



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

United Church of Christ

November 13, 2016

Stewardship Sunday—The Gift of Love Appreciation of Veterans and those in Military Service

*Childcare for infants, toddlers, & preschoolers is available in the preschool room downstairs during the service.
After Children's Time, students are dismissed to their classrooms for Bible Village.*

PRELUDE

Introit
Franz Liszt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jim and Rev. Heike

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

*adapted, by St. Augustine of Hippo
from the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer*

Let us pray (in silence) [that we may grow in union with the One who fulfills our heart's desire]
Pause

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless
till they find their rest in you;
so lead us by your Spirit
that in this life we may live to your glory
and in the life to come enjoy you for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
who is alive with with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.
Amen.

* OPENING HYMN #593(Black New Century Hymnal)

Lift Every Voice and Sing
official hymn of the NAACP

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Children leave for Bible Village after Time for Children

CHILDREN'S HYMN #524(NCH)

This Little Light / This Joy I Have

Stewardship Update

ANTHEM

Lord, Here Am I
John Ness Beck

POEM

[i carry your heart with me(i carry it in)]
By E.E. Cummings

i carry your heart with me(i carry it in
my heart)i am never without it(anywhere
i go you go,my dear;and whatever is done
by only me is your doing,my darling)
i fear
no fate(for you are my fate,my sweet)i want
no world(for beautiful you are my world,my true)
and it's you are whatever a moon has always meant
and whatever a sun will always sing is you

here is the deepest secret nobody knows
(here is the root of the root and the bud of the bud
and the sky of the sky of a tree called life;which grows
higher than soul can hope or mind can hide)
and this is the wonder that's keeping the stars apart

i carry your heart(i carry it in my heart)

EPISTLE

I Cor 13

13 If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body to be burned, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. 7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

HYMN

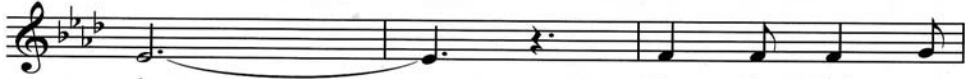
I Choose Love
In tribute to the Charleston Nine

Please wait for the piano to play through before singing.

I Choose Love



1. In the midst of pain, I choose
 2. In the midst of war, I choose
 3. When my world falls down, I will
 4. In the midst of pain, I choose



love. In the midst of
 peace. In the midst of
 rise. When my world falls
 love. In the midst of



pain, I choose love.
 war, I choose peace.
 down, I will rise.
 pain, I choose love.



In the midst of pain, sor - row
 In the midst of war, hate and
 When my world falls down, ex - pla -
 In the midst of pain, sor - row

From: *Roll Down, Justice!* (CGBK72).

Text: Lindy Thompson.

Music: *I Choose Love*, by Mark A. Miller.

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fall - ing down like rain, I a - wait the sun a -
 an - ger keep - ing score, I will seek the good once
 na - tions can't be found, I will climb to ho - ly
 fall - ing down like rain, I a - wait the sun a -



gain, I choose love. I choose
 more, I choose peace. I choose
 ground, I will rise. I will
 gain, I choose love. I choose



love.
 peace.
 rise.
 love.

34 **Though I May Speak
with Bravest Fire**

♩ = 72

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire,
2. Though I may give all I possess,
3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and striving so my love profess,
our spirits long to be made whole.
and have not love, my words are vain,
but not be given by love within,
Let inward love guide every deed,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
the profit soon turns strangely thin.
by this we worship, and are freed.

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GIFT OF LOVE
L.M.

PRAISE AND TRANSCENDENCE

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

Prayer for Peace on Veteran’s Day (this is part of the original proclamation)

Concerns and Celebrations

Prayers for Our Friends and Families, Our Church, Our Community, and the World.

Concluding with Lord’s Prayer (use whatever version you like, etc)

(please pray whatever form is familiar to you; many choose to pray Our Father, Our Mother, Our Father and Mother, Our Creator, or Our Maker, or Father/Mother God...debts/debtors or trespasses/those who trespass...)

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

In each of our pews today is a black friendship book which we encourage you to fill out and pass to the person next to you during the offering. If you have been with us before, just put down your name, but if you are new today, please let us know who you are. Thanks!

Offertory Anthem

Song without Words Op.19, No. 1 in E Major
F. Mendelssohn
Soomi Lee Lowry-piano

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

***CLOSING HYMN #25(Black New Century Hymnal)**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

BENEDICTION

Rev. Jim and Rev. Heike

CHORAL BENEDICTION

May the Lord Watch Over You
Ruth Elaine Schram

POSTLUDE

Intermezzo in A Major, Klavierstucke, Op. 118, No. 2
J. Brahms
Soomi Lee Lowry - piano

****You are invited to stand***

- Welcome to all who are here for the first time.
- Please silence your cell phone before attending the service.
- Please Check In on Facebook and let people know you are here.
- You can Tweet or Instagram during the service.
- Please ask an usher if you would like or need a hearing device.

Thank you to Soomi Lee Lowry for sharing her gift of music today.

Worship Assistant: Phil Gotwals

Deacons: Stephanie Oddleifson, Rick Devereux

Altar Guild: Diane Myers

Ushers: Alex Cullen, Nancy Lane, Eric Slosser, David Libby

Flowers: Jan Rubenstein

Flower Delivery: Martha Lamb

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Robert Treen by his daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Adam Brand.*

Attendance and Collection

11/6/2016 Worship Attendance = 114 people *11/6/2016 Collection = \$3,706

Please contact the church office 781-444-2510 or office@needhamucc.org to find out how you can give electronically.

* Collection & Pledge amount does not include additional pledges received electronically.

Worship Highlights

November 20 Thanksgiving Sunday

Ingathering and Blessing of Pledges- Service of Gratitude
Jim preaches on Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Advent theme: Holy Family, Holy Families: ALL Families are Holy : November 27 The First Sunday of Advent

Jim preaching on Adrienne Rich 's poem "The Spirit of Place" and Matthew 24:36-44 "Wait without Sadness and with Grave Impatience"

Thursday Dec 1 World AIDS Day 6:00 pm

See the PBS film "Wilhelmina's War" on HIV/AIDS today in South Carolina

The team that hosts the Community Dinners once a month in conjunction with Baby Basics diaper distribution could use your help! : A number of our guests are unable to stay for the dinner, but do appreciate being able to bring a nutritious meal home. We could use your food storage containers to stretch our budget. Please make sure that they are super clean, intact, and not stained in any way. The appropriate sized ones are those that would hold 2-3 servings, and are sturdy. Our guests usually have to juggle a little one, and a carton of diapers so a sturdy container is a must. No paperboard please- those can't be reused. Baby Basics diaper distribution and the Community Dinners are always held on the first Tuesday of the month except in the rare case of a holiday falling on that day (as the 4th of July will in 2017.) Many thanks in advance, and if you would like more information about the Community Dinners, please email Diana Conroy (conroyjd@rcn.com)

Rev. Jim Mitulski's Office Hours

Please contact the church office to schedule an appointment during his office hours of Tuesday & Wednesday 2-6pm;
Thursday 2-5pm

*If these times do not work for you please contact
the office for alternate availability.

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Calendar November 13-December 4

Sunday, November 13th	10:00am 11:30am	Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Village Fair Bible Study, <i>1154 Reception Room</i>
Monday, November 14th	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>1154 Reception Room</i> Finance Team Meeting
Tuesday, November 15th	7:00 pm	Board Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i>
Wednesday, November 16th	7:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i>
Thursday, November 17th	10:30am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Faith Circle Book Group, <i>1154 Reception</i> Holy Homework, <i>Youth Room</i> Book Group w. Rev. Jim—Just Mercy Choir Practice, <i>Linden AB</i>
Sunday, November 20th	8:15 am 10:00am 11:30am 11:45am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast, <i>Library</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Bible Study, <i>1154 Reception Room</i> Friendly Chimers, <i>Sanctuary</i> Youth Committee Meeting Community Thanksgiving Service, <i>First Baptist Church</i> Thanksgiving Youth Group Family Potluck
Monday, November 21st	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>1154 Reception Room</i>
Tuesday, November 22nd	7:00 pm	Outreach Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i>
Thursday, November 24th Thanksgiving		Office Closed
Sunday, November 27th 1st Sunday of Advent	10:00am 11:30am	Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Forum with Dr. Anthony Petro, <i>Fellowship Hall</i> Bible Study, <i>1154 Reception Room</i> Friendly Chimers, <i>Sanctuary</i>
Monday, November 28th	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>1154 Reception Room</i>
Tuesday, November 29th	7:00 pm	CE Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i>
Wednesday, November 30th	7:00 pm	The End of Night Book Discussion, <i>Chapel</i>
Thursday, December 1st	6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	PBS film "Wilhelmina's War" on HIV/AIDS, Holy Homework, <i>Youth Room</i> Music Team Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i> World AIDS Day Remembrance, <i>Chapel</i> Choir Practice, <i>Linden AB</i>
Sunday, December 4th	10:00am 11:30am 4:00 pm	Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Guatemala Meeting, <i>Library</i> Bible Study, <i>1154 Reception Room</i> Friendly Chimers, <i>Sanctuary</i> Holiday Concert, <i>Sanctuary</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS MESSAGE IS FOR EVERYONE! IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP for dinner and fellowship. Enjoy an intimate dinner on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 6 PM hosted by fellow Needham Congo-ites followed by dessert at church (1154 Great Plain). Every dinner has a theme to help bring together small groups of people with shared interests. Meet new people - enjoy the company of old friends - celebrate our church! Childcare will be provided at church, so you can rejoin your children for dessert. Sign up fast to get the theme of your choice!

Join us on Sunday, November 27 , for a forum with Dr. Anthony Petro at 11:30 : Author of the award winning *After the Wrath of God: AIDS, Sexuality and American Religion* (Oxford University Press, 2015.) Petro is Assistant Professor of Religion at Boston Professor and he will be the kickoff speaker for activities for World AIDS Day on December 1st. He will talk to us about how religion and politics joined forces to ensure that a disease went unchecked for nearly a decade in the 1980's until a group of activists joined forces to overcome prejudice and stigma with compassion. That stigma lingers today in public policy and in health care, and among church people. Here is an interview with him in a history journal <http://notchesblog.com/2015/10/27/aids-sexuality-and-american-religion-an-interview-with-anthony-petro/> and one from Religion Dispatches <http://religiondispatches.org/how-aids-changed-the-way-american-christians-talk-about-sexuality/>

Advent Book Discussion: Wed Nov 30th, 7pm in the Chapel: We are headed into the darkest time of the year and Advent season, preparing ourselves for Christmas, when light plays a large physical and spiritual role. It's the perfect time of the year to read a book about darkness...but what does darkness mean to us with all the artificial light in our age? Purchase *The End of Night* by creative nonfiction writer Paul Bogard from the book sale shelf near the Chapel, or order a copy from the library system. Prepare to read your favorite passage and explain why it is, joining in the discussion on the first Wednesday in Advent. Led by Revs. Jim and Heike, sponsored by the Environmental Ministries Team.

Faith Exploration Book Group: Hello Everyone-- I wanted to invite you to join our Fall Faith Circles book discussion group. We will be meeting 8 Thursdays this Fall from 10:30-12:00 to discuss the book, Not in God's Name: Confronting Religious Violence. I think it will be a great book for discussion and will foster some interesting conversations. The group starts Thursday, **October 6 and ends Dec. 1**. If you would like a copy of the book, please let me know and I can get you one for \$20. Please let me know if you are planning on attending for the duration or for only a few sessions, either is fine. Any questions, please let me know. Christine Weitzel.

A Musical Opportunity to Begin the Holiday Season: The church's annual Holiday Concert will be held Sunday, December 4 at 4:00 p.m. with a reception to follow in Fellowship Hall. The Music Team encourages you to support this event—provided by Music Director Valerie J. Becker, the Chancel Choir, and the Friendly Chimers. You may make a donation, specify a memorial, honorarium, or remembrance and your name will be listed in the concert program. Invite your friends and neighbors and support this fun event with your presence and your monetary donation. Checks may be made payable to the Congregational Church of Needham with "Holiday Concert" noted on the memo line. Thank you, The Music Team

Once in a While Choir: The choir will sing on **Sunday, December 4th at the 10 AM service**. We will give the Senior Choir that Sunday morning to rest their voices for the concert later that day. We will have two rehearsals prior to **Dec. 4th, Sundays, November 20th and 27th at 9:15 AM in fellowship hall**. One of these Sundays, some of the youth may be rehearsing with Valerie, so you can drop them off and come in and sing with the rest of us. We will have our final rehearsal at 9 AM on the morning of December 4th, when we sing during the service. We will focus on two songs, one that we know, "Raise Your Voices," and we will learn a new one, "Joseph and Mary's Boy," by the group, Alabama. This is an intergenerational choir, and open to the young and the younger, 4 to 94. You can sit with your families in church, and come up to sing the two times during the service. The Once in a While Choir is, as you might imagine, a group of people who love to sing, but are unable to participate every week. Even if you can't read music, come! If you can only make it to one of the two rehearsals, come! If you want to have an uplifting and fun musical experience, we'll see you at rehearsals!

An Invitation from the Guatemala Ministry Team: Have you ever wondered what our church's partnership with Guatemala is all about? If so, or if you have any questions, please come to any of our monthly meetings to see what work is going on. Hope to see you there! And if you'd like to be on our E-mail list for meetings/agenda/minutes, please advise Brenda Metzler: bmetzler7verizon.net

Noah's Ark Preschool : Noah's Ark Preschool is in the process of enrolling children for the 2017—2018 school year! We are pleased to announce that we will offer a Transitional Kindergarten in addition to our preschool programming. The Transitional Kindergarten is for children who are 5 by September 1st but may not be ready for traditional kindergarten. Noah's Ark offers priority enrollment to returning students, siblings, and Congregational Church of Needham members, respectively, now through November 18th. If you would like to tour the school and to receive more information, please call Ann Lyons or Laurie Davis at 781-449-2439. Additional information can be gathered from our website at: www.noahsarkneedham.org.

The Church Bylaws identify the officers of the church. They are a Moderator, a Clerk, a Treasurer, and a Collector. Officers are elected for one-year terms at each Annual Meeting.

Church Moderator– Jacqueline Allen
Clerk– Keith McClelland
Treasurer– Jennifer Connors
Collector– Carla Verschoor-Kirss
(assisted by Connie Kaufman and Debbie Wentworth)

The Board is responsible for the overall administrative life of the church including buildings, finances, personnel and the overall health of the church.

Moderator - Jackie Allen
Clerk - Keith McClelland

<u>Term Ends 2017</u>	<u>Term Ends 2018</u>	<u>Term Ends 2019</u>
Christine Weitzel	Blair Wentworth	Jim Conroy
Ken Allen	Sharmon Priaulx	Diane Rees
Carl Madsen		Kristin Mollerus
Michael Normile		
Howard Sesso		

Our Congregational Bylaws provide for four (4) additional Committees elected by the congregation - Deacons, Outreach, Christian Education and Youth. In 2017, we will be electing new members for the members whose terms are expiring for all of these Committees and the Board.

The Deacons are responsible for the spiritual life and well-being of the church.

Chair - Frank Luppino
Vice Chair - Susan Lively

<u>Term Ends 2017</u>	<u>Term Ends 2018</u>	<u>Term Ends 2019</u>
Frank Luppino	Charlie Baker	Rick Devereux
Stephanie Oddleifson	Claudia Darmofal	Carol Miller
Sunu Yeh	Susan Lively	Dibby Moder
Joanne Seiden	Kirby Salerno	Scott Stewart
Lee McNally		Jean Veigas
Sally Fitzgerald		

The Board invites its current members to serve on Ministry Teams to assist in the work of the church. Those current teams are Finance, Stewardship, Nominating, Personnel/Human Resources and Property/Building and Grounds.

The Property/Buildings and Grounds Team is currently looking for interested people to join Rev. Jim, Danielle Jurdan, Blair Wentworth, Christine Weitzel, Rick Devereux, Paul Brown and Anne Hayek on this important team. Please contact the office at 781-444-2510 or office@needhamucc.org for more info or to join.

The Finance Team supports the Board in overseeing the Church's financial affairs. The Team oversees the investment of the endowment fund. It develops annual budgets for review and approval by the Board and the Congregation, and tracks expenses against the budget.

Chair– Carl Madsen
Treasurer- Jennifer Connors
Members
Jim Conroy, Paul Garby, Trish Marinelli,
David Nydam, Carol Oberle

The Altar Guild's purpose is to prepare the Sanctuary for Sunday morning worship, i.e., by hanging the antependium, lighting the candles, and preparing communion.

Members– Jane Clayton-Matthews, Diana Conroy, Laura Cullen,
Denice Koljonen, Carol Miller, Diane Myers,
Sherrill Salisbury, Jean Veigas

The Ushers help ensure a smoothly running church service. As the churchgoers arrive, the ushers will act as doorkeepers, greeting each person with a smile, shaking hands, and handing out bulletins. They are also available to answer visitors' questions and extend extra help in seating those who need the assistance. The ushers also help the ministers prepare for the service, collect the offering and assist with emergencies.

Contact– Eric Slosser

The Christian Education (CE) Committee, according to the current bylaws of the church, oversees the Christian education of the congregation. The current practice of our CE Committee is to administer the Christian education of our children and youth. Up to twelve (12) members may be elected to serve on this Committee.

Term Ends 2017

Laurie Davis
Sue Cotton

Term Ends 2018

Elizabeth Meyi
Molly Pretorius

Term Ends 2019

Trish Marinilli
Caryl Johnson
Rob Dunlavey

The Outreach Committee advocates to the church and it's members about important issues relating to social justice in our church, community, city state and the world. They provide opportunities to volunteer and guide us in financial giving. We aim to give 15% of our income from pledges to the church to Outreach financial giving. So far this year, they have distributed over \$40,000 to groups like Baby Basics, the Needham Community Council's Ride for Food, City Mission of Boston, OUT Metrowest, Family Promise of Needham, Step Up Needham and PFLAG. Their current emphasis has been on food insecurity and homelessness. In 2017 they will be addressing diversity and racial justice issues.

Up to nine (9) members may be elected to serve on the Outreach Committee. The remaining Outreach Committee meetings this year will be October 25 and December 6th.

Co Chair - Jen Cusack

Co Chair- Lynn Gotwals

Term Ends 2017

Mike Boyd
Jenni Haynes
Amy Massey

Term Ends 2018

Heidi Wiesel

Term Ends 2019

Bill Rees
Fred Moder
Hiroko Hardebeck

The Youth Committee of the church is responsible for the ministry to the Junior and Senior High School age youth of the church. Up to six (6) members may be elected to serve on the Youth Committee.

Term Ends 2017

Nancy Tegeler
Mark Oberle

Term Ends 2018

M.E. Sesso

Term Ends 2019

Dave Johnson
Philip Hardebeck

The Parish Care Ministry Team makes visits and phone calls to those who are ill or need assistance, and send monthly birthday cards.

Contacts: Rev. Heike and Martha Lamb

The Environmental Ministry Team leads efforts to help members strive to be stewards of God's creation by informing, transforming and living the "green" way. The team offers educational opportunities, and promotes ideas that encourage people to live on God's earth in harmony with all creatures. The team also works on the implementation of "Green Congregation" action steps as defined by the Mass Conference in our church community and building.

Co Chair - Anne Hayek

Co Chair- Isabel Wells

The Guatemala Partnership Team oversees the Church's relationship with its Guatemalan partner village, Santa Maria Tzeja.

Co Chair- Brenda Metzler

Co Chair- Alan Clayton-Matthews

Co-Chair- Bill Garrett

Co-Chair- Caryl Johnson

The ONA (Open and Affirming) Ministry Team assists the church to live its promise of full inclusion of all people in all aspects of church life and ministry – people of every race, gender identity and expression, age, sexual orientation, ability and economic circumstance. The Team creates programming and communication on all aspects of the ONA covenant. The church adopted its ONA covenant in February 2000.

Chair- Kathie Carpenter

The Music Team works together with the Director of Music Ministries and the Director of Youth Music to enable, grow, and develop the Church's music programs.

Chair- Lynn McClelland

The Prayer Shawl Ministry comprises of a group of knitters and crocheters who create beautiful shawls to symbolize the warmth of God's love during difficult times. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month from 10am-noon to knit shawls to be given to members of the congregation and community. Ministers bless the shawls when they are completed.

Contact—Debbie Wentworth

The Gardening Team makes our church grounds look attractive and welcoming. Notices go out when a project is coming up and anyone who is available and interested is most welcome to join. There are no demands, just time for fellowship.

Contact—Debbie Wentworth

The Flower Team enhances our Sunday services by coordinating the weekly flower arrangements on our altar and by decorating our church for both the Christmas and Easter seasons. Each member is assigned one month per year for contacting existing donors of altar flowers or recruiting new ones. These flowers can be in remembrance of a loved one or in celebration of a group or occasion.

Contact- Debbie Wentworth

The Friendly Society membership is open to all women of the church. Program meetings are held monthly from September—December and April-May as occasions to enjoy each other's fellowship. In addition it supports Walker School students at Easter and City Mission youngsters at Christmas in various ways.

Contact- Joanne Seiden

The Friendly Chimer Ringers are a group who enjoy making music together. Additional requirements are: ability to count and keep time, learn to read your notes and attend rehearsals after church service. Contact Valerie Becker if interested in joining.

The Cancer Support Group is a group of people living with cancer and those who support them. Meetings are with Minister Rev. Heike Werder weekly on Mondays from 9-10:30am. Prayer, meditation, moral support and inspirational discussion are all part of the program.

The Men's Breakfast group meets monthly before Sunday worship. Join this diverse group of men from all walks of life and age ranges at 8:15am for fellowship and breakfast and at 9am for a discussion on a myriad of topics of interest to the group. This is an open group for anyone to attend.

Contacts– John Baldwin and Rob Dunlavey

The Faith Circle Book Group chooses an inspirational book to read and discuss together. They pick one book in the fall and one in the spring. It is a great way to meet people in the congregation, strengthen your spiritual connection to God and spend some time doing something positive for yourself.

Contact: Christine Weitzel

The Sunday Bible Study group is a small discussion group who reads a few chapters of the Bible at a time. They meet immediately after church from 11:30-12:30. They take a look at how God is still speaking through stories from a thousand years ago. Everyone is welcome to drop in and join.

Contact: Sunu Yeh