

Be Dazzled by God's Grace at FCC This Year!

I'm excited to be starting a new church year with FCC! For our annual theme, I've chosen **"Dazzling Grace: Shining with God's light, full of joy and possibilities"** because that's exactly how I see our congregation. I am certain that God is calling FCC to a dazzling future!

God's grace is radiant, transformative, and empowering. That's why our logo for the year features a stained glass window of a glowing sun shining God's light as a guiding force towards a future of hope, renewal, and purpose. While the blue background conveys calmness and spiritual depth, the striking contrast of the white lettering reminds us to be bold in proclaiming our faith!

Beginning on Rally Day, September 14, and continuing throughout our church year, we will explore the themes of **"Dazzling Hope"** as we discern who we want to be as individuals and as a congregation, **"Dazzling Faith"** as we learn more about the Bible, ancient spiritual practices, and Christian history, and **"Dazzling Discipleship"** as we reach out to the community in service.

So prepare to **"Be Dazzled"** by God's amazing grace!

~Rev. Marie

DAZZLING GRACE



Shining with God's light,
full of joy and possibilities!



The Fantastic Fall Fair!

Where did the summer go? 🌞 As we enter the month of September, our annual church fair will be here before we know it. 🎉 The fair will occur on **Friday, October 24th from 11 AM to 5 PM** and on **Saturday, October 25th from 9 AM to 2 PM**. 📅

This year's Fall Fair will include many of the traditional activities that have made it such a successful event in the past as we strengthen the connection between FCC and the community of Georgetown. 🗳️ From the hidden treasures found in our rummage sale to our homemade pies 🥧, there's something for everyone!

Throughout each day, **breakfast and lunch options** will be available 🍳, along with our **snack bar**, the only place in town where you can have an Apple Frapple 🍏🍹. The fair will also host many individuals displaying their homemade crafts 🎨 — a great way to get a jump start on your holiday shopping 🎁.

The fair activities conclude on Saturday evening. **Mark your calendar** — the best **Turkey Dinner** in Georgetown 🦃 will be served starting at **5 PM on Saturday, October 25th**.

You don't want to miss this opportunity to connect with friends and neighbors 👯 while enjoying a wonderful meal 🍽️. You may also **win one of the many raffles** 🎟️ on display during the fair!

If you're interested in volunteering your time and talents 🙋 for this year's fair or have a craft you'd like to sell 🛒, please contact **Rich Brock** (rsbrock88@gmail.com), **Emily Knapp** (tyembob@aol.com), or the **Church Office** (churchoffice@fccgeorgetownma.org).

We're very excited about this year's fair and look forward to seeing you there!

Rich Brock
Emily Knapp
Fair Co-Chairs



From the Music Director



Bell Choir has begun rehearsals. All are welcome, though ability to read music is required. Join us Tuesdays at 6:30PM.



The World's Most Dangerous Church Band has begun rehearsals too! Ability to play an instrument preferred but there are other options. Please join us Tuesdays at 7:30pm.



Any questions, please speak to **Emily or Bob Knapp**.

Do You Feel Called to Serve as a Worship Leader?

Rev. Marie is seeking readers, communion servers, actors, greeters, decorators, prayer partners, and creative souls who would like to collaborate with her on developing engaging and meaningful worship services! Contact Rev. Marie to learn more.

Hurray for Hollywood!

Our monthly Movie Nights resume this month with *Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris*, a light-hearted film with deeper themes related to social class, self-worth, dignity, and the power of kindness. The movie begins at 5:00 pm on Saturday, September 15 followed by pizza and a discussion led by Rev. Marie for those who chose to stay. Bring a friend!

MOVIE NIGHT



SATURDAY | **5 PM**
SEPTEMBER 20

MRS. HARRIS GOES TO PARIS (PG)

FREE SNACKS

Pizza and popcorn
will be available
at no charge!

OPTIONAL DISCUSSION

Stay after the film
for a lively
conversation!

FRIENDSHIP

Build on your previous
relationships while
making new friends!

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GEORGETOWN



The Surveys Are Coming! The Surveys Are Coming!

In order to serve FCC more effectively and as part of our search for a settled pastor, Rev. Marie has created a survey about congregational life that includes questions about worship, religious education, mission, communications, and your hopes and dreams for our parish's future. She hopes that everyone who is connected in any way to FCC will complete the questionnaire including those who attend our events or worship with us (either in person or online) only a few times each year. Each individual should submit their own survey (not one per household).

Everyone on our mailing list will be receiving a hard copy of the survey in the next week or two, so keep an eye on your US mailbox! If you prefer to complete the survey electronically, just follow the instructions in your mailing, but please do not submit both a hard copy and the online version. If you need help or would like someone to read you the questions and act as your “scribe,” just give the office a call and we will try to arrange this for you.

Please complete your survey ideally by **October 15**. You can return the survey in a number of ways – by dropping it off or mailing it to the church office, giving it to an usher during worship, or completing it during Fellowship Time after the service on October 5 (extra snacks will be provided as a reward!).

Your voice is important, so please know that besides the survey, you are always welcome to speak with Rev. Marie or one of the Deacons if you ever have any concerns, compliments(!), or suggestions.



Knitting Circle

September 11 & 25

7:00 pm



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.

Directory Updates

In the coming weeks, our Office Manager Julie will be reaching out to update the contact information we have on file for you. While we collected emergency contact details last year, this time our focus will be on ensuring we have **up-to-date landline and cell phone numbers and email addresses**. Keeping our directory current helps us stay connected and support one another more effectively. Thank you in advance for your help!

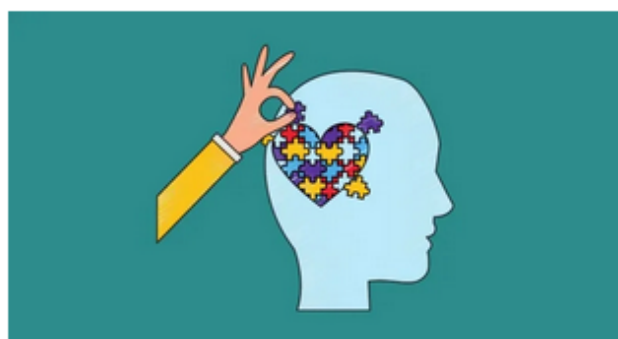
Men's Breakfast

September 13

8:00 am

Cafe Sarina
Georgetown





FCC'S MISSION FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER IS NAMI

FCC's mission for the months of September and October is the **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Massachusetts**, a nonprofit organization that has been working since 1982 to make sure no one faces mental health challenges alone. Throughout the fall, FCC will be raising awareness through a **sermon series and making a financial donation to NAMI**, an effort that goes hand-in-hand with our dedication to becoming designated by the UCC as a **WISE congregation** ("Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged" in the mental health of the community and the wider world).

NAMI's national goal is to **improve the lives of people living with mental illness and their families** by offering education, support, and advocacy. At the heart of their work is a belief in dignity, compassion, and community. More locally, NAMI Mass provides free support groups, educational classes, and resources across the state so that individuals and families can find understanding and hope. **They run a helpline** where trained staff and volunteers — many of whom have lived through their own mental health journeys — listen, guide, and connect callers to services. They also speak out at the State House and in communities to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and push for policies that make mental health care more just and accessible for everyone.

This work is deeply important because **mental health touches every family, including those within our own congregation**. By supporting NAMI Massachusetts this fall, we are standing alongside an organization that offers light, hope, and connection to people in some of their hardest seasons. It is **a way for us to live out our faith in action** — helping ensure that no one struggles in silence, and that all God's children can experience care, community, and healing.



Book Club News

Book Club resumes again on **Wednesday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *The Women* by Kristin Hannah.** The book tells the story of Frances “Frankie” McGrath, a young nurse who serves in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

Depicting the role of women in the war, and its aftermath, the novel is a vivid re-creation of the difficulties faced by these brave soldiers. Book Club meets via Zoom, so all far-flung church members may join.

Sign on by navigating to the church website. Then select “Ministries/ What We Are Reading.” The link will connect directly to Zoom. **Everyone is welcome!**

Selections for Upcoming Months

October 29 *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters

December 3 *The Windmaker’s Wife* by Kristen Harmel

January 28 *The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules* by Catharina Inleman-Sundberg

February 25 *Shakespeare: The Man Who Pays the Rent* by Judi Dench

March 25 *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult & Jennifer Finney Boylan

April 29 *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon

May 27 *The Library of the Lost Dollhouses* by Elise Hooper

June 24 *The Martha’s Vineyard Beach & Book Club* by Martha Hall Kelly

Floral Help Needed

🌸 Nancy Aberman will be away and unable to provide flowers for the church service on **Sunday, September 28.**

🌿 If you have any flowers, greenery, or potted plants you'd be willing to share that day, please contact the Church Office 📞 🌺

No More

Large Furniture Donations

Due to limited storage space, we are no longer accepting large or upholstered furniture donations for the Fall Fair.



Prayers of the People

🌿 Each day we have an opportunity to lift in prayer many things — concerns, joys, confusions, needs of neighbors or friends or family. What are your prayers for today?

🌿 **Take time to pray...**

Become mindful that you are a beloved child of God. Breathe in that love, and breathe out any cares or concerns. You are not alone.

🙏 **Prayers**

For the FCC congregation and staff as we embark on a new church year!

For all who suffer from mental illness or a mental health challenge and their families and friends.

To listen more intently so we can better understand each other.

For those affected by the earthquake in Afghanistan and landslide in Sudan.

For the people of Gaza, Ukraine, and all war-torn places.

For our communities and people of various backgrounds and beliefs, may we find a way to live side by side, in civility and respect for one another.

💬 **What else shall we lift in prayer?**

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 12:15pm

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
- Close but No Cigar

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.

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 12:15pm.

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.



Ella Studer, a Georgetown Scout on her way to becoming the **first female Eagle Scout in Georgetown**, is completing her Eagle Project right here at FCC. She will be designing and building a firepit on the church's front lawn for the congregation to enjoy.

The project will include a beautiful retaining wall, topped with approximately **14 engraved capstones**. These **capstones can be personalized** to memorialize a loved one, celebrate a family, or leave a lasting message.

If you would like to order a personalized capstone or make a donation toward the firepit, **please email jenstuder@yahoo.com**.

Donations made to the church with 'Firepit' in the memo will also support this project.



Save the Date
Rally Day
September 14

Save the Date
Fall Fair
October 24 & 25



September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 LABOR DAY 	2 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Band	3 6:30 Supper 7 Worship <i>September 2025</i> WORSHIP	4 6 PM GTW	5	6
7 3 PM GTW	8	9 12 Noon Guild 6 PM Finance 6 PM GTW 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Band	10 3 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM Missions 7 PM Boy Scouts	11 6 PM GTW 7 PM Knitting	12	13 8 AM Men's Group Café Serina
14 9:30 AM Band 10:30 AM Worship Rally Day Golf Event 3 PM GTW	15	16 3 PM Scouts 6 PM GTW 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Band 	17 3 PM Girl Scouts 6:45 PM Council 7 PM Boy Scouts	18 6 PM GTW	19	20 5 PM
21 9:30 AM Bells 10:30 AM Worship 3 PM GTW	22	23 6 PM GTW 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Band	24 3 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM Boy Scouts	25 6 PM GTW 7 PM Knitting	26	27
28 9:30 AM Woodwind 10:30 AM Worship 3 PM GTW	29	30 6 PM GTW 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Band	Note Red=Church Service Black=Church Group Purple=Team Meeting Blue=Outside Group			



Office Hours

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
9AM - Noon

Rev. Marie's Upcoming Office Hours

September 3, 4, 24, 25
9AM - Noon



Other times by appointment

Contact Information

Office Email: churchoffice@fccgeorgetownma.org

Rev. Marie's Email: pastor@fccgeorgetownma.org

Office Phone: (978) 352-8443

