

From the Hill



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"IN THE BEGINNING God created the heavens and the earth. But the earth became chaos and emptiness, and darkness came over the face of the Deep—yet the Spirit of God was brooding over the surface of the waters." Gen. 1:1-2 ⁺⁺

So begins the story of humanity, as told to us in Genesis, which literally means, "In the beginning." Several months ago, while exploring some random text in scripture, our Bible study group wondered together how the creation story in our Old Testament relates or compares to other stories or myths of creation from other faith traditions or cultures.

In the Judio-Christian traditions, we have Genesis, or "In the beginning," with all its various bits of how God (YHWH) created the heavens and the earth, out of chaos came order, the sky separated from the earth, the clouds and then the ocean, the animals, and then the first human (Adam).

And, our small Bible study group of curious minds thought, there are other understandings, myths and stories passed down generation to generation. It seems to be human nature to try to make sense of our world; to wonder how we all got here.

In *our* curiosity, this Bible study group thought it might be fun to explore these together as a congregation. So, **throughout October, we will explore 4 other stories**: Native American (or First Nations peoples of this part of New England); the Babylonian Epic of *Enuma Elish*; a Hindu story of creation; and the Mayan creation myth.

These stories and myths each came about in their own time, from their own context, helping each culture make sense of life and death, division and connection, of grief and sorrow, and even unexplainable joy. Ours is one of many, with its own space for the unexplainable. Like was it a literal seven days? Or might we learn more by focusing on the notion of the Divine bringing order out of chaos as that first line in Genesis reminds us?

It is my prayer that you will join us for worship as we playfully wonder about these various understandings of our world and how it was created. And in this wondering, we might grow deeper into our incomprehensible work of creation of our Awesome God.

In the end, do we have to understand and explain every detail for the larger story to be rooted in Truth? God's love began way before we ever were formed, however we explain it. And God's love will remain in and through us as we strive to follow Love's call to be faithful.

See you in church!

Rev. Holly

⁺⁺ Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible (p. 16). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.

Bible Study Continues

Bible Study continues this fall!

Tuesdays at 10-10:30 A.M.



Join me for evening Bible study! The first Wednesday of the month, from 7-8 pm, starting October 5th. On ZOOM!

The more the merrier! And, yes, Bible study can be fun!

Once I hear back from interested folks, we'll set up ZOOM, etc. Email Rev. Holly if interested
pastor@fccgeorgetownma.org

Light The Church Fund



This October, our steeple is lit in memory of "Farmer Bob" by Barbara Morehouse.

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.

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



Joan Chatterton
Kirsten Davis
Bridget Edwards
Melissa Edwards
Scott Edwards
Jessica Lee
Sharon Lee

Diaconate

Greetings from your diaconate,

Imagine here we are beginning our autumn season!! 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 to 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! 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. Enveloping the entire community, the "Fair" is something the whole town looks forward to each year.

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. Refreshing our spirits with the welcoming sights and smells, even the building brings us so many warm memories and the bright and positive future beckons us forward.

So, as always, your deacons, Antoinette, Emily, Pam and Sharon 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

Georgetown Historical Society

The Georgetown Historical Society is planning an "Antiques Appraisal" to be held in the Church Fellowship Hall on Thursday October 13th from 6-8pm.

Dan Meader, our local antiques expert, will be doing appraisals, and cost will be \$5.00 for each item you bring. Please join us for an interesting evening and discover what your treasures are worth!!





Each month we meet to talk about books selected by book club members. Meetings are held via ZOOM. 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 2022	Title	Author	Location/Hostess/Phone Number
September 28	<i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i> ©1884	Mark Twain	Zoom 857 9842 9936 https://fccgeorgetownma.org/ministries/ Select Book Club, What We are Reading Select link for current month's book
October 26	<i>The Wonder Boys of Whistle Stop</i>	Fannie Flag	Zoom 857 9842 9936 https://fccgeorgetownma.org/ministries/ Select Book Club, What We are Reading
December 7 (combined Nov/Dec)	<i>The Book of Lost Names</i> ©2021	Kristin Harmel	Zoom 857 9842 9936 https://fccgeorgetownma.org/ministries/ Select Book Club, What We are Reading



**LOBSTER
OR
CHICKEN SALAD
ROLL
LUNCH**

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of Georgetown
will sponsor their Lobster and Chicken Salad Roll lunch at the annual
"FALL FAIR" to be held;

Friday, October 21st 2022

11:30AM – 1:00PM

7 Andover Street, Georgetown, MA

Lunch includes loads of homemade LOBSTER or CHICKEN SALAD on a roll, chips, coleslaw and dessert.

LOBSTER \$15.00 CHICKEN SALAD \$10.00

NEED DELIVERY ? FREE DELIVERY*

(*We will gladly deliver 4 or more lunches to any Georgetown location!!)

To order for *delivery only*:

Please call the Church office 978-352-8443 and leave a message or Email your order to:

Lobsterlunch234@gmail.com

Messages must have *name, number and type of lunches, delivery address and contact phone number.*

(Orders will be taken thru **Thursday, October 20th 2022**

Correct change and a single contact (for group orders) would be appreciated.

Orders placed by Thursday will be delivered by NOON on Friday.



Church Fair Pie Making

Frozen Blueberry

Sunday, Oct 2nd 1:00 PM

Frozen Apple

Sunday, Oct 16th 1:00 PM

Fresh Pies (Apple & Blueberry)

Thursday, Oct 20th 8:30 AM

Women's Guild

BRING YOUR OWN SANDWICH LUNCH
Tuesday, October 4 at Noon

STORYTELLING WITH GLADIE KNEELAND

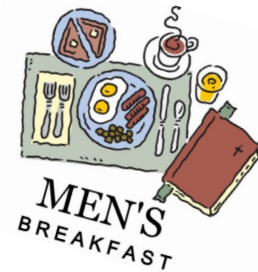
The subject is a mystery! Only Gladie knows what she will share with us, but we're only too happy to hear her topic as she always wows us with a fun theme!

Hostesses: Sue Clay & Lilly Townsend
 Devotions: Carol Lutes



Men's Group

Men's breakfast will resume the 2nd Saturday of the month.
 Café Sarina, October 8th at 8 AM



Knitting

Knitting resumes every other Thursday evening in the Guild Room. All are welcome, those new to knitting and experienced who just want a bit of company as you knit.

Upcoming meetings:

October 13th
 October 27th



The First Congregational Church of Georgetown

FALL HARVEST FAIR

FRIDAY OCTOBER 21ST 10:00AM-5:00PM
SATURDAY OCTOBER 22ND 9:00AM-3:00PM



HOME MADE COOKIES
AT THE COUNTRY
STORE!



RED TAG SALE

Rummage Sale!
on Friday! Don't miss
out on all the
great deals!



Looking for that special outfit?

Stop by our CHIC Boutique we have
beautiful gently used clothing for
women, and children!



Jump start the Holiday Season and start
shopping this weekend! Featuring unique
creations & products from over 20 vendors!

Delicious Turkey Dinner with all the fixings!

Saturday night! Tickets sold at the fair



RAFFLES ARE BACK!

Take a chance on some great
items!

tickets will be sold
during the fair !



Home made PIES!





October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						¹ 4 PM Blessing of the Animals
² 10:30 AM Worship 1 PM Fair Pie Making	³	⁴ 10 AM Bible Study 12 PM Women's Guild 6:30 PM Bells 7:30 PM Band	⁵ 7 PM Evening Bible Study ZOOM 7PM Boy Scouts	⁶	⁷ 5-6:30 PM Girl Scouts	⁸ 8 AM Men's Breakfast Café Sarina
⁹ 9:30 AM Bells 10:30 AM Worship	¹⁰ Office Closed Indigenous Peoples Day	¹¹ 10 AM Bible Study 6:00 pm Finance 6:30 PM Bells 7:30 PM Band	¹² 7 PM Missions Meeting 7PM Boy Scouts	¹³ 6-8 PM Georgetown Historical Society 7 PM Diaconate Meeting 7 PM Knitting	¹⁴ 3-6:00 PM Girl Scouts 	¹⁵
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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.