

From the Hill

First Congregational Church of Georgetown

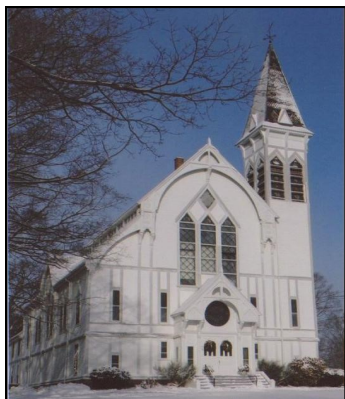
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As we say goodbye to January and greet February, I can't help but think of the marvelous wisdom of both Mary Oliver, whom we lost in January, and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, whose federal holiday we celebrated in January. Each national treasure saw the beauty in the

world and urged us to see it as well. Each saw God in the world, in creation, and made God-in-creation come alive in ways that compel us to pay attention, to notice each other and ourselves, and to seek love. While we tend to think of them offering us different gifts, and they certainly did, I think it's also worth saying that Mary Oliver was a prophet and King was a poet. And they were both ministers of Good News. I am hard pressed to pick a favorite poem or quote, but I'm going to attempt it. I would love to hear your favorites as well, as we consider what visions each of these have to share that might reflect us as a church and call us into continued growth as the body of Christ.

As always, I love spending time with each of you and I'm always glad for the chance to see you during the week. So please reach out if you'd ever like a visit or to share coffee or lunch.

Blessings of peace and love,
Julie

"The Summer Day"

Who made the world?

Who made the swan, and the black bear?
Who made the grasshopper?

This grasshopper, I mean-
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up
and down-
who is gazing around with her enormous and
complicated eyes.
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly
washes her face.
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.

I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down
into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through
the fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.

Tell me, what else should I have done?
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?
*Tell me, what is it you plan to do
with your one wild and precious life?*

—Mary Oliver

Greetings From The Diaconate

As we bid farewell to 2018 and welcome 2019, putting our decorations away and preparing for the next season, I am very appreciative for everyone who makes our church a welcoming and sacred place.

Our church was beautifully decorated with wreaths, poinsettias, garlands, a Christmas tree, candles, and the crèche. Thank you to Janice for ordering the poinsettias, to those who set them up, and everyone who decorated the church. It provided an atmosphere of festive reverence as we remember Jesus' birth.

The Friday before Christmas we had a Blue Christmas casual service with music, candles, and a time of sharing and reflection. Thank you to the Pastor for creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere and to everyone that participated.

Thank you to everyone who organized the Christmas Eve Candlelit service. Thank you to Janice for preparing the candles; to Rachel for finding readers, to Kristen and Marie for helping to organize, and to Julie for providing a heartwarming message. It is such a joy to be in a community with so many loving hands that welcome people into our Church home and hearts.

So, thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas services, the joyful attitudes, and willing spirits help to build our faith community.

The first week of January we hosted a Pot-Luck service! We welcomed the New Year with delicious homemade food, singing songs of Christmas, and filling the fellowship hall with laughter!

I start my drive to work in the dark of morning, each day I arrive at the office in more Sunlight, bringing the promise of spring. May God bless each and every one of you this year with health, hope, and blessings.

-Your Diaconate Chair, Alecia Balduf





Super Sub Day!

Sunday, February 3rd 2019

First Congregational Church Of Georgetown

Are you ready for some football?

We will be taking orders for ham, turkey & Italian subs which can be picked up or delivered to your door in time for kickoff!!

Please use the form on the reverse side to place your order today.

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Super Bowl Checklist:

Awesome Television

Great group of FANS!

Plenty of Beverages!

Subs ordered & delivered!

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The Subs are \$8.00 each and
the proceeds benefit the
The Legacy Fund.



First Congregational Church

SUPER SUB DAY

February 3, 2019

<u>Name</u>	<u># of Sandwiches</u>	<u>Amount Due:</u> <u>(\$8.00/Sandwich)</u>	<u>Paid</u>
<u>Pickup / Delivery</u>	<u>Address & Phone</u>		

Circle or Check selections below for each sandwich (use multiple sheets as necessary)
 Return Sign-Up sheets to the Church Office by **January 27, 2019**
 Checks Payable to: **First Congregational Church**
 Subs will be available for Pickup/Delivery on February 3, 2019

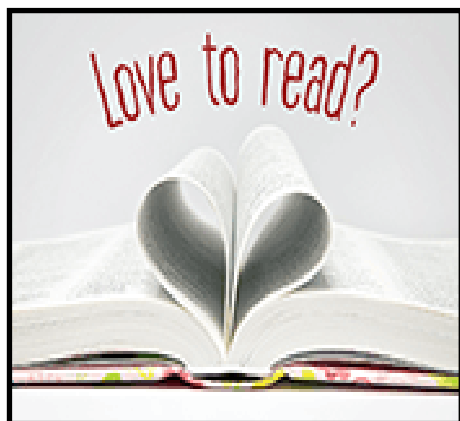
p	Sandwich 1	p	Sandwich 2	p	Sandwich 3	p	Sandwich 4
	Italian		Italian		Italian		Italian
	Ham		Ham		Ham		Ham
	Turkey		Turkey		Turkey		Turkey
	American Cheese		American Cheese		American Cheese		American Cheese
	Provolone Cheese		Provolone Cheese		Provolone Cheese		Provolone Cheese
	Lettuce		Lettuce		Lettuce		Lettuce
	Tomato		Tomato		Tomato		Tomato
	Pickles		Pickles		Pickles		Pickles
	Onion		Onion		Onion		Onion
	Italian Dressing		Italian Dressing		Italian Dressing		Italian Dressing
	Mayonnaise		Mayonnaise		Mayonnaise		Mayonnaise
	Mustard		Mustard		Mustard		Mustard
	Condiments on the Side		Condiments on the Side		Condiments on the Side		Condiments on the Side

Special instructions: _____



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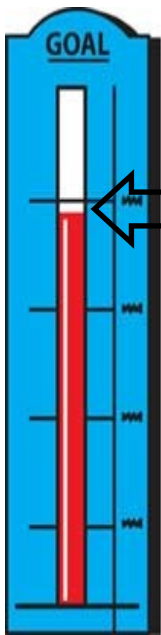
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7pm AA	2
3 9:30am Choir 10:30am Worship Annual Meeting Super Sub Day	4	5 6:30am Bells 7:30am Band	6 7pm Boy Scouts	7 5:15pm Staff Mtg	8 4pm GS 62977 7pm AA	9
10 9:30am Bells 10:30am Worship	11	12 6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Band 6pm Finance	13 7pm Boy Scouts	14	15 Newsletter Deadline 7pm AA	16
17 9:30am Band 10:30am Worship	18 Office Closed	19 No Rehearsal	20 7pm Boy Scouts	21 7pm Council	22 7pm AA	23
24 10:30am Worship	25	26	27 6:30pm Choir 7:00pm Bells 7pm Boy Scouts	28 6pm Christian Development Meeting		



Each month we have a group of people who meet to talk about books selected by members. Meetings are held in different houses or at the church. If you are interested in attending a meeting, contact the Church Office or any of the people listed below to get directions to that month's meeting.

All are welcome and you do not have to RSVP to attend. Below is a list of the books they will be discussing in the coming months in case you want to get the book ahead of time or you might just be looking for a good read.

2019			
Jan. 30, 2019	<i>The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland</i> Non-fiction	Jim DeFede ©2003 256 pp.	JoEllen Fielding & Peggy Smith Church JoEllen: 978-352-6904
Feb. 27, 2019	<i>Monticello: a Daughter and Her Father, a novel</i>	Sally Cabot Gunning ©2016 384 pp.	Alecia Balduf & Mary Ann Nelson 3 Bayberry Lane Alecia: 978-835-9094
Mar. 27, 2019	<i>Evening Class</i>	Maeve Binchy ©1997 432 pp.	Nancy Aberman 199 W. Main St. Nancy: 978-352-2793
Apr. 24, 2019	<i>Another Side of Paradise</i>	Sally Koslow ©2018 352 pp.	Pam & Carol Sheehan Church Sheehan: 978-352-6329
May 29, 2010	<i>A Gentleman in Moscow</i>	Amor Towles ©2016 480 pp.	Dee Wyatt Camp Denison Lodge, 84 Nelson St Dee: 617-957-6090
June 26, 2019	<i>Educated, a Memoir</i> Non-fiction	Tara Westover ©2018 352 pp.	Ruth Soper, Gladie Kneeland & Sylvia Johnston Church Ruth: 978-352-2500



Current Level!
Thanks Everyone!

Legacy Fund

Our Goal is
\$50,000

The purpose of the Legacy Fund is to provide a sustainable and reliable source of additional income to support the mission and activities of the First Congregational Church of Georgetown.

Objective: Perform work on the church's infrastructure to keep the facility attractive, functioning, and safe.

If you would like to help us revitalize our church, please send donations to the church office or add to the collection plate with a specific notation on your donation that it's for the Legacy Fund.

ORIGINAL PROPOSED PROJECTS

- Replace main doors for functionality and appearance.
- Replace/upgrade Front & Clark St stairs.
- Repair walkways.
- Replace heat/AC system in "new" part of church.
- Replace Fire Alarm Panel.
- Repair Fire Alarm System.

PROJECTS IN EVALUATION

- Repair/replace walkways.
- Replace kitchen sink.

FUTURE PROJECTS NOT YET FUNDED

- Cottage St. entrance with awning.
- Reconfigure walkway to correct drainage issues on Cottage St.



ITEMS FINISHED

- New doors installed on Front and Clark St.
- Stairs refinished & painted on Clark St.
- Front stairs and Entrance structure repaired/rebuilt.
- Fire alarm system upgraded and replaced.
- Cleaning and repairing gutters and down spouts.
- Repair and reinstall storm windows.

ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED 2018/2019

- New heat & AC system in office & classrooms installed.
- Re-roof above office which has been leaking.



February

BIRTHDAYS

Tim Angerhofer
Brett Davis
Teddy Edwards
Gayle Fehlmann
Julie Fehlmann
Carol Kalfin

Hudson Murphy
Shirley Powell
Chris Southwick
George Tobin
Roberta Tobin



Light The Church Fund

Contributions for lighting the church can be made in memory of loved ones or in honor of someone special. If you would like to make a contribution or need more information please contact JoEllen Fielding at 978-352-6904.



Storm Cancellations

In the event of a Saturday night or Sunday morning snowstorm or blizzard, you can check Channel 7 for storm closings. We will also send a church-wide email and update our church Facebook page.

THE OUTREACH TEAM

SIXTY BEAUTIFUL PACKAGES awaited H.O.M.E.'s ambassador during the third week of December, following our annual Christmas drive for toys, clothes and books for the children in Orland, Maine. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation all the children's wishes were granted! What a very special moment it is when Josh arrives in his old truck, and loads it up with bag after bag of gifts. Within days we received an email from the coordinator at H.O.M.E., Julie Ream. In part her letter reads:

Our Christmas Party this year will be held on the 21st. The children who attend are those who are in our daycare program, children who are living in our shelters and those who are living in our rentals. Santa Claus attends and gives each child a little gift, but they are not the presents you send. The gifts you give us are sent home with parents to give to their children on Christmas Day. I can tell you that I put special consideration into the children included on the list I send to Georgetown. I identify those families with parents who are struggling and working hard towards providing for their children, and those are the children I put on the Georgetown list. We are so grateful for your dedication. We know Christmas isn't all about gifts, but seeing how happy the children are is worth all the time, treasure and commitment it takes.

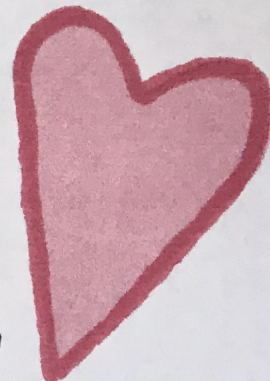
THANK YOU, EVERYONE!

Your Outreach Team: Marion Harding, Jean Perley, Carol Sheehan, Ann Kelloway, Mary Ann Nelson & Joan Chatterton





**THE HAPPY FUDGE SALE PLUS to benefit
HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL
IN TIME FOR VALENTINE'S DAY!
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10th**



THE OUTREACH TEAM WILL OFFER VALENTINE PACKAGED
HOMEMADE FUDGE FOR YOUR SHOPPING PLEASURE ON
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10th. WE'LL WELCOME OTHER
DONATIONS OF FUDGE OR SPECIALTY CANDY FROM YOUR
FAVORITE RECIPE. THE MORE VARIETY, THE MERRIER! HERE
ARE A FEW SUGGESTIONS ... along with fudge ...

*peanut butter brittle, rice krispie squares, candied popcorn,
fool's taffy, maple cream candies, butterscotch candy ...*



When you visit the HEIFER
PROJECT 2019 SALE table
you will be offered a voting
ballot by a Church School
student. VOTE!!!! For your
favorite Heifer animal. Funds
collected from this sale will
purchase the animal/animals
that receive the most votes!
Heifer animals light up the
Lives of people around the
Globe. They provide the
means for recipients to earn a
living for their families. IT
IS THE GIFT THAT KEEPS
ON GIVING!

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Our Church Mission Statement:
“To nurture those in our own faith community
and to act on our faith by reaching out to others.”
We are an Open and Affirming church of the United Church of Christ.