

# Steeple Tidings

*Sharing God's love with each other and the world*

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**Worship with us Sundays  
at 10 AM, Sunday School  
November 3 & 17 at  
10am  
All are Welcome!!**

## Daily Prayer

Heavenly Father, as I arise today, I pray that Your strength pilot me, Your power uphold me, and Your wisdom guide me. May Your eye look before me, Your hand protect me and Your shield, defend me. Amen

## Quick News and Events

November 3—Our 'Almost Deaconess' Tracy Weisel will deliver her message! Lets show some love!

November 6—Healing Service, Sanctuary 7pm, pg 5

November 8— Turkey Dinner, page 3 for more info

November 10—All Saints Day Celebrated, pg 5

November 17—Pancakes! Pg. 4

November 19—Church Conference, BWR 7pm, pg. 9

December 1—Cookie Bake Day, right after church join in the fun lets bake for cookie walk!

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**For Complete Calendar go to  
[humcEnfield.org](http://humcEnfield.org)**

As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." (Matthew 4:18-19)

## *Some Thoughts from Me* —Rev. David Williams



This past Sunday, as I looked over the prayer cards that had been placed into the offering plate, I was struck by one in particular. Each week there are cards asking for prayers for someone who is sick, facing or recovering from surgery, or dealing with the loss of a loved one. Some of the prayers are for family members, some for friends and neighbors, and others for co-workers. There are often cards seeking prayers for events on a more national or international scale. There are also cards that lift up the joy and celebration of answered prayer, birthdays and anniversaries, or some other milestone event in our lives. **But this card was different.** It lifted up the simple joy of being able to come in to the church and work in the sanctuary, and it got me to thinking.

In the Book of Lamentations the prophet Jeremiah writes, “*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning: great is your faithfulness.*” 3:22-23) You and I are blessed every single day. It is easy to spot the big blessings—the birth of a baby, a new job, a marriage, being certified cancer free. It is easy to spot the big blessings because they are so important. But there are other blessings that we (or at least I) often miss; blessings that are smaller; blessings without which life

would be far less sweet.

The recent clothing sale brought many of us together to do the work of setting up, sorting, selling, and tearing down. The laughter and fellowship that took place during that time was a blessing indeed. The new fellowship dinners that we have been holding have also been a blessing as church members and families from outside our church gather together to enjoy a meal and watch children play. Every Sunday we are blessed by a choir that never fails to touch our soul with their offering. Trunk or Treat, the Living Nativity, decorating the sanctuary for Christmas, the Christmas Pageant, and the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service all bless us with their laughter, fellowship, and the depth of feelings they evoke. And of course, just the fellowship—the love and support—that we enjoy by belonging to this family of Jesus Christ is a powerful daily blessing in and of itself. Truly Jeremiah was right, God’s blessings are new every morning; his faithfulness is unmatched.

Every day you and I have the opportunity to pray to a God who has promised to listen to those prayers and answer them. Every day you and I have the opportunity to enjoy just the simple act of working, playing, and worshipping in this place. Every day you and I experience the blessings of a loving God,

who delights in amazing us—not just in the big things, but in the hundreds and thousands of small blessings that give life its flavor.

That prayer card reminded me of how blessed I am to simply walk through these doors every day and simply be your pastor. It reminded me of how blessed I am to have HUMC be “my congregation.” It reminded me that blessings come in all shapes and sizes, and that to only focus on the big blessings risks missing the joy of the small. What an awesome God we serve.

How has God blessed you today? It’s true, you know. His blessings are new every day. They are out there waiting to be discovered. They are out there waiting to lift your spirits and renew your hope. I hope you go looking for them and I hope you find them. And may God bless you in the journey.

*Dave*

## Can I Get An Amen! Or some Turkey....

### We are Running Fowl!

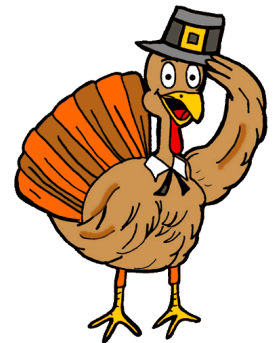
Enjoy a Turkey dinner with your friends. We are serving Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce!

Bring a dessert to share! Free Will Offering!

**November 8th first seating is 5pm**

**Second seating is 6:00pm**

Sign up give us a number of people coming so we can have enough food!



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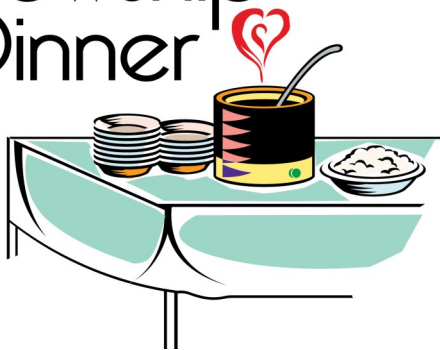
Number of People: \_\_\_\_\_ Gluten Sensitive?: \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Seating: **5pm** **6:00pm**

**Detach and put in Dinner Bucket in Fellowship Hall, or call the office:**

**860-749-7098**

# Fellowship Dinner



We have planned the Fall Calendar and Marc is willing to lead the charge on Dinners! We will be having Fellowship/Community Dinners at least once a month with special themes.

If you would like to help in any manner please sign up on the sign up board or send us an email: [hazardvilleumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hazardvilleumc@sbcglobal.net) or call: 860-749-7098

Free Will Offerings will be accepted: Come and eat!

November 8: 5-7pm, warm up to Thanksgiving!

December TBA: if we have time amongst everything else!

## Pancake Breakfast

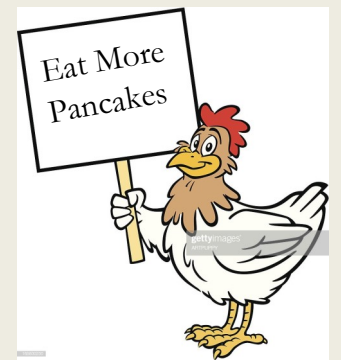


**November 17** will be our next breakfast. We are going to start serving Eggs with our breakfast! This year all donations will go toward a couple of different projects! I will update you as they move along. After September:

December 15

January 17      Are the other dates.

We will start serving at 8:30am and keep flipping until 9:49am.



**Living Nativity:** This year it is again a spectacular, not to be missed, incredible feat! If you would like to be an actor in the Nativity please sign up! If you own an animal (sheep, goat, camel, yak, alpaca, bunny) They are needed as well! Just call the church office to arrange!

## Communion and All-Saints Celebration

Because of Rev. Dave's vacation, we will be celebrating All Saints Sunday on November 10 instead of the first Sunday in November. As part of our morning worship we want to take some time to celebrate the saints that have shaped and molded our lives. If you would like to honor a saint (parent, teacher, neighbor, relative, etc.) who was influential in your life and has gone home to glory in the **past twelve months** please bring or e-mail a picture to the church office by Nov. 5 so that we can include it. We will also celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion on that Sunday as well.



I wish to thank our church family for all the cards and letters of support while Dick battled cancer for the past 17 months. Also, thank you for the visits during his final days here in Somers. He may not have been able to converse with you, but he heard everyone who came to talk to him and shared stories and memories. My Honey Boy is now in Heaven, and has been healed of his cancer. I praise God for that and for my biological family and church family who have made it able for me to continue walking this new path alone.

God's blessings,  
Linda Borio



## Wednesday Evening Healing Services

Our next Wednesday evening Service of Divine Healing will be held on Wednesday, November 6, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. As before, this short (30-45 minutes) service will be patterned after the Taizé service of quiet reflection, with some simple chants, scripture, prayer, and anointing with oil.

We also invite you to come to any one of the other Wednesday evening prayer meetings which are held each week at 7. These are shorter, more informal times of prayer. If you are feeling run down, scared, lonely, depressed, hurting, struggling, or simply lost, we invite you to come for this very special service where we open ourselves up to the healing power of God.



## Troop 108 – November 2019

### Steeple Tidings – by Scott Vujs, a.k.a. “the Old Goat”

Greetings from Troop 108 – the oldest continuously operating troop in Enfield for 81 years! With the days getting shorter and nights becoming cooler it surely an indication of fall weather that is approaching and many outdoor scout activities on the calendar.

Troop meetings have started and the 24 scouts are involved in many activities. In October the scouts will hold Troop Elections to elect new boy leaders. These boy leaders will continue with the planning and execution of the activities thru to the next Troop Elections in March 2020. This election process will give the scouts a good lesson in civic responsibility as we prepare to vote in our local elections in November. Stay tuned for next month’s edition of Steeple Tidings to learn of the election results.

September’s camp out was held at Hurd State Park in East Hampton, CT. The campout theme was Backpacking and Trail Meals. Camping, Cooking, & First Aid activities were also featured at the campout. The scouts also completed outdoor skills towards their next rank advancement.

October’s campout will be to the Troiano Property in Rhode Island. The program is still being developed but we are looking at a few merit badges that we could complete.

October will also see our 1<sup>st</sup> Court of Honor and a Halloween Party. The Court of Honor will recognize scouts who have earned awards since the June Court of Honor – a majority of those awards were earned at Yawgoog Summer Camp 2019. The Halloween Party will feature our scouts and their families dressed up in their “scariest” costumes and participate in several “creepy” and “ghoulish” games.

November’s Campout will be held at Yawgoog Scout Reservation in Rockville Rhode Island. This campout will feature visits from a Webelos den from a local pack as they visit various troops in Enfield prior to crossing over. Cooking skills will be the theme of the weekend and will culminate with our Troop’s Annual Thanksgiving Dinner in the field complete with homemade Pumpkin Pies. The scouts will be able to get several 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Class Rank Requirements for Cooking signed off after this weekend. In addition, scouts working on the Cooking Merit Badge will be able to get requirements signed off as well.

In late October the troop will be placing flags on the graves of veterans at St. Patrick’s Cemetery for Veteran’s Day. This is part of our Community Service honoring some of the deceased veterans who are buried in Enfield. It shows respect not only for those veterans but for the flag and country they served. Over 1400+ flags will be placed this fall on Saturday 26 October 2019.

The troop is also preparing for the annual Wreaths Across America Ceremony to be held at St. Patrick’s cemetery on Saturday December 14, 2019. This ceremony will also tie in to our December Campout famously called “Video Campout” as the scouts relax and enjoy playing video games. The scouts work hard over the course of the year and they asked many years ago to have one campout to do “what they want” so the December Video Game Campout was established. It’s a fun campout that is supporting a worthwhile cause with the Wreath Ceremony.

Troop 108 wants to thank all who recently purchased a Mum’s Plant during our sale. The proceeds that the scouts earn directly go into their scout account to help pay for fees, campouts, uniforms, camping equipment, etc. The 9<sup>th</sup> point of the Scout Law is “Thrifty” – a scouts earns money to pay his own way.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Troop 108's Pasta Dinner on Saturday September 21, 2019. The event is being held at the Mt. Carmel Hall from 5-7:30 PM. And tickets for this event are just \$5 for HUMC parishioners!! For more information or to purchase tickets please contact Kerry Fracasso.

And speaking of Kerry, please extend congratulations when you see him as he became Troop 108's 91<sup>st</sup> Eagle Scout on August 26, 2019! Kerry worked hard and successfully completed all requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout. His Eagle Service Project was to refurbish a room in the HUMC that now is useable space for storage and other activities.

As the Marine Corp's recruiting slogan says "we are looking for a few good men", so as Troop 108 is always" looking for a few good young men" who would like to become a Boy Scout. Troop 108 does accept new scouts (or scouts looking to transfer from another troop or have relocated to the area) at any time of the year. If you know of a young man who is at least 11 years old or completed the 5<sup>th</sup> grade or has earned his Arrow of Light in Webelos and would like to join Boy Scouts please let us know. Any young man and his parent/guardian are welcomed to visit the troop on Wednesday evenings. For more information please contact Scott Vujs, Scoutmaster, at [Lobster63@cox.net](mailto:Lobster63@cox.net) for more information.

Additionally, if you know of a young man or young woman ages 5-10 (Kindergarten thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) who would like to become a Cub Scout please contact me and I can provide you with more information and a contact person with our local Packs.

Until the next Steeple Tidings Troop 108 is signaling "All Clear" and signing off.

**Troop 108 THANKS the HUMC for its continued support of our troop!**



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## Sermon Series

Jesus calls us to "go and make disciples." Our mission statement declares that we are called to "share the love of God with each other and the world." But just what does it mean to go and make disciples?

And how do we share that love? Who do we share it with, and to what purpose? Beginning Sunday, November 10, Rev. Dave will embark on a special sermon series entitled *Shepherding God's Flock*. We will look at who to invite and how to welcome them. We will look at what it means mentor them so that they become disciples of Jesus Christ. And we will explore the tools and gifts God has given us for this work. This series will help us find our footing as we begin to pray, think, and discuss where God is leading us as a congregation. You won't want to miss it.



Life pushing in? Work a hassle? Fears abound around family, finances, health? Why not spend a few moments with God. Join us Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary for a short, very informal time of prayer. This half-hour time together allows us to reconnect with one another, and, more importantly, to reconnect with God. Come spend some time in the arms of our Savior. You will be glad you did.

### Nursing Home Outreach Opportunities

Our next opportunity to take worship to the residents at Evergreen Nursing Home is Tuesday, November 26, at 11 a.m. The service lasts about 1/2 hour, and includes old favorite hymns, prayers, scripture, a very brief message, and the sacrament of Holy Communion. We are always in need of folks to assist in the singing to just generally greet the residents who come to the service. It's fun. It's easy. And it really does make a difference.



## November BIRTHDAYS

November 15—Linda Riley

November 24—Gerry Berozsky

November 18—Walt Skukowski

November 25—Steven Weisel

November 21—Linda Borio

November 22—Joyce Young

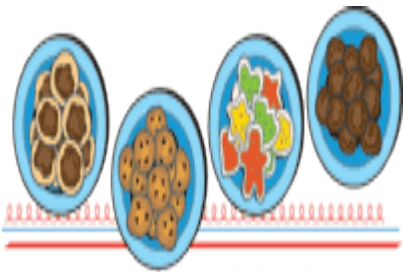


## Church Conference

Our annual Church Conference will be held on Tuesday, November 19, at 7 pm in the Betty Wightman Room. Our District Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. David Calhoun will preside. This is an important meeting in the life of our church, as we will approve Lay Speakers, affirm our Deaconesses, set the pastor's compensation package, and decide on our church leadership for the coming year. We will also look back at what has happened in the preceding year, and look forward to what is yet to come. All members of the church are encouraged to attend. Members of Staff-Parish Relations Committee will meet with the DS at 6 p.m. in the Yates Room.

## HUMC2025

Where is God leading us as a congregation? What does our future hold? Just who has God created us to be? These are very powerful questions that we need to answer as we seek to live out our mission to "share the love of Jesus Christ with each other and the world." We are a strong church. We have wisdom and experience, but that is just another way of saying that we are beginning to age as a congregation. We need to attract younger families. We need to increase the size of our Sunday School. We need to reach teens. How do we do that? We have a strong sense of fellowship and a well-earned and well-deserved reputation as a warm and caring body. But does anyone outside of our walls know that? And how can we let people know that the sense of belonging and welcome that they seek they will find here at HUMC? It is time for us to come together and do some in-depth exploring of these questions. To accomplish that we are creating the HUMC2025 project. What is it? It is an attempt to answer the questions above with an eye towards where we believe God is leading us by the year 2025. Our first church wide retreat will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2020 in the Betty Wightman room. Look for more information in coming editions of Steeple Tidings. In the meantime, please hold our church in prayer as we prepare for this exciting and challenging work.



# Cookie Walk

## Christmas Tea and Cookie Walk

December 14, 2019

11:00 to 1:00



Remember to invite your friends and neighbors to join us at the 18th annual Christmas Tea and Cookie Walk. You'll be overwhelmed by the variety and amount of Holiday cookies available for purchase at the Cookie Walk. The elegant Tea Luncheon is an opportunity to relax and enjoy delicious finger sandwiches and sweets in community with friends and family. It's a busy time of year, so please come and take a moment for yourself and make it part of your Christmas season tradition.

We will need volunteers to help decorate fellowship hall,( time and day to be determined) and to prepare the kitchen. Also, volunteers are needed on Saturday to help serve our guests and clean up. A signup sheet will be available, any help is greatly appreciated!!!

For the Tea, sandwiches need to be made at the church. Be sure to label with the ingredients especially those that contain any nuts or gluten. Finger sandwiches and sweet treats need to be small as we want to **avoid the need for utensils.**

Cookies for the Cookie Walk can be brought to the Church on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> or early Saturday morning. Please mark your cookie containers if they contain nuts or are gluten free.

Questions on the Cookie Walk can be directed to Tracy McDonagh ([tracymcdon@cox.net](mailto:tracymcdon@cox.net)) and questions on the Tea can be directed to Denise Pape ([dpape411@cox.net](mailto:dpape411@cox.net)).

Please lend a hand to make our last big fundraiser of the year a success!

# Hear my **PRAYER** O Lord

*Psalm 86:6*

Please keep the following in your prayers  
*If you have a name to add or notice a name that is missing  
please contact Isobel Skukowski or the church office.*

## **Illness**

Mike Braun,  
Diane Chantre,  
Mark Chevalier,  
Neil Kelley  
Beryl Notman,  
Mary Lou Sarno,  
Peg Steinert,  
Ron Uricchio,  
Janette Young

## **Family Illness**

The Braun Family  
The Kelley Family  
The Phelan Family

## **Safe Travels**

Tyler Craven  
The Fishers  
The Bragans

## **Shut-Ins**

Elsie Andrews  
Chick Comparetto  
Diane Hoctor  
Pat Owens  
Ann Stanzione

## **Recovery**

Jeannette Burkhardt  
Colleen Williams

### Prayer Chain:

Rev. Dave—860-749-9595      Isobel Skukowski—860-7497451  
Church Office—860-749-7098    Sue Braun—860-749-2234  
Linda Borio   Nancy Dyer   Jane Clark   Doris Mack   Holly Fisher   Mary Baum  
Sandy Butcher   Vernell Sanford   Jessica Duga

**Our Entire Church Family**



The word **“JOY”** will probably not show up in a curriculum guide. Politicians don’t use that word when they talk about schools, money or accountability. But those of us working hard to ensure a childhood for so many children know **that if we did not hear laughter, giggling, hoopla and shouting in our school we couldn’t go on.** It is the “JOY” of each child that keeps us doing what we do.

Yesterday one of my preschoolers asked me if I worked. I answered with “What do you think?” His response, “Yes, you are a principal.” I said, “Well I am the director of our school which I guess is somewhat like a principal”. We continued our discussion with this four year old saying, “You must really like it here because you are always here walking around and coming into our classroom.” I concluded with, “Yes, I really like it here and I hope you do too!” His response, “Yes, I do like it here.”

Often I have heard members of the congregation ask about the children at HWG. They talk about what they see and what they hear when they are visiting the church during the week. When doing this they are all smiles. Even the ‘paid’ workers comment on how nice it is to hear the laughter, the hoopla, etc. that happens each day. There are times when you will see Miss Sue standing at her office door saying good-bye or just waving to the children as they pass. Mr. Marc comes out into the hall just to say “good-morning” to the groups. If Rev. Dave needs a “pick-me-up” he’ll just come upstairs, walk the hall and listen to the ‘noise’. It has a way of rejuvenating one’s spirit!

There isn’t anything more important than caring for our children. They need our love and acceptance, our support and dedication, seeing those around them as positive role models, having someone who will give them “time” and “listen” to what they are saying. The children of HWG are lucky to have so many in this church who truly care for them. This includes the HWG staff, the HUMC workers and you, its parishioners. Thank you for your support and most importantly for your prayers.

**November is a time for thanksgiving. It is a time to celebrate with family and friends, a time to share and be grateful for the many blessings we have been given. May each of you have a wonderful holiday filled with all the joy of the season.**

Until next time...

*Phyllis*

# IN SERVICE IN November

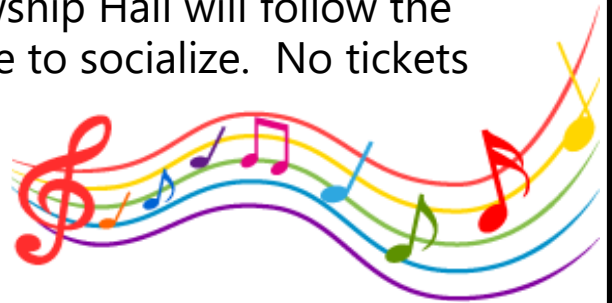
DATE	LITURGIST	NURSERY	GREETERS	COFFEE	USHERS	COUNTERS
Nov. 3	Linda Borio	Daye Guertin Nicole Galbraith Dee Chlebowski	Amy Troiano		Walt Skukowski Kathie Kelley Kerry Fracasso Judy Locke	Diane Joseph Ernie Jensen
Nov. 10	Phyllis Phelan Communion Steward: Marie Prior		Cindy Goodsell		Christian Chlebowski Walt Skukowski Judy Locke Ernie Jensen	Diane Babcock Kathy Kelley
Nov. 17	Sam Turkson	Dee Chlebowski Vernell Sandford	Cindy Goodsell	Pancakes	Walt Skukowski Kathie Kelley Kerry Fracasso Judy Locke	Diane Joseph Ernie Jensen
Nov. 24	Esta Clarke	Doris Mack Linda Versteeg	Cindy Goodsell		Judy Locke Kathie Kelley Christian Chlebowski Don Niemann	Diane Babcock Kathy Kelley
Dec. 1	Roberta Bragan	Ashley Collins				Diane Joseph Ernie Jensen

" Begin the Christmas season with some beautiful music "



**The Enfield Community Chorus** presents its 43rd annual holiday concert on Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8 here in our sanctuary. Both concerts will begin promptly at 3:00 p.m. The first half will feature fun tunes such as "Jingle Bells, Candy Covered Gingerbread House, and O Holy Night" and others. The second half will be "A Noel Celebration" " with all the traditional carols, as well as costumed actors portraying people from Jesus'

time. Our own Julie LaRocca directs, accompanied by the fantastic Jonathan O'Brien. A reception in Fellowship Hall will follow the concert with refreshments and a chance to socialize. No tickets or reservations are needed, but donations will be gratefully accepted at the concert. Don't miss this tuneful event.



**THANK YOU**



To Everyone who helped make the video shoot a success! Filling the pews, greeting, ushering, singing and Fellowship! Prayer Shawl Group, including Peg Steinert. Your Shawls were icing on a cake! I can't wait to see the outcome!



My heartfelt thanks to all my friends at HUMC for their prayers, calls, cards, and visits during my recent surgery and recuperation. It has meant so much to know I've had your support.  
Many Blessings,  
Tony (Clarke)



# Advent Study

Experience how Christmas is observed in each of the four Gospels in this study written by Cynthia M.

Campbell. This creative,

four-session adult study pack compares each of the Gospels to homes that Christians visit. Illustrations of each Gospel house are provided by artist Kevin Burns based on his interpretation of the shape and character of each Gospel.\* Together Christian adults will be challenged to see Christmas from the different perspectives offered in each house as they further reflect on the mystery of Jesus.

As in past years each study will have Soup and bread served from 6-6:30pm, with class starting at 6:30pm. Com and enjoy the Season! Handouts will be available the week before the class starts.

Dec. 5 - UMC-Enfield (41 Brainard Rd)

Dec. 12 - Hazardville UMC

Dec. 19 - UMC-Enfield

***Don't Just go to Church, Be the Church!***



Scout Master Scott Vjus handing over leadership to our new Scout Master Howe

Prayer Shawls on ladders in sanctuary



World Communion Day Alter





Here Wee Grow Kids greeting a firefighter in full gear. The Fire Fighters were reinforcing that in full gear they are NOT scary!

Kerry Fracasso receiving his Eagle at the last awards night! Remember when he was a little tike? Such an awesome Young Man!

