

# Praise Reports

- Darlene had a successful surgery
- We had a huge turnout for our recent workbee. Lots and lots of areas were cleaned out and decluttered throughout the church. We were able to do so much because we had about 20+ people show up to help.
- We have two active prayer groups in the church committed to praying together most days.
- We've have new people attending our church.



### Praise Reports from our members:

Matt (a relative of Karen and Alian) just finished his last round of chemo and has began physical therapy with his prosthetic leg. He is progressing well. Also, we want to praise God for financial blessings for him as he has had limited medical bills and his prosthetic was mostly covered by insurance and a grant from a local charitable organization. This is a huge blessing as he is a young adult just getting going in life.



*Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

# Prayer Requests

Pray for....

- Mark Lecerte as he just lost his dad.
- ideas and ways we can make a difference in other people's lives for God's kingdom.
- some of our church members who have silent prayer requests.
- how our church can make a difference in the Concord community



*Unceasing PRAYER is the unbroken union of the soul with God, so that life from God flows into our life; and from our life, purity and holiness flow back to God.  
Steps to Christ p. 98*

# Church Improvements

Written by Karen Purba



## Church Workbee

Recently, many church members came together for a church workbee. Many areas of the church have been accumulating materials for quite some time to the point where closets and cabinets were stuffed full.

Teams of members were quickly organized so that most closets and spaces were gone through. Some materials were organized or donated to the Goodwill. Outdated or items in disrepair were thrown out leaving the needed items organized so we can quickly find them and space to add other necessary materials for future use.

In addition, there was an outdoor team that worked outside sweeping the sand off the parking lot as well as cleaning leaves out of flower beds and the grass.

Both the inside and outside looked so good! A big thank you for all that came out to help get so much done in a relatively short amount of time.



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## Decorating Committee

The Decorating Committee continues to make good use of the funds donated to this beautifying ministry.

Earlier this winter, the committee spruced up the Pastor's Office in anticipation of our new pastor's arrival. Walls were painted and new furniture were purchased.

Most recently, the coat rack in the upper entry way was disassembled and hooks were installed which makes it more updated and a fresh new look.

We are thankful that we've been able to beautify one room at a time in our church over the past few years.



# Sabbath Wellness Walk



Join this Sabbath **May 1st at 3:30** for an afternoon walk at the **Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary**. There are numerous wooded trails that meander around the Ipswich River, ponds, and wetlands. Bring your birdseed to feed the birds right out of your hands (the birds like black sunflower seeds best). You might catch a glimpse of deer as sunset approaches.

This is an excellent opportunity to invite our friends who do not know Jesus to be able to interact with Christians outside of church.

**Go to <https://www.massaudubon.org/get-outdoors/wildlife-sanctuaries/ipswichriver> to reserve your Parking Pass/Entry Ticket.** The cost is \$12.24 per vehicle or free if you are a Massachusetts Audubon Member or an active US military member. Online ticket sales are active anywhere from 3-7 days prior to the date of visit, and only 16 cars are allowed per half hour. Start checking the site a week in advance and purchase your ticket for 3:30pm. Spots sell out fast in the spring, so reserve well in advance.

Please note: Restrooms at the sanctuary are closed due to COVID. Stop & Shop; 301 Newbury Street, Danvers is close by. You may want to stop there prior or after the visit.

For more information, reach out to Karen Purba at [karenpurba@hotmail.com](mailto:karenpurba@hotmail.com). See you there!

# Youth Social

Written by Rebecca Sbacchi

## Fellowship at the Farm

What an amazing turnout we had for our youth event! Last Sabbath, our youth and families gathered together for an afternoon of fellowship at the Haggett Farm. Our luncheon was followed by a hike to the beaver pond with Ken Haggett as our tour guide. God blessed our day with beautiful weather and lots of smiling faces. Praise the Lord for our youth and for our wonderful church family.

Rebecca Sbacchi  
Youth Ministries Director



*“Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him.”  
Psalm 127:3*

## Baptismal Bags

Written by Laura Underwood

### We are Ready to Grow

We now have a special blessing for those who are getting baptized. We have put together some tote bags with some special towels with a scripture embroidered on them for their keeping. In addition, the bags have some Amazing Facts magazines that are beautifully illustrated and helpful for Bible study along with some other gifts to celebrate these new members.

We also have some totes to give those who will be making a Profession of Faith filled with good things to grow in God's word.

We were able to give five of these bags to our sister church in Laconia.



## Blessing Bags

Written by Karen Purba

Sharon has some blessing bags available to hand out if anyone is interested in giving them to the homeless. Please let her know if you'd like some.

