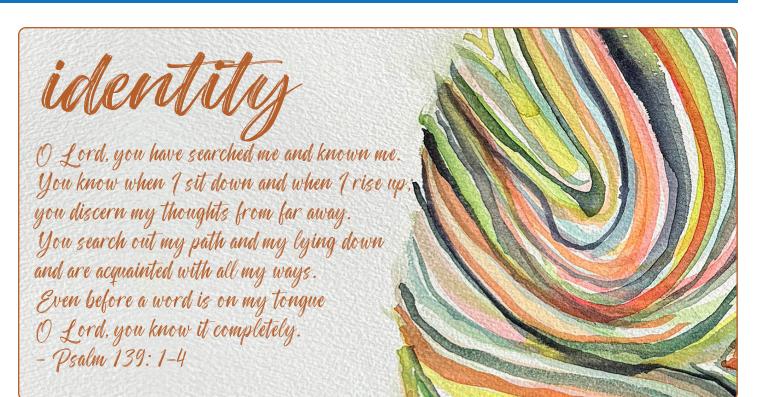


November 2025



#### FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Dear Church Family,

There is no way that in 1883, Deacon William E. Raymond could have imagined how excited a future pastor of The Congregational Church of New Canaan would be 142 years after his original gift. Deacon Raymond's gift was generous and focused: he offered resources that would become an endowment that would help ensure the gospel of Jesus Christ was preached in underserved communities across Connecticut. He could not have envisioned what his generosity would produce in our own time—an extraordinary group of preachers training here at God's Acre this fall.

Thanks to the faithful stewardship of his bequest, our church now offers preaching fellowships to seminarians and lay leaders. Fellows receive rigorous training in the art and craft of preaching, and then bring the gospel message to congregations across Connecticut free of charge. These churches, often struggling to afford pulpit supply, are blessed by vibrant preaching—and the ripple effect of Deacon Raymond's gift continues 142 years later in local churches, in new cohorts of well-trained preachers, and even within our own congregation.

This fall, we welcomed six Raymond Fellows—three seminarians and three lay leaders. Each brings extraordinary gifts to the pulpit:

- Benji Suprice a Yale Divinity student from Boston, preaching since he was 13, passionate about justice and hospitality.
- Eliana Cañas Parra also at Yale, originally from Colombia, a gifted teacher, pastoral leader, and now our seminarian intern.
- Rev. Elyon Wells a Bridgeport native, pastor, author, and community leader, balancing ministry, study, and family.



Alongside them, lay preachers Marianna Kilbride, Tony Kiniry, and Khanisha Moore bring their creativity, spiritual depth, and real-world experience into the pulpit.

After our first two "Sermon Studio" gatherings this fall, I was floored by the quality of their work. I invited our Trustees and Leadership Team to see for themselves. "You've absolutely got to hear these preachers," I told them. "They're amazing."

# THANKSGIVING SERVICE PROJECT Sunday, November 23, 11:00am-12:00pm

### Church School

The children of our church will be big contributors to our annual Thanksgiving Service project. All children will receive a "Turkey Bank" at the beginning of November and are encouraged to raise money through both acts of service and fundraising through family and friends. The funds raised through Church School will contribute directly to the stipend provided to our Thanksgiving dinner recipients to purchase turkeys. Children will bring their Turkey Banks back to church on Sunday, November 23. That day, all church school classes will participate in the Thanksgiving Service Project during Church School, and following the service with their families.

# Congregation

All are invited to partake in this beloved tradition of service and giving. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to pack boxes for our neighbors in need this Thanksgiving season.

# Sunday, November 23, from 11:00am-12:00pm.

### Youth

Our Youth groups will have their part in our annual Thanksgiving Service Project! Our Minnows will make cards for our boxes, our Guppies will make hot cocoa jars with marshmallows, and JYG will pack cookies in a jar mix for families served by the project. YG Fish will volunteer throughout the week in various ways, from helping with the younger ministries to unloading materials and food, and helping pack boxes on Sunday morning. The schedule of events is below.

#### Monday, November 17

Minnows (grades K & 1) make cards at normal program time 3:30-4:30pm.

#### Tuesday, November 18

Guppies (grades 2 & 3) make cocoa jars at the normal program time 4:30-5:30pm.

#### Thursday, November 20

JYG (grades 4 & 5) makes cookie in a jar mix at normal program time 5:00-6:00pm.

#### Sunday, November 23

MSYG (grades 6-8) is expected to be at the church by 9:45am to help the church schoolers prepare boxes during the service. They will help in church school from 10:00-11:00am. This is a covenant event for all MSYG fish traveling on the Mountainside trip in May.

YG traveling Mission Fish are expected to sign up either as individuals to help fill one of the volunteer slots during the week or with their families to deliver the completed Thanksgiving boxes on Sunday afternoon. We kindly ask that if you have multiple children in the program, please plan to help deliver boxes. Drivers/Families should pull into the front circle during your allocated time slot, where you will be greeted by a YG advisor who will tell you what local nonprofit you are delivering to. To sign up, look for the sign-up genius from Kimmie in early November! Contact Kimmie Dyrvik at kimmie@godsacre.org for more information.

### Missions and Outreach

Our November plate offering goes towards the 2025 Thanksgiving Service Project benefiting the following local agencies:

Grace Baptist Church in Norwalk Food is delivered to local families in need

Macedonia Church in Norwalk
Food is delivered to families in need

**Carver Foundation of Norwalk** After-school program for children in need

Person to Person in Darien
Provides food, clothing, and other programming
predominantly to the working poor

Mid-Fairfield AIDS Project in Norwalk
Provides social services to people living with HIV and AIDS

Open Doors in Norwalk
Serves the unhoused with a food pantry, shelter, and three meals daily

Pacific House in Stamford
A shelter and kitchen serving homeless men in our area

**Pivot Ministries in Bridgeport**A rehabilitation program for men addicted to drugs and alcohol

# Liberation House/Liberation Programs in Stamford

A rehabilitation program for men addicted to drugs and alcohol

Inspirica in Stamford
Strives to end homelessness and housing insecurity

Future 5 in Stamford
Helps students achieve their academic, ca

Helps students achieve their academic, career, and life goals

During the month of November, we partner with these agencies to feed a full Thanksgiving meal to over 1000 individuals. We will gather at the church on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 23, to pack, stack, decorate, and deliver boxes of food to our neighbors in need. Congregants wishing to support this beloved church tradition may make a monetary donation to this project by visiting our website, using the GIVE button, and designating the gift to the "Thanksgiving Project." You can also donate cash or a check in the Sunday plate or stop by the church office. Contact Marianna Kilbride at marianna@godsacre.org to learn more.

#### FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

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To share them with you, we've scheduled our seminarians to preach during the season of Advent. Some have asked, "Shouldn't you be preaching as we kick off the season of Advent?" My emphatic answer: "These preachers are fantastic, and I want our congregation to hear them and know them, because we are having a direct role in their formation." As Jesus said, no one lights a lamp and hides it under a bushel, but on a lamp stand for all to see. We're putting this light — these preachers and our program — on a stand for all to see.

Deacon Raymond's legacy is a clear and compelling reminder that what we give today will shape tomorrow. He could never have known how his gift would inspire a program like this, but because he left a portion of his estate to the church, generations of preachers and congregations are being blessed.

This is why your annual giving—and your legacy giving—matters so much. Every pledge, every bequest, every act of generosity has the power to bear fruit far beyond what we can imagine today. Stewardship is not just about keeping the lights on—it's about fueling ministries that can light the world! It's about creating possibilities for the Spirit to do what only God can do: take our offering and multiply it into blessings.

Who knows? Perhaps 142 years from now, another pastor will write about a ministry you helped make possible—one that has grown beyond your wildest dreams. When generosity mingles with the Holy Spirit, miracles happen!

I invite you to learn more about our current Fellows by visiting their bios: Raymond Fellows – The Congregational Church of New Canaan. Please get to know them before you hear them preach in the weeks ahead. And perhaps, as we edge into a stewardship season, take some time to consider what gift you can make that can help bring good news to others.

And I thank you, our church family, for all your generosity. Thanks to the Raymond Trustees, the Ministry Team that works with our students, the Fellows themselves, and all of you who give faithfully, we are living proof of how God can use a gift, offered in faith, to change lives and illuminate the future for generations to come.

Yours in Christ, Chapin

# Life Around the Table: A Place of Gathering and Grace

As November draws us toward Thanksgiving, our thoughts often turn to tables—set with care, surrounded by loved ones, filled with food and laughter. The table is a sacred space, a place of gathering, gratitude, and connection. It's where stories are shared, prayers are whispered, and relationships are deepened.

But for some, the table is also a place of absence. Not everyone is invited. Not every relationship is whole. For those with strained family ties, empty chairs, or unspoken grief, the season can feel heavy. The warmth of the table may be shadowed by loneliness or pain.

As a church, we are called to be a community that makes room at the table—not just in our homes, but in our hearts. Jesus broke bread with strangers, outcasts, and friends alike. His table was wide, welcoming, and healing.

This November, may we remember that the table is not only a place for celebration, but also for compassion. Let us be mindful of those who may need an invitation, a listening ear, or a place to belong. And may our tables—both literal and spiritual—be filled with grace, generosity, and the love of Christ.

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."

— Hebrews 13:2



#### **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

# Thanksgiving Service at Inspirica

Thanksgiving is a cherished time in our church family—a season of gratitude, reflection, and giving back. This year, we're excited to offer a special opportunity for the women of our congregation to embody the spirit of thankfulness by serving those in need.

On Thursday, **November 13, from 10:00am-12:00pm** we invite all ladies of the church to join together at Inspirica in Stamford for a meaningful morning of fellowship and service. In partnership with Harvest for Hope, we'll be sorting and boxing food donations that will be distributed to families facing food insecurity during the holiday season.

Come alongside your sisters in Christ as we share Christ's love in a tangible way—working hand in hand, lifting one another up, and blessing others with the gift of a warm Thanksgiving meal.



items to contribute to the Harvest for Hope Food Drive. Every can and box makes a difference. The following non-perishable items are especially needed:

- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Stuffing Mix
- Gravy
- Canned Sweet Potatoes or Yams
- · String Beans or Peas
- Corn
- Mixed Vegetables
- Cranberry Sauce

Let us come together in gratitude and generosity, sowing seeds of hope in our community this Thanksgiving. We hope to see you there! Contact Ally Dunlap at <a href="mailto:allydunlap@hotmail.com">allydunlap@hotmail.com</a> to learn more or sign up.



# Ladies' Night Sip, Savor, and Connect

Before the busyness of the holiday season sets in, take a moment to slow down and enjoy a refreshing evening of fellowship, flavor, and fun! We warmly invite you to a special Ladies' Night on Wednesday, November 5, from 7:00-9:00pm at the lovely home of Linda Twombly.



Enjoy a relaxed evening filled with

wine, cheese, and laughter—what could be better? Justin from Craftbottlz will be joining us to share a curated selection of wines, perfect for both seasoned tasters and casual sippers alike.

Whether you're reconnecting with familiar faces or making new friends, this evening promises to be a wonderful time of community and encouragement.

Please RSVP by **November 2,** and feel free to reach out to Lesley Cousley at <u>lacousley@gmail.com</u> with any questions.



# Women's Christmas Open House

Save the date for our Annual Women's Christmas Open House! On Thursday, December 11, from 6:00–9:00pm, the women of the church are invited to gather at the New Canaan Field Club for an evening of holiday fellowship. Enjoy festive hors d'oeuvres, laughter, and friendship as we celebrate the joy of the season together. A special thanks to our gracious host, Nancy Burges, for welcoming us into this cherished Christmas tradition. Invitations will be in your inbox shortly, but if you have questions, please contact Nancy at <a href="mailto:nnburges@gmail.com">nnburges@gmail.com</a>.

#### **MEN'S MINISTRIES**

### November and December Men's Ministries Events

#### **SAVE THE DATES**

November 16 - Men's Book Group November 21 - M4 Breakfast

November 27 - Men's Small Group

December 10 - MG Christmas Dinner

December 12 - M4 Breakfast

There are many opportunities for the men of our church to gather in fellowship during November and during the holiday season. Contact Dirk Dunlap at dirkdunlap@hotmail.com to join the M4 Breakfast for a discussion on balancing work and faith. Over 100 men are part of the Men's Small Group effort, which initially meets in the Chapel and breaks into predefined small groups. Contact or see Steve Case at <a href="mailto:scase135@gmail.com">scase135@gmail.com</a> if you are interested in joining this deeply impactful ministry. Jim Clayton, icnc339@gmail.com, will host the Men's Book Group for an early evening review of Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy. As mentioned elsewhere, the Men's Christmas Dinner will be held at Waveney House on December 10. Reach out to Andy Parkin andyparkin7@gmail.com with inquiries. Finally, a Men's Bible Study has launched at 6:00am on the 1st and 3rd Friday's each month led by Sean Kelley seankelley05@gmail. com. All are welcome to take part in this wonderful group of events. And consider bringing a friend!

### Men's Christmas Gathering You're Invited!

### Wednesday, December 10 - Waveny House Fellowship: 6:00pm - Dinner: 7:00pm

Guys, this one's for you! Join the men of the church for an evening filled with good food, great company, and Christmas spirit. We'll start with time to catch up and connect at 6:00pm, enjoy a hearty meal together at 7:00pm, and then enjoy some holiday cheer by caroling with our friends from Pivot. Come ready for laughter, friendship, and a night that sets the tone for the season.

The cost of the evening is \$75, and we are also offering the opportunity to sponsor a portion of a Pivot House guest for an additional \$25 (or increments thereof). RSVP at this link with your menu selection by **December 1**. Contact Andy Parkin at andyparkin7@gmail.com with questions.



**SAVE THE DATE for** 

# Advent Musical Moments

Take a midweek pause this Advent season with Music Ministries as we gather for thirty minutes of scripture, prayer, and music. These reflective gatherings will be held on Wednesday, December 10 and Wednesday, December 17 at 12:00pm. All are welcome to join us in this peaceful celebration of the season.



We are a warm and welcoming family of faith, bound together in compassion and love.

#### ~ SAVE THE DATE ~

# Music Ministries Christmas Concert

On Saturday, **December 6, at 5:00pm**, Music Ministries will present A Season of Hope: A Christmas Celebration Concert. The concert will feature the Chancel Choir, Children and Youth Music Ministries, guest soloists, and instrumentalists

Admission is free and open to the public.

Bring your friends and neighbors to celebrate the season!



### Add Your Voice To Our Christmas Concert

If you enjoy singing but can't commit to choir year-round, consider joining us just for the Christmas concert!

Rehearsals are held on Thursdays at 7:30pm for about 45 minutes. To be part of the celebration, reach out to Nerva Altino at nerva@godsacre.org.

#### **FLOWER MINISTRY**

### The Warmth of God's Acre

Never is the warmth of God's Acre more obvious than during the chilly holiday season. Throughout the year, the flowers in the Meeting House are broken down and, with the help of the deacons, shared with our community. Our annual Christmas flower display fills the sanctuary with plants, flowers, and joy — but it also brings community outreach to the next level. And the good news is, you can join in the fun.

We are looking for volunteers to help deliver these Christmas plants on **December 21.** It's a simple act of kindness that can brighten someone's day and spread the true spirit of the season.

Not available to deliver? You can still participate! We're seeking donations to help fund the display and purchase the festive plants to be delivered to members of our community who could use a little extra cheer this holiday season. Whether it's someone facing a difficult time or simply in need of a reminder that they're loved, your support can make a real difference.



To donate or volunteer, please contact Tracy Goldman at <a href="mailto:office@godsacre.org">office@godsacre.org</a>. Let's come together to share warmth, beauty, and love this Christmas.

# Advent Project Kickoff

### Families in need have hard choices at Christmas.

Paying for food and winter utilities often leaves no room in the budget for gifts. In working with local partners, our three annual Christmas projects target that issue.



**Bell Ringing**The Salvation Army Bell Ringing funds provide help with the heat and electricity needs of local residents through our Health and Human Services Department.

#### Be a Bell Ringer!

Each year, we ring the Salvation Army Bells at Walter Stewart's Market to raise funds for our local neighbors in need. Bell ringing is an excellent service opportunity for all. To sign up, contact Tracy Goldman at office@godsacre.org, and she will send you a link for the available time slots.

# Our Angel Gifts

Every November and December, we partner with Inspirica on their Holiday Wishes initiative.

The Angel gifts we buy are for children in the homeless or working poor communities. You can either buy a gift online and have it shipped directly to Inspirica or shop in-store and return your gift to Smith Hall. Signups begin on November 16 during fellowship time.

### Our Dove Donations

Doves - Similar to our Angel gifts, each year we partner with Person-to-Person on their Dove program. Food insecurity has increased substantially for local families, and the Dove dollars we donate are a true blessing.

Our Dove donations provide food for an entire day for a family or individual in need. Signups begin on November 16 during fellowship time.

## Join the Open Doors Team **Open Doors Shelter Ministry Team**

Our team is looking for additional volunteers for this joyous service! On the fourth Thursday of each month, we help serve lunch to the homeless community in Norwalk. Three to four of us meet at Open Doors Shelter in Norwalk from 12:15-2:30pm for food prep. There is an additional opportunity for two volunteers to hand out meals from 2:30-4:30pm.

To participate, contact Susie Swindell at susieswindell66@ gmail.com or Marianna Kilbride at marianna@godsacre.com.



# Fellowship in Florida: Gathering Our God's Acre Family

This January, Chapin and Tammie Garner will be heading south for "Fellowship in Florida" to visit as many of our church members who spend their winters in the Sunshine State as possible! From January 17 to 22, we hope to gather members in various communities across Florida, including Naples, Vero Beach, Fort Myers, West Palm Beach, Jupiter, Stuart, and beyond. We're looking for volunteer hosts to open their homes for casual gatherings of church friends in their area. These visits are an opportunity to connect with one another, strengthen fellowship among our Florida "snowbirds," and share how to access our vibrant virtual ministries—from hybrid worship to Bible study and fellowship opportunities. If you have a Florida address you would like to share or would like to host a gathering, please complete the interest form at this link. Help us celebrate the ties that bind our God's Acre family across the miles!









#### PRESCHOOL ON GOD'S ACRE

## Meet the Directors of The Preschool on God's Acre

PSGA is currently taking applications for the 2026 school year! The school directors are happy to schedule a tour with any interested family. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore the classrooms, meet our directors and dedicated teachers, and see firsthand why families are excited to join the PSGA community. For more information, visit psganc. org or call to set up a visit.

Marnie Miller has taught preschool and





children for 34 years. She has a Master's from the Bank Street College of Education and a Bachelor of Science from Ohio Wesleyan University. She is the mother of three daughters and





two golden retrievers and has lived in New Canaan for the last 19 years.

Kate Stimpson has taught preschool for the last 5 years. She has a Juris Doctor from Fordham University School of Law and a Bachelor of Science from Georgetown University.

Kate Stimpson

vas an international corporate lawyer

for many years. She is the mother of two sons, one daughter, a golden retriever, and a doodle, and has lived in New Canaan for the last 18 years.

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

# Children's Christmas Craft Fair and Parent Social

We invite all children and their families to join us on **Sunday**, **December 21**, **from 3:00-5:00pm** for our Christmas Craft Fair and Parent Social. Visit our Holiday Workshop to create and wrap presents for your loved ones in time for Christmas. This is NOT a drop-off event, but we will encourage caregivers to escape to the parlor for refreshments and a brief moment of calm amid the holiday bustle while their gift-givers are hard at work creating. Light refreshments will be provided. We hope your family will come and experience the magic of giving during the Christmas season! Contact Sarah Haddad at **churchschool@godsacre.org** to learn more.



# Seeking Families for Advent Wreath Lighting

During the season of advent, we invite church families to participate in our worship service through lighting our Advent Wreath each week at the 10:00am service. Should your family be interested in participating in this holiday tradition, please reach out to <a href="mailto:lindsey@godsacre.org">lindsey@godsacre.org</a> by November 16.



# Upcoming Church School Schedule November/December

#### November 2

Kickoff for Turkey Banks Children's Chapel, No Church School 4-7th grade Fall Family Harvest Meal 4:00-6:00pm

#### November 9

Regular Church School

#### November 16

Regular Church School

#### November 23

Return Turkey Banks Church School Thanksgiving Service Project during Church School and Coffee Hour

#### November 30

Combined Church School class for Pre K-3rd grade First Sunday of Advent

#### December 7

Children's Chapel, No Church School 4-7th grade

#### December 14

Nativity Pageant during 10:00am service. Church School after Nativity Pageant.

#### December 21

Regular Church School Christmas Craft Fair 3:00-5:00pm

#### **December 28**

Nursery available, No Church School (all children attend worship with families)



### November With Youth Ministries









We're deep in the rhythm of our year-long youth ministries programming and excited for a month full of service, fellowship, worship and reflection. As we move into November, our Disciples Deck theme is identity: Who are we as individuals, as a community, and as people of faith?

October was such a blast as we built connections through fall-themed fun! From building care packages for our alumni to cooking for Inspirica and our church members, our youth showed their aptitude for service. We celebrated with a Fall Super Day, worshipped together, and used our creative minds during our fall-themed scavenger hunts. Bingo with Pivot Ministries, where YG partnered with the members of Pivot Ministries for dinner and bingo, was a bright spot for all.

Looking ahead, we have our very first Youth Worship Night on **Thursday**, **November 13** from 5:30-7:00pm. Youth from Minnows through YG are invited to join! We'll share dinner together before gathering in the Meeting House for a youth-focused worship experience. This special evening will replace regularly scheduled youth programming for the week as we come together in worship and explore our shared identity as a youth ministry community.

Our church-wide Thanksgiving Service Project takes place on **Sunday, November 23,** during and after the 10:00am worship service. All youth groups—Minnows, Guppies, JYG—will participate during their regular program times, with support from high school YG fish. This is a covenant event for both YG and MSYG, with many opportunities to serve throughout the week. There is a link to sign up for a slot for the high school fish. MSYG youth will also help younger students pack their boxes during worship on Sunday morning.

YG has just returned from a meaningful Senior-Freshman Retreat weekend, which is followed by our much-anticipated Team Reveal and Bake-Off! The rest of the month is dedicated to building team bonds and serving together as we live into our call to community, compassion, and purpose.

As we continue this journey through the year, let's lean into our theme—identity—and explore who God is calling us to be, both individually and together.

#### CHILDREN'S MUSIC

# Children's Choir Sings November 23

This month, our Children's Choirs will herald in Thanksgiving week by singing the prelude and leading the opening hymn for our 10:00am service on **November 23.** The children have been working hard on hymn memorization and would love your support in listening. Mark your calendars to come hear the most beautiful voices of our church!

## **Nativity Pageant**

#### New Date This Year! Sign Up Now

We're excited to share a new plan for our beloved Nativity Pageant! This year, it will be presented during the 10:00am service on **Sunday**, **December 14**, allowing for more family time and less stress on Christmas Eve while still keeping with our tradition of the 4:00pm Family Service. Rehearsals will take place during Church School and Children's Choirs, with just two additional sessions outside of regular times. To sign up, scan the QR code on the Music Ministries bulletin board in Smith Hall or contact Greer Lyle at <a href="mailto:greer@godsacre.org">greer@godsacre.org</a> for details.





during the 10:00AM service

Questions? Email greer@godsacre.org

# Welcome to Our Newest Members!

We are thrilled to welcome the newest members of our church family! Each person brings unique gifts, stories, and experiences, and we are so grateful that God has led them to be part of our community. As we journey together in faith, worship, and service, may we extend open hearts and hands to our new brothers and sisters in Christ. Be sure to say hello and help them feel right at home!



#### Carolyn & Rob Boling Vitti Street

# **Grant & Madison Cowherd** Ridgefield Road, Wilton

Chase, Anderson, Sloane

#### **Austin & Jane Cox** Adams Lane

Griffin & Hazel

#### **Elizabeth DeMuth (Chris)**

Weed Street Chris, Emmeline, Sebastian

#### Tom Emson (Anne)

West Road Amelia, Margot, Ruby Lou, Whitt

#### **Bill & Annie Hartman**

Forest Street

### Taylor & Laura "La" Holden

Smith Ridge Road Kirk & Smith

#### Alexandra Lewis

Kensett Lane, Darien

#### Oke & Martha McAndrews

Echo Hill Road Callum, Shea, Bennett

#### **Johannes Moller**

River Road, Norwalk, CT William

#### Khanisha Denise Moore

Locust Avenue

#### Julianne Pinell (Blake)

Heather Drive Cameron

### Will & Caroline Smittle

Saint Johns Place

# Heidi Sandreuter & Kate Tempesta

Hawthorne Road Charles

#### **Daniel & Anne Skibitcky**

Silvermine Road Lucy & Piper

#### Alex von Ziegesar (Sindy)

Clapboard Hill Road Augie, Lily, Sonny

#### Cooper Westendarp & Dasha Rettew

East Maple Street Boden & Briggs

#### **OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY**

#### **Ministers**

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Chapin Garner, **x101** Senior Minister

Kelly Antonson, **x110**Associate Minister for Children, Youth, and Families

Pastoral Care Emergency, x103

#### **Staff**

Nerva Altino, **x104**Director of Music Ministries

Laurel Carr, **x107**Director of Communications

Barb Clayton, **x102** Pastoral Care Minister

Lindsey Daly, **x112**Director of Children's Ministries

Lonnie deMarco, **x116**Interim Operations and Finance Resource

Kimmie Dyrvik, **x111** Youth Director, Co-Lead

Tracy Goldman, **x109**Community Life Coordinator

Sarah Haddad, **x113** Church School Coordinator

Anthony Jones Sexton

Marianna Kilbride, **x105**Director of Spiritual Formation

Khanisha Denise Moore, **x111** Youth Director, Co-Lead

Caroline Smittle, **x106**Director of Operations

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Youth Ministries Administrative Assistant

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## Newsletter Submissions

If you are planning on contributing to the December newsletter, please submit by November 19. Email submissions to: laurel@godsacre.org.

### myConnect Corner

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#### Within myConnect you can:

- view an online directory
- interact with groups
- · set up and manage your online giving
- view giving statements
- register for events
- · find ways to volunteer

#### Two ways to login:

- 1. Visit www.godsacre.org/myconnect
- 2. Go to www.godsacre.org and click

"myConnect@God's Acre" in the upper left corner.

#### **Need an Account?**

Click "Sign Up Here" on the login page, enter your info, and look for our email to get started.

#### Questions?

Contact laurel@godsacre.org