



Fall's Splendor

The Tidings

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This month includes

All Saints Day, Election Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, and The First Day of Advent. November is considered National Hospice and Palliative Care Month. And it is the month of my birth. Reflecting on all this, and using Jesus as the lens through which we glimpse God in everything, I wonder what Jesus would say about our world in November 2010.

First, I can't imagine that he would support the incivility of campaign ads and political positioning that we suffer through prior to Election Day. He was not always tactful in his dealings with authority figures. But he never threw mud at his enemies. In fact, on All Saints Sunday, we will read his famous words from Luke's Gospel: *"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also... Do to others as you would have them do to you."*

These are powerful words to carry into Veterans Day. On this day we honor the men and women in our country who have served the cause of peace and freedom in the world. And while we support them in their reintegration with family and community, we are aware that many veterans return from military service physically, mentally and emotionally wounded. The physical wounds include loss of limbs, internal injuries and facial deformities. The mental and emotional wounds are less obvious and include Post Trauma, depression and broken hearts. On this Veterans Day, using Jesus as our lens, we are called to pray for Veterans and their families. And I ask you to say a special prayer for families who have survived suicide in the military.

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November Worship Themes

November 7, 2010

SERMON: *Imperfect Saints*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalm 149

Luke 6:20-31

November 14, 2010

Pledge Sunday

SERMON: *I Believe in this Church*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Isaiah 12

Luke 21:5-19

November 21, 2010

Thanksgiving Sunday

SERMON: *Peace in our Homes*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 1:68-79

November 28, 2010

First Week of Advent

Advent Luncheon at 11:30

followed by Advent Workshop

SERMON: *Awake and Ready, or not*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Holidays are complicated when there has been loss. On All Saints Day we remember the people who have died in our lives and on Thanksgiving Day, we mourn their absence at our holiday feast. While many of us will sit at a table rich with turkey, stuffing, potatoes and vegetables, there will be lonely hearted people who will sit before the same luscious food but with an empty place at the table and in their hearts. Let us be thankful for our families, friends and neighbors and mindful of the many people who are grieving on this holiday.

Finally we get to the last Sunday in November and begin the Christian year with Advent, the season of honoring the darkness in our lives. Using Jesus as the lens through which we see into the darkness, we get a glimpse of him keeping company with people who are sick, dying, lonely, depressed, grieving, sad and afraid. And through friendship and companionship, we see his light shining into the darkness.

I pray that your November is full of God's peace and love. And I share the light that comes with anticipating and celebrating birth.

God bless you.
Rev. Laura

U2charist a huge success!

The second annual U2charist was a great success! A beautiful night of music and worship was enjoyed by all. Over \$630 (not sure the exact number) was raised for Heifer International and three large baskets full of food was donated to St. James food pantry. For those who were unable to make the service, DVDs are being sold for \$10 by Joel Richardson, all proceeds will benefit Heifer. Stay tuned next spring when we start planning for the third annual U2charist!



Silent Auction and Potluck Dinner

**Saturday
November 13
At 6:30pm**

Holiday Gifts are always best when they support a local mission program. Tabernacle Church invites you to our Annual Silent Auction and Pot Luck Dinner on November 13 at 6:30pm. Proceeds will benefit HAWC, Lifebridge (formerly Salem Mission) and efforts to end poverty in Salem. We welcome new friends and neighbors to this festive evening. Items to be auctioned include: a day of Sailing, dinner at a local restaurant, paintings, two tickets to the Boston Pops and a weekend get away and many more wonderful gifts!

We are still accepting auction items...you may drop off in Liz's office with a note to its value or, if needed, you may call Marcia Olsson (978-741-5292) to arrange for an item pick up. Donations for a bake sale also requested.

For potluck offerings: Last name initials A-G bring salad/side dish, H-N bring main course, O-Z bring dessert.

Please come with friends and relatives and support Tabernacle's Mission Outreach as proceeds will go the UCC Church's Wider Mission.



From Our CE Director

Greetings:

We are into November, as I write this the fall colors are at their peak here in Salem. We are finished with the great green growing days of summer. By month's end the trees will be bare, and we will be entering the darkest days of the year. The end of November also marks the beginning of the new church year, starting with the first day of Advent, Sunday, November 28.

During this month of November let us give thanks to God for all that has been provided. Let us see a future from the past. If you know a family in need of help this coming holiday season, take some time to pray. Prayer is something we can all do for others. Lift their names aloud in worship so that the church community can pray together. Take five minutes each day to find quiet and pray. Think about each member of your family and remember those who have gone on before us.

This month of November I especially want to give thanks and prayers to the teachers and youth leaders here at Tabernacle. They work hard to provide quality programming and instruction to our youngest Christians. Although they are teaching, they are also living the greatest commandment, *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."*

Luke 10:27(NRSV)

Shalom,
Betsey

Thank you.....

Thank you to the **TWA** ladies for their help repackaging the Sanctuary Bags that the children use each Sunday morning. An additional thank you to them for being such good listeners and wonderers during their Tuesday morning lesson on Creation and The Falling Apart. Others are welcome to join this group on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:30 AM.



ADVENT WORKSHOP

Advent Workshop Sunday, November 28 11:30 – 3 PM

Luncheon sponsored by **CEAG** immediately following worship. All invited. Please sign up so we have enough food. Stay

to help set up the Mission Giving Tree, decorate the sanctuary with greens and decorate a wreath for your front door. These need to be ordered ahead of time. There will be the usual decorations for the kids to make. Bring a plate of cookies to share or swap.

Intergenerational Sunday for Thanksgiving Sunday, November 21, all stay in worship.

Dates for Teachers.....

Teachers and Youth Leaders Dinner and Meeting

Tuesday, November 16, 6–7:30 PM

Teachers' Bible Study with Rev. Laura on Sunday November 14, 9–9:25 AM



Book List for Parents 2010

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TRAITS OF A HEALTHY FAMILY,

By Dolores Curran,
copyright 1983

BOOKS THAT BUILD CHARACTER,

By Wm. Kilpatrick and

Gregory and Suzanne Wolfe, copyright 1994

SPIRITUAL PARENTING,

By Hugh and Gayle Prather, copyright 1996

MONEY DOESN'T GROW ON TREES,

By Neale Godfrey and Carolina Edwards,
copyright 1994

HOW TO TALK SO KIDS WILL LISTEN AND LISTEN SO KIDS WILL TALK

by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish, copyright 1980

SIBLINGS WITHOUT RIVALRY

by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish, copyright 1987

HOW TO TALK SO KIDS CAN LEARN AT HOME AND AT SCHOOL

by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish, copyright 1995

TEACHING YOUR CHILDREN RESPONSIBILITY

by Linda and Richard Eyre, copyright 1984

CHILDREN: THE CHALLENGE

by Rudolf Dreikurs, M.D. with Vicki Slotz, R.N.,
copyright 1987

THE BOOK OF VIRTUES

by William J. Bennett, copyright 1993

NURTURING YOUR BABY'S SOUL

by Elizabeth Clare Prophet, copyright 1998

WHAT'S A MOM TO DO!

By Julie Hagstrom, copyright 1985

RAISING PEACEFUL CHILDREN IN A VIOLENT WORLD

by Nancy Lee Cecil, copyright 1995

TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT GOD

by David Heller, copyright 1988

TALKING ABOUT DEATH, A DIALOGUE BETWEEN PARENT AND CHILD

by Earl A. Grollman, copyright 1990

BEREAVED CHILDREN AND TEENS

edited by Earl A. Grollman, copyright 1995

PARENTING FOR PREVENTION, HOW TO RAISE A CHILD TO SAY NO TO ALCOHOL/ DRUGS

by David J. Wilmes, copyright 1988

BRINGING UP KIDS WITHOUT TEARING THEM DOWN

by Dr. Kevin Leman, copyright 1993

HOW AND WHEN TO TELL YOUR KIDS ABOUT SEX

by Stanton and Brenna Jones, Copyright 1993

DRUGPROOF YOUR KIDS

by Stephen Arterburn and Jim Burns, copyright 1989

THE QUICKSIVER YEARS, THE HOPES AND FEARS OF EARLY ADOLESCENCE

by Peter Benson, Dorothy Williams and Arthur Johnson,
copyright 1987

TRAIN UP A CHILD, GIVING THE VALUES THAT LAST A LIFETIME

by Rolf Zettersten, copyright 1991

UNPLUG THE CHRISTMAS MACHINE

by Jo Robinson and Jean Coppock Staeheli,
copyright 1991

THE WELL ADJUSTED CHILD: HOW TO NURTURE THE EMOTIONAL HEALTH OF YOUR CHILDREN

by Dr. Phil E. Quinn, copyright 1986

WHEN I RELAX I FEEL GUILTY

by Tim Hansel, copyright 1979



Youth Group Meetings:

Grades 3- 5 PYF
Wednesday, November 10,
2010, 6:15 – 7:30 PM

Giving thanks

Sunday, November 28 help with Advent Workshop

Welcome to Our Nursery Care Provider ~ Erica Lawrence

Erica is a senior at Gordon College. She is originally from Salem. Please take some time to introduce yourself to her. And thank you to Amy Grover for the connection.



SING YOUR FAVORITE SONGS FOR THE SEASON and some new ones too!

Love Christmas Music...

Find yourself humming Christmas songs while you work... **well...** we have a place for you.....

The TABERNACLE CHOIR!!

We will begin the Advent and Christmas music starting Thursday , Nov 4th, 2010.

Rehearsals are in the Bigelow Room and start promptly at 7:30 pm. Feel free to contact Valerie Peterson, Music Director, at 978.745.3899. or peterso_09@yahoo.com, or leave a message with Liz Nelson.

Tabernacle Volunteers Needed for Christmas in Salem

Tabernacle is pleased to be hosting Christmas In Salem sponsored by Historic Salem Inc. on December 4 & 5.

(please see article on page 6)

We are looking for some folks who would like to be a **"Tabernacle Greeter"** for Saturday and Sunday. It would be nice to have someone represent Tabernacle as many folks come and buy their tickets/booklets, stay for guest speakers and musical offerings. It would involve being "present" to say hello and maybe guide folks to the bathrooms or answer any questions. If you would like to volunteer for an hour or two, please contact Liz in the church office.

Lifebridge Meals

Lifebridge (formerly Salem Mission) dinners have been going well, thanks to some new volunteer cooks and helpers and some trustworthy regulars.



Shelter Meals

We are pleased to welcome back cook, Joe Bennett, who has offered to be ready to help out when needed.

Cooks are signed up for November and January. We do still need a cook for Dec. 27, then will be looking ahead for cooks and helpers for February and on into 2011.

The community of folks who gather at Lifebridge for supper are always very grateful for the food served! Join us on the 4th Mondays of the month..arrive at 5-5:30, serve at 6:30, leave by 7pm. Contact Jane Kelly for questions.



Holiday House Tour

**HISTORIC SALEM PRESENTS
CHRISTMAS IN SALEM 2010
December 4 & 5, 2010**

Christmas In Salem heads across the North River to visit a neighborhood with its own amazing history, a variety of lovely homes, and a special connection to Nathaniel Hawthorne. Then take the trolley back downtown for more homes, more Hawthorne and lots of opportunities for dining and shopping.

Tabernacle Church is pleased to be part of *Christmas In Salem*, sponsored by Historic Salem, Inc. Tabernacle Church will be the **Tour Headquarters on Saturday, December 4 and Sunday, December 5 in the Narthex of the sanctuary.**

The Tour Headquarters will be opened as follows:

Saturday, December 4: Tour sales will begin at 10:00am.

Sunday, December 5: Tour sales will begin in the Narthex at 12:00pm.

FREE Trolley Service you will be able to hop the Trolley to view the houses in North Salem right from Tabernacle Church!

How to Purchase ADVANCE Tickets

Advance Tickets are \$25 for Historic Salem, Inc. members and \$30 for non members. Tickets. For more information on purchasing advance tickets please check out this web site: **christmasinsalem.org**. **Day of Tour Prices are \$35.00**

Part of the tour events include:

Jim McAllister, Local Historian

Saturday, December 4, 1:00 PM and Sunday, December 5, 1:00 PM

Hear tales of the North Fields of Salem, enjoy anecdotes about Nathaniel Hawthorne, and learn other details of Salem's past.

Holiday music with Julie Dougherty, local folk/pop singer ~

SATURDAY, December 4th, 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

"Old World-New World" with the Savoy String Trio featuring our own Dave Cabral~

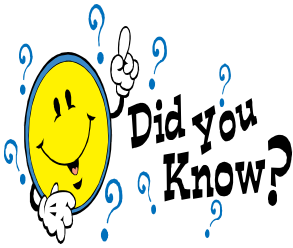
A musical journey from Beethoven to the tango of Argentina along with festive holiday music.

SUNDAY, December 5th, 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM:

GARDEN CLUB BOUTIQUE

Tabernacle is also pleased to host the Boutique for the Salem Garden Club in our Dining Room. They will be selling wreaths, kissing balls, and much more. Come and buy all your greens for the Holidays.

Tabernacle Youth Group will be selling holiday gift items, warm cider and goodies. All proceeds will go towards the youth group's weekend Mission trips to Boston and Overlook Farm. Come and support our Youth!



Did You Know???

Tabernacle Baptisms

Continuing with Tabernacle Baptisms....

From a book written by Samuel M. Worcester about his father, he states that Samuel and Zervia Worcester had four sons and seven daughters. Two sons and three daughters died very young

Rev. Elias Cornelius came to Tabernacle as an assistant to Samuel Worcester and during his few years here his son Elias Cornelius was baptized on September 19, 1819.

During the stressful years after Rev. Whitaker left, a John Punchard was listed as having a female child baptized 1 August of 1784, and I am assuming that this is the John Punchard whose portrait hangs in our historical room and wrote a 100 year history of Tabernacle Church!

A book written as a tribute to him states that they had 11 children, and lists a daughter Mary, b. July 25, 1784 and d. Aug. 22, 1796, who must have been the child to be baptized. Rev. Whitaker had now been dismissed and for several years children were baptized by ministers from other churches. Two children bearing the name Rebecca are listed in the book as having been born and dying quite young. On May 13, 1804, John Masury Punchard, son of Mr. John and Mrs. Keziah Punchard was baptized and on June 8, 1806, George Punchard was baptized. George became quite a well known minister and seemed to be the only child to carry on the name of Punchard. He also became the editor of The Boston Traveller. Of the Punchards 11 children, many died quite young.

Nehemiah Adams, a well known cabinet maker whose shop was "near the common..." in Salem, belonged to Tabernacle Church. His son Nehemiah, was baptized on February 23, 1806, with parents listed as Deacon Nehemiah & Mehitable Torrey Adams. This child grew up in Tabernacle Church and attended Harvard, and became a well known clergyman in Cambridge, MA.

The furniture made by Nehemiah is renowned for its beauty and is very valuable today. We have a chair carved by him in our historical room, which he made for a granddaughter.

On October 2, 1808 Mehitable Simpkins Adams, daughter of Deacon Nehemiah and Mehitable Adams was baptized, and on May 6, 1810, Samuel Adams and Catharine Frances Torrey Adams were baptized. And then on September 27, 1812 there is a baptism for another child named, Catharine Frances Torrey Adams. It was not unusual for families to use the name a second time if the first child died, and this may be what happened in this Adams family.

On Jul 7, 1867, Walter K. Bigelow and his wife Amelia Worcester were baptized and joined the church. And on September 7, 1877 Josephine Bigelow, daughter of Walter K. and Adeline Y. Bigelow, was baptized.

On July 10, 1870 Alfred Barnes Palmer, son of Rev. Charles Roy Palmer and Mary Barnes Palmer was baptized, and on May 19, 1872 a daughter Edith Burr Palmer was baptized.

During Rev. DeWitt Clark's ministry, his son Garrit D. W. Clark joined the church on March 1, 1891 on profession of faith. Dr Clark had three other children but the records do not show their baptisms. Leigh Clark was a successful business man and his sister, Hilda Clark was the first woman to work at the church, when she became a secretary to her father. He had asked for an assistant and when that did not come to pass, he hired his daughter! Hilda Clark was for many years a moving force at Tabernacle and was an indefatigable worker. Her memory lives on because she gave the lovely blue and white cups which are in the Bigelow Room, and we still use them. Dr. DeWitt Scoville Clark, M.D. was a much loved physician in Salem, much revered at Salem Hospital, and who knows how many of Salem residents he delivered in his long service as a doctor who made house calls! Some in our church still remember him in his white convertible Cadillac, and his weekly presence at Tabernacle.

Tragically, the only child of Rev. Thomas and Alice Williams, who was born on February 19, 1954 and was baptized that day, only lived a few hours.

A daughter, Heather Coralee Remaly, was born March 23, 1976 to Rev. Edwin and Gladly Remaly and baptized on June 13, 1976.

A complete list of the persons baptized at Tabernacle is now being indexed and will be available in the church office in the near future! You can then look up names of your families and find the information about their baptisms.

Kay Piemonte



Altar Flowers

November 7: **“Happy 25th Wedding Anniversary to Rob and Rachel Lutts”** from their Children, Peter, Madeline and Philip.

November 14: ***In loving memory of Lucy and Roscoe Gould*** by their family.

November 21: ***In loving memory of Judy*** by Ed and Chloe Burge.

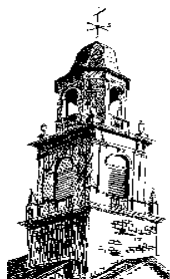
November 28: ***In loving memory of Charles and Florence Maier*** by Rob and Barbara Maier.



November Birthdays

2	Betsey Bennett
5	Scott-Glenn Tanch
5	Ninette Dilorio
6	Susan A. Dionne
7	Teagan Santo
8	Sarah Davin
9	Ed Curtin
10	Brad Skeffington
14	Holly Parr
14	Erin Kilcoyne
15	Kathy Dougherty
16	Robert Lutts
17	Rosamond Dennis
17	Colin Dionne
19	Richard Lutts
20	Barbara Doron
21	Marcia Olsson
22	Brad Ayers
23	Jane Dionne
24	Rev . Laura Biddle
24	Steve Schaufler
24	Elizabeth Lutts
25	John Rouse
26	Clayton McAlpine
28	Ann Scott
30	Joe Piemonte

Steeple Lighting



The church steeple is lighted for the month of **November in memory of Carlton & Grace Lutts and Hervey & Elizabeth Burnham** by Nancy & Brud Lutts and family.

TWA

The Tabernacle Women’s Association will be meeting in the Bigelow Room on Tuesday, November 16 at 10:30. Bring a sandwich; dessert and coffee will be provided. Hostess for this month is Connie Hollis.

We look forward to learning from the Godly Play with Betsey Bennett which is always followed by a lively discussion.

The TWA members who want to join Rev Laura and go to the Protestant Service at the Jewish Rehabilitation Center with our Iris Kamon should be in the church office at 9:30 on Thursday, November 18th. Transportation will be provided to the JRC and you can plan to be back at the church by shortly after noon.

Memorial Fund

A donation to the memorial fund in memory of Alice Bonney was received from the Tabernacle Women’s Association.