

NOVEMBER

at Park Avenue

11/27: 1st
Sunday of
Advent

Sunday Worship - 10:00 am

Digital Prayer - Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Bible Study - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

Choir Practice - Thursdays at 7:30 pm

**Youth Choir Practices - 1st and 2nd Sundays at 11:30 am
and 3rd Sundays at 9:20 am**

Fall Clean Up - Sat., Nov. 5, at 8:00 am - 10:30 am

Sarah's Circle - Sat., Nov. 5, at 10:00 am

Memorial Sunday - Sun., Nov. 6, during Worship

Used Book Sale - Sun., Nov. 6, at 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Meet Your PACC Neighbors - Wed., Nov. 9, at 7:30 pm

PACC Men - Tues., Nov. 15, 6:30 pm

Women's Guild - Thurs., Nov. 17, at 11:30 am

Stewardship Sunday - Sun., Nov. 20, during Worship

Cookie Walk - Sun., Nov. 20, after Worship

Hanging of the Greens - Sat., Nov. 26, at 9:00 am

DEACON ELECTION

BALLOTS DUE, NOVEMBER 3



The SPIRE

Park Avenue Congregational Church, Arlington, Massachusetts
The Reverend Leah Lyman Waldron, Pastor

NOVEMBER 2022





GREETINGS FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Park Avenue friends,

A few weeks ago, the kids and I went apple picking with our PACC friends. Due to the strategic (*and mercenary!*) pricing of the bags of apples, we ended up with a half bushel. If you are not familiar with agricultural measures, that translates roughly to a whole lot of apples. When I realized that we had seemingly picked our own body weight in fruit, I was determined to use it all up before it went bad - to be a good steward of this generous gift from the apple trees.

So, apples went into lunch bags every day. And I (*who am not much of a baker*) made four apple crisps in one week, sharing them with neighbors and Women's Guild and friends who came to visit. And when the manager of my favorite local thrift store joked that I should bring some by the store, I showed up with a dozen Macs and Granny Smiths in a paper bag.

As anyone who has dealt with excess garden vegetables or overflowing hand-me-downs knows, being a good steward can be a lot of work. And yet so often it is entirely worth it. The surprised delight of Bob the thrift store manager when I actually took him up on his joke; the Women's Guild members who gamely tried my crisp (*and one who was happy it was on the less-sweet side, just like I like it*); the vegan friend happy to eat a dessert I had adapted just for him; the now-empty casserole dish our neighbors returned to us filled with Indian sweets to celebrate Diwali - all reminded me that when we share what we have, particularly our excess, God repays our generosity with strengthened, sweeter relationships and richer, warmer community.

As we head into this season of thanksgiving (*and yes, stewardship!*), may we remember the gifts that come with sharing our bounty, and may we keep our eyes peeled for the ways God is harvesting goodness whenever we are willing to open our hands and our hearts.

Blessings, *Leah*

Reverend Leah Lyman Waldron, Pastor

Join us for Worship

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00AM

You can join us in person OR virtually! Pastor Leah sends out an e-mail a day or two before worship with a link to Zoom.

Contact the office (office@pacc-ucc.org) to sign up.

IN-PERSON GUIDELINES

When you join us for in-person services we kindly ask that you stay home if you are feeling unwell. Join us remotely.

Mask-wearing is strongly encouraged, but not required.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE VIRTUALLY

To participate in worship via Zoom

Use this link just before 10:00 am (it's okay to join late):

<https://zoom.us/j/742148863>

To participate from your phone (audio only):

Call this number: (929) 205 6099

If asked for a meeting ID: 742 148 863

To participate via Facebook:

Go to our Facebook page just before 10:00 am Sunday to watch live, or visit the video part of our page to watch a recording.

Did you miss live worship?

Check the website: www.pacc-ucc.org/sermons on Sunday afternoons or any time during the week for a video recording of the entire service plus an audio recording of just the sermon.

Thanks to Nick Dokos for making this possible!

PACC FALL CLEAN UP

SAT., NOVEMBER 5
8:00AM-10:30AM

LET ERIC ROCHON
KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP.
(TEXT: 570-233-4326)



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JAMES ROCHON



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH CHOIR

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Hello, PACC families! It's great to be seeing your wonderful children in Sunday School, and we are getting to know some newcomers too! THANK YOU to all of you who are teaching and assisting, as we explore Bible stories through activities and games with our youngest members. As always if you are interested in helping out in Sunday School as a teacher or assistant, please reach out to Andy.

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENTS

Great to see that many of you enjoyed the lovely afternoon of apple picking earlier this month. There are more fun and family-friendly events coming up, including a Book Sale on the morning of November 6 (before and after church) and Cookie Walk on November 20! We'll also have activities for kids during these events. *(AND don't forget to gather some of YOUR books that you'd like to donate - children, teen, or adult books - and drop them off at the church on November 5, between 1 and 5 in the afternoon.)*

YOUTH GROUP meets on **Sunday, October 30, 2:00-3:30 pm in the Fireplace Room**, to make "stained-glass" bookmarks for the Book Sale! Youth in grades 6 through High School are welcome to attend. We'll also have hot and cold cider and cider doughnuts to enjoy!

YOUTH CHOIR

It's great to be up and running with this wonderful group of singers, and a warm welcome again to newcomers Davie, Alex, and Alison! We're back into our schedule of rehearsing and singing in church again. We'll have **rehearsals on November 6 and 13**.

We sing in church again on **November 20**, with an early rehearsal beforehand.

General schedule for Youth Choir: Rehearsals on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of each month, in the Nicoll Room (after Church/Sunday School, usually 11:30-12:15). On the 3rd Sunday of the month, we have an early rehearsal at 9:20am, and on that Sunday, we sing in the church service during All Ages time. This schedule is from September through June, and we prepare songs also for the Pageant, Christmas Concert, and other special events. We sing all kinds of beautiful things: contemporary and classical music, songs from other countries, folk songs, rounds, and spirituals, in unison and harmony.

If you have a young singer in your family who is thinking about joining, please contact Andy Hart (hartandrea@comcast.net).

Warm wishes to all! ~ Andy Hart

GROUPS AND MINISTRIES AT PACC

MEET YOUR PACC NEIGHBORS

Join us **Wednesday, November 9, at 7:30 pm for Meet Your PACC Neighbors**

Night! November is the time when our thoughts turn to Thanksgiving and family, both near and far. Fittingly, our topic for the evening is "Who lurks on your family tree?"

Linda Cohn, Meredythe Schober, and Merrith Sabo-Jones will tell us about their famous or infamous distant relatives and share tips on genealogy searches.

Do *you* have any noteworthy ancestors? Email their names to laurielscott@gmail.com by November 8 so we can share -- and maybe find that some of us are distantly related.

PACC MEN

We will have a dinner outing at a local restaurant (TBD) on **November 15, at 6:30 pm**. Contact Dave Morrisette or Mike Rich to RSVP and if you need a ride.

SARAH'S CIRCLE

Sarah's Circle celebrated its 21st anniversary on September 18, at the home of Margaret Bell Berman. It was so nice to see local people in person and those far off via Zoom sharing food, beverages and lots of catching up. Thanks for signing in, Mariamne Boothby in Vermont!

In October we read and discussed *Crime in Corn-Weather*, a who-done-it by Mary Meigs Atwater. Highly recommended!

Our read for November is *Gift from The Sea* by Anne Morrow Lindbergh, the wife of aviator Charles Lindbergh and protagonist in our prior read, *The Aviator's Wife*. In *Gifts*, Morrow Lindbergh, an important aviator in her own right, shares her meditations on youth and age, love and marriage, peace, solitude and contentment as she reflects, while on vacation, drawing inspiration from the shells on the shore.

The hybrid meeting will be gathering in person at Joan's house on November 5, at 11:00am. Please RSVP to Joan at AmonLawFirm@aol.com to receive the Zoom link and/or to let her know you will be knocking on her door so she can plan accordingly for baked goodies!

WOMEN'S GUILD

We will meet on **November 17, at 11:30 am, in the Fellowship Room**. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. Hope to see you then! Please let Beverly or Diane know if you need transportation. Whether you can attend every time or just once in a while, we look forward to seeing you.

FELLOWSHIP AND HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

We are in need of hosts for coffee hour. Please speak to Hong if you can help set up/clean up one Sunday a month OR if you can provide some goodies once a month OR both! Hong Chin: 857-998-2287 and hong2446@gmail.com

MISSION AND JUSTICE MINISTRY

ARLINGTON EATS

Please consider a monetary donation to Arlington EATS as they experience higher than usual need and lower than usual contributions during the pandemic.

WORSHIP MINISTRY

We are seeking Liturgists, Ushers, Greeters and Acolytes!

These roles are fantastic ways to participate in worship at PACC. No experience needed. We will guide you through the steps. If you would like to know more, please contact Bonnie Hayner or Dave Morrisette at bmwjh@comcast.net or drmorriss@comcast.net.

Park Avenue Congregational Church

USED BOOK SALE

Sunday, November 6, 9:00am - 12:00pm

CHILDRENS
BOOKS
\$1.00

PAPERBACKS
\$2.00

HARD
COVERS
\$3.00

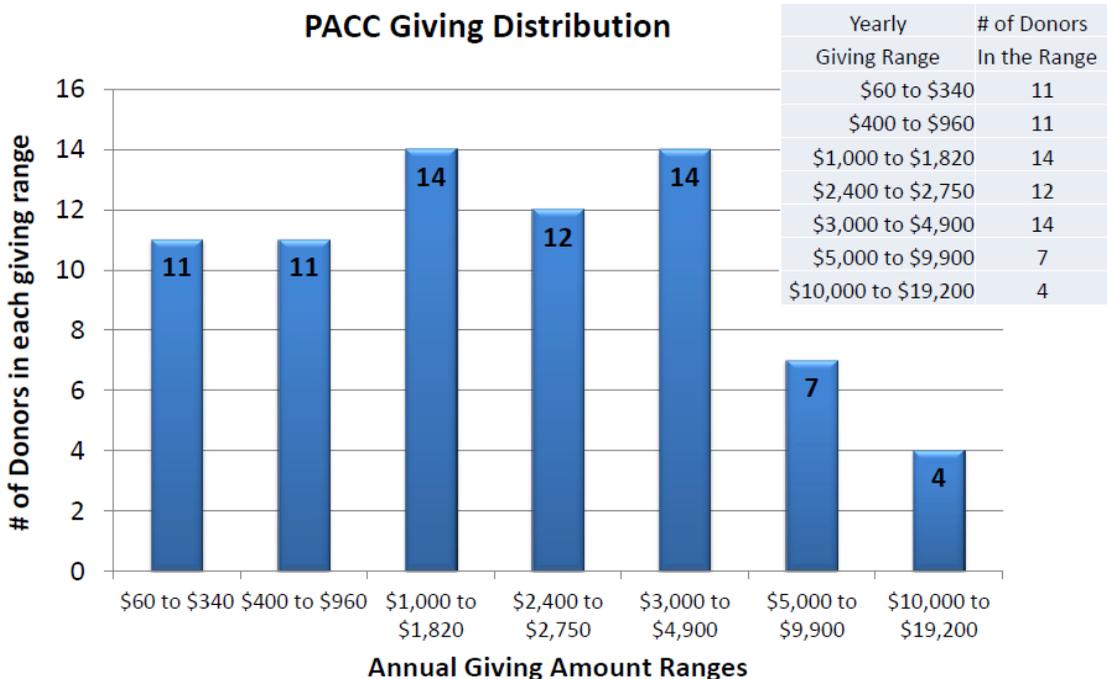


You can help us by dropping off your used books in the Narthex on Saturday, November 5 from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm for us to sell. Come to the sale on Sunday and tell your friends!

If you have any questions, reach out to Linda Cohn (lpc@cohnarlington.net) or Pam Lepri (pamela.lepri@gmail.com)

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

November is Stewardship Month, when we encourage everyone at PACC to plan for how you want to support the church, both financially and with your time and participation, in the coming year. We want stewardship to be a joyful act of celebrating what you love about PACC. So, take a moment to look at the opportunities for volunteering and at the graphic below showing common amounts PACC people give; then, prayerfully decide how you'd like to make your pledge and get involved in 2023. As inflation continues to rise, please know that we are glad and grateful for whatever you are able to give, and that you are always welcome to adjust your giving or to reach out for financial assistance if you need it. **Stewardship Sunday is November 20**. Pledge cards were mailed out in October. Contact Christine in the office if you haven't received one. Please mail your card back to the PACC office by November 18 or bring it to Worship on Stewardship Sunday so that it can be prayed over during the service.



Distribution of giving for the 73 regular / consistent donors, 37 of whom pledged for 2022

**Please consider the most amenable ways for you of supporting PACC
and of reaping the rewards of working with some kindred spirits**

Election of 2023 Council of Deacons

REMINDER! **Ballots should be returned by mail or dropped off in the PACC mail slot at 50 Paul Revere Road by November 3. Ballots received after 5:00pm on November 3 will not be counted.** The Election Committee will meet on the evening of November 3 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 2023.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

In celebration:

Warm birthday wishes to **Peggy Kyle**, who will be 95 years old on November 24!

In our prayers:

The family (daughter **Carrie Keeler** and son **Dan Fox**) of long-time PACC member **Judy Fox**, who died on October 8. The memorial service for Judy will be at 11:00 am on Saturday, November 12, in our sanctuary, followed by a Coffee Hour collation.

Mary Rogers and other members of her family at the death of her aunt, **Gertrude (Trudi) Steck**, on October 16. Gertrude was the sister-in-law of Mary's mother, **Sally Rogers**.

Jeffrey Brody's partner, **Richard Sizensky**, who is recuperating at home after a hospitalization.

Andrew D'Eon, as he continues to recover from surgery and get on-going treatments.

Andy Hart's mother, **Priscilla Carr**, and step-father, **Ron Carr**, as Ron continues to deal with health issues.

Sharon Hamilton's son-in-law, **Chad Cimo**, who is hospitalized with Crohn's Disease.

Kate Lindheim and **Cindy Manson**, as they continue their cancer treatments.

Chickie Olson, as she continues maintenance chemotherapy treatments.

Gwen Phelps, for relief from back pain.

Betty Rich, as she recuperates from a nasty fall while she was in Texas visiting family.

Also, please keep in your prayers: **Margaret Berman, Dorothy Brawn, Jim and Linda Brinkman, Anita Clarke, Yvonne Crockett, Kingsley and Janet Doe, Connie Dugan, Linda Fenner, Lisa Forté, Janet Hoffman, Marilyn Janssen, Tom Janssen, Jamie Kelly, Tricia McConville, Liz McMahan, Kimball Payne, Jane Puopolo, and Maria Zakaria.**

**If you or someone you know at PACC is celebrating a milestone birthday (turning 80 or 90), please let Linda Cohn know (781-646-9029 or lpc@cohnarlington.net). Thank you! **



Below are the names we will read aloud and toll chimes for on Memorial Sunday, November 6, during our morning worship.

Members of Park Avenue Congregational Church

Stu Belden

Ann Bruhn

Nan Enos

Judy Fox

Doris Wilson

Others in PACC's Extended Family

Dianne Barnhill, sister-in-law of **Beverly Miller**

Daniel Blodgett, uncle of **Ethan Brush**

Patricia Buxton, friend of **Julia Lee**

Carolina Chin, wife of **Hong Chin's** cousin **Bing**

Evelyn Smith DeMille, friend of **Bonnie Hayner**

David Frey, cousin of **Laurie Scott**

Marion Harris, partner of the late **Tom Howard**

Jean Hovey, Craigville acquaintance

Ruth Kenworthy, cousin of **Linda Cohn**

Marie Krepelka, friend of **Bonnie Hayner** and Arlington town official

Florence Marshall, mother of **Liz Dokos**

Merritt McCall, widower of **Linda Cohn's** cousin **Carolyn**

Barbara McCormack, aunt of **Margaret Berman**

Peter McDougal, friend of **Margaret Berman**

Ned McIntyre, friend of **Bob and Edith Burge**

Angela Orsene, godmother of **Janet Forté**

Nick Pickrahn, son of **Jody Pickrahn**, nephew of **Sharon Kabelitz**

Marcia Potter, Craigville acquaintance

Dick Powers, brother-in-law of **Margaret Berman**

Albert Randall, friend of PACC

Jimmy Sorensen, nephew of the late **Norm Niven**

Joan Sorensen, sister of the late **Norm Niven**

Trudi Steck, aunt of **Mary Rogers**

Paul Sutton, Sr., neighbor of **Cindy Manson**

Norma Trenholm, wife of **Peggy Kyle's** nephew **Reggie**

Lorraine Wagner, cousin of Susan Chin

Wendy Walker Douglas, friend of Cindy Manson

Michael Williams, friend of Cindy Manson and PACC

As we remember our loved ones, may we experience the renewal of our hope that in God, death is not the end of the story - Love is.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



1 - Michael Morrissette
and Keith Truesdale

2 - Elena Hogan and
William Gibbons

3 - Beverly Miller

5 - Sue McNary

6 - Joey Daniels, Mark Ewen

8 - Evan Brush

11 - Scott Jones

15 - Bob Forté and Ken Miller

18 - Nadine Lombard

21 - Lauren Evans

24 - Taryn Hogan, Peggy Kyle
and Norma Sherwood



PACC
Cookie Walk

November 20, After Worship in the Narthex



Help us make our Sanctuary festive
for the Christmas Season!

Hanging of

THE GREENS

Saturday, November, 26 at 9:00 am
Let Dave Morrissette know if you can help.

PACC presents
Our 32nd Annual Christmas Concert
A Christmas Gathering



A ZOOM Event
Sunday, December 11th, 2022 3 PM