



From Pastor Holly ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●

Sing gratefully to God from your hearts in psalms, hymns and songs of the Spirit. And whatever you do, whether in speech or in action, do it in the name of Jesus our Savior, giving thanks to God through Christ. Colossians 3: 16- 17

Dear Church,

Can you believe it? Summer has come and is headed that-a-way! Too soon for my taste. I could use a few more weeks of late August weather. Here's hopin'.

Whatever the weather, on September 8th we will return to Sunday worship in the beautiful sanctuary at church. And this transition marks the time when, life gets busier for many of us, with school or work schedules that pick up a bit. School groups, and sports, Book clubs and such, get back together after their restful summer break.

The church building will also get a bit busier. The various Scout troops will pick up where they left off in June, meeting each week in our Fellowship Hall. You may notice a few Scouts present at our Strawberry Social or at the Church Fair, helping to set up or clean up, or just hang around being their beloved, curious, energetic selves. I give great thanks to the leaders of these Scout troops who dedicate so much time and creativity to encourage and support the healthy development of our local young people of whatever gender. Though we may not have many youth/children in worship on Sundays, there are youth in our building each week. And this we celebrate, the use of this sacred space for the good of the wider community.

Georgetown Theatre Workshop returns to our Fellowship Hall soon for rehearsal of their next play; three evenings each week they practice and practice. Actors of all ages grace our space in preparation for the community performance.

Our very own musicians will be returning to weekly rehearsals soon. The Bell Choir and the World's Most Dangerous Church Band, both led by Bob Knapp have a long, rich history here at FCC, while the Bell choir and the Band both help to lead worship often, the Band also entertains the crowds each June at the Strawberry Social and other events, when possible.

And out of the Band, a new music team formed last spring, the Holy Moly Trio (and sometimes quartet) – with guitar, mandolin and violin, bringing hymns and folk music to life as the rest of us attempt to sing along.

All that we do at FCC is in Jesus's name, whether in service to the wider community, outreach or use of our sacred space, it is all Holy. It is all Good and it is all Worship. Everything done to the glory of God is to be considered worship.

And, Sundays are special. Each service a mini celebration of God's resurrecting love that is with us always. So, come to church on Sunday, let us sing and rejoice and give thanks to God for all God's gifts.

In Faith, Pastor Holly



FALL FAIR

Volunteers Needed



October 25th and 26th
Co-Chairs - Rich Brock & Emily Knapp

The Fall Fair will be here before we know it! Here is a list of table chairs and meal coordinators. Please feel free to reach out to any of them if you are interested in helping out.

The Fall Fair is a wonderful chance to work together, get to know one another better and just plain have fun as we let our light shine throughout the community!

Raffle – Rachel Angerhofer

Food Table – Pam Sheehan & Emily Knapp

Country Store – Michelle Brock

Granny's Attic – Tom Johnson

Chic Boutique – **Looking for Volunteer Coordinator**

Snack Bar – JoAnne Kelly & Carol Lutes

Friday Lunch – Janice Murphy and Team

Saturday Breakfast – Toni Cassidy

Saturday Lunch – Rich Brock & Toni Cassidy

Saturday Turkey Dinner – Steve DeSisto and Team

Vendors – Rich Brock- **A Volunteer to Assist Would be Great!**

Publicity – Michelle Bridges

WOMEN'S GUILD SEPTEMBER MEETING

Please note time and change of place!

The first meeting of the fall will be in conjunction with a program at the Council on Aging, North Street at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 10. At that time, the COA will welcome the Delvena Players who will present 'Love Letters', as beloved classic.

It is recommended that you try to be in attendance around 12:45. This program is by reservation and Guild members have been contacted. For non-members who would like to join us, please call the COA directly at 978-352-5726.

There will be lemonade and cookies back at the church, following the COA presentation for those would like to socialize and be together for a little visiting.

The Guild Steering Committee

GOLF OUTING

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



This year's event will be held on **Sunday, October 6th** 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.

Far Corner Golf Course
5 Barker Road
Boxford, MA 01921

Sunday, October 6, 2024
Cost: \$150 per player
Start time 1 PM

18 holes of golf w/cart

Best Ball Format

After Golf BBQ

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- Lowest team score
- Most Accurate Drive
- Closest to the pin

All for just \$150/player!! Such a Deal!!

Fill out the entry form and mail to:

Richard Aberman
199 West Main Street
Georgetown, MA 01833
978-457-5475
richardaberman@hotmail.com
or
Rich Brock
29 Thurlow Street
Georgetown, MA 01833
617-717-9895
rsbrock88@gmail.com

Make check payable to First Congregational Church of Georgetown.

Player Name	Address	Phone#

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

BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

- 9/25: *Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting* by Clare Pooley
10/30: *The Ride of Her Life: True Story of a Woman, Her Horse, and Their Last Chance Journey Across America* by Elizabeth Letts
12/4: *West With Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge
1/29: *I'll Push You: A Journey of 500 Miles, Two Best Friends, and One Wheelchair* by Patrick Gray
2/26: *The Witching Hour* by Margaret Meyer
3/26: *American Jezebel* by Eva LaPlante
4/30: *The Collected Regrets of Clover* by Mikki Brammer
5/28: *The Lioness of Boston* by Emily Franklin
6/25: *The Museum of Failures* by Thrity Umrigar



As always, check the website for the Zoom link, under 'Ministries'



PENNY BOWL BENEFITS

MERRIMACK VALLEY'S NEEDY CHILDREN

Your continued support of the Coffee Hour Penny Bowl, sponsored by the Women's Guild, has benefited the Community Giving Tree of West Boxford for the past three months (April - June). Your gifts of loose change and paper money purchased thirty dozen diapers, plus numerous packages of baby wipes that will be distributed by social agencies throughout our area.

Last year the Giving Tree helped fifteen thousand families with basic children's needs, including clothing in good condition for young children, and older kids, diapers, related baby necessities, baby furniture, and school supplies.

This mission, started in a garage by a member of the Second Congregational Church of Boxford twenty years ago, has expanded and is now housed in two buildings, one in Boxford and one in Lawrence. They have partnered with many social agencies of the Merrimack Valley to provide urgent care to underserved children.

Through the years, our Church Family is proud to help this very worthy and local organization!

Women's Guild Steering Committee: Jean, Joan, Judy & Nancy

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS

Rehearsals for our Bell Choir and
The World's Most Dangerous Church Band will be
on Tuesdays starting September 10th.

6:30 for Bells - 7:30 for Band.

Please contact Bob Knapp if you have any questions
or would like to join.



MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group will meet on
Saturday, September 14th
8am, Cafe Sarina

THANK YOU FROM ALISON SLOAN-QI GONG

Allison Sloan sent a thank you to the congregation for the donation that was given to her for qigong at the August 14 service: " Thank you and Holly and the members of the church for inviting me to share your service and the qigong meditation practice. Please tell Holly that I will make a donation to the Middleton Food Pantry with the generous stipend."

150 Year Church Anniversary

Did you know we have a big anniversary coming up? Our beautiful church building was dedicated 150 years ago on December 17th, 1874.

We need to start thinking about how we will celebrate this big anniversary, so get your thinking caps on! We will begin meeting in the fall.

Check out the history section of the church website for more information on the dedication and other anniversary celebrations, including a great article from the 'Georgetown Advocate' describing the opening in great detail.



The Sterbrooke Ensemble
Presents
Rising From Ashes

*An afternoon of flute and piano music
by women composers*

Cassie White
Flute

Mark Lutton
Piano

Saturday October 12, 2024 @2pm

First Congregational Church
7 Andover St, Georgetown, MA 01833

Freewill donation at the door

The Tough Warrior Princesses are committed to providing support and resources to women impacted by cancer and to raising funds for cancer research.

Tough Warrior Princesses
Inspiring the fight in EVERY woman



988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

If you or somebody you know is in distress, call **988**
To Text a Crisis Counselor, text **988**

CHURCH FAIR DONATIONS

The First Congregational Church is now accepting donations for the Church Fair.

Items can be dropped off in the 2nd floor corner classroom during the church's business hours of 9-12 T & Th, or in the back half of the Church's shed.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS INCLUDE:

Gently used Women's Clothing

Jewelry

Houseware Items

Books, especially Children Books

Toys

Complete puzzles

Clean Linens

Tools

Dish sets

Glassware

Furniture items

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

Electronics, including TVs, Computers, Printers, CD/VCR Players

Sporting Good Equipment

Encyclopedias, Reference Books



Southern New England Conference
United Church of Christ
Living the Love & Justice of Jesus

End the Year Strong: Making the Most of Year End Giving Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 7:30 PM Virtual Event

November and December can be the strongest months for giving in charities. How can we make the most of this generous time in our culture? The conversation will lift up ideas and messages to promote giving to congregations.

This webinar is offered by OPTIC – Office of Philanthropy, Technology, Identity, & Communication, UCC. For additional information and questions, please contact Rev. Andrew Warner, Generosity Outreach Officer for OPTIC – Office of Philanthropy, Technology, Identity, & Communication, United Church of Christ. Rev. Warner may be reached via email at: warnera@ucc.org | www.ucc.org

2024 Fall Family Weekend at Silver Lake Friday, October 11, 2024 to Monday, October 14, 2024 Silver Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Sharon, CT

Families of every size and description are welcome to gather and enjoy all that Silver Lake has to offer. We'll worship together, play games, explore nature, and much more, while learning what it means to be a family, not just to each other, but to all God's people.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8 10:30 AM Worship 12 PM Diaconate 6 PM GTW	9 6 PM GTW	10 10 AM Bible Study 1 PM Guild at COA 6 PM Finance 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Band	11 3 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM Missions 7 PM Boy Scouts	12 6 PM GTW	13	14 8 AM Men's Breakfast Café Sarina
15 10:30 AM Worship 6 PM GTW	16 6 PM GTW	17 10 AM Bible Study 3:30 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Band 	18 3 PM Girl Scouts 4 PM Walk By Moonlight 6:30 PM Council 7 PM Boy Scouts	19 6 PM GTW 7 PM Knitting	20	21
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