

# From the Hill



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These words from Psalm 8 are a good reminder of whose we are and where we fit in the world:

*“O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. . . When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them **a little lower than God**, and crowned them with glory and honor.”*

A little lower than God, yes, *a little lower than God* - this is good for us to remember. To remember that we strive for that Being that is bigger than our selves. That “Something Bigger” than ourselves, that *Bigger Love* than we can imagine; that *Greater Being* that watches over all creation loving us more than we can imagine; that Something that combines all humans together; that Creator of all plants, creatures, and humans.

We come to worship to honor this Creator Being, this God of all. We come to worship to remember that we were perfectly made, and we are cared for, even as mere mortals. We are crowned with glory because we were wonderfully, and joyfully made in the image of God, our Creator.

How cool is that! So, come to church and worship. You and I are wonderfully made in God’s image - that is something divine to celebrate. And church is the place to join with others who strive to see this as something to celebrate.

Wherever you are on life’s journey you are welcome here at the First Congregational Church of Georgetown.

Yours faithfully,

Pastor Holly

## **Fundraiser to benefit FCC Georgetown**



### **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.

Our local Boy Scouts America Troop 51 and Troop 101 are going to help refurbish our church's shed.

The Eagle Scout project will consist of replacing the old roof shingles with new ones, and giving the entire shed a new coat of paint. The goal of this fundraiser is to obtain the money needed for supplies such as, new shingles, paint, nails, brushes, and other tools.

**Scout Troops (51/101) The GoFundMe link is below:**

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/eagle-scout-project-to-repair-shed?utm\\_source=customer&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link&utm\\_campaign=p\\_cf+share-flow-1](https://www.gofundme.com/f/eagle-scout-project-to-repair-shed?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1)



### **Bible Study Continues**

Bible Study continues this fall!

Tuesdays at 10-10:30 A.M.

We will be reading the book of Matthew. Join us!



### **An Opportunity from your Council**

Hello Church Family,

As many of you are aware the church has done a significant upgrade in technology recently. To benefit both in person and live ZOOM, new cameras, sound mixers, microphones, internet, computer, cables, mount and assorted hardware were purchased. We did have a TV donated which was wonderful!

The cost of the items was well over \$5,000. We are asking you to prayerfully consider donating to the **technology fund** to offset these expenses. If you can do so, please make a check out to the Church and reference the Technology Fund. You can either put your donation in the offering box on Sundays or mail to P.O. Box 200 here in town.

Blessings,  
Your Council

# Diaconate News

Greetings from your Diaconate,

Imagine here we are beginning our autumn season!! Even with some uncertainty and worries that seem to dwell within all of us, we have to admit how time flies! It seems like just a couple of weeks ago we were planning Wednesday summer services and now we are looking forward with excitement the Church Fair in October!!

Fall is such a beautiful season and we here in Georgetown Massachusetts are so lucky to witness this time of year when we unpack the flannel sheets, down comforters, and heavy sweaters.... feeling that refreshing crispness in the air. We New Englanders, smile as we hear the call of the geese flying high above us and the squirrels hurrying to gather their winter supplies as we head towards shorter days.

As I mentioned above, the Church Fair and all of the hard-working committees who are organizing their teams are showing their true feelings of love, family and working together as a Church Family. This is such a “picture” of who we are!! We missed it so much last year, and with fingers crossed let’s hope it will come to be this year. There is no getting around it our “Fair” is a huge part of the tradition here at our Church. Those tireless workers and all who attend are the reason it works so well.

I often think of this season with reference to old houses. I, as many of you know, live in a very old house. I never think of it as haunted, but I like to think of the spirits of tranquility and graciousness that planned, protected and cherished all who have lived here through the years. The influence of many...So it is with our church. Many have gone before us; many have had huge challenges and so has our church. Our church building, old and beautiful has seen so much. I truly believe we must hold fast to our faith in God to bring us through these exceptional times. We will look back and know our faith, our care and love for our Church Family has brought us through.

So, as always, your deacons, Antoinette, Emily, Pam and Rachel are here for you. Please share your worries, your joys, and above all your faith.

We wish all of you the eyes to behold God’s paintbrush with the New England colors, the ears to hear those geese heading off, the smell of a pumpkin, apple or blueberry pie, and the crunch and delicious taste of a fall apple. One bite of our legendary church pies will open a floodgate of happy memories....so let’s all make more joyful memories and be thankful for all of our blessings.

Gladie Kneeland, Chair

## 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. Your Member-at- Large to the Council is Susan Stead, 978-697-1982 email: [susan.stead5@gmail.com](mailto:susan.stead5@gmail.com)



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# Stewardship



## Why Church?

By Toni Cassidy, Stewardship Team,  
First Congregational Church, Georgetown

There was a point in my life when I was lost and I asked myself, “why church?” I had grown up with an organized religion, but then moved away literally and spiritually. And I did want to understand why someone would invest their time, talent and treasure within a faith community.

And yet, I was drawn to this faith community every time I drove by, though I could not explain why then. I realized at some point I needed to be here. Showing up one day I found my spiritual home, and things began to become more clear.

Over the years I have slowly been able to articulate some of the reasons for “why church?” And, here is an (abbreviated) list of the needs met for me through participation in this Christian community.

**Shared Reality:** As a community we believe different things, but we share an understanding that there is ‘Something More’ that gives life meaning beyond our individual identities and experiences. We share a commitment to following in the way of Jesus.

**Self-Expression & Contribution:** Church was where my leadership skills were first named, noticed and nurtured and where I was encouraged to claim and use my voice.

**Effectiveness:** Through church I am part of a collective body that has the power, through our actions and advocacy, to bend the arc of the moral universe towards justice a little quicker and more effectively than my individual efforts alone.

**Challenge:** Church challenges me to align my behavior with my values and beliefs, holding me lovingly accountable to being my most authentic self.

The list goes on: compassion, celebration, belonging, beauty, inspiration, connection . . . There is no community that will meet all my needs all the time. But during this season of stewardship as I reflect on what value the church has in my life, I am grateful for how many of my needs are met consistently through my engagement with the United Church of Christ. And, equally important, how investing my time, talent and treasure in this community of faith provides the opportunity to contribute to meeting the needs of others.

As a member of the Stewardship Team, I look forward to celebrating with you as we enter this upcoming Stewardship season. Stay tuned for details.

Yours Truly,

Toni Cassidy



Each month we meet to talk about books selected by book club members. Meetings are held at the church and via ZOOM. If you are interested in attending, contact the Church Office or any of the people listed below. 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> ©209 512pp	Francine Rivers	Guild Room, Church and Zoom
<b>2022</b>			
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 Heroes 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 Isabella Stewart Gardner</i> ©1965 365pp	Louise Hall Tharp	Guild Room, Church and Zoom
June 29 6:00 p.m. dinner 7:00 discussion	<i>Perestroika in Paris</i> ©2020 268pp	Jane Smiley	Nancy Aberman 199 W. Main St Nancy: 978-352-2793 and Zoom



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

For more information, please visit [www.fccgeorgetownma.org](http://www.fccgeorgetownma.org) or contact Robert Knapp [tyembob@aol.com](mailto: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!!





## Fall Fair

Our annual Harvest Fair will occur on Friday, October 22nd from 10am to 5pm and Saturday, October 23rd 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 be on site as well to showcase their talents and crafts.

**Fair donations can be dropped off at the church Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to noon through October 9th. Additionally, Monday, Thursdays, and Fridays 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

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. Buy 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 of celebration and fellowship.

Safety precautions to protect against Covid-19, such as wearing a mask, maintaining social distances, and limiting the occupancy within the building will be applied for this year's event as the safety of our community is our highest priority.

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.

Blessing to all,

Deb Lamoureaux  
Rich Brock  
Fair Co-Chairs

### **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](mailto:mbrock8484@gmail.com) or call/text me at 978-239-0271.

Thanks! *Michelle Brock*



## 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.

**Golf attire is required. Collared shirts and slacks/shorts/skirts.**

5 Barker Road  
Boxford, MA 01921

**Sunday, October 3, 2021**

**Cost: \$125 per player, start time 1:00 p.m. 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

**To enter please email:**

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## Women's Guild

**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!

## Men's Group

Men's Group meets the **third** Saturday every month 8:00 a.m. at Café Sarina.

The next meeting is **Saturday, October 16th.**



## Church Fair Pie Making

**Sunday, October 3 - 1:00 p.m.** - Frozen Blueberry

**Sunday, October 10 - 1:00 p.m.** - Frozen Apple (People are needed to come help peel the apples!)

**Thursday, October 21 - Time TBA** - Apple, Blueberry and Pumpkin Pie making

Thanks,

Pam and Emily

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Emily Knapp [tyembob@aol.com](mailto:tyembob@aol.com)



# October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10:30 AM Worship 1 PM Fair Pie making 1 PM Golf Event 7-8 PM Diaconate via ZOOM	4	5 10 AM Bible Study Matthew 1-6 6:30 PM Choir 7:30 PM Bells	6 7PM Boy Scouts	7	8	9
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17 10:30 AM Worship	18	19 10 AM Bible Study Matthew 15-22 12 PM Women's Guild 7:00 PM Bells	20 6:30 PM Council 7PM Boy Scouts	21 TBA Fair Pie making	22 Fall Fair 10 AM-5PM	23 Fall Fair 9-3 PM
Fair Set Up Week						
24/31 10:30 AM Worship 	25	26 10 AM Bible Study Matthew 23-28 4:45-6:15 Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Bells 7:30 PM Band	27 7 PM Book Club Guild Room & ZOOM The Thursday Murder Club 7PM Boy Scouts	28 6:00 pm Christian Development	29	30



## 50 years ago:

Pilgrim Fellowship Paper Drive

## 40 years ago:

Church Bell Choir founded using borrowed bells from Star Island  
The Over the Rainbow Fair chaired by Janet Brown & Donn Chatterton

## 30 years ago:

Ground breaking on the church addition (class rooms, offices, elevator plus)  
Slate on the church steeple re-nailed and / or replaced  
The Heritage Fair chaired by Shirley Powell, Cathy Southwick and Ginny Ryder

## 20 years ago:

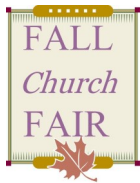
Hooray for Hollywood Fair chaired by Gayle Fehlman & Kirsten Davis

## 10 years ago:

Fair chaired by Deb Lamoreaux



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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.