Janice Royer	Evelyn Savage	Laura Taff	Amy Miller
Zoom	Gabi Quaely	Brian Boccardi	Maryann Rappa	Peter Godinez
Worship Leader	Rev. Debbie Paton	Rev. Debbie Paton	Rev. Debbie Paton	Rev. Debbie Paton
Coffee	Amy Miller Evelyn Savage	Gabi Quaely	Sandy Chmielewski	Janice Royer
Counters	Dottie Pickell Mike Royer	Fran Trischetta Carol Thomson	Laura Taff Lee Piotrowski	Dottie Pickell Mike Royer
Musician	Vince DiMura	Vince DiMura	Donovan Klotzbeacher	Donovan Klotzbeacher
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 this week Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. 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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