

# May Newsletter

Dear Church,

We are post-Easter people! Easter has happened. The tomb was found to be empty and Jesus, the Christ, showed up to his disciples, changed. Alleluia!

And today, Christ is Risen and shows up to us too! Alleluia!

Have you ever really wondered what that really means? To be post-Easter people? That Christ is risen? What does that mean for us who believe and strive to trust in this declaration that Christ is risen.

What does this mean?

We say and celebrate the day, Easter Sunday, year after year, with trumpets (in our case the Band and Bells) and Easter lilies. We sing of Christ's Resurrection and the empty tomb. And then many of us just go on with our lives. As if nothing has changed.

In fact, for us who profess to believe and trust in the Risen Christ, everything changed that day. We are here because of the Risen Christ.



[Read more HERE](#)



The Miller family suffered a devastating fire at their house in Georgetown and have lost *everything* in the fire, including William's beloved cat. They have reached out to FCC Georgetown for help. Please help if you can.

**Kitchenware:**

Including pots and pans, utensils, dishes, flatware, glasses

**Clothes:**

Bob: Size 40/30 pants, XL shirt

David: Size 4X shirt; stretch pants (3 or 4XL)

William: 28/30 pants, M shirt

Men's size 10 shoes and socks

**Blankets & Towels**

If you have anything you can donate to help the Millers, please drop it off in the church shed or call Marie Birdsall-Chaffee (617-797-2252) and she'll pick it up.

**Please join us for a fundraising dinner for the Miller family on Friday,**



### THE ONE HUNDREDTH CELEBRATION OF THE WOMEN'S GUILD

Sunday, March 26, was a banner day, a celebration of the founding of our Women's Guild. Fifty-plus women from our church, along with guests from six neighboring churches, celebrated the women of the 1920's, (many wearing the 1920's style dress) and most especially the "Woman of 1923". We greatly appreciate that Chris Comiskey, our Church Historian, brought to life that woman of 1923, after in-depth, meaningful research. Chris highlighted the era by explaining the cultural changes that were emerging in society after World War I. Her visual presentation was a thoughtful mixture of serious and fun and showed us how the world was turning in 1923 here in Georgetown and in the wider community. George Comiskey created a wonderful background musical presentation to play while our guests enjoyed tea and mini desserts, provided by members of the Guild and a few other generous women of our congregation.

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HERE](#)



**The Northeast Association of our UCC** conference is meeting right here at First Church next Sunday, **May 7th at 3 PM**. I hope you can join us for this year's NEA Spring meeting.

We are one of 40 congregations in this Northeast Association and as a region of local UCC congregations we are bound together in covenant. As an association we gather twice each year, May and November, to reconnect and strengthen ties.

In this (almost?) post-pandemic time, life is weird, church is different and we each do our best, continuing to adjust and make things new.

### ***Are we on a threshold of sorts?***

It seems so.

### ***Is our church on a threshold of becoming something new?***

Quite possibly.

We need each other as we strive to live more fully into God's call to be a Beloved Community in this beautiful and broken world. The church was made for a time like this!

Our very own, World's Most Dangerous Church Band will help lead us in a time of worship. And we will have by **Rev. Heather Ramsey-Mabrouk**, the Director of the SNEUCC's Center for Transformational Leadership as our speaker. Rev. Heather will share a hope-filled vision of being congregations on the threshold of something new.

## Earth Day Dinner

Friday, May 12th

Please join us for an evening of food and fellowship on Friday, May 12th at 6:00. George Comiskey will discuss local conservation efforts and how we can help. Dinner will be potluck. If you haven't already, please fill out the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

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### Movie Night

Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> Movie Night  
Showing: Airplane!

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for another fun movie night! Bring your own comfy chairs. Free admission & free popcorn. Roger, Roger!

### Line Dancing

Sundays from 3-5 PM

Join us in Fellowship Hall for good music and loads of fun!

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**Help us honor Karen L. Young by  
joining Team Forever Young**

LUNGSTRONG®  
5K Run & 1.5mi Walk

JOIN US LIVE  
DATE: May 21, 2023 @10am

Immediately following a brief worship service all are welcome in Fellowship Hall for something sweet to continue the conversation.



### DESSERT RECEPTION

We are hosting the NEA meeting this Sunday. We are providing refreshments. **We are asking for donations of desserts to serve, bars, cookies, etc.** What ever is easy to pick up and eat without utensils.

Thank you so much!  
The Hospitality Team.

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The Coffee Hour Penny Bowl accumulated another \$50 in dollar bills and change during this past month. These donations have been sent to Ruth's House in Haverhill for their dedicated work in providing help to struggling, low-income families of the Merrimack Valley. The Staff and Volunteers of this mission consistently give of time and resources to help outfit each family member (at no charge) with "in good condition" clothing (from their Thrift Shop) new socks and new underwear for each season.

Thank you all for your continued support of the Women's Guild Penny Bowl!

Jean, Joan, Judy & Nancy, the Guild's  
Steering Committee

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### HISTORICAL DOCUMENT DONATED

A man from North Carolina recently contacted

at 72 Cherry Hill Dr. Beverly MA

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the church regarding a historical document which he had recently acquired. It was the Constitution of the Female Benevolent Society of New Rowley, formed by members of the Congregational Society. He wished to donate the framed document and we happily accepted.

[Read more HERE](#)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 10 AM Bible Study 12 PM Women's Guild	3 7 PM Evening Bible Study Bells 6:30 Band 7:30 7PM Boy Scouts	4 Band 6:30 PM	5	6
7 10:30 AM Worship 9:30 & 2 Band 3 PM NEA Spring Meeting	8	9 10 AM Bible Study 6 PM Finance Bells 6:30 Band 7:30	10 7PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Missions	11 Band 6:30 PM 7 PM Diaconate	12 Earth Day Dinner 3-6:00 PM Girl Scouts 	13 Men's Group 8:00 A.M. Café Sarina
14 Mother's Day 10:30 AM Worship	15 	16 10 AM Bible Study Bells 6:30 Band 7:30	17 7PM Boy Scouts 6:30 PM Council	18 Band 6:30 PM	19	20 Movie Night 
21 9:30 AM Bells 10:30 AM Worship	22	23 10 AM Bible Study Bells 6:30 Band 7:30	24 7PM Boy Scouts	25 6:00 PM Christian Development Band 6:30 PM	26 5-6:30 PM Girl Scouts	27
28 10:30 AM Worship	29 Office Closed Memorial Day	30 10 AM Bible Study Bells 6:30 Band 7:30	31 7 PM Book Club 7PM Boy Scouts			

COMING  
NEXT  
MONTH!



## Blessing of the Animals! Sunday, June 11th

Please join us for our annual Blessing of the Animals!

Weather permitting, we'll hold it outside on the church lawn. Bring your animal(s) or photos to be blessed.

Also, if you'd like, please bring animal bedding, toys, and clothing which will be donated to the MSPCA at Nevins Farm.



**Semi Regular Golf  
Extravaganza to Benefit the  
First Congregational  
Church of Georgetown**

Sunday, June 11th  
5 Barker Rd.  
Boxford, MA 01921

***Can't make it?***

You can support this event virtually  
by making a donation in any amount!  
See our website.

**Click HERE to sign-  
up**



**Strawberry Social  
&  
Band Concert**

Tuesday, June 20th  
6-8 PM

**“Enjoy the Beginning of Summer on  
our Church Lawn”**

Help is needed with hulling, serving, set  
up and clean up.

Sign up sheets will be available starting  
May 28th.

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