



## *A Message from Pastor Becca*

In this season of gratitude, I want to use this space to invite you to three opportunities for worship. The first is an interfaith service for Thanksgiving which I will join my fellow Medford clergy in leading on **November 18**. This service is for the entire community of Medford and will include voices from a variety of faith traditions. There will also be an interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service on **November 21** at 7:00 pm in Evesham Township at Congregation Beth Tikvah. While I will not be part of leading this service, I plan to attend. I find myself grateful to have a chance to worship with a diverse group of people! In these uncertain, frightening, and heart-breaking times, it is important that we gather with our wider community to pray together.



Now, I am going to jump ahead to Advent. This year we will have a time of worship that honors our less than cheerful feelings during our season of waiting and preparation. Some of us will find ourselves grief stricken or just plain sad this Advent. Please consider joining us for our longest night service (a day early) on **December 20**. This will be a quiet time to gather and bring all of who we are before God.





## Small World Pie Sale

### Deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 7!

Small World is having a pie sale as a fundraiser to put money toward repairing the parking lot. The 10 inch pies are homemade at Russo's. Apple, Dutch Apple, Cherry, Blueberry and Pumpkin – delicious!

- Order forms were in the bulletin or stop by the church office.
- **Order and prepay by this Wednesday, November 7.** Make check out to Small World Pre-school. Cash is also okay. Give your form and payment directly to Jayne or drop in Pastor Becca's mailbox by 3 pm this Wednesday.
- Pickup is Mon., Nov. 19 and Tues. Nov. 20 at Small World between 11:30 and 3:30.

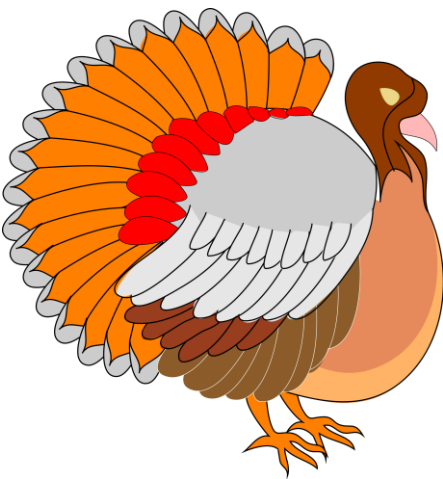


## 2018 Deacon's Holiday Turkey Drive

Each year, the Christian Caring Center makes hundreds of food baskets so that our neighbors can have Thanksgiving dinner. The baskets contain all of the nonperishable items needed to prepare the feast.

**The deacons provide 175 \$15 Acme gift cards so that the families can purchase a turkey. Faith Church is the main source of gift cards for the CCC.**

Your generosity has sustained this project year after year. The deacons thank you and ask if you could help us do it again. **Money will be collected during fellowship on 11/11 and 11/18.** Look for a deacon at the table near the water fountain! See Betty Engelke or Betty Ann Beck with any questions.





## Mark Your Calendars!

The church calendar is filling up with great opportunities for having fun and helping others. Please note these upcoming events and join in to help.

### Saturday November 10

- **9:00 am** – The HOPE Garden needs help spreading a load of donated manure. It shouldn't take long. Bring a pitchfork or shovel.
- **10:00 am to noon** – Bill Redheffer is in Spain with his daughter and grandchildren. He needs help getting leaves raked to the curb so they can be picked up by the township deadline. The address is 219 Migazee Trail in Medford Lakes. Bring your rake! We plan to go for pizza afterwards. Contact Pat Cohill or Dave Wood with any questions.

### Sunday, November 11

- **10:30 am** – Congregational Meeting
- **11:00 am** – Book study

### Sunday, November 18

- **7:00 pm** – Community Thanksgiving Service at Medford Methodist

### Wednesday, November 21

- **7:00 pm** – Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service at Congregation Beth Tikvah in Evesham Township

### Sunday, November 25

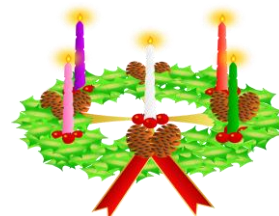
- **10:45 am** – Decorating Party! We will decorate the church for Christmas and enjoy a pizza lunch afterwards.
- **11:00 am** – Confirmation class

### Thursday, December 20

- **7:00 pm** – Longest Night Service at Faith

## Families Needed to Light Advent Candles

Would you be willing to light the Advent candles this Advent season? We need families or friends to sign up for **December 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and Christmas Eve**. Please let Jonathan Cohill know if you are interested or sign up in the fellowship area after service on Sunday.





Do not be daunted  
by the enormity  
of the world's grief.  
Do justly, now.  
Love mercy, now.  
Walk humbly, now.  
You are not obligated  
to complete the work  
but neither are you free  
to abandon it.

- The Talmud

From: Shapiro, Wisdom of the Jewish Sages, 41. Paraphrase of Rabbi Rami Shapiro's interpretive translation of Rabbi Tarfon's work on the Pirke Avot. The text is a commentary on Micah 6:8.



**Wonderful  
pumpkin art  
courtesy of  
Small World!**





## HOPE Update – 1,450 Pounds This Year!

The HOPE garden had another amazing year. They have even continued to harvest during the first week of November! The total is 1,450 pounds – all donated to help our neighbors eat fresh, organic food to nourish body and soul.



## Sunday School – Fun and Mission

Recent Sunday school classes have included creating cards of encouragement to lift up others and making turkey hats to celebrate the season of thanks.





## Pastor Becca's Office Hours for Fall

Monday: 12-3

Tuesday: 9-12

Wednesday: 10-12 (Roast coffee shop)

Thursday: 9-11

*Note: This is not a comprehensive list of the hours Pastor Becca will be working. These are the hours you can drop by and find her in the office if you need to talk. She is available outside these hours by appointment. She is ALWAYS available via cell phone for emergencies.*

## Tasty Fundraiser!

Ginny Magnus let us know that the four-day fundraiser she organized through Bonefish Grill netted (haha) \$1,100. What a catch!

