

**November 3, 2024**

**Our Vision—A beacon of God’s love radiating faith, hope, and joy... Everywhere!**

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**The flowers on the altar are given in celebration of  
Garth Brown’s Birthday from his family**

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**The flowers on the altar are given by Suzanne Hevelone and Family in memory  
of Pastor Jon Hevelone.**

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**Stewardship Campaign 2025**

**It is not too late to submit your pledge card!**

**“Building our Foundation, United in Love”**

Thank you to all those who prayerfully considered their family’s generosity plan for supporting our 2025 ministries and submitted their pledge cards. Because of your faithful giving, the Finance Committee and Ministry Leaders will be working together to reconcile our 2025 Budget as we prepare for our year ahead. Thank you again for your prayers surrounding this process and for **joining us in “Building our Foundation, United in Love”!**

**It is still not too late to send in your pledge** for next year by mailing it to the church office, dropping it in the mail slot at the ramp entrance to the church or emailing Financial Secretary Kelly Mongiovi at [kmongiovi@aol.com](mailto:kmongiovi@aol.com) advising her of your pledge for 2025. Please return your pledge card or email the information to Kelly by November 17<sup>th</sup> since our budget reconciliation meeting is the following week.

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**Christmas Faire and Festival is December 6 and 7**

Our annual Christmas Faire and Festival is on Dec 6, 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm and Dec 7, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. The Faire is an important fellowship and financial event, and we need everyone’s help to make it a success! Please share your plans for donations of items to sell or volunteer to staff a table on the sign-up sheets located in the Welcome Area. Contact Bonnie Marden at [BonMarden@gmail.com](mailto:BonMarden@gmail.com) or 978-846-1260 if you have questions.

**Annual Church Conference, Sunday, November 17 at 5:00 pm**

Our annual Church Conference will be in-person on **Sunday, November 17, at 5:00 pm** in partnership with our friends at West Chelmsford UMC and Westford UMC. Please join us for a shared soup supper at 5:00, followed by shared worship and separate business sessions. If you are interested in attending remotely, please notify the church office or Peter Smyton by Monday, November 11, and a Zoom link will be sent to you.

A softcopy of our annual report will be sent via an all-church email. If you are attending the Church Conference, feel free to print it out and bring it with you to follow along. If you would like a printed copy, please let Betsy in the office know.

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**Grief Share Group – Starting - Wednesday, November 6th**

No matter what the circumstances, grief is a painful process. We are writing to let you know about our Grief Share grief support group for people dealing with the death of a family member or friend.

Grief Share is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Over 13 weeks, you’ll find relief and comfort as you learn what to expect in the days ahead and how to navigate your personal grief process. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you’ll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

Topics include how to manage grief-related emotions such as loneliness, anxiety, sadness, anger, and regret; how to cope with the changes in your life and relationships; how to recognize what’s normal in grief; and what to do if you feel stuck or hopeless.

At a weekly Grief Share meeting, you will view a video featuring respected counselors, teachers, and healthcare professionals on grief-related topics. After that is a small-group discussion for sharing, support, and personal application of what you learned on the video. You will receive a book to take home filled with valuable exercises for navigating your personal grieving process.

Please join us: [Wednesdays 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm (in-person only)]. **Starting Date: November 6, 2024, Place: Concord Room at Aldersgate United Methodist Church (242 Boston Rd. Chelmsford, MA 01824)]**

Feel free to contact Pastor Bob Jon, or our two facilitators, Marcia Dana and Chris Sargent. If you have questions or would like more information, please visit [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org).

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**Chili & Apple Crisp Fundraiser – Thank you all**

Thanks to all for supporting our efforts to fund 60 Thanksgiving baskets this year. Blessings, Your Outreach Team

## Good News from SPRC

The SPRC is excited to welcome Lee Williams as Aldersgate's new Director of Christian Education! A long-time member of the congregation, Lee has also been a Church School teacher, Vacation Bible School leader, and Garden Team coordinator. Please join us in welcoming her to this new role in our church's ministry!

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## Food Collection for Thanksgiving Baskets

The church school will once again help our Outreach committee by supplying items needed for the Thanksgiving Baskets. Each class will also make a card to include in the basket. Please bring in the following items on November 3rd or 10th and place in the box in the downstairs hall area:

PreK – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class – Cranberry Sauce or Canned Green Beans

3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class – Large Can of Fruit Cocktail

5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> Grade Class – Apple Juice (plastic container)

High School Class – Regular Rice

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## Let's Play!

November 9 at 6:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

Popcorn, conversation and FUN!

More information to come.



## Childcare Worker Needed

Looking for a meaningful way to serve on Sunday mornings? We're seeking caring individuals to provide a safe, fun environment for children while their parents' worship. Join our team and make a positive impact on young lives while supporting families in their spiritual journey. See Dan Ward or Pastor Bob for more details

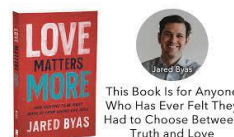
## No Early Bird on Tuesday 11/5

Early Bird will not meet on Tuesday, 11/5. Please Vote

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## Adult Class Continues!

**If we are going to follow Jesus in how we read our Bible, we would be wise to adopt his filter: love.**



This Book Is for Anyone Who Has Ever Felt They Had to Choose Between Truth and Love

Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Concord Room or on Zoom for a series of videos and conversation on **Reading the**

**Bible Through A Love-Centered Lens.** Based on the book, **Love Matters More** by Jared Byas, this six-week video series will teach us to make sure all our biblical interpretations lead us to love more like Jesus. There is no outside classwork required. Come as you are and don't worry if you have to miss a class. We will always save you a seat! Pick up a book in the lobby (suggested donation \$8) or order from your favorite bookseller.

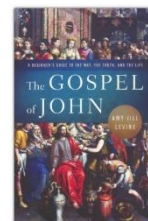
**“The proper goal of reading our Bibles isn't to get it right; it's to love. Thinking deeply about theology and how to interpret the Bible is important, but love matters more.**

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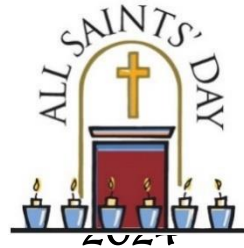
## Thursday Morning Class

**Join us Thursday morning to continue our next study!**

**Come see the Gospel of John with new eyes!** Thursday at 10:00 am. Morning Group will continue our fall study with Pastor Bob. *A Beginners Guide to the Gospel of John* by Amy Jill Levine is our text. Levine is a scholar the group has studied and enjoyed several times before.



*Names of members and friends of our congregation who have died since last All Saints will be read. As each name is read, our acolytes light a candle. Following the reading of these names, the congregation is invited to name the saints in your life (living or those who have died); naming those who have been a beacon of light for you.*



## Today We Remember

Kenneth David Bair

Vernel C. Champeaux Jr.

Rev. Jon Dale Hevelone

Jan D. Marson

Kim Marson

Phyllis Anne Millspaugh Norton

Charles A. Piper, Sr.

Bruce W. Sargent

Gabrielle Sargent

Audrey J. Wetterwald

Dean Bergeron

Ike Brown

Gordon Churchill

Michael Cole

John Flaherty

Barbara Gallagher

Josephine Joseph

Daniel Mathis

Edmund Meland

William Richard Randall

Guddhu Saksena

Dr. Jon S. Stevens Jr.

Clair Lafayette Strohl Jr.