

### **Mutual Ministry at the First Church in Jaffrey**

Central to our congregational vision of faith and spirit is the idea that God is most richly reflected in the fullness of community. This means specifically that the ministry of the First Church in Jaffrey is a shared effort – everyone has a part to play whether you are a long-time member or a new friend. Our mutual ministry consists not only of the tasks we share, but in the spirit of love and care we bring to every moment of our time together.

### **Be Involved at First Church**

#### **Calendar this week:**

Monday, December 15, 6:00 pm – Jaffrey Scout Troop 33

Wednesday, December 17, 8:00 pm – AA Meeting

Thursday, December 18, 4:00 - Trustees

#### **Dates to Remember:**

December 21 – Bob Kyte: Love

December 21 – The Christmas Fund Offering

December 23 – Decorate the Church

December 24 – Bob Kyte: Christmas Eve

December 28 – Gene Faxon & Ilona Kwiecien

January 11 – New Member Orientation

January 25 – Reception of New Members

#### PASTORAL CARE

During this time of transition, pastoral care will be provided on a rotating basis by Rev. Ilona Kwiecien, Rev. Bob Kyte, and Rev. Nancy Elder-Wilfrid. In case of pastoral concern or emergency, please contact our moderator, Sam Greene (603-533-5152) and he will reach out to the person covering at that time.

#### ADVENT

Today is the third Sunday in Advent, when we will light the third candle ~ the candle for joy ~ in our Advent wreath. We will decorate our Christmas tree with ornaments we each create. As you enter you will see a basket filled with colored paper ornaments ~ take one, and write your response to this Advent question: “When have you been surprised by joy?” The ornaments will be collected with the offering and hung on our tree after church; by Christmas, our tree will be filled with ornaments lifting up our hopes and our prayers for peace, joy and love! AND you will DEFINITELY want to be at church each week to enjoy special fellowship time treats, reflecting the theme of each week!

You will also notice the beautiful new quilted paraments in the Parish Hall and on our lectern. The paraments will change weekly - mirroring the “Advent color of the week”! Many, many thanks to Roberta Bergquist for creating these lovely additions to our Advent and Christmas worship!

#### FROM THE TRANSITION CIRCLE

We are looking to fill some openings at First Church for 2026. Positions will be nominated and elected at the Annual Meeting on January 25th. Each elected term is two years.

Moderator: Presides at all meetings of the Church, chairs the Executive Circle and helps develop agendas for meetings. Ensures that open and respectful communication is shared among Executive Circle, staff and pastor.

Trustees: Responsible for physical church property and financial assets, maintenance of buildings and grounds, oversight of the annual stewardship campaign, development of the budget, and signing of contracts.

Clerk: Keeps in permanent archival form all records of the church, including financial reports, minutes of meetings, and records church membership and life events (births, marriages, etc). The Clerk also issues, posts and files notices, letters of transfer and meetings.

Please contact Moderator Sam Greene (533-5152), Trustee Jim Rothnie (532-7822) or Clerk Nancy Elder-Wilfred (774-364-2302) if you have any questions about these positions and responsibilities.