



# The SPIRE

Park Avenue Congregational Church

*The United Church of Christ*

Arlington, Massachusetts

The Reverend Leah Lyman Waldron, Minister

NOVEMBER 2019



# November

at PACC



## Memorial Sunday- November 3

All Saints' Sunday is what the wider church calls the first Sunday in November. At Park Avenue Church, we call it "Memorial Sunday," which occurs this year on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. During our worship service on that day, we include time for reading aloud the names of members and loved ones who have died in the past year, followed by a moment of prayer for those who feel their loss. We also celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, reminding us of the spiritual unity of God's people in heaven and on earth, and have a time to light candles in remembrance of those we have lost, this year or in years past.

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## PACC Concert Series- November 10

*Janice Edwards and Guests: On Wings of Song*

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## Stewardship Sunday- November 24

As you consider how you would like to support PACC in the coming year, we invite you to think about what you love about PACC and how your financial gifts might support the church to provide that same ministry to others.



Pledge cards will be handed out on **November 3**, (any not picked up will be mailed on the 4<sup>th</sup>). We encourage you to bring in your pledge on **November 24<sup>th</sup>** and place it in the offering plate along with your offering for that day as a celebration of all that God is doing in and through PACC!

# Greetings from our Pastor!

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Dear Park Avenue friends,

November is both Stewardship Month and the month of Thanksgiving - what an appropriate pairing as we marinate on all the ways we are grateful for Park Avenue and our ability, big or small, to support our church!

As a way to inspire us to support Park Avenue financially, each Sunday this month before the offering we'll have a different PACC person share their Stewardship Story - why they are a part of our community. Dollars given to PACC certainly pay light bills and salaries, but they also make our community possible in a larger sense, helping so many people to find connection with each other and God and to serve our neighbors.

Stewardship isn't only about money, of course; it's about how we use *all* of our resources in ways that build up God's people and God's kindom. So this month we'll also have the chance to let the church know how we plan to give our time in the coming year - maybe teaching Sunday school twice a month, or coming to a church clean-up day, or setting up for a community event, or visiting a member who can't make it to worship.

As your pastor, I feel so blessed to get to hear about and see the many, many ways Park Avenue makes a difference in people's lives. We are part of such an incredible community that provides meaning and belonging and service and spiritual sustenance to a lot of people! I hope through this month's Stewardship Stories and through the opportunity to discern our gifts of time and money, you'll catch this enthusiasm for Park Avenue and help God's vision for our church come more alive than ever!

Blessings,



Reverend Leah Lyman Waldron, Pastor

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DIGITAL PRAYER GROUP



**Join us on Wednesdays at 10:30am**

for live prayer, led by Pastor Leah!

**Facebook (@parkavenuecongregationalchurch) and  
Instagram (@pacc\_ucc)**

# Groups at PACC

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## Sarah's Circle

This month we are reading "Living Life as a Thank You: The Transformative Power of Daily Gratitude" by Nina Lesowitz and Mary Beth Sammons. We will meet on **Saturday, November 16, 10:00 am** in the Fellowship Room. Meditation at 9:30 am for those who want to join in. We need volunteers for baked goodies and milk/cream.

## Women's Guild

We will meet on **November 21, at 10:30 am (PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE)** for a working meeting (Christmas Cards, Books back in the shelves, and making a decision on our service project for next year). There will be coffee and tea but you don't need to bring a lunch as we hope to be done by noon. Hope to see you then.

## PACC Men

PACC Men will meet on **Tuesday, November 12, at 6:30 pm**, in the Fellowship Room. Tim LaVallée, owner of Woo's School of Marshall Arts, will be a guest speaker talking about Chinese Marshall Arts and Asian Philosophy. We will order take out from a local restaurant. Please bring a drink or dessert to share. Please let Mike Rich know by 5:00 pm, November 11, if you plan on attending.

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## Beer & Hymn Sing a Big Success!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered for and attended the Beer and Hymn Sing last month. It was a great evening of fellowship, fun, and music, and **we raised \$470 for Arlington EATS!** A Special Thanks to **Andy Hart** as our Maestra of song; **Merrith Sabo-Jones** as a TIPS server; **Hong Chin** for hospitality; and **Sharon Kabelitz** for connecting us with **Medford Brewing Company**, who donated servers and beer. Cheers to next year's event!

### Our Sermons are online!

Couldn't make it to worship? Want to share a sermon with a friend? Curious about a book or other resource mentioned during a sermon? Written versions of Pastor Leah's sermons are regularly posted online a day or two after worship, with audio versions following soon after, at [www.pacc-ucc.org/sermons](http://www.pacc-ucc.org/sermons).

## 2020 Council of Deacons Election

The PACC Council of Deacons is the general administrative body of the church. Deacons are considered the spiritual leaders of the church. Deacons are elected each fall by direct congregational vote. A full term of service is two years. After a deacon has served two consecutive terms or part thereof on the Council, he or she is ineligible for election for one year. The ballot contains the names of all members of the church except those who are ineligible.

If you'd like to know more, ask a current or past Deacon. It's a rewarding job. If you are called to join the Council, I hope you will prayerfully consider it.

Ballots for the 2020 election for new members of the Council of Deacons have been distributed. **Ballots should be returned to the box in the narthex no later than Sunday Nov. 3 or delivered or mailed to the church office so that they are received by 5:00 pm Thursday Nov. 7.**

The Election Committee will meet on the evening of Tuesday, November 7, to tabulate the votes and then begin contacting the top vote getters to determine who is able and willing to serve on the church's governing board beginning in January 2020.

## Liturgist Training

We will have a liturgist training after worship on Sunday, November 17th. If you've thought about being a liturgist and want to learn what it's about, or if you've already served as one and would like to get more familiar with the role, stick around in the sanctuary after worship and Don Cohn and Dave Morrisette will show you the ropes of this important ministry!

*Let Dave or Don know if you would like to attend.*

# Christian Education

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Dear PACC,

Welcome to another wonderful month of CE at PACC! It's been wonderful to spend time with all of our CE children, families, and volunteers, whether in classes, worship, or at coffee hour. I wanted to remind you that you are always welcome to drop in and talk to me after church on Sunday, or to make an appointment to see me anytime by emailing me. I'd love to have a conversation with you!

Warmly,  
Elizabeth Foster

## CE CLASSES

Our CE classes are continuing our unit about the history of the early church this month, using the Shine curriculum! If you have not been getting the new weekly Friday CE newsletter, have not filled out the online registration form or have questions about which class your child is in, please email Elizabeth.

**Note:** This month, we'll have **music with Andy on November 24<sup>th</sup>**. Before music, we'll take some time to learn about ways for CE participants to get involved in worship, including serving as an acolyte!

## YOUTH GROUP

The youth group social outing signup is now live. A survey about regular meeting times and potential mission trip timing will also go out shortly. Email Elizabeth with any questions, or if you'd like access to either of these!

## SPECIAL EVENTS

CE Teacher Training sessions will take place after coffee hour on October 27th and November 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are a current CE volunteer or you'd like to get involved, please come!

## Youth Choir

General schedule for Youth Choir: Rehearsals on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of each month, in the Nicoll Room (after Church/Sunday School, usually 11:15-12:00). On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, we have an early rehearsal at 9:20am, and on that Sunday, we sing in the church service during All Ages time.

# Mission and Justice Matters at PACC



## Mission and Justice Spotlight



### UCC New England Conference

Join PACC's delegates, Mike and Betty Rich, and leaders of the Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island conferences of at the Third Joint Annual Meeting of the Southern New England Conferences of the UCC in Worcester, MA Friday, November 1 to Saturday, November 2, 2019. The theme is "Cloud of Witnesses: UNBOUND".

### Local

#### **Arlington Eats Market**

Arlington EATS Market (formerly known as Arlington Food Pantry) will accept non-perishable food items and household goods. Bring items to church by **Sunday, Oct. 6**. Find a list of high-need items at [www.arlingtoneats.org/help/donate-food](http://www.arlingtoneats.org/help/donate-food). You may also donate by check or cash noting that the funds are for "EATS". Thanks for your generosity and thanks to Bryan Mau for delivering our items.

#### **NEAT (Neighbors Eating All Together)**

Check <https://neatarlington.org/> for the next **NEAT dinner** at St. John's Church (74 Pleasant St.) usually fourth **Saturdays**, from **5:00 pm - 6:00 pm**. This is a community dinner -- open to all and free of charge. We need a new coordinator for our volunteer team. Please speak to Mike Rich if you are interested.

#### **Mass. Coalition for the Homeless**

Mass. Coalition for the Homeless ([mahomeless.org](http://mahomeless.org)) thanked us for our generous donations to the Back To School Supplies Drive and invited us to join a Holiday Build A Bed event as part of their **A Bed for Every Child program, Saturday, December 7, 10:00 am to Noon**, at their Lynn facility. More info at [www.abedforeverychild.org](http://www.abedforeverychild.org) or talk to Mike Rich.

### Sharing Our Gifts

You are invited to let the Mission and Justice Working Group know of organizations or causes you would like to see us donate to.

## Immigration, Asylum, and Refugee Issues

We continue to collect additional funds for Boston Immigration Justice and Accompaniment Network (BIJAN, pronounced Beyond)'s clothing, accessory, and snack packages for migrants being released from ICE detention in the greater Boston area. See what's needed here: [www.pacc-ucc.org/mission-and-justice](http://www.pacc-ucc.org/mission-and-justice)

Sign up for PACC's Mission and Justice Ministry's email list. See more mission and Justice information on our website at : <http://www.pacc-ucc.org/home/mission-and-justice/>

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### **PACC Concert Series – 2019**

*Tickets in advance - \$18 adults & \$12 seniors/students;  
at the door - \$23 & \$15*

[www.pacc-ucc.org/events/concertseries/](http://www.pacc-ucc.org/events/concertseries/)



*Janice Edwards and Guests:  
On Wings of Song*

**Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 3:00 pm**

The program includes songs in Spanish, Portuguese, German, and English, including two by PACC's Music Director Jeffrey Brody.

Janice will be joined by guitarist Berit Strong for Rodrigo's "Aranjuez,

me pensée" and Aaron Sandford for Brahms's Opus 28, "Four songs for Alto and Baritone."

# BREAKFAST AND SHOPPING

*with Santa*

## **Our PACC Holiday Event is on the horizon**

**December 14, 2019, 8:30 am to 1:00 pm**

**Santa from 9:00 am - 10:30 am**

Preparations for PACC's 2019 annual holiday event are in full swing with a new twist. **YOUR HELP is NEEDED** to make it a success. This event will have a little different look from past years as we continue to evolve to serve a changing community and steward our congregation's time and energy. This year's focus will be on selling food items (Cookie Walk, Bake Table including Pies), gift items for either yourself or others, and children's activities (Breakfast with Santa, children crafting sessions).

**\*\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE \*\*\*\***

**The 2019 event will NOT INCLUDE**

Books, Attic Treasures table, a jewelry table, country store or silent auction.

**If you have questions and/or would like to contribute/participate, please contact:**

Bonnie Hayner, Margaret Berman, or Alicia Tapper



# Church Family News

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## *In celebration:*

Happy birthday to **Beverly** and **Ken Miller** who will both celebrate **milestone birthdays** in November, their **80<sup>th</sup>**! Bev's birthday is November 3rd and Ken's is November 15th.

Congratulations to **Samantha Marquis** and **Aric Kiesman**, who were married on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Samantha is **Meredythe Schober's** granddaughter.

Congratulations to **Todd and Rebecca Ferreira** whose son, **Landon Miller Ferreira**, was baptized in our sanctuary on October 13<sup>th</sup>. **Gwen Phelps** is Landon's grandmother and **Dick Phelps** is his great-grandfather.

## *In our prayers:*

The family of **Ed Bouwer**, family friend of **Don and Linda Cohn**, who died on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Margaret Swenson**, **Linda Cohn's** cousin, and her family after the recent death of Margaret's husband, **Duane**.

The family of **Laurie Scott's** cousin, **Raymond**, who died recently.

**Alyssa Good**, **Ann Bruhn's** niece, after her son was stillborn.

**Patty Kenney**, **Jeanne Domenichella's** cousin, and her family after her 24-year-old son, **Joe Kenney**, died suddenly on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Norma Sherwood** who is recovering from surgery on her hand.

**Jenny** and **Carrie**, daughters of **Judy Fox**, who have both been ill.

**Martha Belden**, **Stu Belden's** sister, who is hospitalized at Emerson Hospital for observation of stomach issues.

**Greg Murphy** and his wife, **Emily Singer**, **Dan Murphy's** brother and sister-in-law. Emily is struggling with pain and a chronic illness and they are grieving the death of their dog.

**Norm Niven**, who is recovering from health issues.

**Margaret Tuttle**, wife of **Mark Tuttle** and mother of **Matthew Tuttle**, who is in treatment for breast cancer.

**Tracey**, a friend of **Ann Bruhn's**, who is dealing with health issues.

*Also, please keep in your prayers:* **Carol Barker**, **Linda Barrett**, **Linda Brinkman**,

**Karen Davies, Janet Doe, Doris Hill, Marilyn Janssen, Anne Jordan, Jamie Kelly, Florence Marshall, Dick Phelps, Linda Jarvis Randall, Marcia Rieth, Sandy Rochon, Alicia Russell, Joan Sorensen, Skip Symonds, Doris Wilson, Timothy Young, and Claire Zia.**

*\* If you or someone you know at PACC is celebrating a milestone birthday (turning 80 or 90), please let Barbara Wagner know. Thank you! \**

## November Birthdays

1- Michael Morrisette  
2- William Gibbons,  
Elena Lombard Hogan  
3- Beverly Miller  
5- Sue McNary  
6- Joey Daniels, Mark Ewen,  
Judy Fox  
8- Evan Brush



9- Doris Hill  
11- Scott Jones  
13- Kayla Woodin  
15- Ken Miller, Bob Forté  
18- Nadine Lombard  
21- Lauren Evans  
24- Norma Sherwood,  
Taryn Hogan, Peg Kyle

## Church Staff and Office Hours

**Reverend Leah Lyman Waldron, Pastor,**

*Drop in office hours (subject to change):* Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Please contact Leah for additional meeting days/times - she is happy to meet with you!  
*Days off:* Friday & Saturday      Pastoral Emergencies: Call Pastor Leah directly.

**Christine Rochon, Office Administrator, [office@pacc-ucc.org](mailto:office@pacc-ucc.org)      (781)643-8680**

Church Office hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Elizabeth Foster, Christian Education Director**

Please call the office or e-mail her directly to arrange a time to meet with her.

**Jeffrey Brody, Music Director and Organist**

**Andrea Hart, Youth Music Director**

Please call the office to arrange a time to meet with either of our music directors.

## NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> <b>10:00 AM Worship Service, S</b> 11:15 AM Coffee Hour, PH 11:30 AM Sunday School Teacher Training, N 1:00 PM MS Concert, PH 4:00 PM Navigators, FPR & N	<b>28</b> 7:00 PM <i>Chorale-PH</i> 8:00 PM <i>Chorale-N</i>	<b>29</b> 6:30 PM Vox Lucens, S,N 7:00 PM Thai Chi, PH 7:30 PM Mission and Justice Meeting, FR	<b>30</b> 6:45 PM English Country Dance, PH 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-N	<b>31</b> 8:00 PM <i>FAC PH</i>	<b>1</b> 2:00 PM <i>Jay Lane-N</i> 8:00 PM <i>FAC-PH</i>	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM <i>Movement class, PH</i> 6:45 PM English Country Dance, PH
<b>3</b> Food Pantry Collection Memorial Sunday <b>10:00 AM Worship Service, S</b> 11:15 AM Coffee Hour, PH 11:15 AM Youth Choir rehearsal, NR 11:30 AM Sunday School Teacher Training, FR 1:30 PM Scandi Dancing, PH	<b>4</b> 7:00 PM <i>Chorale-PH</i> 7:30 PM Finance-FR 8:00 PM <i>Chorale-N</i>	<b>5</b> 6:30 PM Vox Lucens, S,N 7:00 PM Thai Chi, PH	<b>6</b> 6:45 PM English Country Dance, PH 7:30 PM Bible Study, FR	<b>7</b> 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-N 8:00 PM <i>FAC PH</i>	<b>8</b> 2:00 PM <i>Jay Lane-N</i> 8:00 PM <i>FAC-PH</i>	<b>9</b> 9:00 AM <i>Movement class, PH</i> 3:00 PM <i>Girl Scouts 69203-N&amp;FPR</i>
<b>10</b> <b>10:00 AM Worship Service, S</b> 11:15 AM Coffee Hour, PH 11:15 AM Youth Choir rehearsal, NR 3:00 PM concert series, s & ph (Janice Edwards/Jeffrey Brody) 4:00 PM Navigators, FPR & N	<b>11</b> 7:00 PM <i>Chorale-PH</i> 7:30 PM Council of Deacons, FR 8:00 PM <i>Chorale-N</i>	<b>12</b> 6:30 PM PACC Men, FR 6:30 PM Vox Lucens, S,N 7:00 PM Thai Chi, PH	<b>13</b> 6:45 PM English Country Dance, PH	<b>14</b> 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-N 8:00 PM <i>FAC PH</i>	<b>15</b> 2:00 PM <i>Jay Lane-N</i> 8:00 PM <i>FAC-PH</i>	<b>16</b> 9:00 AM <i>Movement class, PH</i> 9:30 AM Sarah's Circle, FR
<b>17</b> PLEDGE SUNDAY Youth Choir Sunday 9:20 AM Youth Choir rehearsal, NR <b>10:00 AM Worship Service, S</b> 11:00 AM mid-month Communion, S 11:15 AM Coffee Hour, PH 2:00 PM yoga workshop, ph 4:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 62571, FPR	<b>18</b> 7:00 PM <i>Chorale-PH</i> 8:00 PM <i>Chorale-N</i>	<b>19</b> 6:30 PM Vox Lucens, S,N 7:00 PM Thai Chi, PH	<b>20</b> 6:30 PM ECD Board Meeting, N 6:45 PM English Country Dance, PH 7:30 PM Bible Study, FR	<b>21</b> 11:30 AM Women's Guild, FR 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-N 8:00 PM <i>FAC PH</i>	<b>22</b> 2:00 PM <i>Jay Lane-N</i> 8:00 PM <i>FAC-PH</i>	<b>23</b> 9:00 AM <i>Movement class, PH</i>
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### Sundays in November at PACC

*Worship begins at 10:00 am*

- November 3** - Worship Service with communion, Memorial Sunday, Sunday School teacher training, Food Pantry collection
- November 10** - Worship Service, Concert Series Concert
- November 17** - Worship Service with mid-month communion, Liturgist Training
- November 24** - Worship Service, Stewardship Sunday

THE OFFICE WILL BE **CLOSED NOVEMBER 28 AND 29** FOR THE THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY



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