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***WE'RE BACK !
DRIVE-UP DINNER
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH***

GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH

***HAM , BAKED BEANS, SALAD, BROWN BREAD & HOMEMADE
APPLE CRISP***



\$12.00 PER PLATE

PLEASE CALL IN YOUR ORDER AHEAD TO:

Fran at 357-6492 or Bobbi at 297-0445

***DRIVE UP & PAY AT THE DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE TO
FELLOWSHIP HALL & YOUR ORDER WILL BE BROUGHT OUT
TO YOU***

SERVING FROM 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Westfield Technical Academy
Annual Arts and Crafts Fair

Sunday, November 27, 2022
9a.m.–3 p.m.

Over 100 vendors * Free Parking

Westfield Technical Academy
33 Smith Ave.
Westfield, MA



Southwick Congregational Church
488 College Highway
Southwick, MA 01077

The Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, December 3, 2022
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

GRANVILLE  TOLLAND
 LIONS CLUB
 Presents

Breakfast
 with **Santa**
Saturday
December 10th



7:30AM - 10:30AM

At the
Fellowship Hall in the
Granville Federated Church

Adults \$9.00
Kids 6-12 \$6.00

Pancakes Sausage Bacon Coffee Juice

Children 5 and under eat for free!

Picture with Santa \$4.00

8:30-10:30am

Tickets at the Door

Proceeds to benefit

Eye Research • Emergency Community Services • Student Award



GRANVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Thanksgiving Fire Safety Tips!

By Lt. Peter Sorrajja- GFD Firefighter/EMT

Once again holiday season is upon us, and it is our job to keep you informed of the inherent risks that accompany each one. For November, we are going to cover the topic of Thanksgiving and the different fire hazards that we see year after year. However, before I get into each topic, I would like to start off by wishing the residents of Granville a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving. Now let us get into it:

Fire Safety Hazard #1: Cooking Fires

Cooking fires are the leading cause of injuries and property damage on Thanksgiving. Please see below for tips on how you can either prevent these fires or limit the damage they may cause.

Tip #1: Never leave food that is cooking unattended for long durations of time.

Tip #2: Keep flammable objects away from the stove when they are not in use.

Examples: Wooden Utensils, Oven Mitts, and towels or food packaging.

Tip #3: Should a grease fire occur, DO NOT USE WATER!

Grease fires can be extinguished simply by being smothered with a lid.

Tip #4: If you are deep frying a turkey, do it outside and away from your home or any other flammable objects.

Fire Safety Hazard #2: Burns

Burns are yet another hazard that we see an exponential rise in occurrence in during the holidays. Here are quick tips on preventing the chances of burns occurring during the holiday.

Tip #1: Keep children away from the stove or other cooking elements being used.

Tip #2: Be cautious of steam and splashing of boiling liquids.

Tip #3: Do not leave kids unattended in a room with a lit candle.

Fire Safety Hazard #3: Car Accidents

While not everyone travels during the holidays, we want those of you that do to be safe and avoid accidents and or injuries.

Tip #1: Do not text and drive. Distracted driving is a leading cause of car accidents and can easily be prevented by waiting until you arrive to where you are going. In the event of an emergency pull over to a safe location before using your phone.

Tip #2: Wear a seat belt. Seatbelts prevent major injuries and can even be life saving

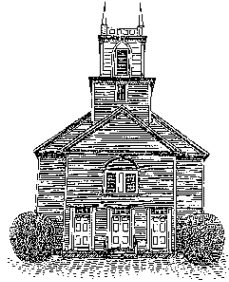
Tip #3: Avoid driving under the influence. Drunk driving can not only create a dangerous situation for yourself, but it also puts any one around you at risk. Call a friend or family member to pick you up if you need a ride.

Quick General Tips:

Tip #1: Ensure smoke and CO detectors are in proper working order.

Tip #2: In the event of a fire, safely evacuate your house and ensure the door is closed behind you. This both contains the fire and can limit the damage it creates.

We hope that you will take the time to consider these hazards and more importantly, we would like to wish you and your families a safe and happy Thanksgiving.



West Granville Congregational Church

1580 Main Road, Route 57 - West Granville

Services will be on the 2nd Sunday of each month:

November 13 and

December 11

All services are at 7PM.

Refreshments and fellowship in the Academy Hall after each service.



Both the Church and Academy are available for rental.

Please call Deborah Boulanger at 357-6360 for more information.

Check our Facebook Page for updates on upcoming services and events!

<https://www.facebook.com/WestGranvilleCongregationalChurch1778/>



Granville-Tolland

Dollars for Scholars®

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS AND FUTURE BOARD MEMBERS!

With the departure of several long-serving board members in the past couple years, we are asking you to consider volunteering your time so we can ensure future college students from Granville and Tolland can continue to receive scholarships from us. All eligible students with a complete application receive an award, and the average scholarship this year was \$3000! From stuffing envelopes at our February Mail-a-thon to planning fundraisers to becoming a board member, we would appreciate your time and energy!

Email Lee at GranvilleTollandDFS@gmail.com for more information, or if you would like to join us.

Old News From the Historical Room:

Have you discovered the Granville History web site yet? If not, you can find it online at <https://GranvilleHistory.Omeka.net> Since it's creation in 2017 over 4000 scanned images relating to Granville's long history have been added to the site, with more being added all the time.

The site is co-sponsored by the Granville Library Club, the Noble & Cooley Center for Historic Preservation (NCCHP) and donations from generous individuals.

Donations and/or loans of photos for digitization and addition to the site are very welcome and can be dropped off at the Granville Library during regular hours and then picked up when scanning is completed.



Mr. Bowen's class at the old Village School which was at the intersection of Granby Road and Water Street, some time in the late 1880's. A list of the students can be seen at the web site (search on "Mr. Bowen.")



Granville Public Library 2 Granby Rd · 357-8531

Website: www.GranvillePublicLibrary.org

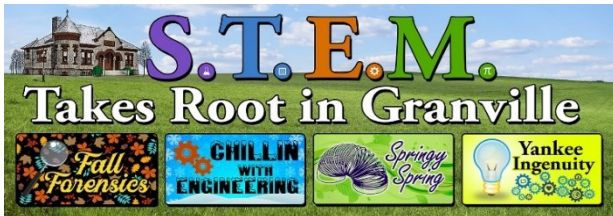
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Email for ALL program registration: GranvillePrograms@cwmares.org

Email for YOUTH program information: GranvilleYouth@cwmares.org

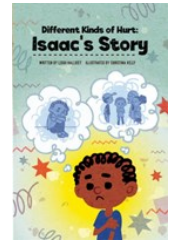
Our Hours: Monday, Thursday, and Saturday 10 AM-Noon

Monday 5-8 PM, Wednesday 3-8 PM, Thursday 3-6 PM



Different Kinds of Hurt: Isaac's Story Story Walk Nov 5-Nov 14

On behalf of the Department of Mental Health, this story shows how an honest conversation about "different kinds of hurting" can really help the one hurting.



Story Hour with Spider Spy-
Can't leave the little ones out of the Forensics Fun!
Saturday Nov 5- 10:30-11:30-
Stories and activities!



Book Club with Gloria-
Wednesday Nov 9, 7:00 PM
"The Kitchen House" by
Kathleen Grissom

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS for YOUTH Grade 4-8 on Wednesdays Continues!

From STEM, to ARTs & CRAFTS to GAMES.

Bus Transportation provided to Granville and Tolland Youth
Registration required.

- Nov 2- Spectacular snakes with Reptile Nook
- Nov 9- Woodcraft- Rain Gutter Chains and name plates
- Nov 16- Mad Science Undercover Agent- See below
- Nov 23- NO Program
- Nov 30- Origami and more

Monday November 14, 6:30 PM
Town of Iron Toys- The
Mechanical Banks of Cromwell's
CT J. & E. Stevens Co.



Listen to Cromwell CT's town
Historian, Richard F Donohue tell
their unique story and see all the
really cool old mechanical bank
he will be bringing!

This event is supported by the Granville Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.



Wednesday, Nov 16,
2022 3:30-5:00
Undercover Agent

Undercover Calling all agents! Get into gear with Agent Undercover and learn more about what it takes to be successful in the spy world. Children learn about night-vision, audio surveillance and even create their own Spy gadget. Step into the shoes of a spy in action with your Undercover Observer take-home.

STEM Take Root in Granville is supported by a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)

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Joe Pietroniro

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The family of Bernadette Beckman would like to thank everyone for their sympathy and condolences on her recent passing. Your cards, prayers, phone calls, food, etc. were so appreciated. Our special thanks to the Town of Granville EMTs, fire and police for the quick response in our time of need. With our sincere thanks - The Beckman Family

In Assisted Living

Skip and Alice Demarais,
The Arbors, 40 Court Street
Apt 108, Westfield, MA 01085

The Granville Public Library would like to take up a little extra space to thank different entities that make our Library a great place to be:

The **Granville Cultural Council**, a local agency, made up of our community members, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, for their support of programs



Granville Police and Fire Departments for their participation in our programs, answering many false alarms, and for our new AED.



The **Granville Library Club**, consisting of women from Granville, and, since 1896, have supported this library with the financial resources to build the library and keep improving it, including our programs.

The **Association for Rural & Small Libraries** for the grant to restore our front doors.



Last, but not least, the **voters of Granville** who agreed to give us a chance and allow the town to hire a part-time Youth Program Librarian in addition to our current wonderful staff. This new staff member is fulfilling all expectations and the magic of young voices now bounce off our walls every Wednesday and the number of families visiting keep increasing!

Thank-you, The Library Director!

GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH

American Baptist and United Church of Christ
16 Granby Rd., Granville, MA
Interim Pastor: Dr. Rev. Johnny Wilson
Church Services: 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings
Coffee Hour following the service.

EVENTS**BIBLE STUDY**

Pastor Johnny has been leading us in a study of the book of James. We meet on the first and third Wednesday evenings starting at 6:30 p.m. Please join us.

DRIVE UP DINNER

Our next Drive Up Dinner will be Sunday, November 6th. Menu includes Ham, Baked Beans, Salad, Brown bread, and Homemade Apple Crisp. All for \$12. Pick up time will be from 12 to 1. To make reservations, please call Fran at 357-6492 or Bobbi at 357-0194

A LOOK AHEAD

Sunday, December 18th, 2:00 pm - Novi Cantori concert
Saturday, December 24th, 5:00 pm- Christmas Eve service

MISSIONS NEWS**AGAPE SCHOOL**

We are continuing to help the orphans and students at the Agape School in Uganda. If you would like to donate to help, please call Bobbi at 357-0194

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We will be sponsoring our annual collection of shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child in November. Shoeboxes are packed with toys, supplies, hygienic items, clothing such as socks, hats, sports items, etc. These boxes are then shipped all over the world to under-privileged children in poor and remote areas of the world and distributed by pastors and church workers there. Millions of boxes are collected and distributed each year. We have specially printed empty shoeboxes (although any will do) and brochures with instructions and suggestions available at the church or on the porch at 23 Water St. Collection dates are November 13th to the 19th. Drop them off at the church or leave on the porch at 23 Water St. Thank you.

INFORMATION**BIG Y GIFT CARDS**

Big Y gift cards are available. Please see Eileen Jerome to purchase them. A percentage of the sale goes to help support the church.

FELLOWSHIP HALL RENTALS

The Fellowship Hall is available for rent for functions. It is complete with 2 restrooms, tables, chairs, kitchen facilities and parking. For more information contact Bobbi at 413 357-0194.

CONTACT US

We try to help anyone in town who is in need of help in shopping, transportation, running errands, food, emergency fuel, etc. but we need to know. Please call.

To contact the church to leave a message for Pastor Johnny, please call 357-8583. You can also call a Deacon (Dale Florida 357-8775, Eileen Jerome 413 896-0002, Fran Wackerbarth 357-6492, Alan Gregg 357-6156, Laura Fielding 357-6368), or our head Trustee Bobbi O'Connell 357-0194.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday evenings-AA-8:00 pm
Tuesday evenings-Church Board and Committee meetings
Wednesday evenings- Bible Study-6: 30 pm (1st and 3rd Wednesdays).
Thursday evenings- Choir-6:30pm

~Lunch Bunch~

Come join the Lunch Bunch at Granville Federated Church on Wednesday, November 9th at noon.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Men, Women Children of All Ages.....

Bring your sandwich, we'll provide:

Dessert –Pies!

Beverage

Fellowship

Be great to see YOU!!!



Bernadette (Karpinski) Beckman

Bernadette, age 86, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Saturday, September 24, 2022 at Memory support of Heritage Hall. She was born in Bellows Falls, VT to the late Antoni and Czeslawa (Szulborski) Karpinski, the last of their eleven children. Bernadette began her career at Mass Mutual after graduating from Northampton Commercial College. After marrying and moving to Granville, she started her family and later worked as a mail contractor for the US Postal Service delivering mail to Granville and Tolland for nearly 20 years. She loved to travel and visited most of the U.S states and took her bucket list trip to Hawaii in 2012. She loved to play the piano, tell a joke, rake leaves and tend to her flower gardens. Mostly, Bernadette loved caring for her family and spending time with them. She was an essential part of running the family businesses. Sadly, she was predeceased by her husband John L. Beckman, Jr. and her ten siblings. Bernadette is survived by her four loving children, John L. Beckman, III and his wife Susan of Blandford, Ernest A. Beckman of Lee, Mark A. Beckman and his wife Sarah of Granville and Debra E. Midkiff and her husband Tobias of Belleville, IL and her six cherished grandchildren, Alexander and Samantha Midkiff, Sierra and Nicholas Beckman, Talan and Holden Beckman and many nieces and nephews.

