



Wilbraham United Church

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ
and the United Methodist Church*

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November 9, 2025

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

10:00AM

We ask that everyone wear nametags so that we can be welcoming to all. There are listening devices available for those that may need them. An usher will be happy to assist you.

Following the service, everyone is invited to our time of refreshments and friendship in our Fellowship Hall. Please make a left out of our sanctuary, down the hall, and up the stairs. If you are unable to use the stairs, an elevator is available.

**All who are able to stand, may do so.*

GATHERING MUSIC

Piano: Speak, O Lord (excerpt)

M. Ijames

Bells: The Solid Rock

arr. L. Larson

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME

***GATHERING HYMN #315 verses 1-4 (UMH)**

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

CALL TO WORSHIP

Joe Hegarty

Liturgist: The Lord is our dwelling place, our refuge and our strength. God helps us in difficult times and reminds us that we do not walk our journey alone. The Lord keeps us close and guards us in our ways.

People: The Lord bears us up and shows us that it is good to give thanks for all the blessings that the Lord brings. We uplift our gratitude by our acts of generosity and praise. Thanks be to God

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, You call us into a relationship with an expectation that we will be your faithful people, willing to give of ourselves, so that others may know of you because of the good things that we do in your name. Come to us and remind us that all good gifts come from you. Help us to offer our gifts abundantly, so that we may be a gift to others. For we know that this is what Jesus would do. Amen

***SONG OF PRAISE # 2029 (TFWS)**

*Praise to the Lord, all of you, God's servants.
Blessed be the name of our God now and ever.
From the rising of the sun may the Lord be praised.
Praise to the Name of the Lord!*

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

MOMENTS FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

RESPONSIVE PSALM *p. 818-819 (UMH)*

Psalm 98

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sung Response

*Breath of God, Breath of Peace, Breath of love, Breath of life,
Breath of justice, Breath of passion,
Breath creating, Breath of healing, Breath of singing, Breath of praying,
Come upon us, come restore us, come inspire us, Breath of God.*

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:37-38

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Good Measure

Rev. Janet

***HYMN #2008(TFWS)**

Let All Things Now Living

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation to Give

Offertory

I Sing This Song of Praise
Chancel Choir

C. Berry

***Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

*Prayer of Dedication

***PARTING HYMN #731 (UMH)**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

***FOLLOWING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #2238 (TFWS) Refrain**

*God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey, now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.*

MUSIC FOR SENDING FORTH

Organ: Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

M. McDonald

Welcome Visitors! *Is this your first visit to United Church? If you wish to be contacted by a member of the church or our pastor, please leave your contact information with one of the ushers or place a visitor card in the collection plate. We invite you to join us in our time of Fellowship after the service. Our ushers or a member of the ministry team will be happy to accompany you and help you find your way!*

*UMH – The “red” United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS – The “small black” book Faith We Sing Hymnal*

The Altar Flowers this morning are given by The Beston Family in loving memory of Mark McLellan.

MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Janet Sandquist-Skagerlind

Music Director: Roberta Morkin

Technical: Deb Trimble

Ushers: John Colkos, Steven Mattocks

Liturgist: Joe Hegarty

Greeter: Joyce Emerle

Wilbraham United Church Staff

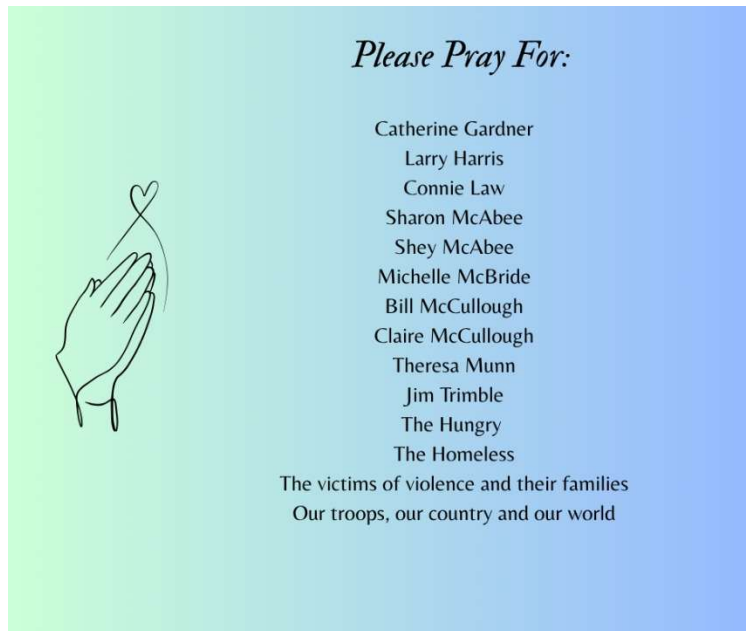
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*If you are in need of Pastoral Care, please contact Rev. Janet or the Church Office.
After office hours, Rev. Janet can be reached at (978)350-3463.*



“News for the Pews” for the Week of November 9, 2025

The Discipleship Commission is collecting items for **Thanksgiving Food Baskets**. If you wish to donate food items for a family in need please leave items in the shopping cart in the Narthex. Monetary donations or Shopping Cards for local grocery stores are also being accepted.

If you are aware of a family in need this Thanksgiving, please speak to Rev. Janet who will make sure that a basket is available for them.





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



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



Wilbraham United Church

THANKS FOOD DRIVE GIVING

We would love your help in providing Thanksgiving baskets to families in need. Additional items will be donated to our Blessing Box and the Community Survival Center

We Are Collecting The Following Items:

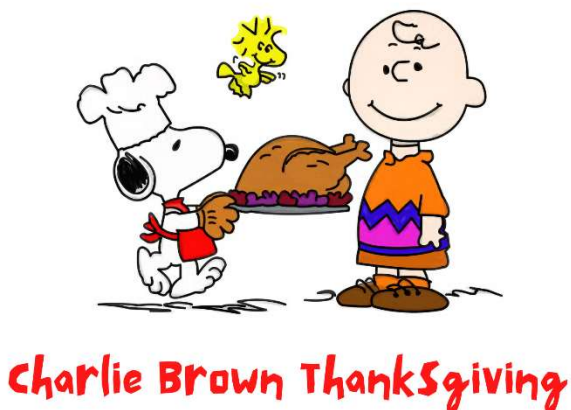
Canned Gravy	Can Openers
Canned Vegetables	Tablecloths & Napkins
Stuffing Mix	*Rolls/Biscuits
Cranberry Sauce	*Bags of Fresh Carrots
Corn Bread Mix	*Bags of Fresh Potatoes
Canned Yams	*Fresh Fruit
Instant Mashed Potatoes	Grocery Gift Cards
Mac and Cheese	Monetary Donations

*Please Bring any Perishable Items on 11/ 23

Items Will Be Collected Until
NOVEMBER 23

DROP OFF LOCATION:
Wilbraham United Church
During Office Hours: M-Th
8:30am-1:30pm
Or Sundays During Church

FOR MORE INFORMATION Discipleship@wilbrahamunitedchurch.org



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

This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Sunday, November 9, 2025

10:00 a.m. –Worship
11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (FH)
5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)
7:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)

Monday, November 10, 2025

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30
10:00 a.m. – Piece Makers
6:30 p.m. -Search Comm (ZR)
7:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Church Office CLOSED
8:30 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast Group
7:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30
11:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. – Scouts
7:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)
7:15 p.m. – Praise Band (Sanc)

Thursday, November 13, 2025

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30
6:30 p.m. – Al Anon (YR)
7:00 p.m. – Bell Choir (Sanc)
8:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir (Sanc)

Friday, November 14, 2025

Church Office closed

Saturday, November 15, 2025

Church Office closed
9:00 a.m. – WUP (FH)

Sunday, November 16, 2025

10:00 a.m. –Worship
11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (FH)
5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)
7:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)



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!!!

