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House of Prayer Lutheran Church

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"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs and don't forget to thank Him for His answers." (TLB)

I can say with certainty that all of us have been worried many times in our lives. Whether it be paying the bills on time, being notified that our employment has been terminated, struggling with a personal relationship gone wrong – worry and anxiety are part and parcel of being human and living on planet Earth.

But what does Paul tell us in Philippians 4:6? Paul, who was in prison at the time, says: "Don't worry!" What a blessed perspective to have while behind bars. Not only don't worry, instead pray. Prayer can take many forms and usually depends on our circumstance at the time: kneel down gently, shout at the top of our lungs or beg God to take it all away. On the other side of the coin, we hear answers to prayer from God in equally different ways – a whisper, a thunderbolt or an "ah-ha" moment.

Many years ago, around the time of my first wedding anniversary, I lost my full-time job of many years. I was shocked, angry and anxious about the next step. How could I cope without seeing my workmates? What about my feeling of self-worth? How would I fill my days? My prayers to God were endless. I was pouring my heart out to Ernie when he turned to me and said, "Why don't you just make music your job?" Wow! How profound and yet how simple. His advice proved to be prophetic. I filled the many years that followed with teaching, coaching, performing and, of course, church music.

We have experienced many months of stress, anxiety and questioning at House of Prayer. Many changes have taken place and we have weathered all of them together! God has listened to our prayers, even when His presence has seemed very far away. However, the answer has come! Our new Pastor will be with us and soon. Let us sing and shout and be glad!

Carla

Weekly Virtual and In-person Worship

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

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Dates to Note

Church Council Meeting
Via Zoom November 16
7PM

Multi-generational Advent Event
November 19

**Emmanuel Correa Vazquez
Ordination**
November 19
4PM

Tidings Submission Due Date
November 25

Re-Imagining Worship Service
November 26

Father Bill's Sandwich-making
December 1

**Wellspring Dinner Boxes Due
Ascentria Gifts Due
Poinsettia Orders Due**
December 10



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HOUSE OF PRAYER MISSION STATEMENT

*To share and spread Christ's message of love.
To nurture a vigorous and
compassionate church family, open to all.
To provide meaningful worship and Christian education.
And to actively reach out to help and serve others.*

ELCA MISSION STATEMENT

*"Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed,
gathered and sent for the sake of the world"*

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Christian Education	Kim Boyd
Evangelism	open
Facilities	Shawn Wegener
Finance	Ed Martin
& Stewardship	
Parish Life	open
Shepherds	Sue Bose
Social Ministry	Cathy Martin
Worship & Music	Sandy Swanson

WELCOME EMMANUEL CORREA VAZQUEZ!

We welcome Emmanuel as the next Pastor of House of Prayer. We are grateful, in this season of Thanksgiving that God has brought us together in the Christian walk. If you are available, Emmanuel's ORDINATION information follows:

It takes place on Sunday, November 19th at 4pm at University Lutheran Church, Harvard Square, 66 Winthrop Street, Cambridge. There is plenty of room in the church but parking is LIMITED! Perhaps you would like to carpool with folks from House of Prayer or take the T to Harvard Square and walk. God's richest blessings on all of us!



House of Prayer is “spreading the word” by donating bibles to Salvation Army!



Day of Mourning

Since 1970, an annual march and rally organized by the United American Indians of New England (UAINE) have taken place on the fourth Thursday in November, a day known as Thanksgiving holiday in the United States, but a day that many Indigenous people and supporters have come to know and commemorate as the National Day of Mourning. This tradition and commemoration serve as a solemn occasion to honor Native ancestors and Wampanoag stories, while fostering greater awareness and understanding among the American public about the destructive presence of pilgrims and settlers in and around Patuxet, currently also known as Plymouth.

You are invited to Plymouth to stand in solidarity with the Wampanoag people and the United American Indians of New England at this year's National Day of Mourning and gain deeper insights into their vital mission.

Thursday, November 23, 2023

Day of Mourning

Gathering Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Pebbles Restaurant – 76 Water St, Plymouth, MA 02360

Contact Phoebe Morad if you'd like to connect (she's going) - pheebcongo@gmail.com

Poinsettias

Poinsettias will be ordered to place around the altar for Christmas Eve worship. If you would like to purchase a plant, order forms are on the table in the hallway. Please note, payment of \$8 per plant should accompany your order and can be put in the offering plate or the "office" mail slot. The deadline to order is December 10.

Friends of the Homeless

Again this year, House of Prayer will be hosting the "Friends of the Homeless" group in Fellowship Hall. Led by Executive Director Herb Newell, this group provides holiday gift bundles (and holiday joy!) to more than 700 children and 300 families on the South Shore. They will begin setting up on December 6th and end on December 28th with cleaning up the hall. Coffee hour will be moved as well as some of our support groups but all for a good cause. Please welcome them in and support their wonderful ministry!

Social Ministry *Cathy Martin, Chair*

Wellspring: Social Ministry will be preparing Christmas boxes for holiday dinners. See food list below; boxes are due December 10. If you have access to copy paper boxes with covers, please bring to the church and put above the coat rack across from the restrooms. Monthly collection items for November are soup, salad dressing and condiments. Thank you to Martha and Bob Linares for transporting our donations to Wellspring!

Giving Tree: Victoria Warneck will be coordinating the Giving Tree again this year. This program is conducted in association with Ascentria. Wish lists are expected soon with gifts due in early December. The Christian Education students will decorate gift bags for this program.

Cookie Walk has been postponed until winter or spring 2024.

Father Bill's Update: We are providing about 25-35 lunches each time. The next chance to participate is Friday, December 1. Sign-up sheets are on the front table. In January 2024, there will be a new bedding and towel drive.

Veterans Meals: Meals continue to be delivered monthly to the veterans' home in Hingham. Millie Hill coordinates this program. Carla and Ernie also bring a meal over monthly.

ELCA Good Gifts: We plan to promote \$25 nutrition for a child and \$10 school supplies in February 2024. We will also do the Souper Bowl of Caring in February around the Super Bowl.

In Stitches: The group has prepared some blankets to be donated to refugees that have relocated to Massachusetts. They will continue to make more fleece blankets as needed.

If you would like to join our committee or participate in any of the activities we do, don't hesitate to ask.

Our next meeting is Sunday, January 7, 2024 after church. We will be meeting in the area right outside or at the back of the Sanctuary. Please join us. Our committee is open to anyone. Any questions, contact Cathy Martin at cathymartin19@verizon.net or 617-645-9636.

Wellspring Dinner Box Items

- One 3 lb. ham or three 1 lb. hams **(must not require refrigeration)***
- One 16 oz. can pineapple or two small cans
- Two cans of vegetables
- One box or bag of granulated sugar
- One box hot cocoa (bulk or single pack)
- Nuts and/or hard candy
- One package cookies (home-made or store bought)

*Hams can often be found at Walgreens, CVS, BJ's or the canned meat aisle of your supermarket.

Shepherding Sue Bose, Chair

In October, the Shepherding Committee set up Fellowship Hall and provided coffee and dessert for the collation for long time HOP member, Rae Hall. Much appreciation to Linda Lundin who was the primary organizer along with husband Ron and daughter Kristen. Thanks also to Kate and Steve Bergman, all the HOP bakers, Barb Mullin and all others who helped with this our last collation.

Please see below a message from Council President, Carla Hill. This was sent as an email to all church members.

Dear Members of House of Prayer,

I pray that each of you are staying well during these challenging times, both in the world and within our own faith community. With much regret, I am writing today to inform you of a new policy at church regarding Funerals. Although we continue to encourage you to use your church when planning a Funeral or Memorial service, we are now unable to provide any kind of collation in Fellowship Hall afterwards. If possible, I encourage you to engage a local restaurant or hall in which to gather following the service.

Since the onslaught of Covid, our congregation has become smaller and older. The time and effort that goes into these events is now beyond the scope of our abilities. Perhaps you could honor your loved ones in a different way going forward. For example, a tree planted on our land with a ceremony at the planting; a plaque attached to the outside of a pew where your family member sat on Sunday mornings. These would be tributes to the deceased for all to see for years to come.

As your President and on my watch, it grieves me to share this news. I have made this decision after consultation with the Shepherds and they are in full agreement. In my heart, I know you are a loving and understanding congregation. We will find other ways to honor our beloved ones who have added so much to the history of House of Prayer. May God continue to guide us as we travel together in His holy name.

*Your sister in Christ,
Carla*

Thank you also to our monthly card senders: Kathleen Almand for October, Mary Jane Parsekian for November and Anne Moegle for December. And to our bereavement card senders: Mardie Reimold for Rae Hall and Carla Hill for Janet Rydin



Hello Fall!

October has been a month of readjustment for me...holiday weekends, time away for a Habitat for Humanity build, and lots of help from family (as we travelled around and my in-laws came up to help). I do hope you're all ready to return to Sunday School as we continue our efforts with Christian Education. Be aware there will be some adjustments here at House of Prayer for us in Sunday School, too. We've been trying to do things a little differently, by having planting/clean-up events, walks, and other fun stuff (like baking communion bread for church!) and would love to hear how you feel things have been going. Contact Kim Boyd at kimboyd61@hotmail.com.

If you haven't noticed, our classrooms are looking a little different lately. With the preschool coming into our building, the Godly Play room has been made to fit into part of the room we had before so we could pull the accordion door closed to have the older kids set up a folding table to have Sunday School there. As the preschool gets going, the classroom by the kitchen will have little tables and chairs-not the right size for our 3rd through 6th graders! The founder's room will be the preschool office (and we'll have no access to that room for the confo group) so we've used some of that furniture to create some inviting spaces. Check out our reading area in the fellowship hall and the cozy corner at the end of the hallway outside the sanctuary. That area outside the sanctuary is where the youth group/confo kids will be meeting once the weather cools off too much to not be outside to meet. Our nursery area has been cleaned out, and I hope you all had a chance to check out the "yard sale" we had with all the items we were removing from our cabinets and spaces. What was left over was donated to various organizations. Thanks to everyone who picked up some items and made a contribution!

We will be having the distribution of the bibles to our current 2nd graders on November 19th during the children's time. These bibles are the ones the children will be using as they come up to the 3rd through 6th grade class. Come to see and support our young members on this day!

There are a few reminders for the upcoming month. November 12th and November 26th we will NOT be having Sunday School in observance of Veteran's Day weekend and for Thanksgiving. We hope to see you for our Advent event that will be held on Sunday, November 19th after church during Sunday School. This is a multi-generational event. If you still have your advent wreath from last year or years past, please return it before this date so we can reuse it and see what items we may need to purchase to adorn our wreaths for this year. Thanks in advance!

From the Office

Barb is working on updating our church directory (the most recent one published is from 2019!). Please send along any additions/corrections to her at hophurchoffice@comcast.net. Thanks!

Worship/Music Committee

We are ordering the All Creation Sings hymnals and offering to everyone the opportunity to donate one (\$20.00 each) in honor/memory of a loved one. There will be a signup sheet in the hallway on the table. Please note on your check that it is for the All Creation Sings hymnal. We've been singing songs from this hymnal and want to provide the hymnal in the pews for all.

Re Imagining Worship will continue on the 4th Sunday of each month, with 'tweaking' happening due to your comments. We so appreciate your feedback and invite you to share at any time with the committee. We are next meeting on November 19th. Please share your comments with Lenae, Kathy and Marci Sutkowski, Scott HB, Vicki, Pastor B and Sandy.

We will be posting a new signup sheet for 2024 for our communion bread. Thanks to all who have donated this year. We look forward to continuing for next year.

We'd enjoy having you on our committee - please prayerfully consider joining us. Thanks so much!

Lenae Badger, Sue Bose, Kathy Sutkowski, Sandy Swanson


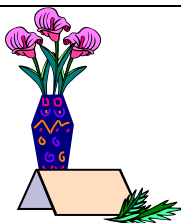
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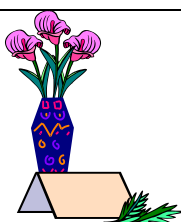
Dear Kathleen,

Thank you, Kathleen and the wonderful congregation of House of Prayer in Hingham, for your incredible support! As I sorted through the donations I was truly touched and honestly in awe, particularly of the skillfully made, hand crocheted baby clothes! You are living your faith and you are making a difference.

Please pass along the gratitude of all of Ascentria, and especially from our new mothers in the Haitian emergency shelter, to the wonderful people of House of Prayer!

*With gratitude,
Jillian*

	Happy Birthday		Happy Anniversary
November 11	Kate Hudson-Mendes	November 3	Lenae & Tim Badger
	Marie Warneck	November 11	George & Jane Ohlson
November 12	Erika Badger		
November 17	Vicki Oman		
November 19	Rich Haukom		
November 30	Leanne Martin		

	Happy Birthday		Happy Anniversary
December 1	Kathy Gray	December 31	George & Lynda Watt
December 2	Morgan Lundin		
December 10	Jane Ohlson		
December 12	Ingrid Lancaster		
	Dalton Vassallo		
December 24	Barbara Buntrock		
	Ed Martin		
December 28	Mabel Ericson		
December 29	Molly Folino		

If you would like to have your birthday or anniversary added to the calendar, contact Barb in the office.

Prayer list

"I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints." Ephesians 1:18

Armstrong, Sophie (Bergman's granddaughter)	Leary, Kris (daughter of Millie Hill)
Badger, Tim	MacKennon, Linnie (friend of Lundins)
Brett, Virginia (friend of Martha)	McCullough, Lynne (relative of Emily Badger-McCullough)
Bryson, Caitlin (friend of Chris Hayes)	McGivney, Marlene
Carlson, Joanne (Linda Lundin's sister)	McGivney, Paul (Dana's brother)
Clifford, Kathy (friend of Kim Boyd)	Meslo, Lisa (Hayes' sister-in-law)
Dallamora, Joe (Jen M's father)	Michaels, Marcia (friend of Victoria Warneck)
Dauber, Lynda (friend of Parsekians)	Mitchell, Marcia
Davis, Elise (neighbor of the Hayes)	Murray, Maggie (friend of Mary Jane)
Derderian, Craig (nephew of Parsekian's)	Myers, Chuck (friend of Lundins)
Derderian, Glenn and Sue (nephew of Parsekian's nephew and his wife)	Neat, Kathy
Derderian, Gloria (sister-in-law of Parsekian's)	Niendorf, Kris
Ericson, Mabel	Nucifore, Linda Nilsson (sister of Karen Nilsson)
Ericson, Pochinart (daughter-in-law of Mabel)	Nucifore, Alan (brother-in-law of Karen Nilsson)
Errichiello, David (Carla's brother)	O'Donnell, Kathleen (friend of Rita LaPlante)
Fields, Leisel (friend of Jen McCready)	*Olsson, Todd (Doris' grandson)
Gall Family (friends of Lenae)	Oman, Linda
Galotti, Debbie (friend of Rita LaPlante)	Paresky, David (friend of Parsekians)
Gifford, Bill (friend of Chris Hayes)	Parsekian, Patty (MaryJane's daughter-in-law)
Gitungano, Alex (friend of HoP)	Phillips, Ed (friend of Lundins)
Glynn, Mary (friend of Sue Bose)	Pryor, Mark (friend of Leah McGaughey)
Graham, Ellis (granddaughter of Rob Lacy)	Rawlins, Betty (friend of Myrtle Hickman)
Grankewicz family (Lenae's friends)	Rawlins, Patty (friend of Myrtle Hickman)
Hall, Gerda	Read, James L (friend of Martha Willson)
Hall family	Richardson, David (Victoria's uncle)
Hannigan, Mike (friend of Lisa and Rich Rege)	Rodrigues, Mary Ellen (friend of Lenae)
Hansen, Mark (friend of Jacqui Lyons)	Rogalski, Roberta (friend of Ursula Hackemer)
Hickman, Myrtle	Rush, Jean (friend of Ursula Hackemer)
Higginbottom, Sophia (friend of Rita LaPlante)	Rydin family
Hilston, Paula (Pastor Hilston's wife)	Santacrose, Linda (friend of Sue Bose)
Hutchinson, Rick (friend of Lundins)	Schooning, Sonia (friend of Martha)
Ikoribitangaza, Leo (friend of HoP)	Scott-Rawlins, Chereese (friend of Myrtle Hickman)
Jensen, Dee (friend of Lenae's)	Severson, Karen (friend of Ann Moegle)
Just, Christian (brother of Ginny & Naomi)	Silva, Jeffrey (grandson of Dorothy Flett)
Just, Ginny (former member)	Sullivan, Elisabeth (friend of Ursula Hackemer)
Just, Naomi	Temperly, Joanne
Kalla, Judy (friend of Bill & Chris Hayes)	Toomey, Skip (brother-in-law of Hayes)
Knight, Patty (friend of Linda Vassallo)	Walsh, Dennis (friend of Chris Hayes)
Lacy, Rob	Walter, Helmut (Stefanie Wegener's father)
LaRocca, Debi & family (friends of Warnecks)	Watt, George & Lynda
Leary, Erin (Millie's granddaughter)	Weaver, Ryley (friend of Bill & Chris Hayes)

*serving in the military

