

◆ The First Congregational Church of Georgetown ◆

Our “Live Awestruck” Series Continues in October

Our Live Awestruck worship series continues in October as we explore some of the deepest questions of what it means to be human — and what it means to live with our eyes and hearts open to the sacred all around us.

October 4 — Meaning | World Communion Sunday

Why are we here? What gives our lives meaning? We humans are meaning-makers. We look for purpose, significance, and a sense that our lives are part of something larger than ourselves. On World Communion Sunday, we'll explore how meaning is not something we discover alone, but something we create and share in community with people across the world who gather around the same table of love, hope, and belonging.



October 11 — A Sunday Led by Our Deacons

I'll miss being with you this Sunday, but you will be in very good hands! Our Deacons will lead worship and bring their own gifts and wisdom to our gathering. I'm grateful for the many ways our congregation shares in the ministry of worship.

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October 18 – Connection | United Nations Day

None of us is meant to live alone. We are woven into a vast web of relationships with family and friends, neighbors and strangers, our communities and the wider world. As we mark United Nations Day, we'll reflect on the connections that cross borders, cultures, and differences, and on our calling to recognize our common humanity.

October 25 – Fall Fair Sunday with Rev. Dave van Arsdale

I'll miss you again on this special Fall Fair weekend as I care for a relative who is having surgery a few days earlier. Rev. Dave van Arsdale will lead worship. Pastor Dave recently completed his interim ministry at Trinitarian Congregational Church (UCC) in North Andover and has also served as Chair of the North Andover Council on Aging. We are delighted to welcome him and grateful that he will be part of our worship while I'm away.

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October reminds us that awe is not found only in spectacular moments. Sometimes it is found in a shared table. Sometimes in the people who show up for one another. Sometimes in the realization that our lives are interconnected with God, one another, and all of creation.

Come live awestruck with us in October!

~Pastor Marie



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CHECK US OUT ON YOUTUBE

Missed a worship service? Loved a sermon and want to listen to it again? Can't make it on Sunday mornings? Watch or listen to our services at your convenience on FCC's YouTube channel. Just click the logo below and be sure to subscribe for the latest uploads!



**Want to learn more
about the science and
theology of awe?**

**Pastor Marie's
suggested reading list
can be found at
<https://bit.ly/4wVnqJd>**



**Pastor Marie posts daily
affirmations related to
her sermons on FCC's
Facebook, Instagram,
and LinkedIn pages.
Don't forget to like
and share them!!**

PASTOR MARIE'S WISHLIST

The beautiful woodwork in our narthex and sanctuary looks dull, scratched, and lifeless. Doesn't God deserve better?



Are you able to help polish the wood and pews on your own schedule? We have all the supplies! If several people can each do a little at a time, everything will be looking like new by Christmas!

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BOOK CLUB

Book Club resumes again on **Wednesday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m.** to discuss *And Then We Hit a Rock* by Greg Buenzli.

What happens when a family of five, along with a dog and a cat, leaves everyday life behind to live aboard a 46-foot sailboat? Greg Buenzli shares the hilarious and sometimes harrowing adventures of a year at sea—filled with storms, mechanical mishaps, close calls, and plenty of unexpected surprises. Along the way, the family discovers that life's unexpected challenges can become some of our best stories and greatest adventures.

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!**

KNITTING CIRCLE

Whether you're an experienced knitter or simply interested in learning, everyone is welcome to join our cozy and friendly knitting circle. Come enjoy conversation, creativity, and community!

7:00 PM

Thursday, October 8th

Women's Parlor

(adjoining FCC's Fellowship Hall)



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PLANTING AROUND THE FIRE PIT

Many thanks to Michelle Brock, Toni Cassidy, Jen Studer, Jo Anne Kelly, and Sunny, for sharing their time and talents to beautify our firepit area! 🌿



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FCC ART GALLERY

Free



OPEN SUNDAY, TUESDAY,
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY
9:00 AM - NOON

First Congregational Church
7 Andover St. Georgetown, MA

FCC ART GALLERY

Have you stopped by the church to see our new art gallery on both floors of the church lobby? The artwork will rotate every 6-8 weeks.

Bring a friend!



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**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
7 ANDOVER STREET, GEORGETOWN, MA 01833**



October 23 and 24

ENJOY THE FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES!

Craft Vendors, Tag Sale, Clothing Boutique, Raffles, Snack Bar,
Country Store with Homemade Pies & Treats, Antique Cars (Saturday)
Lobster Roll Lunch (Friday), Turkey Dinner (Saturday)

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

978-352-8443

www.fccgeorgetownma.org

Fall Fair Weekend

Fri 10/23, Sat 10/24 & Sun 10/25

All-day activities to enjoy:

- Wonderful craft and gift items from local craft vendors.
- Raffle items to test your luck.
- Treasures to find in Grannie's Attic.
- Homemade pies, baked goods, and other delicious items at the Food Table and Country Store.
- Browse through the racks of gently used clothing and jewelry at the Chic Boutique.
- Grab a quick bite to eat at the Snack Bar - try a delicious apple frapple!
- Visit the First Congregational Church Missions Table to learn about the outreach projects we support and how you can become involved.

Schedule of Events

Fri 10/23

11:00 am - Doors Open

11:30 am - 1:00 pm -
Lobster Roll/Chicken
Salad Lunch

5:00 pm - Closing



Sat 10/24

9:00 am - Doors Open

9:00 am - 10:30 am -
Breakfast Treats

10:00 am - 1:00 pm -
Cars on Front Lawn

11:30 am - 1:00 pm -
Lunch (Corn Chowder,
Chili, and other items)

2:00 pm - Closing &
Take Down

5:00 - 7:00 pm -
Turkey Dinner and
Raffle Drawings

Sun 10/25

10:30 am - Worship
and Celebration of a
weekend of
friendship, teamwork,
and camaraderie

11:30 am - "Going-
out-of-business" Sale



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Pie Making Days



Sunday, Oct. 4

12:30PM

Frozen Blueberry Pies

Sunday, Oct. 18

12:30PM

Frozen Apple Pies

We'll need a crew to help peel apples!

Thursday, Oct. 22

8:00 AM

Fresh Apple, Blueberry, and Pumpkin Pies

Leftover Fair Items

Did you know that FCC donates any items that are left over from the Fair?

Chic Boutique women's clothing and accessories go to **Ruth's House**.

Children's clothes, books, and toys go to **Community Giving Tree**.

Quilts, blankets, and other linens go to **Emmaus House**.

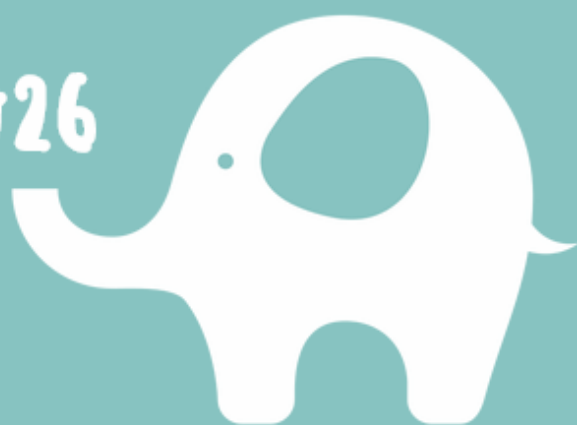
Pet gear (dishes, toys, leashes, towels, small blankets, etc.) go to the **MSPCA at Nevins Farm**.

Grandma's Attic/White Elephant leftovers go to **Savers**.

Books go to the **Georgetown Library Booksale**.

FCC FALL FAIR
OCTOBER 23 & 24, 2026

WHITE ELEPHANT



It's time to clean out your closets and donate your gently used items to our Fall Fair Tag Sale! Donations can be dropped off at the church on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays from 9:00 am to Noon or on Sundays from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.

Acceptable Items

- Women's & Children's Clothing
- Jewelry, Shoes, Purses & Accessories
- Tools
- Books (especially children's)
- Toys and Complete Puzzles
- Clean Linens
- Housewares and Kitchen Items
- Dish Sets, Glassware
- Small Furniture (Lamps, End Tables)

Unacceptable Items

- Electronics
 - TVs
 - Computers
 - Printers
 - CD/DVD players
- Sports Equipment
- Encyclopedias
- Reference Books
- Larger or Upholstered Furniture

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 7 ANDOVER ST. GEORGETOWN, MA

THE CHIC BOUTIQUE

First Congregational Church Fall Fair

October 23 and 24, 2026

7 Andover Street, Georgetown, MA, 978-352-8443



We are currently seeking donations of gently-used women's and children's clothing, shoes, and boots.
Drop off: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 9am-Noon

First Congregational Church
7 Andover Street, Georgetown, MA

ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER WITH ALL THE FIXINGS!

Saturday, October 24

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Adults: \$15
Kids 10 and under: \$8

Tickets may be purchased
at the dinner.



Homemade dessert included!

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GEORGETOWN

VINTAGE *Wheels*

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 24
10:00 AM -
1:00 PM**



FREE

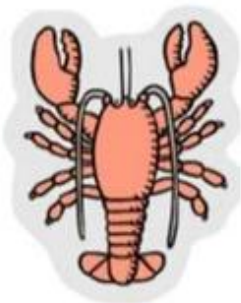
TIMELESS *Appeal*

**CARS * CRAFT VENDORS * FOOD
RAFFLES * WHITE ELEPHANT SALE**

THE CHURCH LAWN

7 Andover Street, Georgetown, MA

Weather Permitting



LOBSTER OR CHICKEN

SALAD ROLL LUNCH



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of Georgetown
will sponsor their Lobster Salad or Chicken Salad Roll Lunch during the
annual "FALL FAIR" to be held on:

Friday, October 23rd 2026
11:30AM – 1:00PM
7 Andover Street, Georgetown, MA

Lunch includes loads of homemade **LOBSTER SALAD** or **CHICKEN SALAD**
on a roll, with chips, coleslaw and a dessert.

LOBSTER SALAD \$18.00 OR CHICKEN SALAD \$12.00

NEED DELIVERY? **FREE DELIVERY**

(*We will gladly deliver **4 or more** lunches to any Georgetown location)

To order for **delivery only**:

Please call the Church office **978-352-8443** and leave a message or email
your order to: **Lobsterlunch234@gmail.com**

Messages must have a contact name, order amount, type of lunches,
delivery address & a contact phone number.

ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN THROUGH THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

Correct change and a single contact (for group orders) would be appreciated.

Orders placed by Thursday will be delivered by NOON on Friday.

Men's Breakfast

**Saturday,
October 10th**

**8:00 am
Cafe Sarina
Georgetown**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Note Red=Church Service Black=Church Group Purple=Team Meeting Blue=Outside Group			1 7 PM Theater	2	3
4 9:30 AM Bells 10:30 AM Worship 11:45 Bell Choir 12 Noon Pie Baking 6 PM Theater	5	6 1 PM Guild 6 PM Finance 7 PM Band	7	8 7 PM Theater 7 PM Knitting	9	10 8 AM Men's Group Café Sarina 7 PM Coffee House
11 9:30 AM Woodwind 10:30 AM Worship 11:45 Bell Choir 6 PM Theater 6:30 PM Missions 7 PM Diaconate	12 NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY	13 7 PM Band	14 7 PM Council	15 4:30 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM Theater	16	17
18 9:30 AM Brass 10:30 AM Worship 11:45 Bell Choir 12 Noon Pie Baking 1 PM Fair Setup	19	20 7 PM Band Newsletter Deadline	21	22 8:30 AM Pie Baking	23 11 AM - 5 PM Fair 11:30 AM Lunch	24 9 AM - 2 PM Fair 5 PM Turkey Dinner
Fair Set up Week						Fall Fair
25 9:30 AM Band 10:30 AM Worship 11:45 Bell Choir	26	27 7 PM Band	28 3:15 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM Book Club	29 7 PM Theater	30	31

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GEORGETOWN MASS MEMORIES ROAD SHOW

Your place in Massachusetts history

Saturday, November 7th

11 am - 5 pm

Georgetown Senior Center, 51 North St.

Everyone's story is a part of Georgetown's story. Bring up to three items that have special meaning to you, which will be scanned and uploaded to our statewide digital archive. Any member of our community—past or present—is encouraged to attend. The Georgetown Mass Memories Road Show is made possible through the support of Awesome Georgetown and other generous community donors.



Andover Hill School



*The old Spofford house on Spofford's Hill
Taken on the occasion of the great family reunion in 1915*



The Spofford house



Questions?
HistoricalCommission@georgetownma.gov

LEARN TO PLAY UKULELE!

♪ Saturday Morning Group Lessons ♪



UKULELE 101

Play Your First Songs in 4 Weeks

No previous musical experience needed.

A relaxed, friendly class for beginning players.

Learn basic chords, easy strumming patterns, smooth chord changes, and fun songs you can start playing right away.

WHEN	Saturdays • 10:00–11:00 AM
WHERE	First Congregational Church of Georgetown 7 Andover St Georgetown, MA 01833
COST	\$60 for a 4-week session, or \$20 drop-in
BRING	Your ukulele + a willingness to have fun!

Beginners Welcome!

Adults & Teens Welcome

🌸 **LEARN • PLAY • CONNECT • GIVE BACK** 🌸

\$15 from every 4-week registration and \$5 from every drop-in lesson will be donated to First Congregational Church of Georgetown.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT

Contact: Alecia Balduf • aleciabalduf@gmail.com

Small group • Friendly atmosphere • Make music together

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Church Office Hours

Tues, Wed, Thurs
9:00 AM - Noon



Pastor Marie's
October Office Hours
by appointment

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