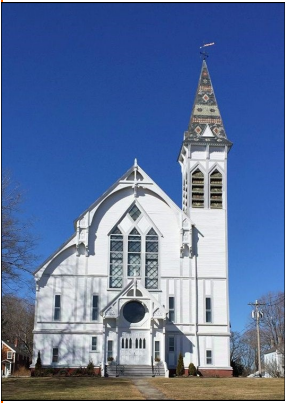


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October 2019

A Letter from Julie and Family

Church Family,

I can't believe it has been a month since our goodbye. Your thoughtful, gracious generosity at our last service was the same thoughtful, gracious generosity we experienced all year.

The boys love their shirts and hats and love to talk about their church when someone asks about them. Mike was thrilled with his sauces to make extra good food on his new grill. And my cross will have a place of pride in my new office.

We had fun at Star Island and hope to return, and we enjoyed our side trip to Hershey. We like being in our new house but we're still waiting on the moving truck to arrive. Apparently, we chose poorly with the moving company. Mike has a few leads on work, and I am enjoying Lakeland so far.

We all missed you acutely when we visited a church here. Our time with you were sacred and blessed and its mark on us will remain. You are in my heart and prayers, and I know God will bless you.

*Much, much love,
Julie, Mike, Kai and Cole*

Greetings From the Diaconate

Greetings from your Diaconate:

After a wonderful summer of fellowship, Sunday morning worship is in full swing. Rich Brock set the tone on Rally Day encouraging us to live our faith inside our church and throughout our daily lives. Alecia Balduf honored the memories of lives lost on 9/11 while remembering the countless acts of kindness and heroism that were displayed that day and the days following. We look forward to upcoming services led by Rev. Ed Vaeni and Rev. Marie Lucca and are blessed to have them share their faith and wisdom with our congregation.

The Diaconate and Church Moderator continue the search for an Interim Pastor. Please pray during this interim time and know that all of the help, teamwork, and kindness you've shown is noticed and much appreciated. It is such a wonderful gift and blessing to be a part of this church family! The Diaconate has Pastoral Care lined up as needed so don't hesitate to contact the church office regarding any needs.

As we approach a favorite season in our church, we can almost smell the apple pies cooking and taste one of Pam Sheehan's pumpkin whoopee pies. The fall fair is another fabulous opportunity for us to come together, share our gifts and extend ourselves and God's love to the entire community with a welcoming spirit. 1 Peter 4:10 ESV says "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace".

With Love,
Alecia, Marie, Pam and Rachel



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.

Our steeple will be lit for the month of October in memory of Ann Kelloway from Jean Perley and Marion Harding.

Christian Development

We are offering classes for grades kindergarten-eighth. If there are any high school students interested in earning community service hours by helping with our Church School program, please contact the Church Office or the Christian Development team.

Remember children begin in worship and then leave during the hymn as noted in the bulletin. On Communion Sundays, children begin in Church School and return prior to communion.

Blessings to all of you.

Church Pantry

Tuesday and Thursday 9:30-11:30

Non-perishable protein foods are 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/PASTA needed.

From the Member at Large

The Church Council is very interested in your ideas as to how we can grow spiritually as a church. How can we expand what we do well so that it reaches beyond our own walls? Please share your thoughts with me or any of the Council Members. Other thoughts and concerns may be shared at any time. Our Member-at- Large to the Council is Ruth Soper.

Stewardship News

You will notice that our “Sharing Basket” has once again appeared in the narthex. The basket contains envelopes which represent on-going church expenses. You are encouraged to take an envelope and donate as you are able. Simply enclose the designated amount and mail or drop it in the collection plate. Thank you for your continued support!

Blessings to all,
Toni Cassidy, George Comiskey and Sylvia Johnston
The Stewardship Team



Outreach News

As summer winds down, we want to report on our summer mission projects, beginning with the Blessing of the Animals on June 30th. During this outdoor service, when our pets were welcomed and blessed, our congregation donated material goods and cash gifts to help our neighboring **MSPCA NEVINS FARM in Methuen**, an organization that rescues and provides medical aid for animals numbering in the thousands, including small pets as well as farm animals. It was a joyous service, highlighting our love and dependence on our companion animals.

For three weeks in August our Church Family collected varied school supplies and back packs that found their way to RUTH'S HOUSE in Haverhill on the last week. Ten full to over-flowing shopping bags were delivered to the dedicated staff at Ruth's House. They expressed thankfulness for our gifts and assured us that these donations will be received with appreciation by parents needing to help their children with school essentials.

As we move toward the new year, the Outreach Team will focus on local charities. For several months last winter and spring we put all of our resources in one basket, saving our donations for a clean water initiative. This endeavor led us to a faraway village in Western Kenya where the inhabitants will benefit from a protected spring that is being built with the funds we raised. Now it is time to turn back to the needs of our local communities.

On OCTOBER 6, in conjunction with WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, and in appreciation of a small, but vibrant mission in Ipswich, we are asking the congregation to make a special donation toward the work of the **HOUSE of PEACE**. This mission provides a physical and spiritual shelter to victims of war within a quiet, healing community, and in companionship with adults who have special needs. Over the years, a constant stream of families and children have received shelter, protection, and the warmth of love at this home in neighboring Ipswich. There have been desperate parents with war-disoriented children who have stayed at the House of Peace while receiving medical treatments at the Shriners' Hospital for Children in Boston. For the past thirty years the House of Peace has provided education for peace and moral awakening by their very example.

Finally, the **COFFEE HOUR PENNY BOWL**, will again be serving the **COMMUNITY GIVING TREE** in Boxford, by providing baby supplies for families in the Merrimack Valley. These supplies are distributed through social workers who partner with the Community Giving Tree. Our loose change and dollars add up quickly and enables the Outreach Team to purchase dozens of needed diapers!

Your Outreach Team realizes the many financial pressures that families and individuals face each day. We continue to be amazed, and continue to be thankful for the sacrifices our congregation makes in supporting our mission initiatives. It is an attitude of gratitude that guides us, and urges us to help our neighbors.

THANK YOU!

Marion Harding Martha Lucius Mary Ann Nelson Jean Perley Carol Sheehan Joan Chatterton

Women's Guild News

Our regular meeting day (the first Tuesday of the month) will be October 1st when we'll welcome back Gladie Kneeland, speaking to the group about Victorian times. For more information about the Guild, please call the Secretary, Joan Chatterton, (978) 352-8033.



Each month we meet to talk about books selected by book club members. Meetings are held in different houses or at the church. If you are interested in attending, 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 books that will be discussed 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 2019	Title	Author	Hostess/Location/Phone No.
September 25	<i>The Beantown Girls</i> © 2019	Jane Healey Note: Author is speaking at the Reading Public Library on September 17, 1 p.m.	Pam and Carol Sheehan Church Sheehan: 978-352-6329
October 30	<i>We Are Market Basket: the story of the unlikely grassroots movement that saved a beloved business</i> © 2015	Daniel Korschun & Grant Welker NOTE: Many copies available through the library system	Joanne Kelly & Carol Lutes Church Carol: 978-352-7208
December 4 (combined Nov/Dec)	<i>Gift from the Sea</i> © 1955	Anne Morrow Lindbergh	Karen Young 11 Monroe Street Karen: 978-352-2697
2020			
January 29	<i>The Stars are Fire</i> © 2017	Anita Shreve	Sylvia Johnston & Ruth Soper Church Sylvia: 978-352-7597 Ruth: 978-352-2500
February 26	<i>Cooking for Picasso</i> © 2016	Camille Aubray	Alecia Balduf 3 Bayberry Lane Alecia: 978-835-9094
March 25	<i>Where the Crawdads Sing</i> © 2018	Delia Owens	Joan Chatterton 9 Bartlett Drive, Georgetown Joan: 978-352-8033
April 29	<i>Ask Again, Yes</i> © 2019	Mary Beth Keane	Peggy Smith & Marie Birdsall Church Peggy: 978-352-8741 Marie:
May 27	<i>The Only Woman in the Room</i> © 2019	Marie Benedict	Dee Wyatt Camp Denison Lodge, 84 Nelson St Dee: 617-957-6090
June 24	<i>Summer of '69</i> © 2019	Elin Hilderbrand	Nancy Aberman 199 W. Main St Nancy: 978-352-2793

Golf Outing – All Are Welcome!

Far Corner Golf Course
5 Barker Road
Boxford, MA 01921

Sunday,
October 20, 2019
Cost: \$125 per player
Start time 12:30 PM
18 holes of golf w/cart

Best Ball Format

After Golf BBQ

Prizes Prizes Prizes

Lowest team score
Most Accurate Drive
Closest to the pin

All for just \$125/player!!
Such a Deal!!

Fill out the entry form and mail
to:

Richard Aberman
199 West Main Street
Georgetown, MA 01833
978-457-5475
or
Rich Brock
29 Thurlow Street
Georgetown, MA 01833
617-717-9895

Make check payable to First
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Georgetown.

Semi Regular Golf Extravaganza to Benefit the First Congregational Church of Georgetown



This year's event will be held on **Sunday, October 20th** at the **Far Corner Golf Course** in Boxford.

Tee-off begins at 1:00 pm.

There will be an awards presentation and BBQ directly after golf in the clubhouse.

Player Name	Address	Phone#
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Golf attire is required. Collared shirts and slacks/shorts/skirts.



2019 Annual Fall Harvest Fair

October 18th & October 19th
10AM-5PM 9AM-3PM

First Congregational Church

7 Andover St, Georgetown, MA



Artisan / Crafters

Contact Michelle for more info

mtardy123@gmail.com

Raffles Homemade Pies

Luncheon! Granny's Attic

Saturday night Turkey Dinner!



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***We are looking for all
those treasures
you found in the
attic, basement and
closets!***

We are looking for items in clean and usable condition. No sporting equipment, no stuffed animals, no old computers/out-of-date electronics.

***Office Hours:
Monday - Friday 9:00 am—12:00 pm***

***You may bring them to:
The First Congregational Church
7 Andover St. Georgetown Mass
(Please use the office entrance on Clark St.)
And put them in the downstairs
corner classroom.***

***Contact the Church office for more details.
978-352-8443 churchoffice@georgetowncongregational.org***

FALL HARVEST FAIR

Our annual Harvest Fair will occur on Friday, October 18th from 10am to 5pm and Saturday, October 19th from 9am to 3pm. Each year, our fair brings the community of Georgetown together in fellowship as we celebrate and share in God's bounty.

Folks from all over visit our church to take advantage of the many unique and special items sold by our church members. They may find something special at our Country Store, or maybe up in Grannie's Attic (white elephant). The ladies may find something elegant from our clothing department. Many vendors will on site as well to showcase their talents and crafts.

As we all know, in order to have a successful shopping experience, one must keep their energy up. Our snack bar will be serving breakfast and lunch each day. Traditional items include Apple Frapples, Lobster Rolls, Corn Chowder, and other snacks. Take home items include our famous homemade pies and cookies.

Feeling lucky? Why not take a chance on a raffle. We will once again have many items, gifts, and gift certificates. By a chance and you may take home something special.

To wrap up the fair, we gather together to feast on the best Turkey dinner in the North Shore. One and all are welcome as we enjoy turkey and all the fixings. This is the time friends and family come together for a time a celebration and fellowship.

If anyone is interested in donating items that will be sold during the fair, or would like to donate their time and talents, please contact the Church Office or Deb Lamoureaux @ 339-222-2475 or Rich Brock @ 617-717-9895.

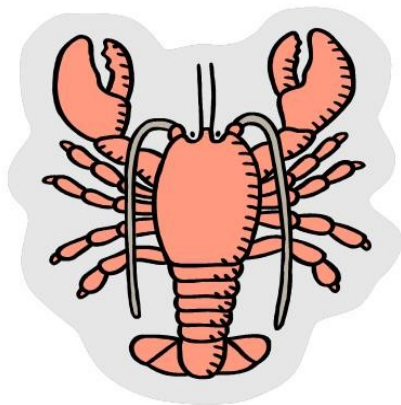
Blessings to all,

Deb Lamoureaux

Rich Brock

Fair Co-Chairs





**LOBSTER
OR
CHICKEN SALAD
ROLL
LUNCH**



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of Georgetown
will sponsor their Lobster and Chicken Salad Roll lunch at the annual
“FALL FAIR” to be held:

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2019
11:30AM – 1:00PM
7 Andover Street, Georgetown, MA**

Lunch includes loads of homemade LOBSTER or CHICKEN SALAD on a roll, chips,
coleslaw and dessert.

LOBSTER \$15.00

CHICKEN SALAD \$10.00

NEED DELIVERY ? FREE DELIVERY*

(*We will gladly deliver 4 or more lunches to any Georgetown location!!)

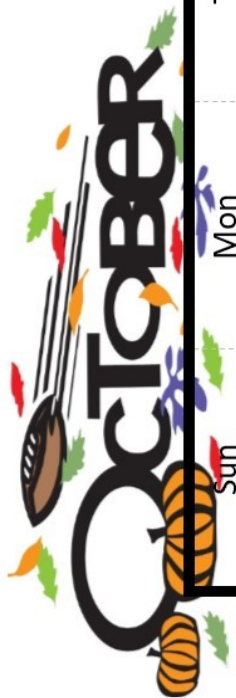
To order for *delivery only*:

Please call the Church office [978-352-8443](tel:978-352-8443) and leave a message or Email your
order to: Lobsterlunch@GeorgetownCongregational.org

Messages must have *name, number and type of lunches, delivery address and
contact phone number.*

(Orders will be taken thru Thursday, October 17, 2019)

Correct change and a single contact (for group orders) would be appreciated.
Orders placed by Thursday will be delivered by NOON on Friday.



2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30pm Choir 7pm Bells Women's Guild Lunch	2 7pm Boy Scouts	3	4 7pm AA	5
6 9:30 Choir 11:45 Diaconate	7	8 6pm Finance	9 6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Band 7pm Boy Scouts	10	11 7pm AA	12
13 9:30 Band 10:30 Worship	14 Office Closed	15 Newsletter Deadline 6:30pm Bells	16	17 6:30pm Council	18 Fall Harvest Fair	19 Fall Harvest Fair
20 Golf Outing 9:30 Bells	21	22 6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Band	23 7pm Boy Scouts	24 5pm Christian Development Meeting	25 Girl Scouts 4-5:30pm 7pm AA	26
27	28	29 6:30pm Choir 7pm Bells	30 Book Group 7pm Boy Scouts	31 Happy Halloween		

Fall Fair Set up Week

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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.