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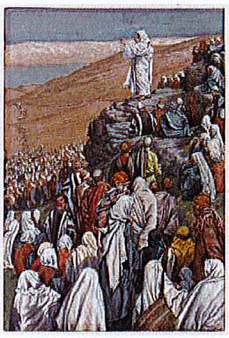


Reminder to turn clocks back ONE hour for Sunday

Pastor Mike is away until Thursday Nov. 5.

Rev. Jill Isola will be our guest pulpit. The Reverend Jill V. Isola is a Minister of Word and Sacrament with the Presbyterian Church (USA), having served congregations in Michigan, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. A relatively new Vermont resident, Jill serves as a spiritual caregiver with UVM Home Health and Hospice and is pursuing a PhD in practical and constructive theology with the University of Aberdeen. She also shares time, space and energy with her spouse, Andrew, and their dog, CJ. Rev. Isola looks forward to worshipping with our congregation on Sunday, November 1st!

The bulletin for each week is now on our webpage **www.sherochurch.org**
You can stream Sunday Worship live. https://tinyurl.com/CCSHLive



All Saints' Sunday
Scriptures: Revelation 7: 9-17; Psalm 34: 1-10, 22 (CEB) ; 1 John 3: 1-3
Matthew 5: 1-12 *(Gretchen Patterson, liturgist)*
(CEB is the Common English Bible) https://www.commonenglishbible.com/
Hymns: NCH # 299 "For All the Saints"
NCH # 378 v 1-4 "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"
NCH # 290 "O Savior, for the Saints"

You can search online for hymn lyrics fairly easily,
New Century Hymnal (NCH) & Worship & Rejoice Hymnal (W&R)



Join us after worship for coffee and refreshments.
Coordinating fellowship is shared by the Boards.
The Board of Deacons are hosts for November.



As in the past, we are assisting the **Champlain Islands Food Shelf** with Thanksgiving meals.
This year, rather than donating turkeys and fixings, the Food Shelf will provide grocery cards purchased with funds from CCSH, C.i.D.E.R. and the Food Shelf (these gift cards can't be used for alcohol or tobacco products). Our goal is to provide $4000.00 with funds from Wally's Basket and YOU. If you would like to donate toward the cards –donate cash or check to CCSH with Wally's Basket on the memo line. Place in the Sunday offering, mail, or drop off in the office.



SOCKS for COTS now- to December 1st
Collection basket in fellowship hall.



From Our Boards *If you wish to talk about something pertinent to that board, contact the board chair to be put on the agenda. Your concerns are important.*

Board of TRUSTEES *next meeting November 8th*
Members: Dolf Wirsing, Doug Patterson, Carol Tremble, Luke Tremble, Josie Leavitt, Tim Bryan
Ongoing discussions of accessibility, HOW & parsonage upkeep, and need to fill Carol's seat in 2027.

PASTORS RELATION COMMITTEE
Members: Emily Lee, Aimee Cochran, Bill Vitale, Tim Bryan

Board of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Members: Carrie Bryan, Kelsey Dickson, Michelle Galica, Marguerite Althoff, Nathan Lee (youth)
On the last Sunday of each month, the youth will collect for Heifer.

Board of DEACONS *next meeting November 8th*
Members: Aimee Cochran, Gretchen Patterson, Sharon Arthur, Barb Smith, Rob Althoff, Cathy Rude
Planning for Remembrance Sunday (Nov. 22) and Ecumenical Thanksgiving Sunday (Nov. 22 afternoon)

Board of MISSIONS: *next meeting November 2nd*
Members: Barbara Purinton, Art Huse, Megan Kouns, Elise Whittemore, Cyndi Reynolds, Kaight Althoff



Welcome Mission Project assists unhoused families in Franklin and Grand Isle Counties moving into residences. Churches in these counties, including our church, have committed to a monthly list of needed items. We are in need of these supplies. Leave on back shelf. Thank you.
Laundry basket Laundry detergent *(sensitive skin, odor-free)* shower curtain liners & rings
toilet bowl brushes hangers *(new)*



Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representative; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-Book of Common Prayer

South Hero residents voting in person: CCSH Fellowship Hall Tuesday November 3rd.
The Town Hall is under construction.

Vote with love for creation, for our neighbors both here and abroad, for a just peace, for repair and reconciliation of the brokenness of our nation. And encourage your family, friends, and community to do the same. -UCC.org

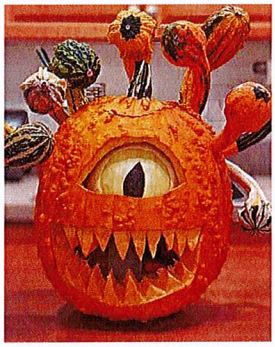


Medieval Traditions: Souling and Guising

Souling: In the Middle Ages, the Christian Church established All Saints' Day (November 1) and All Souls' Day (November 2). Poor people and children went door-to-door on October 31 offering prayers for the dead in exchange for small, square-shaped breads called **soul cakes**.

Guising: In Scotland and Ireland, young people practiced "guising," where they dressed in costumes and performed a "trick"—such as singing a song, telling a joke, or reciting a poem—in exchange for fruit, nuts, or coins. Scottish and Irish immigrants brought these customs to North America in the 19th century.

The specific term **"trick-or-treat"** was first recorded in Canadian newspapers in 1927 and spread across the U.S. during the 1930s. Early 20th-century Halloween celebrations often involved destructive pranks. In the 1950s communities promoted door-to-door trick-or-treating as a safer, family-friendly alternative.



Thanks for reading