

January 1, 2025

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

The flowers on the altar are given by Kim and Dan Ward in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary

January Upcoming events

Epiphany Sunday on January 5th, 8:30 am and 10:45 am

Return to Church School 9:30 am

American Red Cross blood drive on February 22nd.

Please join us today in our special giving on “Kings’ Sunday”

This year we are supporting Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell as our Advent Mission Project. Today, we invite you to bring our monetary gifts from the savings we have made and place them in the offering plate or mail them to the church office if you are worshipping remotely.

Epiphany Sunday

The Wise Men will visit our church school classes on Sunday, January 5, and will share the story of their journey to find the new king. We will also distribute cupcakes. Whoever picks the cupcake with a coin in it will be an honorary King for the Day!



Pastor Bob away from January 6 to January 12

Pastor Bob will be at Rolling Ridge in North Andover (MA) to teach candidates for ministry in the Local Pastor Licensing School program. Pastor Maylis will preach on January 12.

The 2025 Flower Chart is up. Please sign up for your special dates. If you have vases from previous Sundays, please return them to the office, so we can send them back to the Florist.

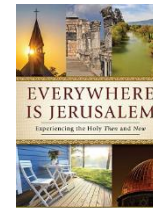
Early Bird on Tuesday

Early Bird Bible Application reconvenes on Tuesday morning at ten o’clock. As we start the New Year, ponder the question, ‘are you attired for the coming year?’ Before we leave our homes it is always best to be properly attired. So we will look at what the Scriptures considers the ‘right attire’ for people of faith. Please read Micah 6:8 and Colossians 3:12-17. Hope to see you on Zoom as we discuss how to approach the New Year.

Adult Education

Today is the last class for our Advent study, The Christmas Letters, at 9:45 in the Concord Room.

Join us next week when we start *Everywhere Is Jerusalem* by James Howell. There are two opportunities to join the conversation in the Concord Room: January 9th at 10:00 am and January 12th at 9:45 am. Come discover something new! Books can be ordered online and there is more information in the January Advocate.



James C. Howell

Habitat for Humanity Workday February 1, 2025

We will have our second workday at Habitat for Humanity’s 70 Boston Road in Westford Project on Saturday February 1 from 8-3. We had a great experience there in August and look forward to contributing again.



This is open to willing women and men. It also is open to Teenagers who are accompanied by a parent with a signed waiver. Volunteers are not required to be experts as you will be assigned work within your abilities.

This is very timely for our church as Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell will be the recipient of the giving on January 5 for our Advent Mission Project and also because of the December 29th passing of our 39th President, Jimmy Carter who spent many years on these projects.

Please let Ken Teal know of your interest at 978-807-7822 or tealka@verizon.net and he will get you scheduled. Or please sign up on their volunteer portal where you can view the calendar and sign their online waiver: www.lowellhabitat.org/what-you-can-do/volunteer

Interested in Learning How to Record Worship?

We are looking to add to our friendly team of volunteers who live-stream and record our worship services. We take turns so everyone gets an opportunity to participate. We schedule the two-person crew weekly based on everyone's availability. Training is provided. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Peter Smyton (617-893-9669).

Outreach

Outreach invites everyone to participate in "Undie Sunday" on February 2nd. Please bring in a package of Men's, Women's or Children's underwear and fill the Union Suit in the welcome area with them. Items will be donated to those in need.