

The *Village Chimes*

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The Chimes
November 2026 Edition

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From the Pastor's Desk:

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. - Philippians 1:3-6

November is an appropriate time for giving thanks. This gives me the opportunity to say **THANK YOU to all of you for the Pastor Appreciation surprise on October 11th.** It was indeed a surprise to have a song sung to me in the middle of worship! I guess I was the last to know it was Pastor appreciation month! Wonderful cards and greetings and food were awaiting me. It was so nice to have time to share some time and a meal with folks after church and not because it was a meeting!

November is also a month of pies. We are planning to be making pies on Thursdays, and I am looking to put together a team of pie makers on Tuesday night ---hint hint to any of our former pros!

Speaking of being thankful, the **Thankful Dinner** will be held after worship on **November 15th**. Though it is more of a buffet these days, the important part of the Thankful Dinner is that all ages are gathered to break bread and spend time together. I hope you will join us!

Advent begins on November 29th so please join us for **hot cocoa and decorating on November 22nd to put up the Chrismon Tree and Advent wreath** and other décor. Keep watch for all the opportunities to worship, gather and eat over these next weeks!

Blessings, ***Sue***

Reminder! Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 1st; turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, October 31st.



Congregational Church of North Stonington (UCC)

Jammie Grammie

Collection



10/19/26 thru 11/30/26

Collection Box available in Hewitt Hall

Please bring in sets of new pajamas:
Babies, Toddlers, Youth, & Adults


Congregational Church of
North Stonington (UCC)
89 Main Street,
North Stonington, CT 06359
You're Invited
to the
THANKFUL DINNER
Sunday, 11/15/2026
In Hewitt Hall at approximately 11:15am
following 10am Church Service
Organized by
Christian Education

Please join us to decorate the

Chrismon Tree

Kids, Families, and Adults are Invited

Sunday, 11/22/2026

in the Sanctuary at approximately 11:15am
following 10am service

Hot Cocoa Bar
in
Hewitt Hall





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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF
NORTH STONINGTON (UCC)

Thanksgiving 2026 Pie Sale

AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP
11/23/2026 - 11/25/2026

Last day to order pies Wednesday, 11/18/2026

Apple
Apple Crumb
Blueberry
Cherry
Chocolate (Old Fashion, No Cream Top)
Mixed Berry
Peach Raspberry
Pecan
Pumpkin
Strawberry Rhubarb
Tollhouse

*Additional information available online

Call 860-535-0379 or
Prepay Online @ https://www.nostoucc.org/

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NORTH STONINGTON (UCC)



Thanksgiving 2026 Handmade Pie Festival



NAME _____ PHONE _____

PICK UP DATE AND TIME: (CIRCLE ONE)
MONDAY, 11/23 9AM - 3PM
TUESDAY, 11/24 9AM - 3PM OR 5PM - 7PM
WEDNESDAY, 11/25 9AM - 2PM

PAYMENT (CIRCLE ONE): CREDIT (ONLINE) CASH CHECK

Last Day to order pies Wednesday, 11/18/2026

ORDER DETAILS

FROZEN & BAKED PIES LARGE =$20, SMALL = $10

✱ NOTE: Frozen Baked Pie

LARGE BAKED	SMALL BAKED	LARGE FROZEN	SMALL FROZEN	FLAVORS Version 10/20/26
				APPLE
				APPLE CRUMB
				BLUEBERRY
				CHERRY
		Not Available	Not Available	CHOCOLATE (OLD FASHION, NO CREAM ON TOP) Large $22, Small $11 **Pickup Wednesday ONLY**
				MIXED BERRY
				PEACH RASPBERRY
				PECAN ✱ Large $22, Small $11
				PUMPKIN ✱
				STRAWBERRY RHUBARB
				TOLLHOUSE ✱
			TOTAL =	

Call 860-535-0379 or Prepay Online @ https://www.nostoucc.org/

PICK UP YOUR PIE(S) IN HEWITT HALL
USE THE SIDE DOOR NEAR THE BACK PARKING LOT

Thanksgiving Giving at PNC - Please plan to share the following for Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center

We have collection baskets at church.

Plan on giving these food basket items by **NOVEMBER 15th:**

- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Stuffing Mix
- Rice
- Gravy
- Canned Corn, Yams, & Green Beans
- Canned Peas
- Pumpkin Pie Filling
- Cranberry Sauce
- Turkeys (12-16 lbs)* *Call about having a volunteer deliver to PNC or Take it to PNC



This is EASY! YOU CAN HELP SO MUCH!



First, YOU CAN BRING FOODS, hygiene products, diapers, etc. for Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center ANYTIME. Use the white baskets in Hewitt Hall.

Also, our congregation saves and shares in these projects:

We purchase **Fair Trade coffee** and other products from Equal Exchange which you can buy --- we also accept your donations for the fair trade coffee you drink at coffee hour.

We bring returnable **(10 cent deposit)** clean & dry **Cans & Bottles** to the shed (not glass, please) – behind kitchen. These funds are used for Habitat for Humanity of Eastern CT

We collect **Pop Tabs/Ring tops** for Ronald McDonald House in New Haven, CT. Collection Center in Hewitt Hall. Helen Evans sends them to the New Haven Ronald McDonald House.

We collect **Calendars** for Safe Futures (formerly the Women's Shelter).

We collect **STICKERS** from return address labels for the Drop-In Learning Center in New London.

We have a recycling box for your used **Ink Jet Cartridges** that we turn in for cash.

Thank YOU!

Covenant to Care of Connecticut (CCC)

As a follow-up to our mission moment in worship last month, we are passing along some information for those who care. Funds are used to help with needs for children ages birth through 17.

You can make a donation through our church with a check payable to CCNS and memo marked Covenant to Care.

OR, use the following mailing address:

Covenant to Care, CT, 1477 Park St., #2A, Hartford CT, 06106; Phone: 860-243-1806

Donation of $100: New car seat ready for a newborn to come home

Donation of $50: Complete set of bedding for a twin bed

Donation of up to $50: Toys birth to 12 years of age

Donation of $35: Basic toiletry items

Stewardship Corner 

"Where your treasure is, there will be your heart, also."

As we make a prayerful time this month to each plan our giving to God's Ministry here at our church, seek first to know Christ in your life.

Look to scripture …

The time is coming and has now come when true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth …. for they are the kind of worshipers our Father seeks.

"God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in Spirit and in truth."

A woman said, "I know that the Messiah (called Christ) is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you — I am He."—*John 4:23-26*

Have you looked to God and to Jesus in your life?

Have you known blessings from God?

Have you shown your gratitude by giving?

We pray for everyone that you can give and even give more in response to the abundance you have received.

Thanks a Heap!

Thanks to…

-The Handbell Choir for their lovely music, along with Michael's direction. Also, to the volunteers who come just to make our music so special.

-Our cooks for the October Community meal. We appreciate all the great food as well as all the hard work to shop, cook and clean up.

-Volunteers who pitch in and help wherever they see a need to help.

-Those who brought their pets for the Blessing of the Animals.

-Our new Confirmands as they begin their year serving and learning about church life.

-Everyone who attended the Proposed Budget meeting including Gretchen Noonan for her leadership, Sue Pianka for taking the minutes, and Kim Gadaree for the budget planning.

-The Serwinskis & Mac Turner for their work on the Cemetery Committee.

-Our pie crew and all their helpers.

-Helen Evans and those who donated to the Alzheimer's Walk.

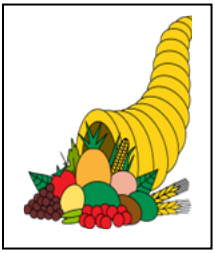
-All who donated to our UCC special offering for Neighbors in Need.

-Our stewards who have offered Generosity Moments in worship.

-to all who helped celebrate Pastor Appreciation day

November Birthdays. . .

2	Felix Coulter, Lucas Coulter
4	Kathi Thaxton
7	Richard Evans
8	Jade Aitken
9	Hannah Wunschel
10	Jill Davis
11	Evelyn Bamford, Debbie Young
12	Mary Turano
16	Julie Armstrong
17	Sara Loutrel
19	Steve Gadaree
23	Katherine Janda McGouran, Blake Melia
26	Annie (Boldt) Benchimol
29	Nancy Slimak



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2	Dennis and Mary Bliven
5	Paul and Heather Ames
9	Bruce and Bev Sawyer

If we have missed your special day(s) or if there are corrections to be made, please notify the church office at 860-535-0379.

Worship Volunteers

	Ushers	Deacon	Altar Flowers	Lay Reader	Communion	Comments
1- Nov	Paul Ames Julie Clow	Kathi Thaxton	Bliven	Gretchen Noonan	Anne Nelson Kevin Noonan	***Daylight Savings Time Ends***
8-Nov	Patty Danley Monica Eppinger	Patty Danley	LaTourette	**Open Date**		***Deacons' Meeting after Worship***
15-Nov	Gretchen Noonan Kevin Noonan	Karen Dobley	Boldt	Sherri Boldt		***Thankful Dinner***
22-Nov	Joe Serwinski Kris Serwinski	Dave McCord	Thanksgiving Array	**Open Date**		***Chrismon Tree Family Decorating***
29-Nov	Steve Gadaree Matthew Sander	Kevin Noonan	Thanksgiving Array	**Open Date**		***Advent Begins***



Worship Watch - November 2026

Congregational Church of North Stonington

Worship at 10 a.m. & streaming online.
Church School at 10:15 Office Hours Mon-Thurs 9 to 1.

1st - Communion Sunday "For All the Saints and Not So Saintly" Matthew 5:1-12 and Revelation 7:9-17. The Beatitudes and a possible vision of what heaven is like.
Senior Choir sings. Remembering our loved ones…in worship.

8th - "Banquets, Lamps & Bridesmaids". Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 and **Matthew 25:1-13.** Wisdom can be found but the parable of the Bridesmaids tells us many are not so wise.
Senior Choir sings; Deacons meet after worship.

15th - "Is it Faith?" 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 and **Matthew 25:14-30** The parable of the Talents; Paul says to live as people of the light.
Senior Choir sings and Handbell Choir rings. THANKFUL DINNER after worship

22nd - "Now for the Future" Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 and **Matthew 25:31-46** God seeks the lost in Ezekiel; the gospel talks of a future where Christ reigns.
Senior Choir sings. Set up Chrismon Tree, Advent Wreath after worship.

29th -First Sunday of Advent "Desire for God"
Isaiah 64:1-9 and **Mark 13:24-37** The voice of the people cries out to God to "come down," the gospel offers portents and the need for God.

MISSION FOCUS FOR November:
Jammie Grammy & Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center.
Help fill our boxes with PJ's sizes baby to adult.
We support PNC's Thanksgiving collection of canned and boxed foods to help our neighbors have a happy Thanksgiving.