

## Soul Food



I live my life in widening circles  
that reach out across the world.  
I may not complete this last one  
but I give myself to it.

I circle around God, around the primordial tower.  
I've been circling for thousands of years  
and still I don't know: am I a falcon,  
a storm, or a great song?

- By Rainer Maria Rilke, translated by Joanna Macy

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# WEEKLY WORD



Kid-friendly meditation was introduced at last Sunday's YPW as a way to quietly get in touch with our inner selves. The kids really got into it!

## Worship and the Arts

**This Sunday marks** the end of the Christian calendar year. Next Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, we begin a New Year with the season of Advent. In worship we will honor this time of endings by opening space to reflect on a year past, arriving more fully in the present. You will have an opportunity to receive a blessing, if you wish. All are welcome to come and worship.

**Interfaith Thanksgiving Service:** Join with our interfaith neighbors for the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service **Sunday, November 23, 2014, 7:00 p.m.** at Berlin Mosque, 1781 Berlin Tpke, Berlin, CT. The service will be a celebration of gratitude and serving others. An offering of **new large size socks** will be accepted and will be donated to area shelters. There will be a reception following the service. The service is co-sponsored with the New Britain Area Interfaith Conference (NEWBAIC), the Glastonbury Clergy Association and the Berlin Clergy Association.

## Children and Youth

Thanksgiving fun and festivities are in store for this Sunday's YPW under the capable direction of Erin Pratt and Cameron Morosky while Mrs. Fisher is away.

The upcoming season of gift-giving might be an appropriate time to intentionally practice looking for the "gifts" amidst life's "yucks," as encouraged by this latest smart phone message:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b-4Ve02lIPs>

## Fun and Fellowship

**Rev. Lindsey is at Daybreak** from 12:30-2:00 p.m. Come by for coffee and conversation!

### Save the Date

**Christmas on Minnechaug Mountain:** Friday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. Seating is first come, first served so plan to arrive early.

**Cookie Walk & Christmas Craft Bazaar:** Saturday, December 13 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. There will be cookies for sale and many vendors. Come and do some holiday shopping! Please consider baking cookies for this annual event.

## Ministries of Care and Justice

**Caring Ministry:** We ask for your continued prayers for Bob Orr and Barbara Hartenstein and for their families as they continue treatment for cancer.

**Thanksgiving Baskets:** Reminder that all items for the Thanksgiving Baskets for MACC families need to be in the church kitchen by Sunday morning so we can assemble the baskets and deliver them that day.

**We will also participate** in Foodshare's annual "A Turkey and Thirty" project, collecting frozen turkeys and monetary donations for Food Share to distribute to its many clients. **All donations will be collected on Sunday, November 23.**

**Reminder:** We are still selling Simply Smiles Coffee! Proceeds from your purchase support Simply Smiles, a not-for-profit organization based in Norwalk, CT that is dedicated to providing bright futures for impoverished children in Oaxaca, Mexico and on the Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota. Simply Smiles' delicious blend of Mexican and Colombian coffees is fair trade, organic, and Rainforest Alliance certified....and it helps kids! Each 10-ounce bag sold provides three full meals for a child in need, and \$1 from the sale of each bag goes back to our outreach programs.

## Stewardship of Our Resources

**Blessed To Be A Blessing – Stewardship Update:** Have you submitted your 2015 pledge yet? If not, we need you! Please send in your completed 2015 pledge card to the Church offices ("Attn: Stewardship") or place it in the offering plate during this Sunday's worship service. Thanks to those who have already submitted their 2015 Pledge. Thus far we have received 50 pledges. Thank you for sharing your gifts – you are truly a blessing to Buckingham!

**Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT): Did you know Buckingham offers the convenience of electronic giving?** Electronic giving allows you to make your donation on a scheduled, automatic basis. If you are writing checks and preparing envelopes every week, you will really appreciate giving electronically! It is convenient for you and provides the church with donation consistency. There is no cost to you. To participate please call or stop by the office to pick up an EFT form, take a form from the bulletin board in the narthex or print one from our website [www.buckinghamchurch.org](http://www.buckinghamchurch.org), go to the archived documents page and the form is the first document on the list. Please remember to include a voided check if you want your offering to come out of your checking account or a voided deposit slip for savings.

## Spiritual Formation

**Tonight! 7-8:30pm in Fellowship Hall.** All adults are welcome for this time to reflect and to get to know others. The theme for tonight is "Images of God." We talk about God all the time in church, but there are so many different ways to imagine God. What really comes to mind for you when you hear the word "God"? What other words might you use? Rev. Lindsey facilitates the conversation.

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