

FCCG June Newsletter



Dear Church!

June is Pride month for our LGBTQA+ siblings here and around the world.

This is just one way to change the ways that Queer, non-binary and questioning individuals have been historically misunderstood and pushed to the fringe of our society and churches.

Many people of faith including our denomination the UCC, are working hard to correct life-limiting practices, joining in the celebration of life in all its forms and colors.

Our church is an Open and Affirming Church, meaning we extravagantly welcome all who we encounter in the spirit of God's abounding love.

Hence the rainbow!

Parades and marches are happening all over the place, including in my town of Salem, Mass. I'm hoping folks this faith community will join me on **Saturday, June 24th for the Salem Pride Parade.**

We will join others from *Tabernacle Church* in Salem and the *First Church of Swampscott* to walk and witness to God's love for all who are born on this earth.

And on this day, June 24th, we'll join in the special shout out and celebration for God's beloved LGBTQA+ children, including those questioning and those transitioning to be their best, whole selves.

Stay tuned for details of time and exact meet up location.

In the meantime, pull together your loud and colorful clothes so that together we represent all God's colors of the rainbow.

In Christ's service of Love,

Holly B.

Annual Luncheon Outing

Tuesday, June 6 at 12:30 PM

Roma Restaurant

29 Middlesex St, Bradford, MA 01835



** If you are making a last minute decision about attending, please call Joan at (978) 352-8033, so restaurant accommodation may be adjusted.



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.*



Golf Extravaganza 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 fccgeorgetownma.org or QR code below.



Achievement Sunday Sunday, June 18 at 10:30 AM

Achievement Sunday is coming up on June 18th, and we'd like to recognize everyone's achievements! Did you or a loved one graduate from high school or college or a certification program? Make the honor roll or Dean's

list? Get a new job or promotion or special recognition? Celebrate a special birthday or anniversary? Lose weight? Stop smoking? We'd love to hear about it.

Please send us your achievements no later than June 11th so we can include them on the 18th. We would like to put together a slide presentation, so please send us a picture as well. Email Marie Birdsall-Chaffee mbirds2516@aol.com

Many thanks, and we look forward to hearing from you!

**Strawberry Social
&
Band Concert**

Tuesday, June 20th

6-8 PM



“Enjoy the Beginning of Summer on our Church Lawn”

Strawberry Shortcake \$6.00

Strawberries/Ice-cream \$6.00

Raffles

Due to increases in prices for strawberries and supplies, monetary donations will be greatly appreciated. Checks can be payable to FCCG please note the memo 'Strawberry Social'.

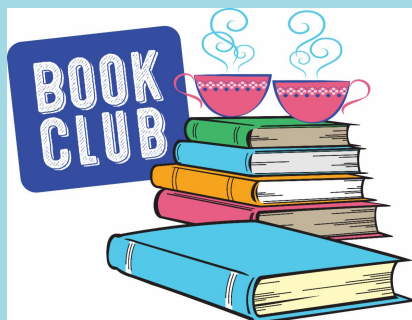
Raffle Items Needed.

Help is needed with hulling, serving, set up and clean up.
Sign-up sheets will be available starting May 28th!

In case of rain the social will be in Fellowship Hall.

Any questions contact Emily Knapp or Janice Murphy.

Movie Night! On Friday, June 23rd at 6:00, we will be honoring pride month by showing "Milk", the story of Harvey Milk, the nation's first openly gay man to hold a notable public office. Please join us for pizza and interesting discussion.



Tuesday, June 27

This is Happiness
by Niall Williams

Zoom 863 8107 4235

<https://fccgeorgetownma.org/ministries/> Select Book Club,
What We are Reading

Click HERE to ZOOM



June 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 Band 6:30 PM | 2 | 3 |
| 4 9:30 AM Band 10:30 AM Worship 3-5 PM Line Dancing | 5 | 6 10 AM Bible Study 12:30 PM Women's Guild Bells 6:30 Band 7:30 | 7 7PM Boy Scouts | 8 Band 6:30 PM 7 PM Diaconate | 9 5-6:30 PM Girl Scouts | 10 Men's Group 8:00 A.M. Café Sarina |
| 11 9:30 AM Bells 10:30 AM Blessing of the Animals 1 PM Golf Outing 3-5 PM Line Dancing | 12 | 13 10 AM Bible Study 6 PM Finance Bells 6:30 Band 7:30 | 14 Band 6:30 PM 7PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Missions | 15 Band 6:30 PM | 16 3-6:00 PM Girl Scouts | 17 |
| 18 Achievement Sunday 9:30 AM Brass 10:30 AM Worship 3-5 PM Line Dancing | 19 Kaczmarek Rehearsal TBD | 20 10 AM Bible Study 6PM Band 6-8 PM Strawberry Social  | 21 Kaczmarek Recital 5-8:30 PM 7PM Boy Scouts 6:30 PM Council | 22 6:00 PM Christian Development | 23 | 24 |
| 25 NO Sunday Worship 3-5 PM Line Dancing | 26 | 27 10 AM Bible Study 7 PM Book Club | 28  WORSHIP 6:30 PM Supper 7 PM Worship | 29 | 30 | |



Summer Worship Schedule

There will be no worship service on Sunday, June 25th, as we transition to our summer schedule on Wednesday, June 28th at 7 pm.

June 28th our summer Wednesday evening worship begins with a celebration of our Open and Affirming Covenant. A light supper will be provided at 6:30, with worship at 7 pm. We will recite our promise to receive and welcome all who approach our community, with a special outreach and welcoming of our siblings of varied gender orientations and identities. All who have ever felt unwelcome or uninvited to houses of worship are welcome with us!

Bring your friends, invite your neighbors.
All are welcome at FCC G-Town! God is Love, Always.

During the month of June, the Missions Team is collecting clothing and essentials for Community Giving Tree in Boxford. Community Giving Tree helps low-income families raise healthy children by providing recycled clothing, baby equipment and other basic necessities.

Please bring your donations for the Community Giving Tree table

in Fellowship Hall by June 28th.





Clothing & Essentials Drive

All items collected go directly to those in need.

Greatest Needed Items:

- Diapers sizes: Newborn, 3, 4 & 7, Pull ups 3T/4T, 4T/5T, wipes, diaper cream
- Baby Bath Items: Bath wash, body cream, wash cloths
- Baby Crib Bedding: New/Gently used crib and pack n play sheets, small blankets
- Baby Equipment: New/Gently used: pack n plays, high chairs, baby bath tubs, bassinets, exersaucers, baby swings
- Children's Clothing: New/Gently used: (All Seasons), sizes 2T - 10/12 yrs, boys/girls
- Summer lightweight Pj sets: New, sizes 2T - 10/12yrs, boys/girls

Amazon Wish List



Community Giving Tree Website



DONATE BY

outreach@communitygivingtree.org

Boxford Giving Center
572B Main Street Boxford, MA
978-769-5056

Lawrence Giving Center
60 Island Street, Lawrence, MA
978-208-1089

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