

October



at PACC



Sunday Worship 10:00 am in our Sanctuary or on Zoom

Digital Prayer Wednesdays at 10:30 am

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



Blessing of the Pets



Neighbors in Need Sunday



Meet Your PACC Neighbors



Apple Picking



PACC Men



Women's Guild



Congregational Meeting



The SPIRE

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

OCTOBER 2022





GREETINGS FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Park Avenue friends,

This week my husband Chris and I went for a ramble at Rock Meadow in Belmont. As advertised, it has beautiful meadows dotted with beehives and wetlands, along with a secret swing set and a huge set of community garden plots that we love to wend our way between, admiring the skill of the gardeners and the variety of crops and flowers growing. (Giant gourds! White raspberries! Black tomatoes! Profusions of dahlias! Magenta amaranth higher than your head!)

As we sat at a picnic table watching goldfinches and chickadees raid enormous sunflower heads for seeds, I said a silent thank you to God for the ways our walk had fed my spirit: with color and wonder and the chance [to capture both with a camera](#); with vistas that have a little breathing room for my horizon-loving, prairie-raised soul; with a sense of exploration and discovery of a place I'd only previously visited in winter.

What feeds your spirit? Is it appreciating good art, or creating something new, or reading an exquisite poem or great story? Is it connecting with a dear friend? Is it solving a tricky problem or doing something kind for a stranger or singing with a host of other voices? Is it travel, or moving your body? Is it doing good together with a community you love? Whatever it is, I hope you take some time as the seasons change to do it, and to say thank you to God for the gift of feeling *alive*.

Blessings, *Leah*

Reverend Leah Lyman Waldron, Pastor

P.S. If spending time with a community you love is something that feeds your spirit, check out some great opportunities throughout the rest of the SPIRE.

Membership Covenant Update

Final Chance to Share Your Thoughts/Final Draft to Be Shared

Join us **this Sunday, Oct. 2, after worship** for our final conversation about the membership covenant update process. We'd love to hear **your thoughts about what is important to you in a covenant** and **get your feedback on a draft updated covenant**.

Then, join us after worship on **Sunday, Oct. 23, for a congregational meeting to receive the proposed covenant** that will be voted on at the annual meeting. You may attend in person or on Zoom. The warrant for the congregational meeting will be forthcoming.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN SERVICES

at PACC

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:00 AM

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 Christine at office@pacc-ucc.org to sign up for those e-mails.

IN-PERSON Guidelines

When you join us for an in-person worship service in the sanctuary we kindly ask that you follow these guidelines.

- If you are feeling unwell on the day of worship, please stay home and worship with us remotely. Please reach out to your Deacon or our Care Ministry if you need help.
- Mask-wearing is strongly encouraged, but not required.

How to participate VIRTUALLY

To participate in worship via Zoom from your computer or smartphone:

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

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

You can choose whether to use the video function or just audio.

To participate via Zoom from your phone (audio only):

Call this number: (929) 205 6099. If asked for a **meeting ID**, enter: 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 after we finish worship 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!



*Every leaf speaks bliss to me
Fluttering from the autumn tree.*

EMILY BRONTE

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH CHOIR

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATES

Hello, PACC families! Wonderful to be seeing many of you in these lovely days of early fall. In Sunday School, we're enjoying exploring our new curriculum, "Spill the Beans", which follows the same Narrative Lectionary that Pastor Leah is using in her liturgy. We're learning about some of the early Bible stories with activities and games, as we reacquaint with old friends, and welcome new ones. THANK YOU to all of you who have been helping to teach or assist in Sunday School. Check out the rest of the SPIRE for some fun and family-friendly fall events, AND watch your email for Youth Group and other news!

YOUTH CHOIR UPDATES

Greetings and welcome back to Youth Choir singers and families, new and returning! We welcomed newcomers **Davie, Alison, and Alex** in September, and they added beautiful new voices to our Church song on September 18. Let me know if there are others out there who might like to give Youth Choir a try!

General schedule for Youth Choir: Rehearsals on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of each month, in the Nicoll Room (*after Church/Sunday School, usually 11:30-12:00*). On the 3rd Sunday of the month, we have an early rehearsal at 9:20 am, and on that Sunday, we sing in the church service during All Ages time. This schedule is from September through June, and we prepare 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*

Come apple picking with PACC on October 16, at 2:00 pm at Carlson Orchards (115 Oak Hill Rd, Harvard). The orchard has a variety of apples available to pick as well as a farm stand where they sell pre-packed bags of apples, cider, and other local goodies. There is also a cider barn which sells salads, sandwiches, and pizza.



Purchase your "Pick your own bag" and meet everyone at the **red** tractor which is located to the left of the payment booth.

Please let Alicia Tapper know if you will be joining us or if you have any questions (ianalicia12@gmail.com).

GROUPS AND MINISTRIES AT PACC

MEET YOUR PACC NEIGHBORS

[Click here](#) to join us at **7:30 pm, October 12**, for our next “*Meet Your PACC Neighbors Night*”. We will focus on two members of our PACC family who have unusual hobbies. **Eric Rochon** will share his woodworking, and **Fae Manson** will demonstrate make-up artistry techniques, especially the ghoulish kind we might encounter for Halloween. We'll finish with a special, spooky Halloween treat.

What are your hobbies? Please take this [one-question survey](#) and let us know what you enjoy doing. We'll share the survey results on October 12.

PACC MEN

Please join us in the **Fellowship Room OR via ZOOM at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, October 18**, for dinner (*take-out... restaurant TBD*) and conversation.

If you have a topic you would like to hear or present or a speaker you would be interested in hearing from, please let us know. We'd like to restart our speaker series.

WOMEN'S GUILD

We will meet on **October 20, 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.

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 Morrissette at bmwjh@comcast.net or drmorriss@comcast.net.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

In anticipation of **Stewardship Sunday on November 20**, please give thoughtful consideration to the aspects of PACC that you most value and want to support. Pledge cards will be mailed out later this month. We would like to call your attention to a change in the pledging process. This year we will ask you to record on the pledge card only the financial donation that you plan to make, either weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually. Then mail your card back to the PACC office by November 20 or bring it to Stewardship Sunday so that it can be prayed over during the service in celebration of our gratitude for all of God's blessings.

The commitments of Gifts of Time, formerly recorded on the backs of the pledge cards, will now instead be elicited throughout the year. Some of those gifts might be ongoing, such as serving as a liturgist, greeter, or usher, teaching Sunday school, or visiting or sending a card to someone unable to attend services. Others might mean commitment to a particular project or special event, many of which are in the planning stages this fall. Examples include the Environmental Justice group and some Team Mission Forward projects sponsored by the Mission and Justice Ministry. A potential volunteer should contact the church members or deacons in charge. Please consider the most amenable ways for you of offering your time and talents and of reaping the rewards of working with some kindred spirits. Then stay tuned for announcements of the latest opportunities.



Election of 2023 Council of Deacons

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, they are 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, we hope you will prayerfully consider it.

Ballots for the election of new members for the 2023 Council of Deacons will be mailed on October 13. **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 Thursday, 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:

Congratulations to **Emilee Landry**, at the birth of her son, **Alaric James**, on September 3. Alaric is the grandson of **Mike and Lauren Tuck** and the nephew of **Connor Tuck**.

Warm birthday wishes to **Linda Cohn**, who will celebrate a milestone birthday, her 80th, on October 30!

In our prayers:

Jeffrey Brody's partner, **Richard Sizensky**, who is in the hospital.

Andrew D'Eon, son of **Kristin and Brian D'Eon**, and grandson of **Bob and Edith Burge**. Andrew is continuing treatment and recuperating from surgery at Spaulding Rehab.

The family of **Marion Harris**, partner of the late **Tom Howard**. Marion's memorial service will be at 11:00 am on Saturday, October 22, at the First Parish Church, 327 Concord Road in Sudbury.

Kate Lindheim and **Chickie Olson**, as they continue their chemotherapy treatments.

Cindy Manson, who is recuperating from surgery.

Ron Parker, the father of **Jonathan Daniels'** girlfriend **Rachel**. Ron needs a kidney transplant, which he can't get until he deals with other on-going health issues.

The family of **Norma Trenholm**, wife of **Peggy Kyle's** nephew **Reggie Trenholm**, after Norma's death on September 19.

Diane Wells, who is recuperating from COVID.

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 Jannsen, Tom Jannsen, Jamie Kelly, Tricia McConville, Liz McMahon, Kimball Payne, Gwen Phelps, Jane Puopolo, Holly Stumpf, 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! **

Messages from our PACC members and friends

Many thanks for all the prayers for the recent procedure I had. I am thankful to be doing well. I also want to say thank you for the many cards and wishes for my birthday.

Warmest regards, Norma Gormley

October BIRTHDAYS

(1) Ryan Colello

(2) Eli Young

(4) Maddie Domenichella

(6) Hong Chin

(7) Karen Stark

(9) Bob Burge

(10) Susan Chin

Nick Dokos

(11) Gretchen Durning

Tom Janssen

(15) Jeffrey Woodin

(16) Jeanne Domenichella

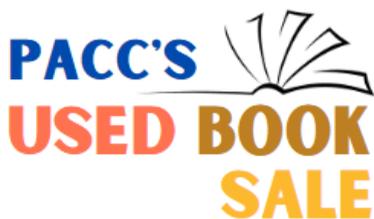
Janet Forté

(21) Pam Holt-Kane

(27) Cole Hogan

(29) Yamilett Flores-Sickles

(30) Linda Cohn



SAVE THE DATE!

Are you looking for something new to read? Do you have books on your shelves that you have already read and don't need any more? Then the PACC book sale is for you!

We haven't had a book sale in a while. Our book sales are a Win-Win situation. Book donors get some books they're finished with out of their house. Book buyers get inexpensive books to read. We raise a little money for PACC. The environment benefits too, because we get new books to read without cutting down any more trees! **The book sale is on Sunday, November 6, after Worship.** We need people to donate books for us to sell (adult fiction and non-fiction, biographies, kids & teens, cookbooks, etc.). You can **drop them off at the church on Saturday November 5, between 1:00 and 4:00 pm**, or if that doesn't work for you, just drop them off before the service on Sunday. Thanks for helping to make this a successful small fundraiser for PACC! *If you have questions, please contact Linda Cohn (781-646-9029) or Pam Lepri (781-641-3242).*



In 2022, the Neighbors in Need “BEHOLD!” offering focuses on economic justice. As you may recall, one-third of the offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

**On Sunday, October 2, 2022, PACC will collect offerings for
Neighbors in Need.**

You can use our online options (www.pacc-ucc.org/give) to donate to this cause or bring an offering to Sunday Worship that day and we will dedicate them during the service.



Blessing of the Pets

PARK AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 9-11 AM

50 PAUL REVERE RD., ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
SANCTUARY STEPS OUT FRONT

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 8:15 AM

ARLINGTON RESEVOIR

**Bring your pet (or a picture of them) for a blessing. We'd love to see you on either day, with or without a pet!*



unleashed by petco

**Pet treats provided by local pet stores while supplies last!*

