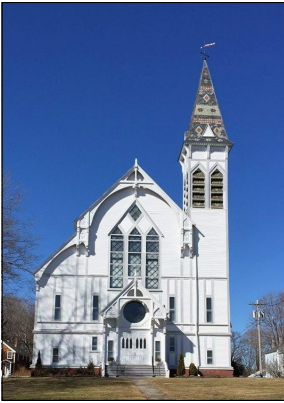


# ***From the Hill***



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**Summer 2018**



Dear Friends,

Deep heartfelt thanks to you all for the amazing love and support you shared with me in my last weeks with you as your Pastor. Your spirit is special and beyond what words can say. But I rejoice in you.

This is a time of farewells, but also a time of thanks for the strengths and talents the Moderator, Teams, Council, Staff and all of you have brought to our Church, both this year and in my years with you. First Church carries within it the heart and will to make Christ a real presence both here and in our world. Though I step away as your Pastor, my heart and prayers will always include you all. Blessings always. **And now I commit you to God. And commend you to the Word of God's Grace. It is to build you up and to give you inheritance among all of God's Children.** Acts 20:32

In Christ's Care,  
*Rev Lorraine Edwards*

Dear Friends,

I would first like to thank you all for the wonderful Retirement and Godspeed service on June 17th. All the special music, the words spoken and read, the Bell Choir, the jar of wishes, the card you all signed and the special arrangement made by Rev. Lorraine all made my send-off so special.

Also, I have so many to thank for the last 5 years of support and help as I traveled through this ministry with you.

May God bless you all, *Marilyn Crosby*



## Greetings From the Diaconate



Our Summer Worship will be a study of selection from Psalms as we worship together and fellowship with each other. Hebrews 10:25 "And let us not give up meeting together. Some are in the habit of doing this. Instead, let us encourage one another with words of hope. Let us do this even more as you see Christ's return approaching."

Sunday, June 24th marks the last Sunday service until September 9, when we will join together for Rally Day with JT Turner.



Our Summer Schedule begins on Wednesday, July 11th with a light supper at 6:30 and worship starting at 7:00pm. Please join us, bring a friend, neighbor or family member. Our last Wednesday service will be on September 5th.

The Diaconate is lining up backup Pastoral Care for the summer. Please contact the church office at 978-352-8443, Emily Knapp at 978-257-6277, or Alecia Balduf at 978-835-9094 when needed.

Along with Church council chair, we are interviewing Interim Pastor Candidates this summer with plans to hire someone on or before Rally Sunday 9/5/18.

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, Emily, and Marie



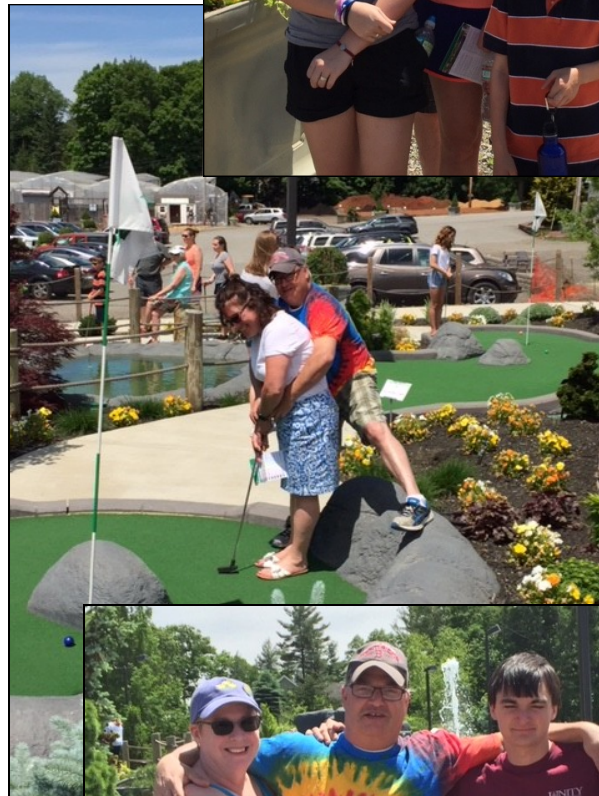
### Summer Office Hours

During the Summer, the church office will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 900 am to 12:00 pm.

Summer office hours begin, June 25 and continue will continue through Friday, August 26th.



Great fun was had by all at our first  
Mini Golf Tournament on June 10th!





## 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.



### “The Sharing Basket”

There you will find envelopes with dollar amounts indicating on-going church expenses. You are encouraged to take an envelope and donate as you are able. Please look for the display in the Narthex on Easter. We truly appreciate your support.”



Richard Aberman	Kelly Gillen
Rachel Angerhofer	Nick Moore
Erik Bratland	Paul Nelson
Jillian Bridges	Kinslee Norton-Graffum
Katie Bridges	Victoria Orender
Jenai Dougherty	David Smith
Mildred Gangloff	Ruth Stewart
Jeff Gillen	Annie Winter



Pat Barlow	Lauren Kalfin
Jack Cliffe	Ryan Litch
Christine Comiskey	Jennifer Lutes
Tim Dougherty	Janice Murphy
Nicholas Herda	Mary Ann Nelson
Sylvia Johnston	Sam Orender



### 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.

## 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

Dear Confirmation Class of 2018,

On behalf of Bulger Veterinary Hospital, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of good and blankets/bedding. Your donation will help us continue to assist families and their pets in our community.

Thank you again for your support!

Catherine Ouelette, Hospital Service manager



There will be a Christian Development meeting on Thursday, July 26 at 6pm in one of the upstairs classrooms. Please come and find out about this ministry and to help plan a year that will be exciting for our children of the church.

*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.***

***Summer Office Hours:  
Tuesday & Thursday 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.  
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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.