

From the Hill



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September 2021



Rally Day September 12, 2021

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 AM-11:30 AM

Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

Beginning September 12th followed by a time of fellowship.

Communion shared on the first Sunday of the month.



Dear Saints of FCC and beyond,

Can I call you saints? No pressure, its just that if you are reading this then somewhere within you is a curiosity for something profound, something sacred, something that brings you to this community. Recently in worship, we explored the concept of saints found in the apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesians, when he wrote of how of us has been given gifts that help equip us (saints) for the work of ministry. (Eph 4:11-12)

While he was writing to the early church of Ephesus, these letters remind us of our inheritance as people of faith, each of us duly equipped: "some apostles, some prophets, some teachers . . ." some musicians, some cooks, some welcomers, some sewers, some knitters. Okay, so Paul did not actually list out sewers and knitters or cooks and welcomers, but he might have if his letter came in the mail to us today. He was pointing out to that early congregation that each person is being equipped with God-given gifts that enhance the life of the greater community.

Earlier this summer we began to explore our gifts, our talents, our areas of interest even, things that bring us joy. These gifts can all be used to enhance the life of the church, which, in turn, can enhance the lives of those around us who live in nearby communities.

The work of ministry is the purpose of the church - to carry on God's mission of spreading love, like ripples on a pond, like yeast in dough rising on a warm stove. And as we rely on Spirit strength to do this work, our lives are also fed, spiritually and emotionally, in return for these good works.

This fall we will continue to explore our gifts and together we will discern a strategic vision for our church, First Congregational Church of Georgetown. Are you seeking a bit more joy in your life? Are you seeking a purpose beyond what you know so far? Are you curious about how church life might provide you with a deeper peace and a sense of belonging? Then come to church!

These days, with COVID -19 and its variants lingering and uncertainty hanging on tight, we need church more than ever. *And* we are careful to take safety precautions at FCC. So, for now, masks are highly recommended as we worship indoors, for all. *And* we respectfully ask those unvaccinated to be especially vigilant with mask wearing. We will continue to host hybrid worship - in person (for now unless COVID numbers spike further) and on ZOOM.

So, Come to church! Bring your questions and curiosities. Bring your angst for a world that needs more love. Bring your joys and concerns. Bring your family and/or your friends. Bring your imperfect self-- you will be in good company. Even if we are called saints we are unfinished business, each and every one of us. *And* we are loved anyway!

Come as you are- all warts and wrinkles are welcome here.

You are loved and we can't wait to see you.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Holly



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 Robert Knapp at 978-352-7489.



Bible Study Continues

Bible Study continues this fall!

Tuesdays at 10 A.M.

We are working out details for an evening option- stay tuned!!

Greetings From the Diaconate

September Greetings from your Diaconate!

"Life Starts All Over Again When It Gets Crisp in the Fall"

-F. Scott Fitzgerald

As I write this the first light chill is in the air. This alerts us that autumn cannot be too far behind. We are blessed to welcome the next season as we watch the leaves changing color and share this beautiful season with the wonderment of God's paintbrush with our very special Church Family.

To those who were at the Wednesday night services, I hope when you look down at your friendship bracelets you will recall the friend who tied it on you as well as all of your Church Family who always has your back and happily walks beside you.

Your Deacons, Antoinette, Emily, Pam, Rachel and I have been working very hard for you. As always, we encourage our Church Family to share ideas, joys, fears, and sorrows with us. We are here to hear your thoughts. Please contact any one of us.

It is with much hope that we can share being in church together, participating in book club, men's club, music, our wonderful fair and so much that we will embrace!

Our wish for you is peace among this uncertainty and may blessings and kindness envelop you all.

Gladie Kneeland, Chair



Kristen Arsenault

Jack Lucido

Richard Brock

Betty Rosene

Sarah Comiskey

Pam Sheehan

Mary Dougherty

Peggy Smith

Mark Fehlmann

Dwight Southwick

Lori Gillen

Julia Southwick

Sheila Kelly

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 Susan Stead, 978-697-1982 email: susan.stead5@gmail.com



COME CELEBRATE AT OUR QUEST SOCIAL!

EVERYONE WELCOME!!!

A QUEST SOCIAL takes place front and center on the Church Green, **Tuesday afternoon, September 21 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** when we'll reunite to the tune of the **Ukululus**, a group of musical women who will be our special guests!

Plan to have your dessert with us that day when tea, coffee and goodies will be ready at 2:00 o'clock, along with visiting and conversing. Following this long-awaited reunion, our guests will take us away on a musical venture.

This is a day for bringing along your friends. There's no charge, but please let us know by Friday, September 17th how many are coming.

Leave message on Joan's phone: (978) 352-8033 or email: jdchat1027@gmail.com

****** Because of the rise in the Delta Variant, this group will not play indoors so we are moving it outside.

****** In case of rain, this event will unfortunately be canceled.

NOTE TO CHURCH FAMILY

My email account was recently hacked, and many of you received bogus messages. I am truly sorry you are having to deal with messages of this sort and want you to know I have a new email address. It is: jdchat1027@gmail.com. Thank you for changing your contact details to reflect this new address.

Sincerely,

Joan Chatterton

BEACON HOSPICE

Someone needs your help today....

Bring joy to a patient's life or help us in our office. Become a hospice volunteer! Are you a caring person with a compassionate heart? Can you help create a patient and family environment of comfort and dignity, or support our team in the office? Your presence is a gift! For more information, please call:

Karen Powell
Volunteer Coordinator
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WOMEN'S GUILD

PROGRAM for FALL 2021 & SPRING 2022

AUTUMN 2021

GUEST SOCIAL

*Tuesday afternoon, September 21
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.*

We will be coming together again for a joyous afternoon reunion, featuring the Ukululus, a group of musical women who are our special guests. Please invite your friends to join you (there is no charge) for refreshments, conversation, and music!

BRING YOUR OWN SANDWICH LUNCH

Tuesday, October 19, at Noon

CONVERSATION WITH REV. HOLLY

This is an opportunity for our Guild women to welcome, and to know our Pastor Holly on a more personal level as she shares her faith journey with us.

*Hostesses: Martha Lucius & Joan Chatterton
Devotions: Judy Robillard*

IT WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED if you will pay dues of \$5.00 at this October meeting. Thanks, in advance!

BRING YOUR OWN SANDWICH LUNCH

Tuesday, November 16, at Noon

BEHIND THE SCENES AT GTW

Welcoming Ann Jaroncyk from the Georgetown Theatre Workshop (with perhaps another sidekick!) who will tell us all the ups and downs of the acting life from the funny to the disastrous! GTW has provided the "Little Theatre Experience" to the Greater Georgetown Communities for more than 40 years.

*Hostesses: Sue Clay & Lilly Townsend
Devotions: Jean Perley*

DESSERT HOLIDAY PARTY AT THE CHURCH

Tuesday, December 7, at 1:00 o'clock

Delicious Church Fair pies will be served for a dessert fellowship, followed by ...

**A Children's Christmas Story by Barb Morehouse*

**Strumming & Songs by Richard Aberman*

**Carol Sing with Mary Ann Nelson*

Please plan to bring "Socks for Ruth's House" – children's, men's, and women's – our yearly Guild Christmas mission.

2022: No January through March meetings.



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BRING YOUR OWN SANDCWIH LUNCH

Tuesday, April 19, at Noon

STORYTELLING WITH GLADIE

Our own Gladie Kneeland loves an audience, and we, in turn, love to hear Gladie's stories! Start guessing about what her subject might be! Whatever it is will be a highly anticipated treat.

Hostesses: Nancy Aberman & Carol Lutes

Devotions: Shirley Powell

BRING YOUR OWN SANDWICH LUNCH

Tuesday, May 17, at Noon

ADVOCATING FOR THE JEANNE GEIGER CRISIS CENTER

Guest, Glenna Etheridge, is an experienced volunteer with the Jeannie Geiger Crisis Center, serving the Greater Newburyport communities. Her work includes mentoring and accompanying women to court hearings. The Geiger Center protects, and educates, providing a safety net for many families in abusive situations. Glenna is also the daughter of proud Mom, Gloria Webster!

Hostesses: Sylvia Johnston & Mary Ann Nelson

Devotions: Gloria Webster

ANNUAL LUNCHEON OUTING

Tuesday, June 21, at Noon

We are sad about the closing of the Bradford Tavern, a longtime favorite venue for celebrating our Annual Luncheon Outing. Our Steering Committee is considering the options and welcome your suggestions.



Tuesday evenings 6:30 PM and 7:30 PM.

For more information, please visit www.fccgeorgetownma.org or contact Robert Knapp tyembob@aol.com



Choir: All welcome regardless of ability to read music. Only the desire to sing is necessary. Anyone under 6th grade please speak with 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 with Bob Knapp. There are always rhythm instruments if nothing else!!



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 2021	Title	Author	Location
September 29 7:00 p.m.	<i>The Horse Dancer</i> ©2010 461pp	Jojo Moyes	Guild Room, Church and Zoom
October 27 7:00 p.m.	<i>The Thursday Murder Club</i> ©2020 368pp	Richard Osman	Guild Room, Church and Zoom
December 1 7:00 p.m.	<i>Redeeming Love</i> ©2019 512pp	Francine Rivers	Guild Room, Church and Zoom
2022			
January 26 7:00 p.m.	<i>The Four Winds</i> ©2021 464pp	Kristin Hannah	Guild Room, Church and Zoom
February 23 7:00 p.m.	<i>Facing the Mountain: A True Story of Japanese American He- roes in World War II</i> ©2021 560pp	Daniel James Brown	Guild Room, Church and Zoom
March 30 7:00 p.m.	<i>The Midnight Library</i> ©2020 304pp	Matt Haig	Guild Room, Church and Zoom
April 27 7:00 p.m.	<i>The Rose Code</i> ©2021 656pp	Kate Quinn	Guild Room, Church and Zoom
May 25 7:00 p.m.	<i>Mrs. Jack: A Biography of Isa- bella Stewart Gardner</i> ©1965 365pp	Louise Hall Tharp	Guild Room, Church and Zoom
June 29 6:00 p.m. dinner 7:00 dis- cussion	<i>Perestroika in Paris</i> ©2020 268pp	Jane Smiley	Nancy Aberman 199 W. Main St Nancy: 978-352-2793 and Zoom



Looking Back:

20 Years ago:

The sanctuary was packed and over-flowing. A sound system was set up outside of the church so that those hundreds seated on the front lawn could also hear the service. This was the scene at our church on Wednesday September 19th, 2001 as we gathered to celebrate the life of one of our own taken from us too early. She was one of the first to parish on 9/11 as she was on American Airlines flight 11, which was the first plane to slam into the World Trade Center North Towers at 8:46 AM just 8 days before.

Carol Ann Flyzik was born March 13, 1961. She moved with her family to Georgetown at a young age and attended Georgetown schools, excelling in sports, especially basketball and field hockey. She played Tenor sax in the high school bands including making a recording, as part of the "all girl sax section" with the GHS "Free Spirit" jazz band. One of the tracks from this album, featuring a solo by Carol, was played at her service.

Carol (also known by her nickname "Fred" given to her, lovingly, by her friends) began coming to our church, with her family, in elementary school and sang in the Jr. choir, with her mother serving as piano accompanist. She frequently participated in the "pick-up" bands assembled for special occasions at our church during her high school days and "officially" joined our congregation, with her fellow confirmands, in 1975, the same year her mother, Jan, became our organist. After her graduation from GHS in 1979 she went on to further study, eventually becoming a nurse. Though we would see her occasionally after that, her work and life took her elsewhere, though she always considered us her church.

Please go to our website www.fccgeorgetownma.org to enjoy a couple of articles honoring "Fred".





***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 8:30 am to 11:30 am***

***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 upstairs
corner classroom.***

***Contact the church office for more details.
978-352-8443 churchoffice@fccgeorgetownma.org***

CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT

Please join us on **Sunday, September 12th at 10:30 AM for Rally Day** as we welcome everyone 'Home' from their summer vacations. Please join us for a spiritually uplifting and musically festive start to the new church year. Weather permitting, many activities will occur on our front lawn, so bring your lawn chairs and your blankets.



Sign up sheets for **Sunday School** will be available during and after Rally Day as well. If you have a child, grandchild, niece, nephew that is interested in learning more about Jesus in a safe and welcoming environment, please let us know. We anticipate starting classes toward the end of September.



We are also seeking **volunteers** to teach Sunday School. There is no greater reward than showing children the love of Jesus through activities and lessons. Your time commitment is about one hour for each class you teach. If interested, please reach out to the Christian Development Team.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Rally Sunday!

Thanks and God Bless from the Christian Development Team,

Rich Brock
Nancy Aberman
Tom Chaffee

Looking for Handmade Goods and Goodies!



Hi Everyone,

I am going to be in charge of the Country Store Table for the Fall Fair this year. I like manning this table but I am not super crafty or master baker. So, I am in need of homemade things. It doesn't have to be a ton of things. Just one or two things you might have a talent at making and wouldn't mind donating them. I am also in need of some baked breads, fudge, jelly, pickles, or whatever you like to make.

Lastly, do you remember games for kids (or kids at heart) that were popular at our fair or other fairs you attended as a kid? Send me an email and tell me about them. Would you like to help with a game or maybe take an hour or two at my table to sell some things? Let me know. mbrock8484@gmail.com or call/text me at 978-239-0271. Thanks! *Michelle Brock*

Save the Date!
October 22nd and 23rd

Annual Fall Harvest Fair

CHIC BOUTIQUE

RAFFLES

**HOMEMADE
PIES!
COOKIE WALK!**

RED TAG SALE

**SATURDAY
NIGHT
TURKEY
DINNER**

Artisans & Crafters



Far Corner Golf Course
5 Barker Road
Boxford, MA 01921

Sunday,
October 3, 2021
Cost: \$125 per player
Start time 1 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:

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



This year's event will be held on **Sunday, October 3rd** 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.



September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 PM Supper 7 PM Worship	2	3	4
5	6  Office Closed	7 6:30 PM Bells 7:30 PM Band	8 6:30 PM Supper 7 PM Worship	9	10	11
12 10:30 AM Sunday 12:30 PM Diaconate 	13	14 6 PM Finance 6:30 PM Bells 7:30 PM Band	15 6:30 PM Council 	16	17	18
19 10:30 AM Worship	20	21 Guest Social 2-4 PM 6:30 PM Choir 7:30 PM Bells	22	23 6 PM Christian Development	24	25
26 10:30 AM Worship	27	28 6:30 PM Bells 7:30 PM Band	29 7 PM Book Club Guild Room & ZOOM <i>The Horse Dancer</i>	30		

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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.