# SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WARREN

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# NOVEMBER 2025 THE CORNERSTONE

Give Fhanks with a Grateful Heart

# Pastors Point of View

As November arrives, we enter a season marked by gratitude, remembrance, and preparation. The days grow shorter, and the earth rests in quiet anticipation, reminding us to pause and give thanks for the many blessings God has graciously bestowed upon us throughout the year.

#### **NOVEMBER MEETINGS**

Nov. 3 - Monday 10:00am Ladies Circle Meeting

Nov. 5 - Wednesday 1:00PM

Mission Meeting

Nov. 7 - Friday 10:00am

Caring & Sharing Meeting

Nov. 13 - Thursday 6:30pm

Trustee Meeting

Nov. 16 - Sunday 11:30am

Deacon Meeting

Nov. 29 - Saturday 9:00am

Men's Group Meeting

Meetings are where decisions are made.
If you are on a board or committee it's your responsibility to attend meetings.



In 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, we are encouraged: "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." November invites us to cultivate a heart of thanksgiving—not only for the good times but also for the challenges that have shaped our faith and character. Gratitude opens our eyes to God's presence in every moment and draws us closer to Him.

This month, as we gather with family and friends, let us also remember those in our community who may be facing the hardship or loneliness. Romans 12:13 calls us to "share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." May we extend the warmth of Christ's love through acts of kindness, generosity, and service, embodying the spirit of Thanksgiving in tangible ways.

As we reflect on God's faithfulness, November is also a time to prepare our hearts for the coming Advent season—a time of hope and joyful expectation. Let us use this month to deepen our prayer lives, seek reconciliation where needed, and nurture peace within ourselves and with others.

May the peace of Christ fill you richly this November, and may gratitude be the foundation upon which we build our lives.

With blessings and thanks, Rev. January Peavey

Rev. January's email: 1shepherd4god@gmail.com Telephone: 207-409-4409



This Prayer List is designed to inspire you to keep these cherished individuals in your thoughts and prayers throughout the week. If there's someone you'd like to add to this list, please speak with them first and obtain their consent before proceeding. (We understand that this may not always be feasible). If your loved one has experienced the healing grace of God, kindly inform us so we can remove them from the prayer list.

Heavenly Father, in Your compassion, please bring healing and recovery to those listed. Touch them with Your healing hand and restore their strength. Ease their pain and mend what is broken. Surround them with Your peace and comfort. In 'Jesus' Name we pray for...

Karen Carpenter Family Connie Heath Gloria Britto Lee Houghton Muriel Knutson Peggy Libby Stuart Mank Linda Winstead Justin by Marcia C. **Nola Studley** George Creighton

Romeo Jackson by Melody S. Brent Lawson by Melody S. Ann & Peter Gribbin by Melody S. Rodney and Myra Brooks Lorraine Strout by Linda K. Sheila A. by Tina B. Nathan Lanphier by Clint L. Becky Tipp by Carole S. Dick Hooey by Brenda K Ether Baldwin





Willis 'Will' R. Berry, long time member of SCCW and beloved brother of Mary Gammon, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Friday, October 3, 2025, at Windward Gardens in Camden.

Will shared these observations from his 95 years: "After meeting people, I love my dog most." "Most people have goodness if you look for it." And finally..." Whether you are rich or poor, it's better to leave a little money." His quick wit and loving personality will be missed by all who loved him. Will's family has chosen to remember his life privately.



Linda Lufkin Kaler went home faithfully and peacefully, surrounded by her loved ones on October 5, 2025.

Linda was a dedicated member of our church family for over 25 years and played a vital role as one of the founding members of the Riverside Fellowship Club.

Linda loved gardening and worked many years at both the Green Thumb and Moose Crossing Garden Centers. She especially enjoyed her 'sister day' outings. Linda will be fondly remembered and missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers for healing and peace to Walter and his family. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

# **November Birthdays**

4 Freda Hill 5 Robin Quinn

6 Gregory Cifaldo 23 Albert Overlock

8 Jav Cifaldo

8 Amanda Field

19 Kim Cohen

19 Walter Kaler

If your special day is not listed please contact the office.

24 Kristina Ott 24 Becky Ruggieri

24 John Hagin

25 Clinton Lanphier

30 Merle Vanner

# FILL THE BARREL



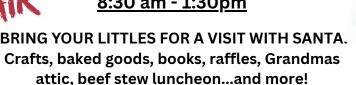
Suggested Donations:

**Apple Sauce Boxed Stuffing Mix** Cranberry Sauce

Please check expiration dates.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY FOOD PANTRY

# **Holly Berry Fair!** November 22, 2025 8:30 am - 1:30pm





TWO CHURCHES

BERRY FAIR

# one service

# WEDNESDAY November 26th 6:30pm

Our annual Thanksgiving Eve service with our sister church will be held at the Warren Baptist Church

#### **THURSDAY November 27th**

This is the day we sit back, reflect and be thankful for all the gifts that God has bestowed on us and we pray for those less fortunate. Wishing everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.



# Free for the public on Thanksgiving Day November 27th 12-4 at the Warren Masonic

Lodge on Rt 90. Donations will be accepted, and we hope you and your family can spend Thanksgiving with us! All money raised will benefit the Penobscot Bay Ministries. Last year we served over 100 people! Join us.

# Children's Clothing Exchange

Our Children's clothing room is still going strong. We work to keep it organized and flowing smoothly by sorting and sizing new donations that are dropped off. We organize the tables and racks to keep everything neat and easily accessible. Since school started, we have given away a lot of clothing.

We are running out or have run out of different sizes. I used to get oodles of clothes from Bubble and Bean in Camden, but they don't donate to our church anymore. I also get donations of unwanted clothes from Sweet Peas in Rockland, but that comes in spurts, and I haven't got any in a while. If you know of anyone who has clothes, they no longer need or find any in your travels, we are in need of quite a few sized. In fact, a couple of sizes I am listing are completely out. With colder weather arriving I pray God will keep our racks full.

Here is a list of clothes we need.

- Girl's tops, pants and coats in sizes 3,4,6,8, and
- Girl's coats in size 10 and 14
- Boy's tops and pants in sizes 2,3,4 and 10, and
- Boy's coats and snowpants in size 3,5,6,10 and 14

Thank you for any donations you may have,

Doing God's Mission, Susan Lombardo



# Sunday Morning Greeters are...



...welcoming faces...

Our Hospitality Committee, consisting of Tina Bryant, Pat Overlock, and Carolyn Robinson, reaches out each month to various church attendees to invite them to serve as greeters. If you are approached, consider it a privilege not only to be invited but also to take part in such an important role within our church community. If you'd like to volunteer for this please see one of the committee members.



The Hobden's Jack, Dad Zack, Zoe, Mom Monique

# It's Nominating Season Again!

We are in need of the following 5 members to volunteer for the 2025-2026 Nominating Committee.



One Trustee
One Deacon
One Member at Large
Two Members not on any board or committee

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Rev. January will be conducting a new membership class on **November 15**<sup>th</sup> at **10:00**am

If you are not already a member of SCCW and would like to be one, please see Rev. January.

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another". *John 1: 3-34* 

#### MUSIC UPCOMING EVENTS

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 4 AT 6:30PM**. The Midcoast Brass Quintet will be performing here at SCCW. This will be a benefit concert for AIO. The Area Interfaith organization that helps people in the surrounding communities with food, heat, and diapers.

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 19 AT 7:00PM.** The Midcoast Community Band will perform fun Holiday music at the Thomaston Baptist Church at 7:00pm. Donations are gratefully accepted.



It has been brought to our attention that a fraudulent email is circulating within the community, supposedly from Rev. Bette Bond and others, requesting church information and asking for PDF files of our member directory. Also text messages asking for gift cards. This is a SCAM and serves as a classic example of such deceitful tactics. Before replying to any emails or texts of this nature, please verify the sender's email address to ensure it originates from a legitimate source. We NEVER ask for money in a text message. Please be aware.

### AIO EARLY BIRD CHALLENGE... submitted by Pat Weaver

As much as we need food donations and volunteers sorting food, we also need to raise funds for food and diaper purchases, energy assistance payments, and market operations. Given the dramatic changes to Federal safety net supports, we are braced for an even bigger year as many of our neighbors are being pushed ever nearer to the financial edge and aren't able to afford fresh, healthy food or to stay warm through the winter.

Our Year-End Appeal raises about 1/3 of our annual budget. This fall our goal is to raise \$500,000 by December 31. To kick this appeal, drive off, we have an Early Bird Matching fund of \$100,000! Double Your Impact- \$100,000 Match Challenge!

ALL DONATIONS RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 21 will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$100,000

We are incredibly grateful to the anonymous donor who has so generously provided matching funds to help us reach our goal.

Will you consider making a donation to help us reach our goal?

You can donate online or mail a check to:

PO Box 113, Rockland, ME 04841,

or visit our website to earn about other ways to give.

THANK YOU!

We hope you will stop by and see AIO at these upcoming community events:

THANKSGIVING MEAL DISTRIBUTION AT AIO November 25, 2025

FILL THE STRAND January 19, 2026

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PIES ON PARADE March 14-15, 2026



October 15, 2025

Second Congregational Church of Warren c/o Ms. Patricia Weaver 252 Main Street, P.O. Box 206 Warren, ME 04864

Dear Ms. Weaver and Friends,

Over the past several years, the Congregational Library & Archives (CLA) has enjoyed exciting growth in collection development, programming, and partnership building. Through the support of donors like yourself, the CLA has launched new online exhibitions, renovated and opened an on-site exhibition space, processed church collections from across the country, acquired historic and contemporary books, and offered scores of virtual and in-person programs. Recognizing the need to evaluate institutional capacity, the Board of Directors and staff inaugured a strategic planning process to guide the library into the future.

Inspired by the recently approved strategic plan, this year's **Preserve**, **Amplify & Inspire Annual Appeal** builds off the revised mission, vision, and core belief statements. We invite you to support our work as we:

- *Strive* to make our library materials and programs accessible to people around the world through online exhibitions, virtual programs, and educational resources to all for free!
- Support research through fellowships and internships to forward interpretation and dissemination of the importance of our world-class collections.
- *Collect* strategically to expand our print, manuscript, and digital holdings, which document and contextualize the impact of Congregationalism on society and the nation past, present, and future.
- Further our commitment to find and share histories about diverse peoples and expand our
  opportunities to preserve, interpret, and present narratives from across the 400+ year
  Congregational story.
- Examine the Congregational faith tradition and its impacts through engaging in-person and virtual programming and exhibitions, such as Religion of Revolution: Congregational Voices on Liberty and Sacred Rebellion: Congregationalists in Revolutionary Massachusetts.

The CLA is thriving as a result of your generosity. Please consider continuing your institutional support of the CLA. Your contribution to our **Preserve**, **Amplify & Inspire Annual Appeal demonstrates** that *Congregational History Matters*.

Sincerely,

Kyle Roberts Executive Director So great to see you + the church this sommer. Gur support is always appreciald.



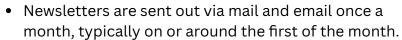
# Bottle Redemption benefits the CHILDREN'S CLOTHING EXCHANGE

Returnable bin is in the downstairs
Fellowship room. We thank you
kindly for your donations.
Please empty your bags directly into the bin.
Also please empty the bottles before
putting them into bags and be sure
the bags you bring in do not have holes.
Leaky bags are no fun!

To Volunteer at the
Children's Clothing Exchange, contact
CCE Director - Susan Lombardo
207-701-7622

#### FROM THE OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

- Current office hours are:
  - Wednesday and Thursday
  - 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM



- Submissions for the newsletter must be received ON or BEFORE the 28th of each month.
- If you would like a printed newsletter mailed to you, please reach out to the office. Printed copies are available upon request.
- Council meetings: If you are a member of any board, you automatically become part of the church council, and your attendance at the bi-monthly church council meetings is expected and highly encouraged.

Don't forget....

To conserve energy, if you turn the heat UP in any rooms be sure to turn it back DOWN to 58deg.



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Thank you for your continued support.



DATE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING	<b>MISSIONS</b>
10/05/25	44	\$1581.00	\$53
10/12/25	53	1745.00	\$352
10/19/25	44	1029.80	\$182
10/26/25	50	835.09	\$46



For the most current information, please visit our website, where you will find all the details you need. Explore our pages to learn about our history, listen to a Sunday service, and discover our various boards and committees. We invite you to visit us at www.SECONDCONGREGATIONAL.org.

#### **SCCW CONTACT INFO:**

REV: JANUARY EMAIL: 1shepherd4god@gmail.com OFFICE ADMIN: Carolyn Robinson - office.sccw@tds.net TREASURER: Patricia Weaver - treasurer.sccw@tds.net TRUSTEE CHAIR: Jeff Creighton - jeffcreighton@gmail.com

**DIACONATE CHAIR**: Weston Ames - westonames508@gmail.com

# Reminder...

For safety reasons, on Sunday morning all church doors, upstairs and downstairs are locked at 10:15am. if you arrive after that time, you will not be able to get in.

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NOVEMBER

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Clocks Fall Back
2 10:00am Service All Saints/All Souls Barbara Bibro	3 10am Ladies Circle	<b>4</b> 9-11am Table Talk	5 1:00pm Missions	6 9-11am CCE	7 10:am Caring/Sharing meeting	8
9 10:00am Service  Lasagna Luncheon  Nathaniel Z.	10	11 9-11am Table Talk Veteran's Day	12	13 9-11am CCE 6:30pm Trustees Meeting	14	15 NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS 10:00AM
<ul> <li>16 10:00am Service</li> <li>11:30 Deacon Meeting</li> <li>Hall rented - Niva</li> <li>Steve Weston</li> </ul>	17	18 9-11am Table Talk	19	20 9-11am CCE	21	22 Holly Berry Fair
23 10:00am Service  5 Barbara Bibro	24	25 9-11am Table Talk	26 Ilk Thanksgiving Eve Service @ Baptist Church 6:30PM	27 9-11am CCE HAPPY THANKSGIVING	28	29 9:am Men's group meeting
30 10:00am Service  7 Paul Smeltzer	1 DECEMBER  10am Ladies Circle	2 9-11am Table Talk	3 1:00pm Missions	4 9-11am CCE QUINTET CONCERT 6:30pm	5 10:am Caring/Sharing meeting	9
LITURGIST	DEACONS	SN	TRUSTEES	GREETERS	S	HOSPITALITY
11/02 Aleta Mank 11/09 Melody Sainio 11/16 Jeff Creighton 11/23 Pat Weaver 11/30 Merle Vanner	11/02 Steve / Carolyn 11/09 Betty / Betsy 11/16 Kathleen / Carolyn 11/23 Michelle / Steve		11/02 Sandra Overlock 11/09 Marcia Cifaldo 11/16 Sterling Robinson 11/23 Jeff Creighton	11/02 Margaret / Jenina 11/09 Eric / Patty 11/16 Janice / Susie 11/23 Sue L / Margaret 11/30 Dave / Sharon		11/02 Men's Group 11/09 Caring/Sharing 11/16 Congregation 11/23 Ladies' Circle
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NOTE: Above duties subject to change. Church Office hours: Wed. & Thurs. 8-12 TUES. EVE. AA Group Meet

Minister Office hours: Wed. 8am-6pm Thurs. 12:30-6pm / Sundays till 2PM

Video Gentle Chair Yoga – Mon/Wed/Fri 8:30-9:00am

THUR. EVE. Scouts Meet