



## **ALL SAINTS DAY REMEMBRANCE**



Members who died in the past year are remembered each All Saints Day. This year, members who died when the church was closed to in-person gathering in 2020 were added to the service. As the names were announced, a family member or Elder lit a candle as a brief remembrance was shared by Linda Jurczak. The memorial concluded with a poem in tribute to Janice Bongiovanni, however, it resonates with all. By request, a copy of this poem can be found on page two.

### **List of Mortality July 2020-October 2021**

*Elder/Deacon Donald Rathjens 29July2020*  
*Ruling Elder Janice P. Bongiovanni 20Aug2020*  
*Elder/Trustee Richard Briggs 24Aug2020*  
*Deacon Margarete H. Grimm 18Nov2020*  
*Gladys Reed 22Jan2021*  
*Joan Lyons 6March2021*  
*Trustee Ted Lyons 13April2021*  
*Deacon Anthony Farrand 26June2021*  
*Deacon Christine Faraone 14Aug2021*  
*Elder Lore Ullrich 30Sept2021*  
*Elder John H. Bunnell 15Oct2021*





### **She is Gone**

You can shed tears that she is gone,  
Or you can smile because she has lived  
You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back,  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left

Your heart can be empty because you can't see her  
Or you can be full of the love that you shared  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday

You can remember her and only that she is gone  
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back  
Or you can do what she would want: smile, open your eyes, love, and go on.

Written 1981  
David Harkins 1959 –  
Silloth, Cumbria, UK



We are a grateful congregation, within a grateful community and we hope you will join in on the celebration of the veterans most dear to us.

Veterans Day originated as “Armistice Day” on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

The Springfield Community holds a Veterans Day ceremony each year. The American Legion Post 228 will lead the observance on **Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am at Veteran’s Park** on the corner of Shunpike Road and Mountain Avenue.

To all veterans, especially our church members and friends - THANK YOU!

God Bless America!



***From the Desk of Pastor Lindsey***

*“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” John 14:27*

What comes to mind when you think of November? It is probably Thanksgiving Day. Right? The PERFECT Thanksgiving. For most Americans, Thanksgiving is a joyous time of celebration. It is a time when we gather around a table that is overflowing with turkey, stuffing, potatoes, pies and all sorts of delicious foods. It is a time for football, parades, and all-around mirth.

As Christians, Thanksgiving is a time to reflect and give thanks to God for abounding love and faithfulness to us. For many, however, Thanksgiving brings about vastly different emotions. It is a time of stress, anxiety, and depression. It reminds them of their dearly departed. Of being alone when you most want to be with your loved ones.

Thanksgiving is not a thankful holiday for these people. Why is that? What is it about this holiday or this time of year that causes these emotions? Certainly, dealing with a pandemic right in the middle of Thanksgiving does not make you feel particularly joyous.

But I want to remind you of the story of Martha and Mary. Two sisters seeking to enjoy being in the presence of Jesus. Enter the expectations. Mary casts aside the expectations of a host and simply sits at Jesus’ feet. Martha, however, seeks to be a good host while also wanting to be a part of the festivities.

In most teachings and sermons, Martha is portrayed as a busybody and complainer. However, I believe that what she is experiencing is very real. She wants to live up to what society has said is a good host. She wants that PERFECT Thanksgiving.

I think that when Jesus tells her that Mary has chosen what is better, he is inviting her to forget the expectations and simply be with him. He isn’t telling her that she is wrong or that she is worse than Mary. He is telling her that it is okay if the dishes wait, it is okay if the turkey is dry.

Thanksgiving is a time to simply be reminded that Jesus loves us. We give thanks to God, not because of the food, decorations, or visiting guests, but simply because he loves us. He is right there with you celebrating your life.

Pray that God will help you today and take Jesus everywhere you go. Oh, I know He’s already there—but, put your hand in His, and think about Him being right there beside you all day. Observe how much harder it is to join in the revelry of the world around you without Jesus.

Yours in Christ,

***Pastor Madelynne Lindsey***





Stay tuned for information regarding the Springfield Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service.



<b>3-Linda Chelis</b>	<b>13-Leo Shapiro</b>
<b>6-Ronald Dubiel</b>	<b>14-Heather Francis</b>
<b>7-Russell A. Werner, Sr.</b>	<b>16-Kayleigh Scott</b>
<b>9-Christian Finnerty</b>	<b>21-Arthur Biber</b>
<b>11-Dale Doremus</b>	<b>24-Harrison Jones</b>
<b>12-Isla Scott</b>	<b>25-Richelle Jones</b>
<b>12-Diane Mauriello</b>	<b>26-Greg Clarke</b>
<b>13-Ted Doll</b>	<b>28- Margaret Doremus</b>

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**CHURCH OFFICERS' VIRTUAL MEETINGS VIA ZOOM:**

**Session:** Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm via zoom.

***Reminders from the Office:***

- Floral arrangements may be ordered by calling the office 973-379-4320.
- The cost is \$40 and must be received by the preceding Wednesday to be added to the bulletin.
- To make an appointment with Pastor Lindsey, please call her cell: 973-714-0741.



**In Memoriam...John H. Bunnell** The sympathy of the Congregation is extended to the family and friends of John Bunnell, who passed away on October 15, 2021. John had a 40 year career with the Madison Public Schools, retiring in 1990 as Supervisor of Music. He was a beloved music mentor to thousands of students and colleagues and received many honors for his work with the Union County Band, the Orpheus Glee Club and the Madison Community Band.

After his retirement, he completed his doctorate at the Institute for Worship Studies at the age of 79. He taught private lessons in voice and instruments well into his 90's. While John began his service to this church in 1963 as the Minister of Music, he formalized his membership in 2004 and served as an Elder beginning in 2005. John brought out the best in the church choir as the Director for 45 years, and continued singing in the choir for the next 10 years with the loving support of his wife, Ginny. His legacy includes three children, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be planned at a later date.



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