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This Week's Activities:

Sunday, October 30: Halloween Fun!! First, a pumpkin carving contest at 2:00. Then around 5:00, a pumpkin roll race, a pumpkin piñata, and a costume contest (including prizes, so get creative!). We'll have ghoulishly yummy treats and a delicious dinner as well. So head on down to Faith House and get in on the fun!

Tuesday, Nov. 1, Girls Lunch out and YMCA program, 12:30.

Tuesday, Nov. 1, Jamison Dean brings his musical talent to Hope House at 6:30. Come enjoy the music and some dessert!

Thursday, Nov. 3: YMCA program, 12:30

Friday, Nov. 4, Brooke is back from the Hart Gallery. This week, you'll be focusing on gratitude and working on table decorations for our Thanksgiving meal. Join us in the Treehouse at 10:00

GIVE YOURSELVES A PAT ON THE BACK! Susan and I want to let you all know how much we appreciate how you have stepped up and pitched in while we are short-staffed. Everyone is doing what he or she can, often without being asked, and we are noticing! **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**



Below are some pictures of the beauty and bounty that surround us, even in unexpected places. First, a bowl of veggies picked just this past Friday from our garden—what a harvest this late in the year. Next, a beautiful “rose” that caught my eye when I was cutting celery one morning for a pasta salad. And last, an early morning shot of the sun highlighting the colors of the turning leaves across the street. A few seconds later, as I tried to adjust the zoom the lighting had changed and the shot was gone!



Today's issue is being written in thanks for several learned lessons of ministry from St. Peter's Episcopal Church's interim rector, Rev. John Bonner. In addition to providing meaningful and memorable sermons, his willingness to instruct a Sunday School class prior to the 11:00am service has provided a positive learning experience for all attendees. Although the lessons we've learned are a result of John's immense spiritual knowledge and class discussions, I feel very comfortable sharing part of what we've discussed with my Connor's Corner readers. I wish to first point out that in realizing that while Jesus does focus a lot of time on the importance of sharing care and love for all while here on earth, He spends more time on issues of money and its use than any other subject during His ministry. Rev. John Bonner is quick to remind us of the truth behind the Biblical message, "The love of money is the root of all evil," but also reiterates the fact that when Jesus says: "You cannot serve God and wealth," He is trying to teach the Pharisees that we ALL need to realize the blessing of life requires us to recognize and set priorities as we try to honor God's issues before our own. I do feel you'll agree this is a wake-up call to many of us, today, who are self-centered and only worried about ourselves. For this reason, I am asking you to join me in trying to avoid our heavenly Father's disappointment by us truly thinking about our every action and how it shows active respect for God's desire for us all to be more like Him. I personally feel we are all blessed to be called/referred to as His children. For eternal happiness, REMEMBER THAT.

Faithfully, ECR

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