

## August Is National Civility Month

August is National Civility Month, a timely reminder of the power of kindness, respect, and intentional communication. This month, I invite you to take a few moments for personal reflection, small acts of kindness, and meaningful connections with others.

Below are fun, and thoughtful resources compiled by one of my colleagues Shannon Bergeron to help you make the most of this month – whether you're looking to refresh your mindset, engage your community, or simply take a pause for positivity.

### ☀️ Learn More About Civility Month

Start here to explore the origins of Civility Month and simple ways to observe it.

🔗 National Civility Month – National Today

### ❤️ Simple Acts of Kindness You Can Do This Month

Five practical, uplifting ways to bring more kindness into your day—from thank-you notes to small daily shifts.

🔗 5 Ways to Show Kindness – Kevin Guest

Looking for more ideas? Try a weekly kindness challenge:

🔗 Excelsior University: Activities for Civility Month

### 💡 Reflect on Civility in the Digital World

Author and positive psychology expert Amy Blankson offers powerful insights on how technology shapes civility and how we can create space for human connection in a digital world.

🔗 Digital Well-being & Civility

🔗 More on Amy Blankson's work at GoodThink

**My personal challenge for you:** Take one meal or meeting tech-free this week and give someone your full, undivided attention.

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This month, let's lead with empathy and encourage civility in all of our interactions. Here's to a kinder, more civil August and beyond!

~Rev. Marie

Altruistic August 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1 Set an intention to be kind to others (and yourself) this month.	2 Send an uplifting message to someone you can't be with.	3 Be kind and supportive to everyone you interact with.
4 Ask someone how they feel and really listen to their reply.	5 Spend time wishing for other people to be happy and well.	6 Smile and be friendly to the people you see today.	7 Give time to help a project or cause you care about.	8 Make some tasty food for someone who will appreciate it.	9 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why.	10 Check in with someone who may be lonely or feeling anxious.
11 Share an encouraging news story to inspire others.	12 Contact a friend to let them know you're thinking of them.	13 No plans day! Be kind to yourself so you can be kind to others too.	14 Take an action to be kind to nature and care for our planet.	15 If someone annoys you, be kind. Imagine how they may be feeling.	16 Make a thoughtful gift as a surprise for someone.	17 Be kind online. Share positive and supportive comments.
18 Today do something to make life easier for someone else.	19 Be thankful for your food and the people who made it possible.	20 Look for the good in everyone you meet today.	21 Donate unused items, clothes or food to help a local charity.	22 Give people the gift of your full attention.	23 Share an article, book or podcast you found helpful.	24 Forgive someone who hurt you in the past.
25 Give your time, energy or attention to help someone in need.	26 Find a way to 'pay it forward' or support a good cause.	27 Notice when someone is down and try to brighten their day.	28 Have a friendly chat with someone you don't know very well.	29 Do something kind to help in your local community.	30 Give away something to help those who don't have as much as you.	31 Share Action for Happiness with other people today.

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## August 27 Worship Leader Needed

We are in need of someone to lead our worship service on August 27. Could it be YOU? Perhaps you have an idea or a topic that you'd be willing to share with your fellow parishioners.

Our Wednesday evening worship services tend to be more light-hearted and casual than our traditional services, and might include a spiritual discussion, skit, craft, meditation, or slideshow. If you feel called to worship ministry, please contact Rev. Marie at [pastor@fccgeorgetownma.org](mailto:pastor@fccgeorgetownma.org).

### Laminator Wanted



Does anyone have a laminator that the office could borrow for a few projects? Of course, we would purchase our own laminating sheets!

**The Knitting Group**  
**August 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**

### Medical Equipment



Did you know that FCC owns a number of wheelchairs, walkers, canes and crutches that may be borrowed? If you or a family member is in need of one of these items, feel free to contact Julie in the church office for details.

## Thank You's!

Thank you, **Bob Knapp**, for updating the lighting in Fellowship Hall, the church office, and the hallways. The whiter lights make everything so much brighter and more energetic! 🌞 😊

Thank you to **everyone** who has been sharing their cooking and baking talents with us for our pre-worship suppers! 🍽️ 🍰 🍲

Thank you, **Rachel Angerhofer**, for leading such a fun 🎉 and inspirational 🙏 ✨ worship service on August 6.

## MISSION FOR JULY/AUGUST - RUTH'S HOUSE

Ruth's House is our mission for the summer. We will be collecting **clothing and school supplies** for those in need during the months of July and August. You may leave your donations on the mission table in Fellowship Hall before or after the Wednesday evening services or you can bring them to the church office on Wednesday and Thursday mornings through August 28.

The founder of Ruth's House found herself living in poverty with her young son, and after getting back on her feet, she started the organization to help others like herself who could not afford to properly clothe themselves or their growing children. Twenty-eight years later, Ruth's House continues to offer support to those in need – children, single mothers, veterans, and senior citizens from all over the Merrimack Valley. Besides running a thrift store in Haverhill, MA, Ruth's house also offers a children's reading program and job skills training.





Sunday, September 14, 2025

# Golf Outing – All Are Welcome!

## Far Corner Golf Course

5 Barker Road  
Boxford, MA 01921

Sunday,  
September 14, 2025  
Cost: \$150 per player  
Start time Noon

18 holes of golf w/cart

Best Ball Format

After Golf BBQ

Prizes! Prizes! Prizes!

- Lowest team score
- Most Accurate Drive
- Closest to the pin
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\$150/player!!  
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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.

## Annual Golf Extravaganza to Benefit the First Congregational Church of Georgetown



This year's event will be held on **Sunday, September 14th** at the **Far Corner Golf Course** in Boxford.

Tee-off begins at Noon.

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.*

RUTH'S HOUSE  
*invites you to celebrate*  
CHANGING SEASONS,  
CHANGING LIVES  
*Fashion Throw*

October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025  
5:30pm to 8:30pm  
*Ruth's* HOUSE



Merrimack Valley Golf Club  
210 Howe St., Methuen, MA 01844

Purchase your tickets at:  
[www.givebutter.com/ruthshousefashionshow](http://www.givebutter.com/ruthshousefashionshow)



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# WALK FOR HOPE FALL FESTIVAL



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025  
LAWRENCE VETERANS MEMORIAL STADIUM  
9:00 AM REGISTRATION



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The steeple will be lit in  
August in loving memory  
of **Maryann Noonan** by  
Rev. Marie.



## August Office Hours

Wednesdays 9AM - 1PM

Thursdays 9AM - 1PM

## Rev. Marie's Upcoming Office Hours

Wednesdays, August 13 and 20, September 3

9AM - 1PM

Other times by appointment.

## Contact Information

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Phone: (978) 352-8443



# August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Note Red=Church Service Black=Church Group Purple=Team Meeting Blue=Outside Group					1	2
3	4	5	6 6:30 Supper 7 Worship Summer WORSHIP	7	8	9 8 AM Men's Group Café Serina
10	11	12	13 6:30 Supper 7 Worship Summer WORSHIP	14 7 PM Knitting Newsletter Deadline	15	16
17	18	19	20 6:30 Supper 7 Worship Summer WORSHIP	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 6:30 Supper 7 Worship Summer WORSHIP	28 7 PM Knitting	29	30
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