



The Community Messenger
ERICA EXTEMPORANEOUS



November 2023

“Please” and “Thank you” are some of the most important words in our vocabularies. They show the world around us that we know, that we have been taught, what it means to mind our manners. They are a mark of common courtesy, which at times, sadly, seems altogether uncommon. They also allow us to ask for what we need and offer appropriate gratitude when those needs have been met.

It isn't always easy to ask for the things we need. Sometimes it makes us feel vulnerable, as though admitting we are lacking something exposes weakness. We tend to forget the strength required to be aware of what we are missing, and the resolve required to take action toward filling those needs.

This sure does sound like a stewardship appeal, doesn't it? True enough. Howland Community Church stands in need. We need your prayers. We need your service and your presence. And yes, we need your financial support.

The church faces many of the same expenses our households have – utilities, maintenance, and upkeep of our facility to name a few. There are also costs associated with the mission work we do in the community. We don't like to think of it this way, but the business of being the church is a costly enterprise.

In the coming weeks, you will be invited to make a financial commitment to Howland Community Church. Please give this request your prayerful consideration. If you value the sense of community we share... If you appreciate the opportunity to worship together... If you are passionate about sharing God's love in our wide world... Please give as you are able. Thank You!

Take good care~*Erica*



Greetings from Gabby!

Autumn is such a beautiful time of the year. The leaves are so many different colors... Orange and yellow and red and even brown and crinkly when they fall and you step on them. Leaves can be fun to play in. But then, I don't have to rack them, do I? What is your favorite thing about this time of year?



~ Gabby

A LITTLE REMINDER FROM YOUR OUTREACH COMMITTEE...



Although Halloween is barely over, and our season of Thankfulness is beginning, Advent will commence in just 4 weeks. Therefore, we wanted to remind you of our two Advent giving projects.

1. We will once again be collecting hats, gloves/mittens, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and shampoo during the 4 Advent Sundays.
2. Due to your 2022 generous support and therefore great success of this program, we will also be asking congregation members to fill a Christmas food basket/bag/box with items for a Christmas dinner during the 24 days of Advent.

Please check our bulletin for more information beginning the middle of November...

Thanks, Linda H.



The organ fund continues to receive donations which are greatly appreciated. James Leek, of the Leek Organ Company, provided some updated numbers for the repairs to the organ. The initial repairs to keep the organ functioning would be about \$50,000. Further repairs to replace the electrical system and upgrade the console in the organ would be an additional cost of \$80,000. A bumper sticker fundraiser is ongoing and a church cookbook is underway. There are envelopes marked "Organ Fund" in the back of the church for your convenience. We don't want to lose such a great part of the church. We hope you will support our efforts.



Patty



Client Choice Pantry



Our food pantry is scheduled for Friday, November 17th during the usual hours of 3-5 pm. Volunteers are always welcome and needed. Optimally, we require 10-12 church member volunteers for a smoothly running pantry. Although we are not asking for our members to bring in milk, eggs and bread, if you would like to contribute money towards these foods, any donation would always be appreciated. Please put the words "Food Pantry" in the memo section of your check. We will always require volunteers to help us unload and stock our shelves and freezers, generally the day before the pantry each month.

Linda Hitmar



November Schedules

Lectionary for November

DATE	ELDER	DIACONATE SANCTUARY (All Month)	DIACONATE KITCHEN (All Month)
Nov. 5	Dawn Adgate	Jim Diglaw Captain	<u>Sanctuary</u> Dawn Adgate
Nov. 12	Jeff Morrison		Emma Adgate
Nov. 19	Alan Purdum		<u>JHR</u> Shirley Bickerstaff
Nov. 26	Brooke Schubert		Haylee Adgate
		Bonnie Diglaw	

Nov. 5, 2023

Joshua 3:7-17
Micah 3:5-12
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
Psalm 43
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12



Nov. 12, 2023

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16
Amos 5:18-24
Psalm 78:1-7
Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20

Nov. 19, 2023

Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Nov. 19, 2023

Judges 4:1-7
Zephaniah 1:7,12-18
Psalm 123
Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Nov. 26, 2023

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46



BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

BASIC WORDS OF THE BIBLE 2



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| HEAVEN | ISRAEL | GREECE |
| HELL | ROMAN | SANHEDRIN |
| PRAISE | SABBATH | PEACE |
| GRACE | KING | JOY |
| MERCY | CAESAR | REDEMPTION |
| TRINITY | ROME | HOPE |
| DISCIPLE | HEBREW | MARRIAGE |

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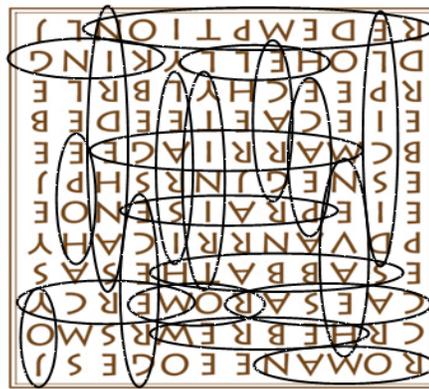
Finances



September Finances

	Activity	YTD Balance
Income	\$15,329.23	\$177,606.20
Expenses	\$16,370.71	\$203,819.65
Difference	(\$1,041.48)	(\$26,213.45)
<p>\$15003.00 has not been transferred yet for the Youth Worker which changes the YTD Balance Difference to (\$11,210.45).</p>		

The Finance Committee believes it will be useful for the congregation to have a better sense of the church's financial situation. Look for this information weekly in the bulletin as well.



Thanksgiving
 blessings Gatherings
 GRATEFUL *Family*
 Give Thanks Prayers Blessed
Let us come before Him with Thanksgiving
Psalms 95:2

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Monday, December 4, 2023

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN NORTH HALL

Donors may report to the North Hall from 12:00-6:00 p.m.

Call 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment



HOWLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH



Thank You, LORD!

NOVEMBER 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6P Trustees	2 6-8P Girl Scouts (NH)	3 ♥ Terry & Debbie Williams	4 1P—NA Mtg--NH 6P—AA Mtg-NH
5 10A-Worship 	6 Taylor Bickerstaff Patty DiGiacobbe 7P Boy Scouts-NH	7 South Hall Voting Joe Bezilla	8 Maxine Parker	9	10 	11 1P—NA Mtg NH 6P—AA Mtg-NH
12 10A-Worship	13 7P Elders 7P Boy Scouts-NH	14 ♥ John & Patty DiGiacobbe	15 Janie Nash 	16 ♥ Gary & Betty Arblaster 6-8P Girl Scouts (NH)	17 3-5P Client Choice Food Pantry ♥ Kevin & Carol Vencel	18 FFM 11-12:30 P-SH 1P—NA Mtg-NH 6P—AA Mtg-NH
19 10A-Worship 	20 6:30P Finance 7P Official Board 7P Boy Scouts-NH December Newsletter Articles Due Steven Beasley	21 Jim Matyas	22 ♥ Paul & Shirley Bickerstaff	23 OFFICE CLOSED 	24 OFFICE CLOSED ♥ Jeffrey & Katherine Morrison Red Cross Blood Drive 10-4P	25 1P—NA Mtg-NH 6P—AA Mtg-NH
26 10A-Worship ♥ Anna Marie & Barry Ottney	27 Mark Waid 7P Boy Scouts-NH	28 Terry Williams	29 	30 ♥ Sam & Jan Wagner		

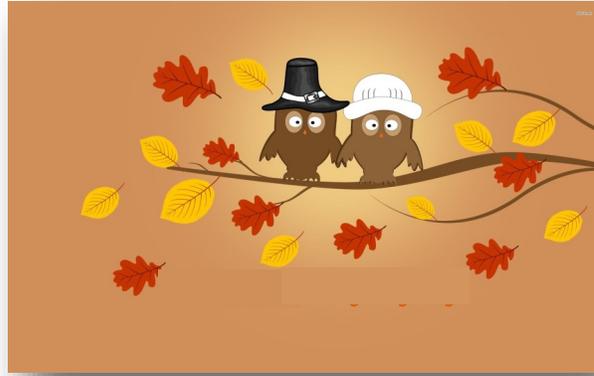
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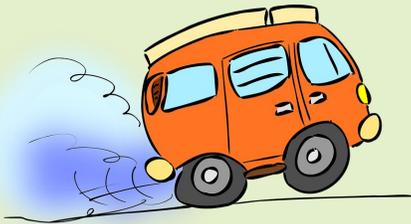
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Happy Thanksgiving



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(affiliated with the Disciples of Christ, United Church of Christ, and International Council of
Community Churches). Our church is **"A House of Prayer For All People."**
We offer Sunday School for children and a fellowship gathering after Worship.
Communion is served every Sunday.

**OFFICE
HOURS**



Monday—Thursday
9:00AM—4:00PM
Friday
9:00AM—Noon

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

Articles for
Next Month's
Newsletter are
Due Nov 20

Reverend Erica Brown, Senior Minister
Andrew Purdum, Director of Music
Rita Bobco, Finance Manager
Linda Mikula, Administrative Assistant
Minta Pitts, Custodian