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Nov 7 - PoP Craft Fair
Nov 9 – PoP Ladies Night Out
Nov 11 – Evening Prayer
Nov 17 – WELCA Bible Study
Nov 17 – Book Club
Nov 18 - Evening Prayer
Nov 22 – Youth Group
Nov 22 – Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service



Oktoberfest 2026!

Everything is a Gift from God

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. What plans do you have?

On Thursday, November 26, many will gather with family for feasting and reunion. Why not warmup for the big day worshipping the Source of life's abundance with the brothers and sisters (and cousins, and aunts, and uncles) of our extended Christian family right here in Brookfield.

Save the Date!

Thanksgiving Worship with PoP's Brookfield Ecumenical Partners
3 p.m. Sunday, November 22 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brookfield

15 minutes in the Bible

Life is busy. It's hard to set aside 5 minutes let alone an hour. But... what if you found 15 minutes this month to pause and reflect on a story in the bible.

Don't have 15 minutes now?
Write a post-it reminder or put it in your calendar.
If you write down a goal, you are more likely to do it!

Reading **Matthew 5: 1-12**

Reflection

Matthew 5:1-12 (the Beatitudes, the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount) is some of the most well known scripture among Christians and even non-Christians. For people of faith they are absolutely radical in how they invert common assumptions about God's judgement and favor and shape our discipleship: God's justice is the restoration of the world's needy.
Read Mt 5:1-12. What word, phrase, or verse catches your attention? How does it speak to your life's circumstances? What might the Spirit be inviting you to?

Financial Summary

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church				
	Sep. 26		YTD	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	22,172.15	48,482.00	292,490.92	289,046.00
Expense	48,575.90	37,012.95	289,305.03	306,026.23
Net	(26,403.75)	11,469.05	3,185.89	(16,980.23)



Financial Narrative for September 2026

- September contributions were approx. **$25,448 below budget,** while year-to-date revenue remains **$4,090 above budget.** Although contributions fluctuate significantly from month to month, year-to-date revenue remains slightly above budget. Continued monitoring of giving patterns and cash flow is important to ensure the church can meet its ongoing financial obligations and maintain financial stability.

- September expenses were higher than usual, primarily due to two delayed cleaning company invoices (August and summer services) totaling **$7,507,** which were processed in September. Additional expenses related to the Synod convention, Parish Life, and kitchen supplies also contributed to the monthly overage.

- Although September expenses were **$11,563 over budget**, year-to-date expenses remain **$16,721** under budget, resulting in a year-to-date surplus of **$3,186.**



Church Attendance

	In Person	Online	Total
10/4/26	52	5	57
10/11/26	53	6	59
10/18/26	60	5	65
10/25/26	72	7	79



GOOD TIDINGS!...FROM PASTOR MICHAEL ANDERSON

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.
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Autumn is harvest season - especially the month of November. (We all know what harvest celebration we enjoy in November). At each Sunday's Holy Communion our assembly sings out its prayer for that week's harvest. That the gracious gospel seeds of Christ and his mercy, forgiveness, healing, justice, peace, and love might come to life in us that at the table we would taste God's presence and coming kingdom. For Lutheran Christians, every Sunday is the beginning > end > beginning of God's perpetual harvest.

Might we view Prince of Peace's monthly calendar as gospel seeds maturing and bearing fruit? As a harvest available as gifts of God's grace for the world's healing? Yes!

Our calendar revolves around Sunday, the Lord's Day. Just look at all arising from the day of resurrection this month at Prince of Peace:

- PoP's annual Craft Fair - Saturday, November 7
- PoP Ladies Night Out (small group ministry) - Monday, November 9
- Evening Prayer and Centering Prayers - Wednesday, November 11 & 18
- PoP Book Club - Tuesday, November 17
- Brookfield Churches Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship - Sunday, November 22
- Gospel of Matthew concluding bible study - November 8, 15, and 22
- PoP's monthly Daily Bread food donations
- Loaves and Fishes meal assembly
- Countless occurrences of prayer of service in your interpersonal relationships.

Let vineyards be fruitful, indeed.

Be of good courage,
Pastor Michael



The Unchanging Gospel in Changing Times

Seasonal Changes in Our Advent Liturgy

Beginning November 29, we will return to singing the Psalms together as a congregation, an ancient practice that connects us with generations of Christians before us. We will use **Setting 12** from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW).

OUR PSALM SINGING SEQUENCE



1	2	3	4	5
CHOIR INTRODUCES THE ANTIPHON	CONGREGATION SINGS THE ANTIPHON	CHOIR SINGS THE VERSES	CONGREGATION SINGS THE ANTIPHON	REPEAT
The choir sings the antiphon (the congregational response) first.	The congregation sings the antiphon together.	The choir sings the verses of the Psalm.	The congregation sings the antiphon in response.	Steps 3–4 repeat for each verse of the Psalm.



This thoughtful change reminds us that while the forms of worship may change, the Gospel remains the same. As we sing the Psalms together, we join in the timeless praise of God's people and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

The form may change, but the Gospel we proclaim remains unchanging.

GIVING TUESDAY

Tuesday, Dec. 1st

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For one day only, donations made through Thrivent's giving platform will receive a match, helping support Prince of Peace even more!

Make your donation on Dec. 1 through Thrivent's giving platform. Thrivent also covers the online processing fees, so 100% of your donation goes to Prince of Peace.

Click here for PoP's giving page

https://choice-org-search.apps.thrivent.com/details/100244023960

MONTHLY MEAL KITS

The PoP Caring Committee has some exciting news to share! The meal kits we provided the Brookfield Food Pantry (BFP) in September during God's Work. Our Hands Sunday were a huge success and the BFP is hoping we can continue to provide them with these types of pre-packaged meal kits each month. We are so excited that our PoP Faith Feeds ministry is being called to support the Brookfield community in this creative way.

Starting in November, each month we will **deliver 20 pre-packaged meal kit** complete with recipe cards. Look for ingredient requests in our monthly newsletter, weekly emails, and worship bulletins!

To kick us off for November we will be making BFP **Grandma's Chicken-N-Rice meal kits**!

FAITH FEEDS

We are seeking donations of the following*:

- **Large can of chicken**
- **Small bag/box of regular or instant rice**
- **Dry onion soup mix packets**
- **10.5 oz can cream of mushroom soup**
- **Can of sliced mushrooms**
- **Can of peas**
- **Can of green beans**

We are collecting the ingredients in the Brookfield Food Pantry designated area in the PoP Narthex through November 15th!

We will be packaging the meal kits Sunday November 22nd for delivery the following day. Please reach out to Tina Giubileo, tinagiubileo@yahoo.com, if you are able to assist with packaging or delivery of the meal kits.

**When possible, please try to purchase low-sodium or other healthier varieties of the above ingredients.*

PoP Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, November 7, 2026
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Crafts, Books, Christmas Decor, Jewelry, Bake Sale & Lunch

Our annual Craft Fair will be on November 7, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. To make it a success we need donations of food, bakery items, crafts, gently used Christmas items, used jewelry and **YOUR** help the day of the fair. Below you will see a QR code and a button to sign up for donations and also for a time you can work a 2 hour (or longer) shift at one of the booths. Use either one to sign up!

If you can't sign up on-line you can call Rene in the church office and she will sign you up.

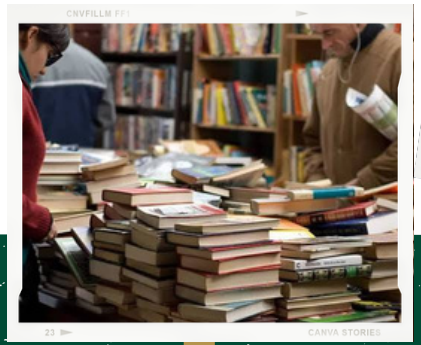
Sign up Here

We will be setting up the craft section on Friday, November 6 at 10:00 a.m. so if you can help with that, please let Marci Sharp know. (marcishapr703@gmail.com)

Thanks in advance for all of your help...Many hands make work go faster.

Marci Sharp







Our Monthly Sunday School Schedule

Learn ♥ Grow ♥ Serve Together

We are excited to try this new monthly schedule and see how it goes for our children, youth, and families!

1st & 2nd Sundays

Sunday School + Parent Faith Formation

9:00–9:45 a.m.

Children and youth will begin with music, followed by a Bible lesson and activities.

At the same time, parents are invited to gather with Pastor for Parent Faith Formation.

3rd Sunday

Sunday School

9:00–9:45 a.m.

Children and youth will begin with music, followed by a Bible lesson and activities.

4th Sunday

Sunday School During Worship + Family/Youth Service Project

10:00 a.m.

Children and youth will attend Sunday School during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Immediately following worship, children, youth, and their families are invited to participate in our monthly Family/Youth Service Project.

Weekly Faith at Home

Each week, families will receive a simple Sunday School activity by email so everyone can stay connected and continue growing in faith at home.

Let's learn, grow, and serve together!

FAITH
FAMILIES
BRIGHTER
TOMORROWS

NOVEMBER YOUTH GROUP: BAKING BAGS WITH LOVE!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 10:00 A.M. SERVICE – 2:30 P.M.

This November, our Youth Group will be putting faith into action with a special Thanksgiving service project!



Our youth will work together in small groups to plan, budget, shop, and assemble Thanksgiving Baking Bags for local families in need. Each bag will include ingredients and supplies to help families enjoy a special homemade treat during the Thanksgiving season.

Here's our plan for the day!

Meet & Plan: We will gather at Prince of Peace immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. Our youth will work in small groups to plan their Baking Bags, create shopping lists, and decide how to spend their budgets.

Shop at ShopRite: Once our plans are ready, we will head to ShopRite to purchase the ingredients and supplies for our bags. Our youth will put their budgeting, teamwork, and decision-making skills into action!

Assemble Our Baking Bags: After shopping, we will return to Prince of Peace to assemble and prepare our Baking Bags for donation to local families.

Through this hands-on experience, our youth will learn about generosity, gratitude, teamwork, and the joy of serving others.

Transportation & Volunteers

Families will need to assist with transportation to and from ShopRite. Parent volunteers are also welcome to help with shopping, supervision, and assembling the bags!

Interested in joining us? Please RSVP and let Lorraine Lavery know if your child plans to participate and if you are available to help with transportation.Marc.lorrainelavery@gmail.com

Let's come together to share God's love, one baking bag at a time, and make Thanksgiving a little sweeter for families in our community!



PoP into Ladies Night

FOOD ● FELLOWSHIP ● FUN

Join the ladies of POP every 2nd Monday of the month at Michael's Tap Room in Bethel @ 7pm

November 9th

Text/Call Lorraine with questions
845-416-0900

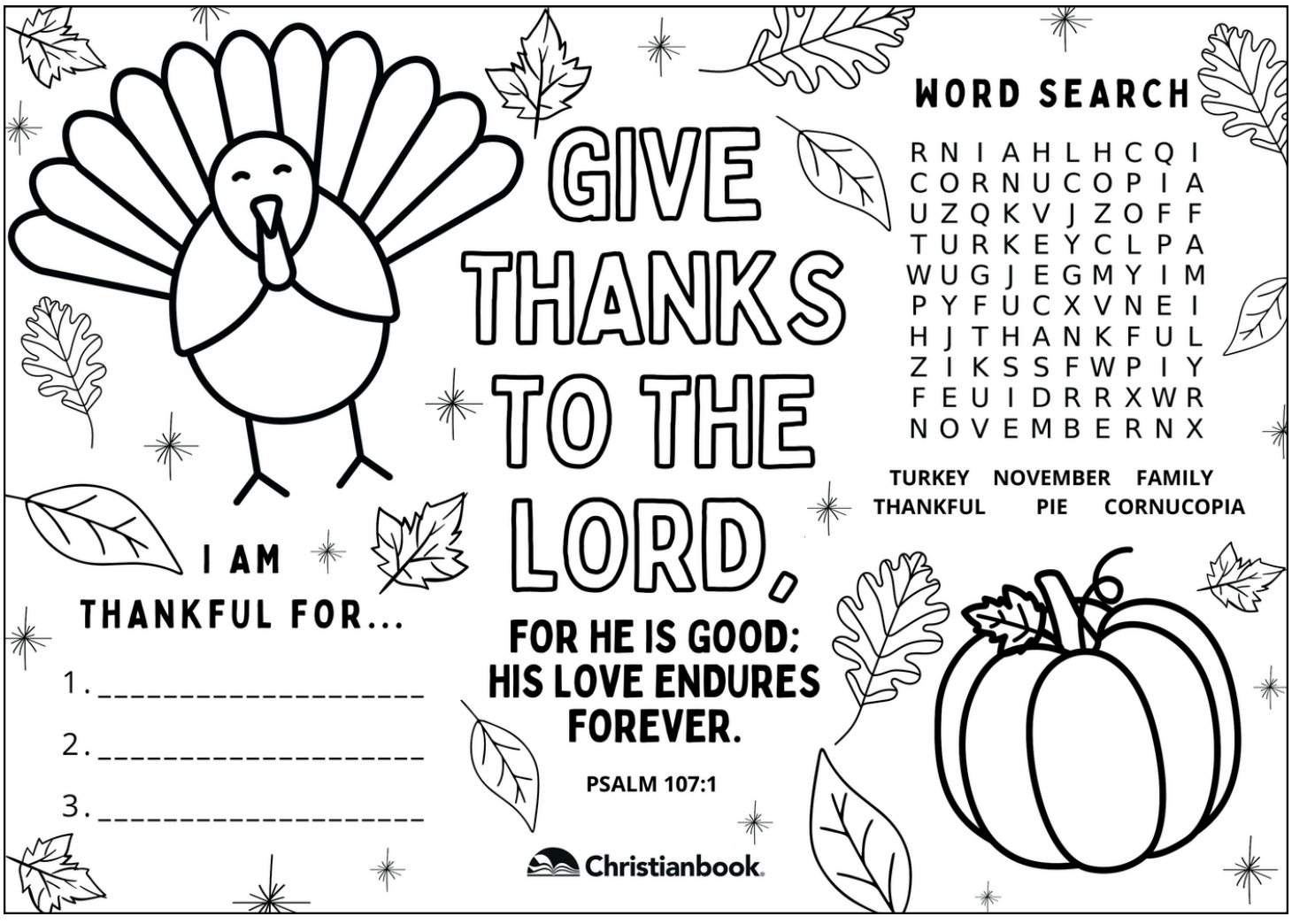
OCTOBER EVENING PRAYER

NOVEMBER 11 & 18

Demands on our attention are endless. But whether the demands are due to life responsibilities, a night out with friends, a get together with family, or another hour scrolling social media we can still feel strained. God has a word for you in your joy and in your need.

We will rest in silence, give our attention to the one who always attends to us, listen with our hearts for God's voice, and share with God what is on our hearts and minds.





POP BOOK CLUB

Prince of Peace Book Club will not meet at the usual time in November and December.

Our November Date is 11/17/2026 at 1:00pm due to Thanksgiving. Our book choice is ***The Boys in the Boat*** by Daniel James. This is a true story of the rowing team to win the 1936 Olympics. This team was referenced in our past read, Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus.

We will not meet in December due to members traveling for the holidays.

We will resume meeting on January 26, 2027. We have not decided on a book choice for January at this time.

Everyone is welcome to attend and discuss our book choice. We welcome your opinions. You may attend just once or when it fits your schedule.

Looking forward to a great discussion,
Anita Stolle, Nancy Tolmoff, Laura Duffy



WELCA BIBLE STUDY

There will be a
WELCA Zoom Bible Study
on November 17 at 10:00 a.m.

Please contact
Pastor Michael for study
materials and the Zoom link.

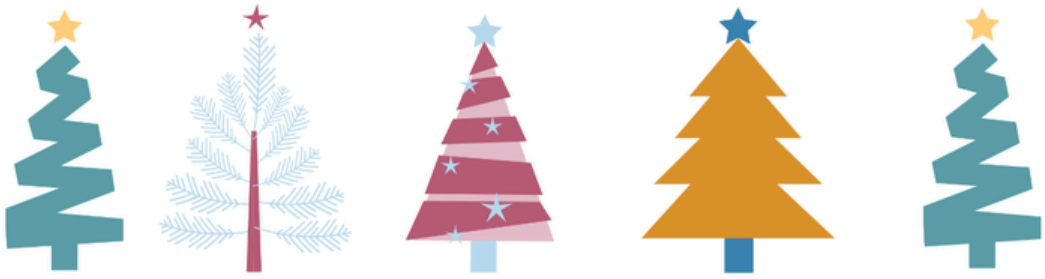


BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study on the
Gospel of Matthew
will be held
after worship
services on
November 8, 15 & 22.

Sip, Stroll & Shop for a Great Cause!

Friday, November 20th | 4:00–7:00 PM
Ann's Place Festival of Trees – Danbury, CT
Tickets: $15 per person



Join your fellow church members for a festive evening at Ann's Place Festival of Trees! Enjoy the beauty of the holiday season as we sip, stroll, and shop among beautifully decorated Christmas trees and holiday displays.
This wonderful event raises funds for Ann's Place, a local nonprofit that provides free support services to individuals and families facing cancer.

Interested in joining us? Please reach out to Lorraine Lavery at Marc.lorrainelavery@gmail.com.
We hope you'll join us for a wonderful evening of fellowship and holiday spirit!

SAVE THE DATE!
NORWALK COMMUNITY CHORALE
FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

DECEMBER 5,2026 @ 7:30 PM
NORWALK CONCERT HALL
125 EAST AVENUE
NORWALK, CT

SPONSORED BY THE NORWALK RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

MEET A MEMBER

How long have you been a member?
22 years!

What's your favorite event or worship service?
I love the Christmas Eve service



What brings you joy?
Being with friends and watching sporting events.

What's a fun fact that others don't know about you?
I collect sports cards



Check out all the photos on our Flic.kr site!

THANK YOU

Thank you to the volunteers who made this happen!

Rebecca Anderson
Doug , Laura, & Karlheinz Berendsohn
Tina & Johnny Halas | Laurie Kulakowski
Kristen, Victor and Wally Ladue | Lorraine Lavery
Meg McLoone | Debbie Nobes | Monica Walsh
And thanks to all who brought wonderful desserts!

PRE-SCHOOL

monthly newsletter

NOVEMBER

October at the preschool has been SPOOKTACULAR!

The students went pumpkin picking in the preschool's courtyard pumpkin patch and enjoyed an afternoon of ghoulishly fun activities like cookie decorating and spider making in the Fellowship Hall! Prince of Peace Preschool families were then invited to a fun fall afternoon at Castle Hill Farm where they could enjoy a hayride, corn maze, and visit friendly animals.

Soon, we will begin soliciting donations for the Brookfield Food Pantry.
All items will be delivered prior to the holidays.

Lastly, the preschool is very THANKFUL for the support of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and we wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Best,
Heidi Riddle

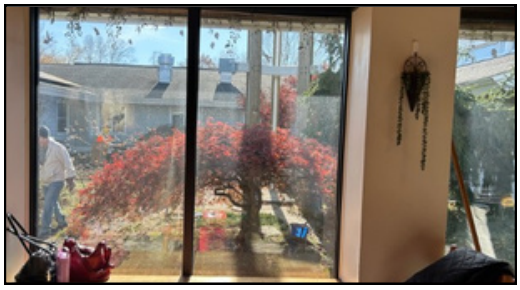


COURTYARD UPDATE



Thank you to all those who helped with the Oct. 31 Clean-up Day!

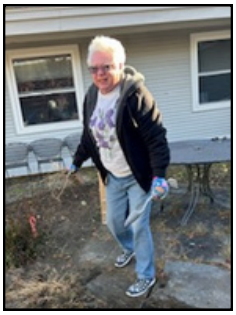
Liz Davies | Kim, Pete & Leo Gerardi
Karen Frank | Ernie Lehman
Susi Lehmann | Meg McLoone
Debbie & Alan Nobes
Anita & Wayne Stolle
Donna & Jimmy Vitetta
Manny & Edgar







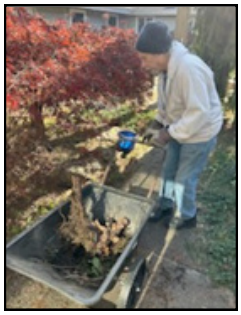














COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM OCTOBER

Pastors Report:

- Pastor attended the Fall Bishop's Convocation which provided the opportunity to connect and meet new colleagues in the New England Synod.
- Giving Sunday is October 25, 2026. Church members are encouraged to turn in pledge cards and the newly revised Time & Talent Pledges in the offering plate.
- An electrical problem has been discovered in the new portion of the building. Lee Arnold has been contacted to determine the needs and complete necessary repairs.
- Brookfield Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Sunday, November 22nd at 3 pm. Prince of Peace will host in November 2027.
- Christmas Eve Services are set for 4:30 pm and 10:00 pm and Christmas Day 10:00 am.
- This year in place of a Sunday School Christmas Pageant the Christmas tree will be decorated on Sunday, December 6 beginning during the church service with readings on the meaning and significance of Christmons. Families will be asked to participate and place Christmons on the tree. Tree set up is planned for Saturday, December 5th.

- **Care for our Home-bound members:** Ideas and ways Council can participate in caring for home bound members were discussed. Council members took note cards to write to homebound members.
- **November Council Serve Sunday:** Sunday, November 22nd will be a Council Serve Sunday. Council members have signed up for various roles during the service.
- **Courtyard Committee/Working Group:** Discussion on protocol for moving courtyard ideas forward including presentation of ideas with a capitol plan to council and the congregation, gathering town permits, the need for three quotes for required work, a maintenance plan took place. The need for a written policy for Memorials was also considered.

Votes:

- A motion to approve up to $500 to purchase a new grill and propane tank was made by Karen with a second by Chris B. Council unanimously agreed to approve.
- A motion was made by the Courtyard Working group for a contingency request of up to $500 for removal of bushes, grass etc. from the courtyard for the October 31, 2026 cleanup was made by Karen with a second by Meg. Council unanimously agreed to approve.

Communication of November 2026 Meeting Dates and Times

- Executive – November 10, 2026 6pm via Zoom
- Council - November 17, 2026 6pm in person



Daily Bread - Closing the Healthy Food Gap

FOOD • COMMUNITY • CARE







The numbers are staggering: to maintain a balanced, healthy diet at home, the average Connecticut family of four pays about $1,585 for groceries each month. In Fairfield County, one of the most expensive in the country, these costs climb closer to $1, 880 - or nearly $450 every week.

Struggling families in our area are stretching their dollars, and fresh, nutrituous food is often out of reach. Cheaper options ease hunger and fill bellies, but usually lack the vitamins, fiber, and healthy proteins so key to longer-term health and well being; these alternatives also lead to diet-related diseases.

With fresh green beans often reaching $4.00 per pound at local stores, the $.50-$1.00 canned version is a no-brainer for food-insecure households; but the canning process strips out nutrients and added sodium, a preservative, can worsen blood pressure and heart health over time. Fresh meat and fish prices have also surged, propelled by high production costs, fuel prices, and extreme weather. Cheaper options- processed deli meats, frozen chicken nuggets, or sodium-heavy boxed meals heavy with artificial fillers and much less protein- must, too often, be the default for families living paycheck to paycheck.

With your support, Daily Bread's shoppers are filling their carts with fresh, healthy food- free of charge.

Our most recent pantry-wide survey and ongoing guest feedback show that some of the most expensive supermarket items- fresh produce, milk, and meat - are highest on our shoppers' wish lists. With this and good nutrition top of mind, we work hard every day to rescue, purchase at low cost, and stock our merchandisers with thousands of pounds of wholesome food.

And, from chicken breasts to chayotes, farm-fresh eggs to garden-grown eggplants, we are committed to offering the variety central to a dignified shopping experience. Our partners in this effort: Connecticut Foodshare, other area foodbanks, local wholesalers, supermarkets, farms...and **you.**

We cannot thank you enough for helping to make all of this possible!

For more information, to tour our pantry, or to make a donation:
www.dailybreadfoodpantry.com
(203) 826-8252

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 2	Will Wagner
November 6	Dylan Tanger
November 10	Phil Giubileo
November 13	Natalie Susco
November 15	Jimmy Davies
November 28	Kiera McCaffrey
November 29	Stephen Hallock

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

November 4	Pastor Michael & Rebecca Anderson
November 10	Scott & Karen Erhartic
November 27	Juri & Nancy Tolmoff



If your birthday or anniversary is not listed and you would like it to be please contact Rene at the Church office.

CHURCH COUNCIL



Back row (L-R): Pastor Michael Anderson, Tim Brumbaugh, Meg McLoone, Heather Pontonio (President), Christine Buzzell, Deb Nobes (Secretary);
Front row (L-R): Paul Adam, Kim Gerardi, Karen Frank, Monica Walsh (Vice President), Johnny Halas, Jim Sharp
not pictured: Chris Ostergard

If you have a question about finances please contact
Priscilla Rivas
203-830-9016 or
guanacaste@snet.net

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship	2 10:00 a.m. Women's AA	3 10:00 a.m. Women's AA	4 6:30 p.m. Handbells 7:30 p.m. Choir	5 10:00 a.m. Women's AA 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	6 10:00 a.m. Women's AA	7 10:00 a.m. Craft Fair
8 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Bible Study	9 10:00 a.m. Women's AA 7:00 p.m. Ladies Night	10 10:00 a.m. Women's AA 6:00 p.m. Executive via Zoom	11 5:30 p.m Evening Prayer 6:30 p.m. Handbells 7:30 p.m. Choir	12 10:00 a.m. Women's AA 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Worship & Music	13 10:00 a.m. Women's AA	14
15 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Bible Study	16 10:00 a.m. Women's AA	17 10:00 a.m. Women's AA 10:00 a.m. WELCA Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Book Club 6:00 p.m. Council	18 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer 6:30 p.m. Handbells 7:30 p.m. Choir	19 10:00 a.m. Women's AA 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	20 10:00 a.m. Women's AA 4:00 p.m. Sip, Stroll & Shop	21
22 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Youth Group 3:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service	23 10:00 a.m. Women's AA	24 10:00 a.m. Women's AA	25 6:30 p.m. Handbells 7:30 p.m. Choir	26 10:00 a.m. Women's AA 	27 10:00 a.m. Women's AA	28
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The church office is open most weeks Mon-Fri, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please call first.

OUR VISION: Centering ourselves in God's word, we are open to the Holy Spirit's call to inspire faith in our changing world. As children of God we strive to share and spread God's love in the world.

MISSION: A welcoming community gathering together in God's Word to serve others.

CORE VALUES:

- Building & sustaining relationships
- Being accepted
- Engaging with others in Christ
- Contributing to a greater purpose through social ministry
- Being grounded in the teachings of Jesus

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