

# ***From the Hill***



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**September 2018**



## **Rally Day September 9, 2019**

At Worship on Rally Day, we will welcome our new Interim Pastor, Rev. Julie Maddelena, please join us in a warm welcome.

We would like to challenge and invite each and every member of the congregation to invite a friend to join our worship service that day as we will host our ***"Invite a Friend"*** day. Let's share the blessings of our church.

## **Regular Hours Returning Tuesday, September 5th**

**Office Hours: Monday—Friday, 9am—12noon**

**Sunday Worship, 10:30am**

Beginning September 9th

Followed by a time of Fellowship

Communion is shared on the First Sunday of the month.



## Greetings From the Diaconate

It feels like summer just began, but imagine that we are already in August! As we brave the heat, the fall season seems far away, but indeed it is just around the corner.

The Diaconate and Church Moderator are delighted to share the news with our church members, attendees, and friends that we are calling Dr. Julie Mavity Maddalena as our Interim Pastor starting September 6. Pastor Julie is an ordained UCC minister with a Master's in Divinity from Emory University, and a Ph.D. from Southern Methodist University/Religious Studies. Her most recent position was the School Minister, Director of Spiritual Life, and Teacher at the Brooks School in North Andover. She comes to us with experience in social justice, open and affirming, preaching, teaching children, pastoral care, and leadership. She is married with two young boys, and she enjoys hiking and potlucks! During our interviews with her, we each appreciated her thoughts and ideas for spiritual and church growth, her compassion for how much we appreciated the efforts of Rev. Lorraine, and her ideas for welcoming more families into our community of faith. We look forward to her Pastoring with us and sharing with us her experiences, ideas, and leadership during this time of transition.

We hope you have been able to attend some of our summer services. It is a blessing to have so many people participate and lead the worship services. "Summer in the Psalms" has been a pleasure in sharing each other's experiences, stories, and to participate in

fun Bible games! In July, the Diaconate started us off with "Jesus as our Shepherd," Gladie Kneeland shared with us "Still Waters," and Janice Murphy hosted two fun nights of Bible games in the form of Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune! We were so delighted to see Gladie wearing a beautiful evening gown and playing game show hostess!

We look forward to our last Summer service on September 5 when the Diaconate will host the final Wednesday summer evening service.

We are blessed here at our church to have so many of our Church Family lend a hand with their skills. We thank our dedicated grill masters, Ruth and Janice for each week giving us delicious hot dogs, lemonade, and sharing their talents with mouthwatering baked goods. They give us an opportunity to enjoy a meal with good friends, hearty laughter, and blessings.

I like to say that it is my honor to serve as head deacon, but my 'job' is made so easy because of our loyal diaconate team, made up of such faithful workers. We had the pleasure of taking care of the services and hearing from our guest speakers while awaiting an Interim Pastor. We hope you enjoyed our ideas and had fun. The participation from all of you was just fantastic, and I thank you for sharing your time and memories with your Church Family.

I must take this opportunity to thank our musicians who shared their God given talent with all of us. Allan and David Barlow, Mary Ann Nelson, Rachel Angerhofer, Richard Aberman, Bob Knapp and our fabulous bell choir. We look forward to hearing the harpist, Betsy Kopyc Arsenault. Each of you spends so much time researching, preparing, and performing for us and we thank you.

## Greetings From the Diaconate (continued)

A very special thank you to two dedicated men, George Comiskey and Barry Games. You are always there helping with everything. Also, a special thank you to Kevin Southwick and Shayne Balduf for helping set up the tables in the fellowship hall. Also, thank you to everyone for breaking down the tables and chairs and getting the church ready for the other activities.

Also, another faithful member, Joan Chatterton, thanks to you for decorating the "School Supplies" beautiful box. You are a tireless member of missions and never let us down. We look forward to our generous members overflowing the box with contributions. You are all the greatest.

So, as autumn approaches with her brightly colored leaves, New England blue skies, crisp air and magnificent sunsets, we invite you to join us as we return to our Sunday services September 9, embrace your Church Family as we welcome a new season, and introduce our new Interim Pastor. We are all so blessed.

Please know, we the diaconate, are here for you, to share your sorrows, joys, concerns, a hug and smile, and to support the church during transition.

"Blessed *are* those who dwell in Your house; They will still be praising You. *Selah*"  
Psalm 84:4 (NKJV)

Alecia Balduf, Chair

Rachel Angerhofer, Kristen Arsenault, Marie Birdsall-Chaffee, and Emily Knapp

## 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 with any of the Council members. Other thoughts and concerns may be told to me as well at any time.

Our Member-at-Large to the Council is Joanne Kelly.



### 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 is lit in the month of September in loving memory of Earle Johnston by Sylvia Johnston.***

## Christian Development

The new Church School begins on **Rally Day, Sunday, September 9th**. Children will remain in worship that day.



Sunday, September 16th is first day of Church School for the 2018-2019 school year. We will be offering classes for grades kindergarten-third and fourth-eighth. If there are any high school students who would like to help with Church School, please let me know as soon as possible. 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.



This year we will be having a nursery attendant available each Sunday morning. They will be there each Sunday from 10:00am on. Please let all visitors and guests know they are welcome to use the nursery as needed.



Mission is part of Christian Development's responsibilities. Each year the Mission Team works on many projects to support those in need. Some of these projects are Heifer International and Church World Service. If you



would like to assist with any or all of these projects, please contact Joan Chatterton or myself for more information.



Book Group is another thing under the Christian Development umbrella. A group of people meet at different people's houses to discuss previously chosen books. All are welcome. The schedule of books is printed in the newsletter for all to participate. I hear you don't always need to finish the book to attend! :) Join in the fun. You will be glad you did.

The CD team is always looking for new ideas and volunteers. If you have ever considered helping out, we want to hear from you! Don't be shy. It is a great place to become involved and share your energy. We hope to talk with you soon.

Christian Development Team  
Michelle Brock, MaryAnn Nelson, Kirsten Orender

## Church Pantry

Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 am—11:30 am



We want to thank all for their generous donations to our Community Food Pantry! We have received a bounty of vegetables, soups, cereals, baking items. We still need the following items for the food pantry :

Following is a list of items that are in need:

Individually wrapped soaps      Individually wrapped toilet paper  
Paper Towels      Shampoo      Deodorant (men's & women's)  
Dish soap      Cleaning products (409, Lysol, sponges, etc.)  
Toothpaste      Tooth Brushes      Coffee & Tea      Canned Tuna  
Juice Boxes      Bottled Juices

Donations of grocery store gift cards are always welcome. These enable families to get those perishable items that they cannot get at the food pantry.



**Pet Pantry Items:** We now offer pet food to help families keep their animal companions fed and healthy.

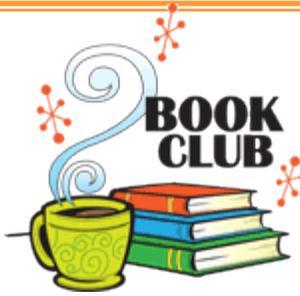
Canned and Dry Food      Treats      Cat Litter

## Women's Guild News



### "Bring-Your-Own-Sandwich" Lunch

The Women's Guild will hold their first meeting, after a summer hiatus, on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18** at NOON. Dessert will be provided by Ann and Joan. Program TBA. We welcome all newcomers and guests. Please call Marion Harding (978-352-8785) or Joan Chatterton (978-352-8033) for further information.



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.
Sept. 26, 2018	<b><i>News of the World</i></b>	Paulette Jiles ©2016 240 pp.	Joanne Kelly & Carol Lutes Church Carol: 978-352-7208
Nov. 7, 2018	<b><i>The Preacher's Bride</i></b>	Judy Hedlund ©2010 387 pp.	Joan Chatterton & Elizabeth Thomas 9 Bartlett Drive, Georgetown Joan: 978-352-8033
Dec. 5, 2018	<b><i>I Don't Know How She Does It</i></b>	Allison Pearson ©2002 337 pp.	Karen Young 11 Monroe Street Karen: 978-352-2697
<b>2019</b>			
Jan. 30, 2019	<b><i>The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland</i></b> Non-fiction	Jim DeFede ©2003 256 pp.	JoEllen Fielding & Peggy Smith Church JoEllen: 978-352-6904
Feb. 27, 2019	<b><i>Monticello: a Daughter and Her Father, a novel</i></b>	Sally Cabot Gunning ©2016 384 pp.	Alecia Balduf & Mary Ann Nelson 3 Bayberry Lane Alecia: 978-835-9094
Mar. 27, 2019	<b><i>Evening Class</i></b>	Maeve Binchy ©1997 432 pp.	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,**  
**September 23rd**  
**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  
978-352-2793

or  
Rich Brock  
29 Thurlow Street  
Georgetown, MA 01833  
617-717-9895

Make check payable to  
First Congregational  
Church of Georgetown.

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



This year's event will be held on **Sunday, September 23rd** at the **Far Corner Golf Course** in Boxford.

Tee-off begins at 12:30 pm.

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

<b>Player Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone#</b>
_____	_____	_____
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*Golf attire is required. Collared shirts and slacks/shorts/skirts.*

*Save the Date!*

*October 26th and 27th*

# Annual Fall Harvest Fair

CHIC BOUTIQUE

**RAFFLES**

**HOMEMADE  
PIES!  
COOKIE WALK!**

**RED TAG SALE**

**SATURDAY  
NIGHT  
TURKEY  
DINNER**





*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 [curchoffice@georgetowncongregational.org](mailto:curchoffice@georgetowncongregational.org)***

# Time to clean out those closets!

We are looking for donations of clean, gently used women's and children's clothing, shoes and boots. Please bring donations to the church and leave them in the Bride's Room off the Narthex.

Please contact the church office at 978-352-8443 for more information.

## *The Chic Boutique*

Open for 2 days during the Annual Fall Harvest Fair!

Friday, October 26th 10am—5pm  
Saturday, October 27th 8am—3pm



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## What do we need for the Country Store Table?

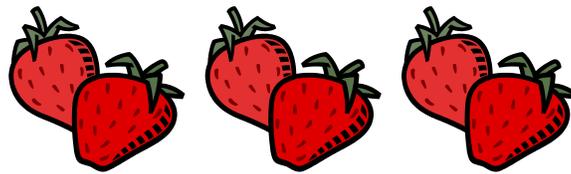
We are seeking donations from our congregation members for our Country Store table.. ***Our goal is to sell out!*** Maybe you have a special talent.. Whether you volunteer to bake some home made fudge or knit a few potholders or dishtowels. The Country Store would gladly take your donation!

- Home Made Fudge
- Home Made Jellies and Jams
- Home Made Breads
- Home Made Relishes
- Maple Syrup
- Knitted pot holders - dishtowels
- Handmade Baby clothes—blankets
- Old fashioned penny candy
- Dill Pickles



Any home made items that you may find in a country store...!!

***Kathy Hogan has volunteered again this year to chair the country store. Please let the office know if you would like to help out with donations for the table this year . Thank you!***



## “Strawberry Social Thank You”

We did a lot of praying this year that we would have strawberries.  
Our prayers were answered by Marini Farms.

We enjoyed a wonderful fun filled evening on the church lawn.  
Our “Church Band” performed a wonderful concert.

Thank you to all who hulled, (even though we changed the hulling day and time 3 times), served, set up, cleaned up, donated raffle items, sold raffle tickets and strawberry social tickets and counted the proceeds from the Strawberry Social.

Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the strawberry shortcake.

### Thank you to our Table Sponsors:

Conte-Giamberardino Funeral Home      N. Pingree Insurance Company  
B&B Auto Clinic      Morrison Paving Company      MAZE C & I  
ND Landscape Inc.

### Raffle Winners:

Gardening Gift Basket	Sherry Kenney
Nunan’s Gift Card	Hudson Murphy
50/50	Dave Gordan
Visa Gift Card	Deb Falcinelli
Fryolator	Zach Brock
Red Sox Apron	Jane Barnhill

### Golden Ticket Winners:

Marie Chaffee	Sarah Pesce	Marilyn Crosby
Bob Knapp	Arthur Murphy	

Proceeds: \$1,728.00

Thank you, Janice & Emily

# September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	
2	3 Office Closed 	4 5:45pm Staff Mtg	5 6:30pm Supper 7pm Worship	6	7 7pm AA	8
9 Rally Day 10:30am Worship 11:45am Deacon's Mtg 	10	11 6pm Finance	12 7pm Boy Scouts	13	14 7pm AA	15
16 10:30am Worship Church School Begins	17 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	18	19 7pm Boy Scouts	20 7pm Council	21 4pm GS Troop 62977 7pm AA	22
23 10:30am Worship	24	25	26 7pm Boy Scouts	27 6pm Christian Development Meeting	28 7pm AA	29
30 10:30am Worship				Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 am-12:00 noon.		



## FLOWER CONTRIBUTIONS

If you would like to contribute flowers or make a monetary contribution for the Communion Table for an anniversary, birthday or a special occasion please contact Jaime Krenn at 978-352-7932 or the Church Office.

## Sign Up for Greeters & Offering Collectors



We are looking for individuals, friends and families to serve as greeters on Sunday morning (you will never have to do it alone). If you would like to sign up please see an usher, use the sign-up sheet on the table near the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or contact the church office at 978-352-8443.



Kristen Arsenault  
Richard Brock  
Sarah Comiskey  
Mary Dougherty  
Mark Fehlmann  
Lori Gillen  
Sheila Kelly

Jack Lucido  
Betty Rosene  
Pam Sheehan  
Peggy Smith  
Dwight Southwick  
Julia Southwick  
Ruth Soper

## We have PayPal!



Go to our website and you can donate to or pay for church fundraisers at First Church using your credit card; you can get the points and help our church out, too. Just remember that we get 93% of what you give. Please send an email message to the church office to let us know about the donation, and if it is going to a particular place.

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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.