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# Rally Day September 8, 2019

# **Regular Hours Returning**

Tuesday, September 3rd

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-12 noon Sunday Worship 10:30am Beginning September 8th Followed by a time of Fellowship. Communion shared on the First Sunday of the month.

Greetings from your 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 loves and cares for each member of our Church, and we thank everyone for all their help and welcoming spirit. We ask for the Church to continue to pray for the Interim candidate search. Your Diaconate and Church Moderator, have interviewed a few candidates and ask for prayers and guidance as we continue the search during this Interim time. Prayerfully listening to God's promise, our Church is a blessing and gives blessings as we go throughout our community. Deuteronomy 28:1-6 from "The Message" says, "If you listen obediently to the Voice of God, your God, and heartily obey all his commandments that I command you today, God, your God, will place you on high, high above all the nations of the world. All these blessings will come down on you and spread out beyond you because you have responded to the Voice of God, your God, your God.

God's blessing inside the city,

God's blessing in the country;

God's blessing on your children,

## **Greetings From the Diaconate**

the crops of your land, the young of your livestock, the calves of your herds, the lambs of your flocks. God's blessing on your basket and bread bowl; God's blessing in your coming in, God's blessing in your going out."

The Diaconate chose the theme of "Summer Outreach" for the remainder of our Wednesday evening services, and we are very blessed that our Church excels in hospitality. We were very blessed that Dr. Rev. Julie Mavity Maddalena answered the call to serve with us this past year. She and her family loved and cared for us and helped guide and direct us as we formed the transition and settled pastor search teams. We bid them farewell at a summer pool party which had the fun event of a group cannon ball! Lastly, Julie shared with us many creative ways to grow in faith and worship. In July, she led us through Wednesday night worship services through group discussions, crafts, and reflective activities.

We were also blessed to have Gladie share with us her message which left us with cute stick-on frogs! We then had the pleasure of hosting Rev. Marie Lucca for two video services reminding us of how God works through our lives in unexpected and amazing ways. Filling the fellowship hall with laughter, we very much enjoyed Janice's bible trivial Jeopardy game! Excelling at hospitality, Ruth Soper, showered on us her delicious mouthwatering treats and perfectly cooked hot dogs! We are delighted to have live musicians and even the bell choir play twice this summer!

We have two more Wednesday evening services, August 28, hosted by Gladie Kneeland; and September 4 hosted by the Diaconate. Sunday services start again September 8 as we join together for Rally Day. Please join us, bring a friend, neighbor or family member.

The Diaconate has backup Pastoral Care lined up for the summer. Please contact the church office at 978-352-8443, Marie Birdsall-Chaffee 617-797-2252, or Alecia Balduf at 978-835-9094 when needed.

Summer is a fun time to connect with friends and family. In doing so, we reflect on this passage from Psalm 133:1 (ESV): "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"

-With love, Alecia, Kristen, Rachel, Pam, and Marie

## 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.



## **Christian Development**

Our Christian Education program begins on **Rally Day, Sunday, September 8th**. Children will remain in worship that day.

Sunday, September 15th is first day of Church School for the 2019-2020 school year. We will be 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



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

### 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.

### **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 Mavonnaise Spaghetti sauce Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate **Canned Pasta Meals Chowders & Stews** Shampoo, TP, Paper towels Please, NO SOUPS/PASTA needed.

## Women's Guild News



The Women's Guild will be meeting on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 from 2:00 -4:00 for an Ice Cream Smorgasbord Social. All church women are invited to enjoy an informal get-together and share memories of special vacations. Please note change of day and time for the September meeting. Our regular meeting day in October (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 Ice Cream Social the Guild, please call Secretary, Joan Chatterton, (978) 352-8033.



#### **Dear Church Family**

We hope you will rejoice with us as we celebrate reaching the goal of \$4,000 to fund a Protected Spring Project for a small village in Kenya. The building of this protected spring was scheduled to start the end of July. It has, however, been postponed. The new date is for the middle of September.

We would like to share with you an **accounting of donations** that came to us for this project during the months of **March**, **April**, **May and June**:

First of all, the two Church offerings held in March garnered a generous ... \$2,098

Secondly, the **Coffee Hour Penny Bowl** swept up your coins and dollars all during those months while we enjoyed coffee and goodies. **The Penny Bowl also benefited from our Lenten Challenge** when folks sacrificed their special treat/treats (like a morning coffee at the drive through). Instead they contributed that money to the Penny Bowl which ended up with ... **\$475** 

The Water Project organization, with whom we partnered, created a page for our church on their website which stated our goal. From the coverage this page gave us, we received anonymous funds from friends of our Church Family, contributing another ... \$515

Contributions continued to come in this spring, to our Collector... \$340 Total ...... \$3,428

We still needed \$572 to reach our goal! At this point the Outreach Team requested that our Church Council approve taking \$572 of mandated mission monies from the Legacy Fund which was created three years ago to provide funds for renovations/improvements to our church building and property. At the time the Legacy Fund was created, it was stated that 10% be set aside for missions. Our Council approved the donation of \$572, and \$4,000 has been deposited with The Water Project. Our dream of bringing clean water to a needy village will soon become a reality this September in Shihingo.

Shihingo is a small village in Western Kenya, a farming community of 240 people. Their farms are community-owned and one of the main crops is sugarcane. The culture in Shihingo limits men from household chores. Along with older children, they go to the fields to work, and it is the women and younger children who go out to find the water their family needs. They rely on the Inzuka Spring which bubbles up from a hole in the rocky terrain and is exposed to all kinds of contamination. This dirty water isn't only dangerous to drink but is time-consuming to fetch, taking hours away from schooling and cottage industries. Sanitation and good hygiene are also wanting in Shihingo, causing sickness and time lost.

The protected spring that is to be built with our funds includes construction that will protect the spring from surface runoff and other contaminants. The project includes the education of village leaders in the maintenance of the spring, and the handling, storage and treatment of water. The families will be taught proper hygiene and sanitation methods to ensure a healthy outcome for this clean water initiative. Excited villagers anticipate having more productive, healthier and happier lives when this project is completed.

We thank all of our contributors, both church members and others who have partnered with us. Our inspiring guest speaker in March, The Rev. Dr. Spencer Bogle, a program director with The Water Project, summed up this vision when he said "Water is Life; Life is Gospel." We are living the Gospel by providing life-giving water!

**The Outreach Team:** Carol Sheehan, Martha Lucius, Marion Harding, Jean Perley, Mary Ann Nelson & Joan Chatterton



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	Title	Author	Hostess/Location/Phone No.
2019			
September	The Beantown Girls	Jane Healey	Pam and Carol Sheehan
25	© 2019	Note: Author is speaking at the	Church Sheehan: 978-352-6329
		Reading Public Library on Sep-	51001011 570 552 0525
		tember 17, 1 p.m.	
October 30	We Are Market Basket: the story	Daniel Korschun & Grant Welker	Joanne Kelly & Carol Lutes
October 30	of the unlikely grassroots move-	Damer Korschult & Grant Weiker	Church
	ment that saved a beloved busi-	NOTE: Many copies available	Carol: 978-352-7208
	ness © 2015	through the library system	
December 4	Gift from the Sea	Anne Morrow Lindbergh	Karen Young
(combined	©1955	Anne Morrow Encode	11 Monroe Street
Nov/Dec)			Karen: 978-352-2697
2020			
January 29	The Stars are Fire	Anita Shreve	Sylvia Johnston & Ruth Soper
sanaan, Es	©2017		Church
			Sylvia: 978-352-7597
			Ruth: 978-352-2500
February 26	Cooking for Picasso	Camille Aubray	Alecia Balduf
Maar Dod Street Street Control - Control Con	©2016		3 Bayberry Lane
			Alecia: 978-835-9094
March 25	Where the Crawdads Sing	Delia Owens	Joan Chatterton
	©2018		9 Bartlett Drive, Georgetown Joan: 978-352-8033
			JOAN. 978-352-8033
April 29	Ask Again, Yes	Mary Beth Keane	Peggy Smith & Marie Birdsall
	©2019		Church Peggy: 978-352-8741
			Marie:
May 27	The Only Woman in the Room © 2019	Marie Benedict	Dee Wyatt Camp Depison Lodge 84 Nelson St
	@2019		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
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# 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 <u>First</u> <u>Congregational</u> Church of 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#

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!

From the Hill



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. <u>No sporting equipment</u>, <u>no stuffed animals</u>, <u>no old computers/out-of-date electronics</u>.

# 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 @ 339-222-2475or Rich Brock @ 617-717-9895.

Blessings to all,

Deb Lamoureaux Rich Brock Fair Co-Chairs





From the Hill

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September 2019



"Strawberry Social Thank You" The weather did not cooperate this year, but it did not damper our spirit.

We enjoyed a wonderful fun filled evening in the Church Hall. Our "Church Band" performed a wonderful concert.

Thank you to all who hulled, served, set up, cleaned up, donated raffle items, sold raffle tickets and strawberry social tickets and counted the proceeds from the Strawberry Social.

Special thank you to Marini Farms for the delicious strawberries. Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the strawberry shortcake.

<u>Thank you to our Table Sponsors:</u> N. Pingree Insurance Company MAZE C&I Morrison Paving Company B&B Auto Clinic

<u>Raffle Winners:</u> Gift Basket: Elaine Gift Basket: Marion Harding Luggage: Carol Lutes Strawberry Blanket: Pam Adie 50/50: Nan Hagen Visa Gift Card: Carol Lutes TD Bank Gift Card: Richard Aberman

<u>Golden Ticket Winners:</u> Antoinette Jones Martha Lucius Kevin Southwick Julie & Mike Mavity Maddalena

Proceeds: \$1,572.00

Thank you, Janice & Emily



SEPTEN	1BER			2019	6	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day Office Closed	ε	4 6:30pm Supper 7pm Last Wednesday Worship	ъ	6 Women's Guild Lunch 7pm AA	7
8 Rally Day 10:30 Worship 11:45 Diaconate	თ	10 6pm Finance	11 7pm Boy Scouts	12	13 7pm AA	14
15 10:30 Worship Church School Begins	16 Newsletter Deadline	17 12pm Women's Guild	18 7pm Boy Scouts	19 5:30pm Christian Development Meeting 6:30pm Council	20 7pm AA	21
22 10:30 Worship	23	24	25 <b>Book Group</b> 7pm Boy Scouts	26	27 7pm AA	28
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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.