

FROM PASTOR HOLLY

Dear Church,

As we approach World Communion Sunday this year, we are reminded of the unity and diversity that mark our global Christian community. Celebrated on the first Sunday of October, this special day invites congregations around the world to gather at the Lord's Table, breaking bread together in a shared expression of faith, love, and hope.

World Communion Sunday was first observed in 1933 and has since grown into a powerful reminder of our interconnectedness as believers. It emphasizes the call to unity in Christ, transcending cultural, geographical, and denominational boundaries. This day serves as a celebration of our shared faith, where we can reflect on the ways we are called to embrace and support one another.

A Global Celebration

Together, with other congregations, we will partake in communion, recognizing that while our practices may vary, our faith in Christ unites us. Our communion elements will represent different places around the world, just as our service may incorporate music and prayers from different cultures. As we worship side by side around the globe, we are reminded of the myriad ways God is celebrated worldwide.

Acts of Service and Support

World Communion Sunday is not only about the act of communion itself but also about taking action in our community and beyond. Perhaps we may use this occasion to consider how to be God's hands and feet beyond our church doors.

As we prepare for World Communion Sunday 2024, let us open our hearts to the rich tapestry of our global faith family. May this day inspire us to build bridges of understanding and compassion, reflecting Christ's love in our communities and the world.

Together, let us celebrate the sacrament of communion, not just as a ritual, but as a powerful reminder of our shared mission to spread love and grace to all.

Invitation

Join us on October 6th for a special service at FCC, as we come together to honor our global family in Christ. Bring a friend and a spirit of unity as we partake in this sacred meal together!

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

CHURCH FAIR DONATIONS

We are accepting donations for the Church Fair.

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

If necessary, arrangements can be made to pick up items.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Gently Used Women's Clothing
Jewelry
Houseware Items
Books, Especially Children Books
Furniture items
Complete Puzzles
Clean Linens
Dish sets
Glassware
Tools
Toys

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Electronics, Including TVs
Computers
Printers
CD/VCR Players
Encyclopedias
Reference Books
Sporting Goods Equipment

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GEORGETOWN
7 ANDOVER STREET GEORGETOWN MA

ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER

All are welcome..

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH
5:00-7:00PM

Turkey dinner with all the fixings!

Adults \$15.00
Kids 10 and under \$8.00

HOME MADE DESSERT INCLUDED!

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE DINNER!

WOMEN'S GUILD OCTOBER MEETING

BRING YOUR OWN SANDWICH/SALAD LUNCH
(Dessert/Beverage provided)

Tuesday, October 1 at Noon

GET ACQUAINTED WITH CHANGES AT OUR COA

We will be welcoming Kristin Crockett, our new Director of Georgetown's Council on Aging. Kristin and her team have initiated new programs at the COA, and there's literally "something for everyone" to do or see. Come, meet and chat with our very personable Director. 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 Committe

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.

Player Name	Address	Phone#

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

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.

BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

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'

SENIOR CITIZENS' FREE LUNCHEONS

All seniors are invited to join us for our 2024-2025 Senior Citizens' Luncheon gatherings at Byfield Parish Church in Georgetown.

These luncheons help provide an opportunity for seniors to gather in community over a hot meal and devotional time.

Luncheons are FREE to ALL attendees. Come as you are and join us! All luncheons begin promptly at 11:30am and hot lunch is served at 12:00pm.

Please RSVP by calling our church office at least 2 days prior to each luncheon, 978-352-2022.

FROM THE HILL



First Congregational Church of Georgetown's Monthly Newsletter

October 2024

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS

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

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




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

BLUEGRASS CONCERT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024
3:00 PM

SAINT JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
119 WASHINGTON STREET
GROVELAND, MA



**BLUEGRASS AND GOSPEL TUNES BY
THE SAINT JAMES STRING BAND**

REFRESHMENTS | RAFFLE

CAMPFIRE SINGALONG FOLLOWING THE CONCERT

SUGGESTED DONATION \$10
ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ST. JAMES CHURCH



MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group will meet on
Saturday, October 12th
8am, Cafe Sarina

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 planning how we will celebrate this big anniversary!
Check out the history section of the church website for more information on the dedication and other anniversary celebrations.

Next Meeting: Sunday, October 6th right after church.



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

Freewill donation at the door

First Congregational Church
7 Andover St, Georgetown, MA 01833

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



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.



October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Note Red=Church Service Black=Church Group Purple=Team Meeting Blue=Outside Group		1 10 AM Bible Study 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Band	2 3 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM Boy Scouts	3 6 PM GTW	4	5
6 9:30 AM Band 10:30 AM Worship 1 PM Pie Baking 1 PM Golf Event 6 PM GTW	7 6 PM GTW	8 10 AM Bible Study 12 Noon Guild 6 PM Finance 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Band	9 3 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM Missions 7 PM Boy Scouts	10 6 PM GTW 7 PM Knitting	11	12 8 AM Men's Group Café Serina 2 PM Rising from Ashes Concert
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Church Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
 Rev. Holly's Office Hours: Tuesdays 10AM to 1PM & Thu 9AM to 12PM
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