

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

October 2023

From the Pastor's Desk....



"Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God."

Psalm 90:1-2

Welcome to October,

Autumn is here in all of its glory! I rejoice in this season, with all it rich and wondrous colors, crisp air and the abundant goodness of apples and pumpkins. Speaking of abundant goodness, a good portion of this coming month is going to be devoted to pumpkins, a lot of pumpkins, all over our lawn. We are having a pumpkin festival, to raise money for our steeple, and we need you need to buy your pumpkins here. It is for a very good cause. So please spread the word to your neighbor, friends, family members, co-workers.....that the best place to get pumpkins is at Wilbraham United Church, October 15 thru Halloween. It really is the best place for many things.

You can tell everybody you meet that it is!

Wilbraham United is a wonderful place to come, not only for pumpkins, but for worship, wonderful music, fellowship, theater, caring, sharing and God's blessing.

From the Pastor's Desk (continued)

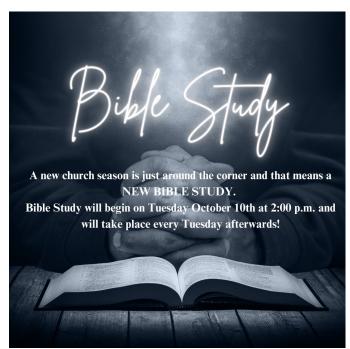
Yes, blessings! I came to believe a long time ago that blessing, to bless or to feel blessed, is actually an acknowledgement of the sacred, presence of God. We can be assured that creation is a sacred, part of the Divine, as are we, because God created everything. With this knowledge, we must believe that wherever we go, wherever we place our feet, wherever we choose to serve, the Divine is present and working, and is blessing us and those around us.

I know that there are times when we don't feel very blessed and certainly there are times when we don't feel much like blessing others, but now is the time to remember the "do onto others as you would have them do unto you" rule. We want to be loved and cared for and blessed, so we must do the same for others. The blessings that we offer to the world will come back to us. They will indeed.

As we continue our church life together, let us be generous in our blessings to one another and let us rejoice in the blessings that God puts forth, for us.

Autumn Blessings

Rev Janet





Homecoming Sunday Activity for Neighbors In Need





Hello! from the Music Room

Schedule and routine changes are Beginnings, filled with possibilities, dreams, plans and potentials, along with expectations and ideals. We can't help but wonder about these things as we begin, just as we can't help but have some thoughts about how this "beginning" will change our familiar routines. But those thoughts get bumped out of the way as we start to see the fulfillment of those qualities of beginning. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcomed into the new schedule.

So now we're off – and this new schedule is feeling like the real one. Transitions are usually bumpy – that's okay. There will always be bumps and smooth places in our transitions from one thing (or schedule or piece of music) to another – it's the way we're able to sense growth and see the results of our beginning.

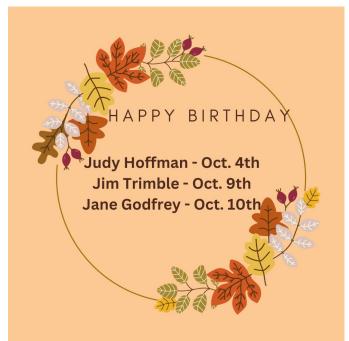
Everyone involved in making and providing music here at Wilbraham United is demonstrating that quality as we re-engage in rehearsals. We look forward to the familiar repertoire – and yet generally know that it's new pieces and working on challenging portions from the past, that give us joy when we accomplish the finished project. Music is not a sprint – it's a marathon. We're glad to be back at it and look forward to the year ahead.

Keep ringing, singing and tapping along your way. Feedback is always welcome. Blessings, Bobbie



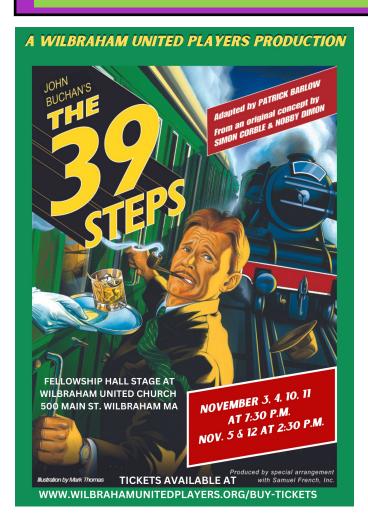
The Praise Band is in need of a guitarist. Rehearsals are flexible and we hope to play once a month for our church services. If you are interested or know of someone who is interested, please contact Patti Colkos at tricia30@charter.net





The November Branchline Deadline is October 27th. Please submit items of note to admin@wilbrahamunitedchurch.org







WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Saturday, October 28, 2023

9am-12 pm

500 Main Street (Behind church)

Wilbraham, MA

All items collected will go to Big Blue Ministry in Springfield

Gently used or new-

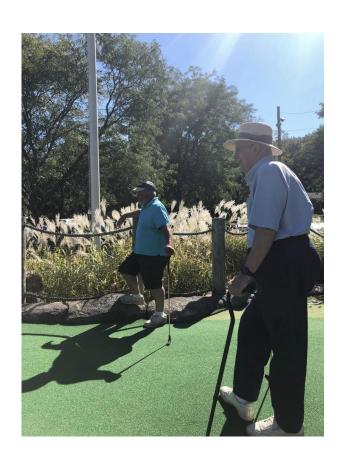
Items needed for Women, Men and Children:

- Coats
- Winter boots/ sneakers
 - Scarves
 - Gloves/mittens
- Sweatshirts and Sweatpants

Monetary donations accepted and will be used to purchase items on above list.

Please contact Patty Clements 413-626-2145 to make arrangements to have items picked up.





Mini Golf Outing 2023 Scrapbook—Our Church Families enjoyed a beautiful Fall Tradition of golf and ice cream!



















WILBRAHAM UNITED CHURCH PUMPKIN PATCH

Open Daily October 15-31

Monday through Saturday 10-6

Buy Your perfect pumpkin!!

Sunday 12-7

Fall Festival

October 21st! ~ 10-5

Food Trucks, Arts & Crafts Vendors, Pumpkin Painting & More!

FUND RAISER FOR THE

SAVE OUR STEEPLE PROJECT!!!



In an effort to increase our fund raising, we will be initiating a monthly "pre-order" opportunity.

We are hoping to expand to more stores by having the chance to pre-order (and pre-pay) for cards that offer a higher return.

Forms to order gift cards and a complete list of all available gift cards is attached to our weekly email or at the shopping card table.

> Thank you, Shopping Card Team

Ordering Form Shopping Cards

Card	%	\$ Amt	Qty
Applebees	8%		
Barnes & Nobles	8%		
Buffalo Wild Wings	8%		
Chili's	11%		
Cracker Barrel	8%		
Dicks Sporting Goods	8%		
DSW	8%		
Gap	14%		
Harry & David	12%		
Lands End	15%		
Legal Sea Food	13%		
LL Bean	16%		
Longhorn Steakhouse	8%		

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A list of other cards available can be found at https://www.raiseright.com/brands



Daily Lectionary Scripture References - October 2023 (Year A)

Sun., Oct. 1

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32

Mon., Oct. 2 Psalm 42 Exodus 18:1-12 Philippians 1:3-14

Tues., Oct. 3 Psalm 42 Exodus 18:13-27 Philippians 1:15-21

Wed., Oct. 4 Psalm 42 Exodus 19:9b-25 Matthew 9:2-8

Thurs., Oct. 5 Psalm 19 Exodus 23:1-9 Colossians 2:16-23

Fri., Oct. 6 Psalm 19 Exodus 23:14-19 Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a

Sat., Oct. 7 Psalm 19 Exodus 23:10-13 John 7:40-52

Sun., Oct. 8 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46

Mon., Oct. 9 Psalm 119:49-56 Deuteronomy 5:1-21 1 Peter 2:4-10

Tues., Oct. 10 Psalm 119:49-56 Deuteronomy 5:22—6:3 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Wed., Oct. 11 Psalm 119:49-56 Deuteronomy 6:10-25 John 11:45-57

Thurs., Oct. 12 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 Exodus 24:1-8 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14

Fri., Oct. 13 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 Exodus 24:9-11 James 4:4-10

Sat., Oct. 14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 Exodus 24:12-18 Mark 2:18-22

Sun., Oct. 15 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14

Mon., Oct. 16 Psalm 97 Exodus 32:15-35 Jude 17-25

Tues., Oct. 17 Psalm 97 Exodus 33:1-6 Philippians 3:13—4:1

Wed., Oct. 18 Psalm 97 2 Kings 17:7-20 John 6:25-35

Thurs., Oct. 19 Psalm 99 Exodus 33:7-11 3 John 9-12

Fri., Oct. 20 Psalm 99 Exodus 31:1-11 1 Peter 5:1-5

Sat., Oct. 21 Psalm 99 Exodus 39:32-43 Matthew 14:1-12 Sun., Oct. 22 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22

Mon., Oct. 23 Psalm 63:1-8 Exodus 40:34-38 Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20

Tues., Oct. 24 Psalm 63:1-8 Numbers 12:1-9 Revelation 18:21-24

Wed., Oct. 25 Psalm 63:1-8 Numbers 13:1-2, 17—14:9 Matthew 17:22-27

Thurs., Oct. 26 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 Deuteronomy 31:14-22 Titus 1:5-16

Fri., Oct. 27 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 Deuteronomy 32:1-14, 18 Titus 2:7-8, 11-15

Sat., Oct. 28 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 Deuteronomy 32:44-47 John 5:39-47

Sun., Oct. 29
Twenty-second Sunday after
Pentecost
Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

Mon., Oct. 30 Psalm 119:41-48 Numbers 33:38-39 James 2:8-13

Tues., Oct. 31 Psalm 119:41-48 Exodus 34:29-35 James 2:14-26

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