

## NEWLY ELECTED MEMBER AT LARGE

Greetings from your newly elected Member at Large! It is my privilege to serve the church in this new role! I look forward to getting to know our church's members and friends better, learning how you are all doing, accepting prayer requests, and seeing how we can best serve our church together in unity and love.

As our church enters a pastoral transition, it is easy to think, "We have to go through this again!" But a word of encouragement for all of us is a reminder that we are here together, and God is with us. All things are possible with God, and we have a bright future ahead of us! (see Matthew 19:26)

We may be tempted to have a complaining mindset focused on the past as the Israelites did in the time of Moses. While they transitioned, wandering in the wilderness not knowing how long they will roam, where they would arrive, and uncertain of their next meals, they complained in Exodus 16:3: "Oh that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and when we ate bread to the full!..."

God wants us to focus on the future, not the past. Isaiah 43:18-19 says, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past; see, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

God wants to do something extraordinary in our church. As we lean on faith, love, and unity, let us cherish this time of experiencing God's assurances and promises.

In Christ's Love,  
Alecia Balduf



# Mission Team of the First Congregational Church, Georgetown is holding a diaper & essentials drive!

## Help keep babies safe and dry!

- New & Gently used Children's Clothing
  - sizes 2T - 10/12, all seasons, boys/girls
- Diapers - sizes 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7
- Pull Ups sizes 2T/3T, 3T/4T, 4T/5T, 5T/6T
- wipes
- diaper cream baby cream and wash

Order Diapers  
from our diaper wish list



Order Essentials from our  
essentials wish list



Visit our Website  
to learn more



Low-income families often have to choose between putting food on the table and buying diapers.



# Community Giving Tree

DONATE BY:

3/1/25-4/30/25

## WOMEN'S GUILD

TUESDAY, MARCH 4th

We'll be welcoming Gladie Kneeland as our guest speaker. As always, we look forward to Gladie's visit, and at the same time celebrate the coming of spring!

The Guild sponsors the Coffee Hour Penny Bowl. These contributions of loose change and dollar bills is benefiting Fostering Hope, an organization based in West Newbury that seeks to support children as they enter foster care by providing basic necessities and personal care items. Fostering Hope is a "bridge" between church communities and families who are fostering children, and the children who are in need of the loving care provided by these families. As a congregation, we are learning how we can help build that bridge! Your support is greatly appreciated!

Jean, Joan, Judy & Nancy,  
The Steering Committee of the Guild



## COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

March 10th

Death Cafe - Coffee, Cake and Conversation

2nd Tuesday of every month

Rowley Public Library

141 Main St, Rowley

Contact Angie @illstandbyyou.net

## BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

**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 - TUE, MARCH 18

All seniors are invited to join us for our 20204-2025 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.

Church Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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## A Note of Thanks from Joan

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank those folks who braved a very snowy Sunday on February 16 to bring the rest of our Church Family a sense of unity and peace. While many of us attended the service on Zoom, the brave souls who made the service possible, are to be applauded! Gladie Kneeland's message was uplifting and just what the doctor ordered for me. I felt a bit overwhelmed that morning with thoughts of cancer treatments. When Gladie talked about the small pleasures of life, of friendship, and the power of gratitude, my thoughts were uplifted, and negative thoughts dispelled. The happy music by our outstanding musicians, Bob, Pat, Alecia and Richard, was truly toe-tapping amazing! And, to those members and friends who were there to open the church, shovel the walkways, operate Zoom, and take care of varied other details, you are appreciated!

~Joan Chatterton



### Adaptive & Innovative Leadership

**Mar. 1, 8:30 AM to 10:30 PM**

A Faith Formation Leadership Program class. Engage in creative thinking that inspires slant approaches to faith formational ministries.

### Theories & Practices for Making Disciples

**Mar. 22, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM • Online**

How the grounding principles of education, formation, and living in the ways of Jesus can be developed and used to make disciples of all ages.

### Ages & Stages of Spiritual Development

**Mar. 29, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM • Online**

A Faith Formation Leadership Program class. An overview of human spiritual development based on current research, with implications for intergenerational worship and ministries.



## **Mardi Gras**

Tuesday, March 4th @ 11:30am  
Join for King Cake and Mask Making

## **Helpful Tools for iPhone & iPad**

Wednesday, March 5th @ 1PM - Tools & Features  
Wednesday, March 26th @ 1PM - Staying Organized

## **March Crafts - RSVP**

Needle Felting: Wednesday, March 12 @ 11:30AM  
Jewelry with Deb: Earring Design Workshop:  
March 26 @ 10:30am

## **Happy St. Patrick's Day - RSVP**

Monday, March 17  
12PM: Traveling Chef Baked Potato Bar  
1PM: Special Performance by Roger Ticknell, Irish Music

## **Energize and Strength Class**

Perfect for all fitness levels.  
Thursdays @ 1PM

## **Ongoing Activities**

BINGO: 2nd & 4th Mondays @ 12:30pm  
Quilting Group: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ 12PM  
Mah Jongg: Wednesdays @ 12:30  
Knitting / Crochet Group: Thursdays @ 9:30am

## **Council on Aging Website**

# FROM THE HILL



First Congregational Church of Georgetown's Monthly Newsletter

March 2025



## March 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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