

NEWS FROM THE CENTER

**Church and Community
News**



December 2024

**The First Congregational Church of Shelburne,
on the Mohawk Trail, welcomes you.**

Worship Services

Sunday at 11:00 am at the Church through December 22nd, in Conway on December 29th and at Fellowship Hall beginning January 5th, 2025.

Annual Church Meeting - December 8 at 1:15 pm at Fellowship Hall

The Annual Meeting is scheduled after Worship Service and a potluck lunch at Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 8th, 2024. Copies of the annual report were distributed at Church on December 1st, and will be available at the Meeting.

In addition to hearing and accepting the reports, approving the budget, and electing officers for the coming year, we have two additional topics.

First, the Leadership Ministry will recommend to the annual meeting that the church adopt the ministries concept and work to clarify the tasks assigned to each ministry, with a goal to present a bylaw change next year.

The second topic will be to hear the report of the Parsonage Study subcommittee. This committee has gathered a lot of information for our review.

Outreach Mission Project

During Advent, the Outreach Ministry will be collecting hats, mittens and scarves to be distributed to local schools and social agencies for distribution to those in need. This is a direct way we can clothe our neighbors during the cold winter season. Items may be dropped off at any Church event, or contact any member of the Outreach Ministry; Lora Graves, Robin Howe, Lewis Goodnow or Sylvia Smith.

Christmas Pageant Friday, December 13, 2024 at 7:00 in the Church sanctuary

The annual Christmas Pageant at the First Congregational Church of Shelburne will be held this year on December 13th. This pageant has been faithfully and lovingly presented in this historic church for well over sixty years. It is a cherished part of the church's heritage and everyone is invited to experience the wonder of the telling of the Christmas story through narration and the singing of carols.

Children of all ages are invited to participate in this year's pageant. Simply come to the rehearsal in the church on that Friday afternoon (December 13) at 4:30 and your part will be assigned and explained. Then stay for a pizza supper and prepare for the wonder of presenting the annual Christmas pageant to the community!

Annual Christmas Card Exchange

The annual Shelburne Community Christmas Card Exchange occurs on the evening of the Christmas Pageant. This year, the pageant, and therefore the card exchange, is December 13th. There are drop off boxes at the Church, Fellowship Hall and the Shelburne Free Public Library. The Library box will be picked up on Thursday.

Events

December 8th - Second Sunday of Advent at 11:00 am

December 8th - Annual Church Meeting following Worship at the Church and a potluck lunch at Fellowship Hall.

December 13th - Annual Christmas Pageant at 7:00 pm at the Church

December 15th - Third Sunday of Advent at 11:00 am

December 22nd - Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Sunday Worship at 11:00 am

December 24th - Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 pm

December 27th - Community Meal at Trinity Church at 5:30 pm

December 29th - Joint Worship Service in Conway at 10:00 am.

January 5th, 2025 - Worship Service at 11:00 am at Fellowship Hall

If you need a ride to Worship Service or to any Church event, contact Lora Graves at [413-522-4334](tel:413-522-4334).

Pastor Information

Office Hours

Tuesday's from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm in Conway

Wednesday's from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at Fellowship Hall in Shelburne

Vacation Schedule

Pastor Marianne will be on vacation from Christmas Day until January 5th, 2025. In the event of a Pastoral Care need during this time, contact Benjimen Durfee, Pastor at Trinity Church.

Contact Information

To contact Pastor Marianne MacCullagh, call [413-335-6595](tel:413-335-6595).