



The Branchline

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

November 2025

From the Pastor's Desk....



"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

Albert Schweitzer

Welcome to November,

November is a get ready month! If you are wondering what I mean by that, it means that as we enter into this time of the year, our vision starts becoming obscured to any other happening which doesn't involve Thanksgiving and Christmas. Why? It is because we have been taken over, insidiously. We may not even realize that it has happened until we find ourselves humming "Jingle Bells" under our breath as we stand in the store checkout line, buying miniature Santas and fairy lights. (It's ok, both were on sale). Or all of a sudden the cravings for stuffing and pumpkin pie hit us hard, before breakfast, and we pout because we are forced to settle for day old muffins.

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Lets face it, we are already thinking about the Thanksgiving menu, who might be coming, or where we are going. What do we bring as a contribution to the Thanksgiving meal, or what do we ask the twenty or so people who are coming to our house to bring. (We can't possibly do it all ourselves.) And while we are shopping for our Thanksgiving celebration, we might as well get a head start on Christmas shopping.

The Christmas stuff is already out and beckoning us to buy, lots!

So you see, we are already being pulled into the festive fervor, and now, whether we like it or not, we are all about getting ready for the holidays.

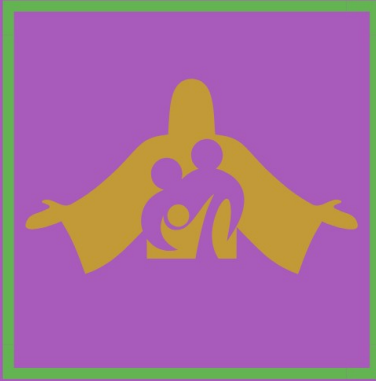
But, let me be a gentle reminder, that the holidays hold special meaning. For instance, Thanksgiving is self-evident. It is about giving thanks, with a special focus on giving, in this month of November. I believe that when we give of ourselves to others and to the church, great things can happen. We can be a beacon of God's love and a true witness to the teachings and ministry of Jesus Christ.

And this I truly believe, that God is well pleased by our goodness and our good works in the world.

So, as we enter this holiday season, let us be taken over by giving of ourselves and giving thanks to the One who made us. Let us also remember that Christmas is right around the corner, and it really is all about Christ.

November Blessings

Rev Janet

A graphic with a purple background. On the left, a yellow silhouette of a person with arms outstretched, holding a smaller yellow figure. On the right, the words "New Members" in a large, white, cursive font.

**New Members will be received into the congregation on
Sunday November 23**

**Anyone interested in becoming a church member should
speak with Rev. Janet prior to that date.**

The next Branchline Deadline is December 30. Please

submit items of note to

admin@wilbrahamunitedchurch.org





Hello! from the Music Room

The first months of our church calendar have swept by quickly. Maybe it's the weather. Up until a couple of weeks ago it felt like late summer – not like a prelude to autumn.

We're looking forward to a celebration on Confirmation Sunday. Not only will the participants in this class be confirmed – but with Rev. Janet's leadership, they will also be presenting the entire worship service on November 16, 2025 – just two weeks from this coming Sunday. Their music preparations are in progress and will bring new sounds and familiar ones. I've enjoyed hearing the ideas go back and forth as they worked on what seemed possible to include in the service. Some of those ideas are becoming reality. Thank you to the parents who have been assisting in this process. There's still more effort to happen in these two weeks ahead. What a blessing for a congregation to have an event like this taking place with a group of confirmands!

Choirs are moving full speed ahead with Thanksgiving less than a month away. The first Sunday in Advent is November 30th. These weeks will be filled with sounds of the holidays. It's a glorious time of the year if you're into preparing and presenting, or listening to and enjoying, the variety of music expressions.

I hope many of you will be able to be in worship on Confirmation Sunday, Nov. 16, to invite the newly confirmed participants into membership of Wilbraham United Church!

Have a most happy Thanksgiving and a blessed Advent and Christmas season.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Bobbie

Autumn activities at WUC





Mini Golf



Pumpkin Patch



Pumpkin Patch



Trunk or Treat



Trunk or Treat



Youth Moments



HOLLY FAIR
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

HELP WANTED!

We are in need of volunteers to help make this fair a super success!

Volunteers are needed for:
Decorating, Cookie Walk, Bakers, Raffle,
Lug Nuts, Greeting, Furniture moving,
Holly Cafe...

Contact Kim Ryan:
WUChurchEvents@gmail.com
519-6335



CALLING ALL COOKIE BAKERS!

Help spread the Christmas cheer, one cookie at a time and make this year's Cookie Walk another success!

Who: Anyone!

What: Your special Christmas cookies, bars and barks

Where: Place in church freezer or kitchen

When: Anytime on Friday, December 12th



Contact: Chrissy Plumb
(Plumb1993@charter.net)

Thank you for all your help!!!



15TH ANNUAL

Holly Fair

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
9AM-3PM
WILBRAHAM UNITED CHURCH
500 MAIN STREET, WILBRAHAM

**60+ Vendors from all over
New England**

CRAFTS, HOME DECOR, ORIGINAL
ART, JEWELRY, BEAUTY CARE,
WOODWORKING, PET GOODS, KIDS
ITEMS, PROVISIONS AND SO MUCH
MORE!

Cookie Walk  Holly Cafe
Raffles Gift Cards





Coffee Hour Schedule			
Team number and Names	Date	Team	
Team #1 Edna Colcord, The Hegarty's, Pat Olbrych			
Team #2 Marge Trimble, Patti Colkos, Kathy Timpson	September 7, 2025	Homecoming Sunday	Stebenne's
Team #3 The Ridgeway's, Jean Michon	September 14, 2025	Team #1	
Team #4 Sandy Harris, Steven Mattocks, Carianne Stebenne	September 21, 2025	Team #2	
Team #5 Pam Byers, The Capen's	September 28, 2025	Team #3	
Team #6 Amie Singh, The Ridgeway's, The Dearborn's	October 5, 2025	Potluck Sunday	Fall Themed
	October 12, 2025	Team #4	
	October 19, 2025	Team #5	
	October 26, 2025	Team #6	
Summer Time cordanator Karen Gatchell	November 2, 2025	Potluck Sunday	Thanksgiving themed (Daylight saving)
	November 9, 2025	Team #1	
	November 16, 2025	Team #2	
	November 23, 2025	Team #3	
	November 30, 2025	Team #4	
	December 7, 2025	Potluck Sunday	Red and Green themed
	December 14, 2025	Team #5	
	December 21, 2025	Team #6	
	December 28, 2025	Team #1	
	January 4, 2026	Potluck Sunday	Healthy themed
	January 11, 2026	Team #2	
	January 18, 2026	Team #3	
	January 25, 2026	Team #4	
	February 1, 2026	Potluck Sunday	Comfort food themed
	February 8, 2026	Team #5	
	February 15, 2026	Team #6	
	February 22, 2026	Team #1	
	March 1, 2026	Potluck Sunday	Lucky Green themed
	March 8, 2026	Team #2	Daylight savings
	March 22, 2026	Team #3	
	March 29, 2026	Team #4	Palm Sunday
	April 5, 2026	Easter Sunday Potluck	Spring Treats themed
	April 12, 2026	Team #5	
	April 19, 2026	Team #6	
	April 26, 2026	Team #1	
	May 3, 2026	Potluck Sunday	Moms Recipe themed
	May 10, 2026	Team #2	Mothers Day
	May 17, 2026	Team #3	
	May 24, 2026	Team #4	
	May 31, 2026	Team #5	
	June 7, 2026	Potluck Sunday	Celebration Sunday

**DON'T FORGET WUC
SHOPPING CARDS FOR
YOUR HOLIDAY
PURCHASES AND GIFTS!**

We will do one special order date on
December 15th. See Deb for Special
Order Requests

5 Golden Rings
A Greeting Card
Channel Holiday
Musical

Book by Stephen Garvey
Music & Lyrics by David Abbinanti

Performances
November 28 - December 7, 2025

 Fellowship Hall Stage at
Wilbraham United Church
500 Main St
Wilbraham, MA
wilbrahamunitedplayers.org

A Wilbraham United Players Production

Roof Project Status

The total cost of the roof project was \$78755.76. The Phys Ops Endowment allotment of \$10,000 (for 2024 and 2025) is allocated to this project. In addition a portion of the bequest from the Vieira estate of \$51068 was used for the roof repair. To date \$9539 in Shingle Sponsor donations was raised! **The roofing work was paid off but we still need to raise \$8148 to cover the cost.**

If you haven't yet made the decision to be a sponsor now would be a good time to do so!

Donations by check should include "Roof Fund" in the subject line. Donations can also be made online!



Repair the Roof

Be a Shingle Sponsor!

Sponsorship is \$50 and will include your name on our Repair the Roof Dedication List proudly displayed in our church!

Donations are tax-deductible!

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Our Piece Makers quilting group is looking for new folks to join them. The Piece Makers ministry is focused on making quilts to be donated to the Pediatric patients at Baystate Hospital.

If you enjoy quilting or sewing or have always wanted to learn how, the Piece Makers would love to have you join them.

Piece Makers meets on Monday mornings at 10 AM. If you have questions please reach out to Jo Miner (lpminer@msn.com).



Charlie Brown Thanksgiving

All are welcome to join us for a movie, themed dinner and craft!

Saturday, November 22nd

4:30 - 6:30 PM

Zeckhausen Room

Wilbraham United Church



Southern New England Conference

United Church of Christ

Living the Love & Justice of Jesus

Daily Lectionary Scripture References – November 2025 (Years C & A)

Sat., Nov. 1

Psalm 119:137-144
Habakkuk 2:5-11
John 8:39-47

Sun., Nov. 2

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

Mon., Nov. 3

Psalm 142
Habakkuk 2:12-20
1 Corinthians 5:9-13

Tues., Nov. 4

Psalm 142
Habakkuk 3:1-16
Jude 5-21

Wed., Nov. 5

Psalm 142
Habakkuk 3:17-19
Luke 19:11-27

Thurs., Nov. 6

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
Zechariah 1:1-17
Acts 22:22–23:11

Fri., Nov. 7

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
Zechariah 6:9-15
Acts 24:10-23

Sat., Nov. 8

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
Haggai 1:1-15a
Luke 20:1-8

Sun., Nov. 9

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Haggai 1:15b–2:9
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or
Psalm 98
Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

Mon., Nov. 10

Psalm 98
Haggai 2:10-19
2 Peter 1:16-21

Tues., Nov. 11

Psalm 98
Haggai 2:20-23
2 John 1-13

Wed., Nov. 12

Psalm 98
Zechariah 8:1-17
John 5:19-29

Thurs., Nov. 13

Isaiah 12
Isaiah 57:14-21
Romans 1:18-25

Fri., Nov. 14

Isaiah 12
Isaiah 59:1-15a
2 Thessalonians 1:3-12

Sat., Nov. 15

Isaiah 12
Isaiah 59:15b-21
Luke 17:20-37

Sun., Nov. 16

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 65:17-25
Isaiah 12
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

Mon., Nov. 17

Psalm 76
Isaiah 60:17-22
Ephesians 4:25–5:2

Tues., Nov. 18

Psalm 76
J Isaiah 66:1-13
1 Corinthians 10:23–11:1

Wed., Nov. 19

Psalm 76
Isaiah 66:14-24
Matthew 23:37–24:14

Thurs., Nov. 20

Luke 1:68-79
Jeremiah 21:1-14
Hebrews 9:23-28

Fri., Nov. 21

Luke 1:68-79
Jeremiah 22:1-17
1 Peter 1:3-9

Sat., Nov. 22

Luke 1:68-79
Jeremiah 22:18-30
Luke 18:15-17

Sun., Nov. 23

Reign of Christ
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Luke 1:68-79
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

Mon., Nov. 24

Psalm 117
Jeremiah 30:1-17
Revelation 22:8-21

Tues., Nov. 25

Psalm 117
Jeremiah 30:18-24
Revelation 22:8-21

Wed., Nov. 26

Psalm 117
Jeremiah 31:1-6
Luke 1:1-4

Thurs., Nov. 27

Thanksgiving
Psalm 122
Daniel 9:15-19
James 4:1-10
Or
Deuteronomy 26:1-11 and
Psalm 100
Philistines 4:4-9
John 6:25-35

Fri., Nov. 28

Psalm 122
Genesis 6:1-10
Hebrews 11:1-7

Sat., Nov. 29

Psalm 122
Genesis 6:11-22
Matthew 24:1-22

Sun., Nov. 30

First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 3:1-12 or Matthew
24:36-44

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship 5pm - AL- Anon -YR 7pm - WUP (FH)	10am - Piece Makers 6:30pm - Confirmation 7pm - WUP (FH) 7:30pm - Praise Band	2pm - Bible Study (ZR) 6:30pm - Search Comm 7pm - WUP (FH)	1:30pm - Staff Meeting 5pm - Preschool Open 6:30pm - Scouts 7pm - WUP (FH)	6pm - Bell Choir (Sanc) 6:30pm - AL-Anon (YR) 8pm - Chancel Choir		9am - WUP (FH)
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