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# *The Branchline*

*"I am the vine, you are the branches."*

Wilbraham United  
Church  
500 Main St.  
Wilbraham, MA

JANUARY 2023



## **NEW YEAR PRAYER:**

Thank You Lord for giving me  
The brand new year ahead.  
Help me live the way I should  
As each new day I tread.  
Give me gentle wisdom  
That I might help a friend,  
Give me strength and courage  
So a shoulder I might lend.  
The year ahead is empty,  
Help me fill it with good things  
Each new day filled with joy  
And happiness it brings.  
Amen.

**The Daily Bible Verses**

<http://thedailyverses.blogspot.com> - [www.facebook.com/thedailybibleverses](http://www.facebook.com/thedailybibleverses)

# *Pastoral Care*

For Emergency/Urgent Needs Only

Contact Call To Care leaders:

Candy Dearborn and/or Ruth Karlson

who will connect you with the covering pastor

Candy: (804) 852-0327

Ruth: (413) 596-6526



Our WUC Call To Care team will continue with all routine supportive care and outreach to our members and friends in need.



# CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2023

Happy

NEW  
YEAR!

ALL CLASSES WILL BE HELD IN PERSON DURING THE CHURCH SERVICE. WE ALL START TOGETHER IN THE CHURCH EXCEPT FOR COMMUNION SUNDAY WHERE THE CHILDREN START IN THEIR CLASSES. MIDDLE SCHOOL WILL ATTEND THE WHOLE CHURCH SERVICE ON COMMUNION SUNDAYS.

DATE	TOPIC/NOTES	SCRIPTURE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023 (COMMUNION)	(NO CHURCH SCHOOL) ESCAPE TO EGYPT	(HAPPY NEW YEAR!) MATTHEW 2: 13-23
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023	JESUS' BAPTISM	MATTHEW 3: 13-17
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023	THE LAMB OF GOD	JOHN 1: 29-42
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023	THE DISCIPLES	MATTHEW 4: 12-23: 9: 9-13: 10: 1-4
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023	THE BEATITUDES	MATTHEW 5: 1-12
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023 (COMMUNION)	SALT AND LIGHT	MATTHEW 5: 13-20
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023	JESUS TEACHES ABOUT ANGER	MATTHEW 5: 21-37
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023	THE TRANSFIGURATION	MATTHEW 17: 1-13
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023	THE FIRST SIN	GENESIS 3: 1-24

# Winter

OUR COAT DRIVE WAS A SUCCESS  
AGAIN THIS YEAR  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!  
I WILL BE KEEPING A CLOTHING  
DRIVE BASKET OUT FOR THE ENTIRE  
WINTER, SO IF YOU FIND YOURSELF  
WITH EXTRA AND WOULD LIKE TO  
DONATE IT WILL BE THERE FOR YOU.  
WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW OR  
GENTLY USED WINTER ITEMS:  
COATS, GLOVES, HATS, HEAVY  
SOCKS AND BOOTS FOR MEN,  
WOMEN AND CHILDREN.  
PLEASE CONTACT PATTY CLEMENTS  
WITH ANY QUESTIONS AT  
413-626-2145.





# *It Takes Two*

**An evening of musical duets by the members of  
Wilbraham United Players  
January 28, 2023**

**Wilbraham United Church  
500 Main St  
Wilbraham MA**

**4PM**

**A Free Will Donation will be taken**

A red bowl filled with chili, topped with shredded yellow cheese, sits on a light-colored striped cloth. Behind it, a wooden cutting board holds several golden-brown slices of cornbread. The background is a light-colored wooden surface.

# ***CHILI & CORNBREAD TAKE-OUT SUPPER***

**Sunday Feb 12th**

**Pick-up between 4-5:30 PM**

**Pre-orders by February 10th**

**[www.wilbrahamunitedplayers.org](http://www.wilbrahamunitedplayers.org)**

8 oz chili and slice of cornbread \$9

16 oz chili and 2 slices cornbread \$14

32 oz and 4 slices of cornbread \$23

W U C F A M I L Y  
**BOWLING**  
**NIGHT!**



**SATURDAY JANUARY 14, 2023 FROM 5-7PM**  
**SHAKER BOWL, EAST LONGMEADOW**

Email RSVP's and Questions to [discipleship@wilbrahamunitedchurch.org](mailto:discipleship@wilbrahamunitedchurch.org)





## 2022-23 COFFEE HOUR TEAMS & SCHEDULE

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<b>December 18, 2022</b>	<b>TEAM 4</b> Sherrie & Ralph Ridgeway
<b>January 08, 2022</b>	<b>TEAM 5</b> Sandy Harris, Steve Mattocks
<b>January 15 , 2022</b>	<b>TEAM 6</b> Pam Byers, Capen Family
<b>January 22, 2023</b>	<b>TEAM 1</b> Edna Colcord, Sean and Nicholas Kennedy
<b>January 29, 2022</b>	<b>TEAM 2</b> Marge Trimble, Patti Colkos, Biff Simpson
<b>February 05, 2023</b>	<b>TEAM 3</b> Nancy Peck, Genny Keddy, & Suzanne Zeckhausen, Candy Dearborn, Gail Lima
<b>February 12, 2023</b>	<b>TEAM 4</b> Sherrie & Ralph Ridgeway
<b>February 19, 2023</b>	<b>TEAM 5</b> Sandy Harris, Steve Mattocks
<b>February 26 , 2022</b>	<b>TEAM 6</b> Pam Byers, Capen Family

Please note the following:

The underlined name is team contact and they will be responsible for reminders.

Cream and set up materials will be available including drinks for children.

Help with coffee machine is available.

Team is expected to set up, make coffee, and bring snacks for adults and children.

Fare does not have to be fancy. It is nice to include items that those with diabetes or allergies be included.

Questions may be directed to Edna Colcord 413 596-6666  
Or Biff Simpson (603) 632-1083 )



The Piecemakers We will meet on  
January 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30th,  
weather permitting..

New members are always welcome.  
Just come to a meeting or contact Nancy  
at [ncpeck10@gmail.com](mailto:ncpeck10@gmail.com).





## **Loaves and Fishes - January 19, 2023**

**We have begun preparing meals the Sunday before the third Thursday when casseroles are delivered.**

**Preparing meals on Sunday will make it all much easier.  
Thank you Pastor Chip for this idea!**

**Currently, meals are still being heated in Springfield and sent home in containers. Larry and Ed have been loading and delivering the casseroles on the third Thursday of the month.**

**Food must be ready (including cookies) before 9am. Right now Cookies are still needed and can be dropped off anytime.  
Eventually we hope that cakes will return.**

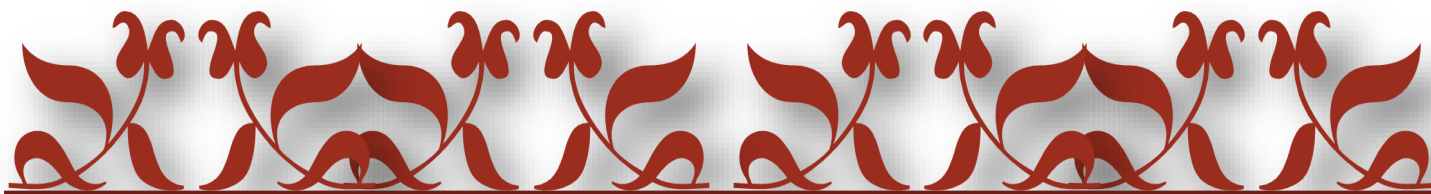
**Interested volunteers should speak to Sandy Harris or Edna Colcord. We are looking for volunteers to learn the process so we can eventually do three months at a time. So far it is working out well. We hear only raves about the church's wonderful meal.**



# Charlie Brown Thanksgiving







*Holly Fair Fun! Did anyone say "Cookies"*



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**Do you love Shopping and are looking for ways to help WUC?**

**We have the perfect idea for you!**

Gift cards continue to be on sale on Sundays after worship in the Narthax. Along with Big Y and Stop and Shop, we offer Amazon, Lowes, Home Depot, Dunkin Donuts and Barnes and Nobles. Most of us will be shopping at Lowes and Home Depot for our gardening needs this spring. Think ahead, and pick up a gift card this Sunday for a Birthday, a Wedding or any occasion. .

**Home Depot \$25-\$100**

**Lowes \$25**

**Barnes & Noble \$25**

**Stop & Shop: \$25-\$100**

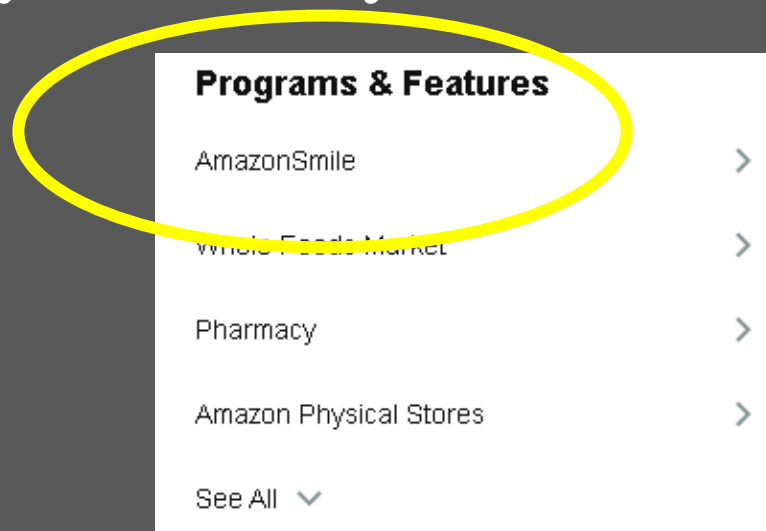
**Big Y: \$50-\$100**



**Did you know that you can donate to Wilbraham United Church while you shop on Amazon?**



- 1. When on the shopping page—click “ALL” (on the Left side)  
and click on Amazon Smile under the  
“Programs and Features”.**
- 2. From here you can select “Amazon Smile”  
and then your charity of choice.**



- 3. Just be sure that you are using Amazon Smile when making your future purchases.**



**Southern New England Conference**  
United Church of Christ  
*Living the Love & Justice of Jesus*

**Daily Lectionary Scripture References - January 2023 (Year A)**

**Sun., Jan. 1**

*New Year's Day*  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-13  
Psalm 8  
Revelation 21:1-6a  
Matthew 25:31-46 **or**  
Isaiah 5  
63:7-9  
Psalm 148  
Hebrews 2:10-18  
Matthew 2:13-23

**Mon., Jan. 2**

Psalm 20  
Genesis 12:1-7  
Hebrews 11:1-12

**Tues., Jan. 3**

Psalm 72  
Genesis 28:10-22  
Hebrews 11:13-22

**Wed., Jan. 4**

Psalm 72  
Exodus 3:1-5  
Hebrews 11:23-31

**Thurs., Jan. 5**

Psalm 72  
Joshua 1:1-9  
Hebrews 11:32-12:2

**Fri., Jan. 6**

*Epiphany*  
Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
Ephesians 3:1-12  
Matthew 2:1-12

**Sat., Jan. 7**

Psalm 72  
1 Kings 10:1-13  
Ephesians 3:14-21

**Sun., Jan. 8**

*The Baptism of Christ*  
Isaiah 42:1-9  
Psalm 29  
Acts 10:34-43  
Matthew 3:13-17

**Mon., Jan. 9**

Psalm 89:5-37  
Genesis 35:1-15  
Acts 10:44-48

**Tues., Jan. 10**

Psalm 89:5-37  
Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Acts 8:4-13

**Wed., Jan. 11**

Psalm 89:5-37  
Isaiah 51:1-16  
Matthew 12:15-21

**Thurs., Jan. 12**

Psalm 40:1-117  
Isaiah 22:15-25  
Galatians 1:6-12

**Fri., Jan. 13**

Psalm 40:1-11  
Genesis 27:30-38  
Acts 1:1-5

**Sat., Jan. 14**

Psalm 40:1-11  
1 Kings 19:19-21  
Luke 5:1-11

**Sun., Jan. 15**

*Second Sunday after the Epiphany*  
Isaiah 49:1-7  
Psalm 40:1-11  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
John 1:29-42

**Mon., Jan. 16**

Psalm 40:6-17  
Exodus 12:1-13, 21-28  
Acts 8:26-40

**Tues., Jan. 17**

Psalm 40:6-17  
Isaiah 53:1-12  
Hebrews 10:1-4

**Wed., Jan. 18**

Psalm 40:6-17  
Isaiah 48:12-21  
Matthew 9:14-17

**Thurs., Jan. 19**

Psalm 27:1-6  
1 Samuel 1:1-20  
Galatians 1:11-24

**Fri., Jan. 20**

Psalm 27:1-6  
1 Samuel 9:27-10:8  
Galatians 2:1-10

**Sat., Jan. 21**

Psalm 27:1-6  
1 Samuel 15:34-16:13  
Luke 5:27-3

**Sun., Jan. 22**

*Third Sunday after the Epiphany*  
Isaiah 9:1-4  
Psalm 27:1, 4-9  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Matthew 4:12-23

**Mon., Jan. 23**

Psalm 27:7-14  
Judges 6:11-24  
Ephesians 5:6-14

**Tues., Jan. 24**

Psalm 27:7-14  
Judges 7:12-22  
Philippians 2:12-18

**Wed., Jan. 25**

Psalm 27:7-14  
Genesis 49:1-2, 8-13, 21-26  
Luke 1:67-79

**Thurs., Jan. 26**

Psalm 15  
Deuteronomy 16:18-20  
1 Peter 3:8-12

**Fri., Jan. 27**

Psalm 15  
Deuteronomy 24:17-25:4  
1 Timothy 5:17-24

**Sat., Jan. 28**

Psalm 15  
Micah 3:1-4  
John 13:31-35

**Sun., Jan. 29**

*Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*  
Micah 6:1-8  
Psalm 15  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
Matthew 5:1-12

**Mon., Jan. 30**

Psalm 37:1-17  
Ruth 1:1-18  
Philemon 1-25

**Tues., Jan. 31**

Psalm 37:1-17  
Ruth 2:1-16  
James 5:1-6

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 10 am - Worship 11 am – Fellowship – FH 5 pm – Al-Anon – YR	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:00 pm Al-Anon – YR 6:30 pm – Boy Scouts – SS Rooms	<b>5</b> 5:30 pm – Girl Scouts – School Rooms 6:30 pm Al-Anon - YR 7 pm – Bell Choir 8 pm – Chancel Choir	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10 am - Junior Choir 12 pm – WUP - FH
<b>8</b> 10 am - Worship 11 am – Fellowship – FH 5 pm – Al-Anon – YR	<b>9</b> 6 pm – Girl Scouts Troop 11714	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6 pm Al-Anon - YR 6:30 pm – Boy Scouts – SS Rooms 7 pm – Deacons Meeting - ZR	<b>12</b> 6:30 pm Al-Anon - YR 7 pm – Bell Choir 8 pm – Chancel Choir	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Donation Drive</b> 5 pm – Family Bowling Event
<b>15</b> 10 am - Worship 11 am – Fellowship – FH 12 pm – Church without Walls 5 pm – Al-Anon – YR	<b>16</b> 7 pm – PTO Meeting Upstairs	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:00 pm Al-Anon - YR 6:30 pm – Boy Scouts – SS Rooms 7 pm – Discipleship Meeting	<b>19</b> 9:20 am – Loaves and Fishes 5:30 – Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Al-Anon - YR 7 pm – Bell Choir 8 pm – Chancel Choir	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10 am - Worship 11 am – Fellowship - FH 5 pm – Al-Anon – YR	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:00 pm Al-Anon - YR 6:30 pm – Boy Scouts – SS Rooms	<b>26</b> 6:30 pm Al-Anon - YR 7 pm – Bell Choir 8 pm – Chancel Choir	<b>WUP Sanctuary - Benefit</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10 am - Worship 11 am – Fellowship - FH 5 pm – Al-Anon – YR	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> 6:00 pm – Al-Anon – YR 6:30 pm – Boy Scouts – SS Rooms 7 pm - WUP	<b>2</b> 5:30 – Girl Scouts 6:30 pm – Al-Anon – YR 7 pm – Bell Choir 8 pm – Chancel Choir		<b>4</b>





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