

January 12, 2025

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

**The flowers on the altar are given by Lisa Marson and Cheryl Schroeder in celebration of Janet Marson’s birthday on 1/15/25
Love you Mom and Gram**

Coming Up at Aldersgate January – April 2025

Red Cross Blood Drive: February 22, 9 am – 2 pm
Ash Wednesday service: March 5, 7:00 pm
Lenten Soup Suppers (6 pm) & Laity-led Lenten services (7 pm)
March 12, March 19, March 26, April 2, April 9
Passover Seder Meal: April 17, 6 pm
Maundy Thursday service: April 17, 7:30 pm
Easter Breakfast: April 24, 7 – 10:30 am
Easter services: April 24, 8:30 am and 10:45 am

The 2025 Flower Chart is up. Please sign up for your special dates.

If you have vases from previous Sundays, please bring them in to be returned to our Florist.

Youth Group Trip to Boston Common

Sunday, January 19, noon – 4:30 p.m.

College students are invited to join us as we visit the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial *The Embrace* and go ice skating on the Frog Pond. Bring your own skates or \$15 for skate rental. We’ll have pizza for lunch at the church before we leave. Please let Lee Williams know if you are interested in going. Friends are always welcome!

Outreach

The Outreach Committee invites you to celebrate Undie Sundie on Feb 2nd. Please bring a package of new underwear to fill the Long Johns in the narthex. Men’s, women’s and children’s underwear are all welcome. These will be donated to those in need.

**You can schedule your appointment for the next Blood Drive
on February 22nd from 9am-2pm**

Please sign up if you can help this important cause. There continues to be a national shortage! Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and search under February 22nd to schedule an appointment. For more information call or email Cate Lehan or Robin Dye or the church office.

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).

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.

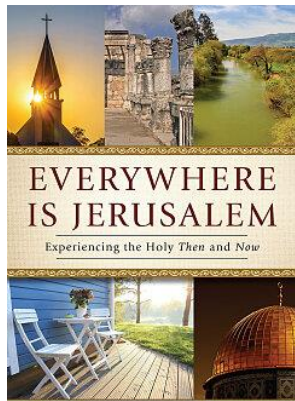
This is very timely for our church as Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell will be the recipient of the giving on January 5 for our Advent Mission Project and also because of the December 29th passing of our 39th President, Jimmy Carter who spent many years on these projects.

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

Help need for the Nursery

We are looking for volunteers to cover the nursery on February 9th and 16th while Deana is away on vacation. Please let Betsy know in the office if you can help. If you have questions, Deana will be glad to talk with you about it.

Adult Education Study Continues January 12 Tour the Holy Land From the Comfort of the Concord Room! “Location matters.”



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Early Bird on Tuesday

Last week Early Bird discussed spiritual attire (righteousness, salvation, and armor) in which we are to clothe ourselves before going out. However, it is essential that we are clear as to what we are to do. So in that spirit, this week we will focus on 'Discover God's Agenda.' Before He made decisions, Jesus took time to pray. On Tuesday we will examine some of those prayer moments to determine how we can model ourselves. See Mark 1:35, 37, Matthew 4:3,6,9; 28:18-20; and John 11:42-43. Hope to see you Tuesday at ten o'clock on Zoom.