

# ***From the Hill***

## ***First Congregational Church of Georgetown***

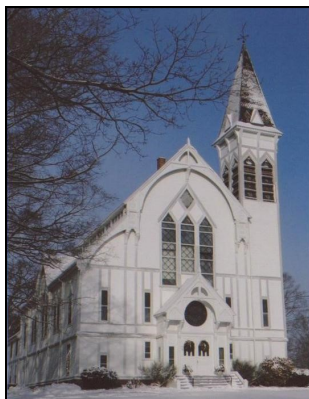
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**January 2019**



Happy New Year! It was so meaningful to journey together through the seasons of Advent and Christmas. I am grateful for your authenticity and your depth, which bring richness to our time together. And, of course, I love how much this church sings and laughs together, whether it's at the women's guild Christmas party, a diaconate meeting, or over the competitive but mutually appreciative process of gingerbread house creation. I still want to connect with each of you so please reach out and tell me when and where we can get together for a visit in this new year.

I pray we can bring the spirit of Advent and Christmas into 2019 in creative, faithful ways.

And so I share with you one of my very favorite poems.

All blessings to you and yours,  
Julie

"The Work of Christmas"

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among people,  
To make music in the heart.

—Howard Thurman (1899 – 1981)

## Greetings From The Diaconate

*"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. " **Isaiah 43:18-19***

Greetings from your Diaconate! Please join us January 6, 2019 as we celebrate and welcome the New Year with a Pot-Luck brunch service! As we remember precious memories from 2018, we anticipate many new exiting and joy filled happenings in 2019. Looking back over 2018, our church went through a major change with saying our farewells to Rev. Lorraine and having our warm welcome to Dr. Rev. Julie! Although we anticipated the Pastor change with uncertainty, together we grew stronger in faith and fellowship within God's presence and love.

We are so thankful for all the people who are willing to help, are faithful in their services to us, from decorating the church with colorful Christmas festivities, providing beautiful Altar arrangements, warmly welcoming people to the service, creating beautiful music, delivering heartfelt messages, and creating delightful fellowship. May God bless you all, your friends, and your families in the New Year!

Love, Your Diaconate

## Stewardship

**2018 Pledge Payment Reminder** – Just a gentle reminder to please bring your 2018 pledge payments up to date by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Your contributions to the ministries of this church are vital and much appreciated.

**2019 Pledge Cards** – We sincerely thank all those who have contributed to the 2019 pledge drive. If you have not already done so, please take a few moments to fill out your pledge card and place it in offering plate or mail it to the church. If you need a pledge card, please see a member of the Stewardship Team. Thank you for your generous spirit!

*Toni Cassidy   George Comiskey   Sylvia Johnston*



# *Super Sub Day!*

Sunday, February 5th 2017

First Congregational Church Of Georgetown

## ***Are you ready for some football?***

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

Please visit [www.georgetowncongregational.org](http://www.georgetowncongregational.org) for more info.

The form is available to download and print.

### Super Bowl Checklist:

- Awesome Television ☐
- Great group of FANS! ☐
- Plenty of Beverages! ☐
- Subs ordered & delivered! ☐



The Subs are \$8.00 each and  
the proceeds benefit the  
Youth Group and the 30-Hour Famine.

<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 &amp; 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

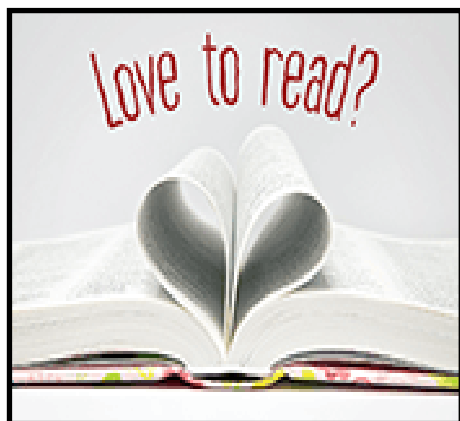
Special instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

# January

# 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <b>Office Closed</b>	2 7pm Boy Scouts	3	4 7pm AA	5
6 10:30am New Year's Breakfast 11:45am Deacon's Mtg	7 <b>Annual Report Deadline</b> 6pm Finance	8 6:30pm Choir 7pm Bells	9 7pm Boy Scouts	10 5:15pm Staff Mtg	11 7pm AA	12
13 10:30am Worship	14	15 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 6:30pm Choir 7:30pm Band	16 7pm Boy Scouts	17 7pm Council	18 7pm AA 4pm GS 62977	19
20 10:30am Worship	21	22 6:30pm Choir 7pm Bells	23 7pm Boy Scouts	24 6pm Christian Development Meeting	25 7pm AA	26
27 10:30am Worship	28	29 6:30pm Choir 7:30pm Band	30 7pm Boy Scouts	31		





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.

Date	Title	Author	Hostess/Location/Phone No.
Dec. 5, 2018	<i>I Don't Know How She Does It</i>	Allison Pearson ©2002 337 pp.	Karen Young 11 Monroe Street Karen: 978-352-2697
<b>2019</b>			
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

# Church Pantry

Tuesday and Thursday 9:30-11:30

With winter upon us, non-perishable protein foods will be appreciated. We have several families and single adults who use the pantry. Pets are cared for too!

*Gift Cards are gladly accepted to enable families to purchase fresh produce, meat, eggs and milk.*



## Suggestions:

Juice and juice boxes  
Canned tuna & chicken  
Mayonnaise  
Spaghetti sauce  
Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate  
Canned Pasta Meals  
Chowders & Stews  
Shampoo, TP, Paper towels  
Please, NO SOUPS needed.



Nolan Andrus	Henry Edwards	Kevin Southwick
Gabe Angerhofer	Jordan Greenfield	Shirley Southwick
Benjamin Brock	Aiden Kelly	Travis Tobin
Tom Chaffee	Nicholas Lucido	Karen Young
Brendan Comiskey	Sadie Lucido	Laura Zalewski



# Our Music Ministry

Our music rehearsals are as follows:



**Senior Choir:** All welcome regardless of ability to read music. Only the desire to sing is necessary. Anyone under 6th grade please speak to Bob Knapp.



**Bell Choir:** Ability to read music. Any age welcome.



**Band:** Instrument required. If you don't have one but can read music speak to Bob Knapp. There are always rhythm instruments if nothing else!!

***Save The Date - January 6, 2019***

***Happy New Year New Year Potluck Brunch***

The Diaconate is hosting a New Year's Potluck Brunch during worship in Fellowship Hall on January 6, 2019.

Sign-up sheets will be available during coffee hour.

All Welcome!



## 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 or Channel 56 (CW) for storm closings. If you want to know if church is cancelled tune in to the TV listings on these channels.

There is also a mobile app that you can download for free by searching WHDH in the app store and view storm status anywhere, anytime. We will also update our church Facebook page.

## Christmas Services

### *Blue Christmas Services*

Advent and Christmas seasons are the most joyous and inspiring weeks of the Church calendar. For some, the joyous sights and sounds of Advent are muted by grief and sorrow, which are also sacred. Whether you have lost a loved one or a job, manage addiction or depression, the divisiveness of divorce, or something else, we have two opportunities for you to honor those experiences and offer comfort, care, and healing.

Second Congregational Church of Boxford Blue Christmas Service: You are warmly invited to attend this service on Wednesday, December 12 at 7:30pm.

First Cong of Georgetown Christmas Remembrance Time: Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 7pm

*We invite you to join us for an intimate, mostly informal time of naming and remembering loved ones whose absence and presence you are feeling during this time of year. We'll gather in the guild room with some prayer, music, and candles but mostly open time to share memories and blessings with each other.*

### *Christmas Pageant: Sunday, December 23rd*

Join us for this fun, intergenerational, participatory pageant!

### *Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Candlelight:*

*Monday, December 24th 7:00 pm*

Bell choir will bring us beautiful holiday music on this holy night. Stay for some punch afterward.

### *Carol Sing Service: Sunday, December 30*

Come for this holiday tradition of singing our favorite carols!

### *New Year's Breakfast Service: Sunday, January 6*

Join the diaconate and your church family and friends for breakfast and worship in the fellowship hall!

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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.