

Mom's Weekend Special: Brunch with a Side of Showtime!

Great Performance

Our May 9 performance — a powerful one-woman play portraying Susanna, Simon Peter's Mother-in-Law, and the Woman at the Well, promises to be a truly moving and memorable experience!

Invite People

We encourage you to invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us for this special event. Everyone is welcome!

Reserve Your Tickets

Please remember to reserve your tickets by calling or emailing the church. We look forward to hearing from you!

Help Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help make or purchase items for the brunch. Any brunch-style dish is greatly appreciated! If you would like to contribute, please email Pam Sheehan at pamelajsheehan@hotmail.com. Sign-up sheets will also be available during coffee hour this Sunday. We are also seeking volunteers to help on the day of the event. Thank you for your support!

Spread the Word

We're looking for help spreading the word! If you're able, please consider posting a flyer in Byfield, Boxford, Topsfield, Groveland, and Haverhill at the local libraries, shops, grocery stores, and Councils on Aging. Thank you for helping us reach the community!





MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND BRUNCH & PERFORMANCE



*A dramatic one-woman play
depicting three women of the Bible:
Susanna, Simon Peter's Mother-in-Law,
and the Woman at the Well.*

FEATURING AWARD-WINNING
BIBLICAL ACTRESS OLIVIA WOODFORD



SATURDAY, MAY 9

10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF GEORGETOWN**



*Celebrate Mother's Day
weekend with your
family, friends, and
neighbors over a
delicious brunch
and a memorable
presentation
for all ages!*

TICKETS ARE FREE BUT MUST BE RESERVED IN ADVANCE BY EMAILING
YOUR NAME, PHONE NUMBER, AND NUMBER OF TICKETS REQUESTED TO
CHURCHOFFICE@FCCGEORGETOWNMA.ORG OR CALLING 978-352-8443.

ALL-CONGREGATION MEETING

Scenarios for FCC's Future



Sunday, May 3
11:30 AM (after worship)
[Click here for Zoom link](#)

Join us to share your thoughts, hopes, and ideas as we consider the direction of our church.



This will be a time of sharing to discuss your opinions, preferences, and concerns, and to take a preliminary, non-binding, confidential vote regarding the various scenarios for FCC's future:

- 1). Hire a legacy minister and begin the process of closing.
- 2) Continue doing what we are doing for as long as we can.
- 3) Merge or cluster with one or more local churches.
- 4) Sell our building and lease space nearby so we can continue operating for as long as possible.
- 5) Renovate the sanctuary, narthex, and fellowship hall, and embark on a major growth campaign.
- 6) Close FCC, renovate fellowship hall and the long room, and reopen as a completely new and different church.

Graduation Sunday



Do you have a graduate in your family this year? If so, we would love to recognize and honor them during our June 7th service. Please call or email the office to let us know!

Shirley Powell Internment



Sat, May 9
2:00 pm
Harmony Cemetery,
Georgetown



Ruth's House Sock & Underwear Collection



Our Missions Team is supporting Ruth's House in Haverhill with a spring collection of **new socks and underwear for men, women, and children** – items that are always in great demand for those they serve.

Donations may be brought to FCC through May 10.



Praying in Color: Prayer + Doodling at the May 5 Guild Gathering

Do you want to pray, but words escape you? Does your mind wander when you try to engage with God? **Do you want to learn a new, visual, meditative, and interactive way to pray?** Then come to the **May 5th** gathering of the Women's Guild! Rev. Marie will be our guest presenter and will teach us how to "pray in color."

Bring a sack lunch. Dessert and tea will be provided. Hope to see you at noon!



Book Club



The FCC Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, May 27th** at 7:00 pm Eastern time to discuss *The Library of Lost Doll Houses* by Elise Hooper.

The Library of Lost Dollhouses is a dual-timeline novel about a librarian who uncovers a mysterious collection of antique dollhouses, each tied to hidden stories from the past. As secrets emerge, the book explores themes of family, memory, and healing.

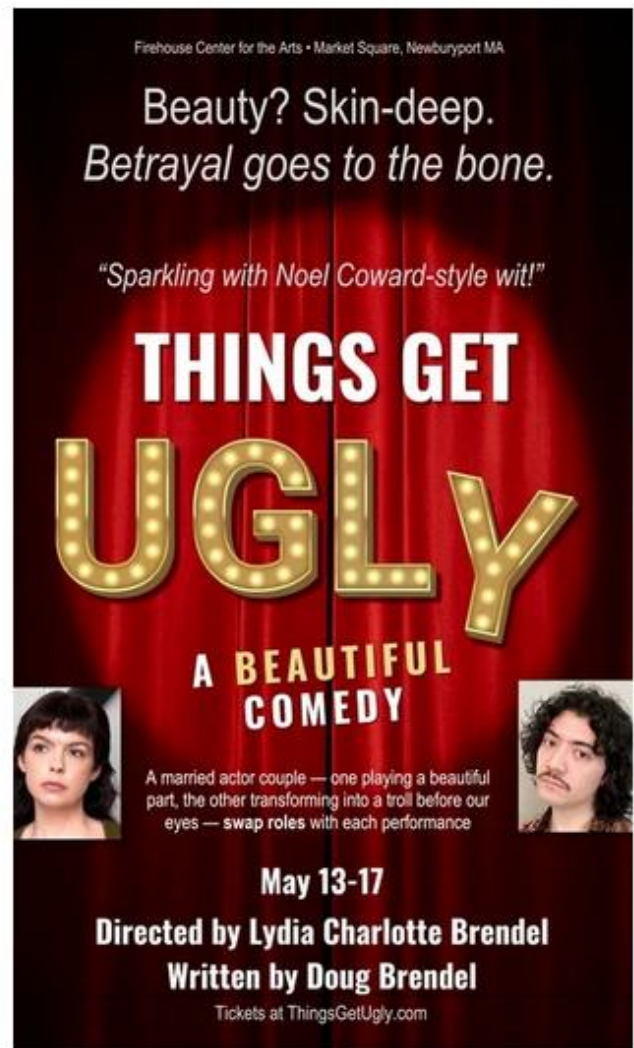
The Book Club meets via Zoom so **everyone may join**, near or far! Sign on by navigating to the church website. Then select "Ministries/What We Are Reading." The link will connect directly to Zoom.

Supporting the Creative Work of Rev. Doug Brendel

Did you know our popular substitute preacher, Rev. Doug Brendel, is also a playwright? A group from our parish is planning to attend one of his productions at the Firehouse Theater in Newburyport, and you're warmly invited to join us!

This is a wonderful opportunity to support Doug's creative talents while enjoying an inspiring afternoon of theater together. We are planning to attend his play *Things Get Ugly* on Saturday, May 16th, at the 2:00 PM matinee.

Ticket prices are not yet confirmed, but we expect them to be no more than \$25 each. If you're interested in joining the group, please contact Carol Lutes at c.lutes@verizon.net so we can arrange to sit together. We'll sort out ticket payments once we have a final count.






May Worship Schedule



- May 3 Has God Left the Building? – Rev. Marie
- May 10 Mother's Day – Jesus' Mother – Rev. Marie
- May 17 FCC Deacons Officiating
- May 24 Pentecost & Memorial Day – Rev. Arthur McDonald
- May 31 TBA – Rev. Marie

Scouts Court of Honor



You're invited to the
TROOP 51 GEORGETOWN
EAGLE SCOUT
COURT OF HONOR
SATURDAY, JUNE 6 AT 4 PM

— for —

Ella Studer Noah Shupenko
Jordan Alves Niam Shah

First Congregational Church
 7 Andover St, Georgetown
 Overflow parking at Park & Ride
 27 E Main St, Georgetown

Casual dinner in the Fellowship Hall to follow

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MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, May 9th
8:00 am
Cafe Sarina
Georgetown



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

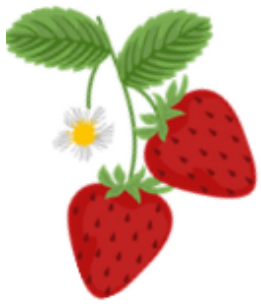
🌿 Each day we have an opportunity to lift in prayer many things – concerns, joys, confusions, doubts, and the needs of neighbors, friends, or family. What are your prayers for today?

🌸 Take time to pray...

Be mindful that you are a beloved child of God. Breathe in that love, and breathe out any cares or concerns.

🙏 Prayers

- For our congregation as we discern God's plan for our future!
- For comfort and healing for Sylvia, Sandy, Braydon, JoEllen, and Jacob.
- For an end to political violence!
- That all who suffer from mental health challenges may get the care they need.
- For our military personnel and for the people of the Middle East during this time of war. May peace soon prevail.
- For all who have been affected during the past few weeks by storms and other natural disasters.
- That our leaders will rule from a place of wisdom, compassion, and restraint.



STRAWBERRY SOCIAL & BAND CONCERT



ENJOY THE BEGINNING OF SUMMER
ON OUR CHURCH LAWN



TUESDAY
JUNE 23RD



6:00 PM — 8:00 PM



LIVE BAND
PERFORMANCE

Due to the increased cost of strawberries and supplies, monetary donations will be greatly appreciated. Use the QR code below for electronic donations or checks can be made payable to

First Congregational Church, memo: Strawberry Social.

Raffle items are also needed!



Any questions, contact:
EMILY KNAPP, JANICE MURPHY, KRISTEN ARSENAULT

STEEPLE LIGHTING

The steeple will shine throughout May in memory of **Dorothy and Charles Blanchard**, lovingly given by **Judy Robillard**.



May

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	<p>Note Red=Church Service Black=Church Group Purple=Team Meeting Blue=Outside Group</p>					
3 9:30 AM Bells 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Visioning 6:30 PM Missions 7 PM Diaconate	4	5 12 Noon Guild 3 PM Girl Scouts 6 PM Finance 7 PM Bells 7:30 PM Band	6 3 PM Girl Scouts	7 7 PM Band	8	9 MOTHER'S DAY 8 AM Men's Group Café Sarina 10:30 Mother's day Brunch 6 PM Girl Scouts
10 9:30 AM Band 10:30 AM Worship	11	12 3 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM Band	13	14 7 PM Band 7 PM Knitting	15	16
17 9:30 AM Woodwind 10:30 AM Worship	18	19 7 PM Band	20 3 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM Council 	21 7 PM Band	22	23
24 9:30 AM Band 10:30 AM Worship	25 3 PM Girl Scouts MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBER AND HONOR THOSE WHO PAID THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE 	26 3 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM Bells 7:30 PM Band	27 7 PM Book Club	28 7 PM Knitting 7 PM Band	29	30
31 10:30 AM Worship						



Office Hours

Tuesdays - Thursdays
9:00 AM - Noon

Rev. Marie's Upcoming

Office Hours

May 5, 6, 7
9:00 AM - Noon
or by appointment

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