



## WORSHIP AND PROGRAMS:

### Regular Events

- Worship and Sunday School: Sundays, 9:55AM
- Adult Bells: Sundays, 8:00AM
- Adult Choir: Wednesdays, 6:45PM
- Afternoon Bell Ringers: Wednesdays, 1:30PM
- Junior Ringers: Sundays, 11:15AM
- Youth Choir: Sundays, 11:15AM
- Bible Study: Wednesdays, 10AM
- Fiber Fellowship: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 7PM
- Craft Group: Tuesdays, 9:30AM
- Quilt Guild: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 1PM
- Wednesday Dinner: Wednesdays, 6PM (Last Dinner Before Summer June 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Young at Heart: June 5<sup>th</sup>, Noon



### Board Meetings

- Christian Education: Jun. 13, 6PM
- All Committee Council: Jun. 20, 6PM
- Deacons: Jun. 6, 6:30PM
- Finance & Property: Jun. 13, 7PM
- Missions: Jun. 10, 7:30PM
- Music: Jun. 5, 8:15PM
- Organ Completion: Aug. 7, 11:30AM
- Vitality: Jun. 6, 6PM

## PASTOR'S PAGE



Do you know how much your prayers matter? I can tell you, but I'm not sure you will comprehend how much, how deeply, how strongly Fred and I have felt your prayers in this past month as he has been diagnosed with lymphoma and has begun treatment. We have, like so many of you, gone through the slow process of diagnosis – waiting for appointments, waiting for test results, waiting for more appointments – and now he is set on a course of treatment that will go through October. Your prayers got us this far, and I ask that you continue to hold us in prayer. Fred is now in the category of immune-suppressed, which means he cannot be within an arm's length of people. You likely won't see him much, but we thank you for your continued prayers.

Our June schedule is full of celebration: On June 2<sup>nd</sup> we will have Children's Sunday, celebrating the efforts of our children and their teachers this past year. On June 9<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost Sunday (wear red if you can) we will confirm our confirmands. On June 16<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate graduates, bestow scholarship and **baptize any adults who wish to be baptized. Let me know if you would like to be baptized!**

Then there is the summer preaching schedule! Instead of taking vacation in a block, I am trying to plan it around Fred's treatment schedule. So here is the proposed schedule, subject to change:

RP on vacation June 21<sup>st</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> with **Rev. Jane MacIntyre preaching on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

RP on vacation July 4<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> with **Rev. Jeff Johnson preaching on July 7<sup>th</sup>.**

RP on vacation July 27<sup>th</sup>-August 7<sup>th</sup> with **Rev. Katrina Clinton preaching on July 28<sup>th</sup> and Rev. Jeff Johnson preaching on August 4<sup>th</sup>.**

RP on vacation August 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> with **Barry Shelley preaching on August 25<sup>th</sup>.**

RP on vacation September 9<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> with **Ann-Marie Illsley preaching on September 15<sup>th</sup>.**

RP on vacation October 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> with **Rev. Jane MacIntyre preaching on October 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Again, with thanks for your prayers,

Rev. Patricia

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION YOUTH NEWS

Hi All!

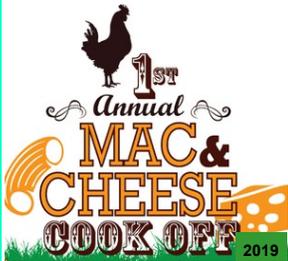
Christian Ed has been busy the past month getting ready for Children's Sunday. The kids have been working hard brainstorming ideas and working on their banner. We've finished up our spill the beans curriculum for this semester and are looking forward to summer Sunday school.

Summer Sunday School this summer will be four consecutive Sundays. The dates are: July 21<sup>st</sup>, July 28<sup>th</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, and August 11<sup>th</sup>. Nursery care will continue as usual.



The youth group had a successful mac and cheese cook-off this past month thanks to Henok Kaptimer, Adam Mitchell and Bill Cockshaw. After anonymous voting, Adam took home the prize of bragging rights.

~Jilliann Larson, Christian Education Director



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year we have scheduled Vacation Bible School for August 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, a Monday through Friday event, 9-3. Earlier arrivals can be arranged. The full day program will be for entering K-6. A morning program is offered for preschoolers (3-5 year olds). This year we are using a new curriculum called **Whoosh**, designed around themes of inclusion and following God's lead. The stories will focus on African American heroic figures, and the bible themes are ones of hope and courage. Last year we had the most successful VBS in memory with 48 kids participating. We hope to do that well again this year but we need your kids and we need you!!! We will need adult and teen volunteers to make this wonderful program a success. Cost is \$10 per child for the week. Bring a bag lunch and drink – we will provide snacks and drinks.



## LIGHT OF THE YEAR



Our recipients of the year are Karl & Sue Koza. Thanks for all you do and mean to our church family.



## Notes from Murray

Spring has SPRUNG!! I am writing this after the most wonderful Memorial Day Weekend and hope everyone had a great weekend with family and friends. The choir sang Turn, Turn, Turn as one of the anthems and it was gloriously beautiful. Also, it is always an honor to play Allen Fisher's Civil War replica drum that he used in reenactments. It has that deep-throated sound of a field drum and it is always a pleasure to play.

Next order of business is say thank you to you, the congregation of Christ Congregational Church for recognizing my five years as Director of Music. I was utterly surprised and overwhelmed! And to get in my gift bag a note saying my name would be added to the street sign in! What a thrill! I am honored and grateful beyond measure. Thank you, also, for the cake! It was delicious and was devoured by my sons (and my wife and me) in the blink of an eye! My heart is full!

Summer is nigh and so I say that if you have interest in being involved in the music program in the fall, I would love to hear from you. In the fall, there seems to be a bit of interest in starting an intergenerational orchestra, I know there are some folks who play instruments and might be interested in getting their chops up again in worship. There will be a sign up sheet to gauge interest on the information counter. We might even be able to get you an instrument, if you don't have one, so don't let that stop you!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!!! Sometimes, I like to say, "Praise God from whom all music flows."

Sincerely,  
Murray



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 2<sup>nd</sup>: Children's Sunday
- June 5<sup>th</sup>: Young At Heart
- June 8<sup>th</sup>: Annual Boston Pride March
- June 9<sup>th</sup>: Confirmation-Pentecost Sunday
- June 11<sup>th</sup>: Lifetouch (Directory Updates)
- June 12<sup>th</sup>: Midday Music Organ Concert
- June 12<sup>th</sup>: Last Wednesday Night Dinner Until September
- June 16<sup>th</sup>: Baccalaureate Sunday
- June 20<sup>th</sup>: All Committee Meeting (End of Year)

FROM THE ORGAN COMPLETION COMMITTEE:

June 1 Fundraiser sponsored by ACT-CPA (Deb Bowman)

**SHRED IT!**

**WHAT:** ACT-CPA Paper Shredding Event to benefit the Christ Congregational Church Organ Fund

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 1, 2019 9 am to 12 noon

**WHERE:** Parking lot of 50 Oliver Street, North Easton

**COST:** \$10 donation per box to be shredded

Donations accepted via cash, check or credit card

Any questions: Call 508-230-8756

**Wednesday, June 12 at 12:15 pm – Midday Music—“June Jubilee”**

**With Natsumi Malloy, guest organist.** Ms. Malloy is an organist, pianist and composer, who currently serves as Organist at First Church, Winchester, MA, and at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Boston.

Free, donations accepted for The Organ Fund.

Strawberry Shortcake in Fellowship Hall following the music program.

Thanks to *Magnificat Liturgical Arts* for sponsoring June Midday Music and refreshments.



**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Friday, October 25 at 7 pm**

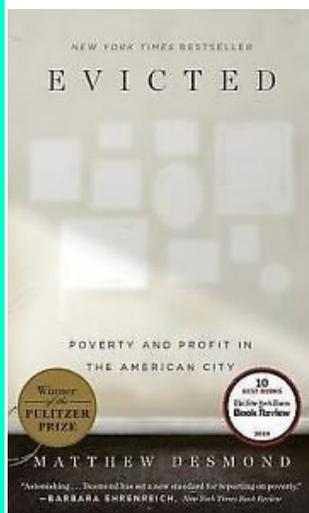
***“Hunchback of Notre Dame”***

**Classic Silent Film with**

***Peter Krasinski, Organist***



## ALL CHURCH READ



The UCC has announced an all-church read, hoping that all UCC churches will read the book Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond, winner of the Pulitzer Prize. It is the story of 8 families who were evicted in Minnesota. You are invited to read the book over the summer and discuss in in late September. Copies are available at the information counter for \$10.00.

# Young at Heart

The Young at Heart cookout will be June 5<sup>th</sup> at noon. Hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers and salads.... and time to reflect on "the good old summertime". Everyone is invited – please sign up or call the office if you don't usually attend so that we have enough food.



Rick Davis, Moriah Illsley, Barbara Moody, Bob Gair, Jillian Larson, Ruth Poole, Layne Moline, Nancy Goodwin, Eleanor Calvin, Lilliana Milton, Brad Weatherbee, Michelle Dias, Matthew Howard, Lillian Lee Stone, Glenna Paananen, Denise Cahill, Angela Colby, Jeff Illsley, David Jones, Kevin Frison, Janet Eckstrom, John Boutwell, Mary Poole, Serenity Young-Ferguson and Sawyer Young-Ferguson

*(listed in order of day of month from 1 to 30)*

# THANK YOU

Thank you Everyone for your prayers and concerns for my son Carl. He is getting better from the treatments because of lead poisoning. He was treated for Lyme disease for the third time. He is getting stronger and might be able to go to work shortly. Prayers work!

George Manoogian  
a.k.a. Mister Nice Guy

"The lilac that was recently planted on my behalf in recognition of my term as Moderator is beautiful. Thank you one and all!"



Thanks! Judy Copley



We pray for the families of Nancy Norcross, Shirley Hunt, Mildred Miele, John Milton, Bertha Maloof, Allan Knight and Dennis Clinton. May they rest in peace.

## A Note From The Deacons

The Deacons would appreciate donations for Tea Light Candles for the candle screen in the sanctuary. Thank you!



## COLLECTION

Hello Church Family,  
The Mission Committee will have a project with a pink plastic basket in Fellowship Hall for new sample size, unopened shampoos, soaps, lotions and the like. You can get these when you stay at a hotel or motel this summer. In the fall we will donate these to the local homeless shelters. Let us see if we can fill the bowl a few times this summer.

Thank you,  
The Mission Committee



**Reminder:** Father's Day is June 16<sup>th</sup>. The special gifts for this event have been ordered.

Dads, Grand Dads come to Church on Father's Day to receive your gift.

Anyone can be a father, but it takes a special person to be a Dad.

~George Manoogian



# Stewardship

## SNIPPETS

(Not Snippy! Just Zippy!)

- \* Summer Season! Yay! Summer officially begins on June 21st! It's a time of fun and frolic and relaxation... But do you know what else it is? Around our church, it's a season that offers gifts of time for special projects! Another Yay! Yes, special projects for our CCC Harvest Fair! A cornucopia of Yays!
- \* Please remember joyfully to mark your calendars for the CCC Harvest Fair on Saturday, November 9th, 2019. This is the second Saturday of November.
- \* So what Harvest Fair ideas are already in the works or, at least, being discussed? What's the Church chatter? Donna shared a great idea about using fancy cut glass, tea cups, etc, to hold wrapped candy! Joyce is already working on pet store items and tallying her own credit card points to cash in for gift cards for the fair! The Crafters and the Quilters and the Fabric Artists are still creating! Ruth is already inquiring about when the Central Processing Teams will begin their sorting of donations! A holiday photo gallery with props would be great! Barbara's brain has been in high gear about donated items and setup for the raffle! Katrina is ruminating about a project she calls Quirky Works! (Please ask her about it!) Soooo... What other wonderful, creative CCC Harvest Fair ideas do all the rest of us have? Let's share!
- \* A CCC Harvest Fair Bulletin Board is going up in Fellowship Hall! This will be a terrific place to share ideas, notices, accomplishments, questions, encouragement, photos, etc, about our Church Fair! And what if we have so much going on that we have to go to two boards!? Well, you go, Beloved Community! We'll do it! (Don't you just love Bulletin Board Excitement!?)
- \* How many of us are continuing to clean out, downsize, simplify...? Do we know friends, neighbors, relatives who are doing the same thing? Please remember that we are already receiving donations of items: attic treasures, collectibles, auction items, raffle prizes, quality or gently used women's/ men's/children's clothing, books, jewelry... If you have questions about donations or have your donations ready to go, please speak with David Wilcox, Jo-Ellen/Doe, Katrina Clinton, Doug Anderson, Matt Howard, Jane McIntyre, Keith Allen, Bill Cockshaw, or Deana Colby. Or... please call the church office at 508-586-3022 to talk with Deana.
- \* This Beloved Community of Christ Congregational Church, United Church of Christ of Brockton is alive and changing and growing! Twists and turns lead us in new and renewing directions! Creative ideas inspire us! The loving support of this church community encourages us to share our gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure! Let's motivate each other to get involved! Let's build each other up! We are all in this Ministry of Jesus TOGETHER! Praise and thanks to God! Let the Holy Spirit swoop and soar!

Blessings, peace, love and joy to all!  
Your Stewardship Committee





### Upcoming Open and Affirming Events

#### Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> - Boston Pride

We will march as a Christ Church group with other MA Conference UCC churches. Gather on Boylston Street near the Prudential Center at approx. 12 noon. Exact place and time will be announced. The march goes through the Back Bay and ends at City Hall Plaza.

#### Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> - Celebrate -Agitate -Activate - ONA 35

There is daylong celebration at Plymouth Church in Framingham. 2019 is the 35th anniversary of Open and Affirming in the MA Conference. Times of Worship, celebration, sharing of stories, workshops and call to activism will highlight the day.

See Doug Anderson for further details  
([douginmass@gmail.com](mailto:douginmass@gmail.com))



October 2019 - Tenth Anniversary of Open and Affirming at Christ Church.



## COMMON THREADS QUILT GUILD

June meeting will be on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm. We close the year with a salad luncheon in the vestry. A round robin e-mail will be started so you can sign up for a salad to bring. We are striving to be green so bring your own plate and silverware. Coffee and tea will be provided. No sewing at this meeting. I will have quilt guild labels if you need them.

A lap quilt in shades of brown was given to Rev. Fred Hayes via Rev. Patricia. Treatment has left Fred immune suppressed so a group presentation was not advisable.

We are in need of lap quilts so look for "Pop Up Quilting" in your e-mail during the summer. Lucille has donated a floral quilted fabric that will make a quick and easy backing for these quilts.



Hello Everyone,  
Craft group starts back up on June 4<sup>th</sup>. We will meet every Tuesday from 9:30 - 11:30am

~Carol Bradford

## Lost & Found



Check in the office to see if we have something you might have left behind.

### Fiber Fellowship

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday  
From 7:00 - 9:00 PM  
Come Knit, Crochet,  
Needlepoint, etc.  
Or just come for the  
fellowship!!



## Greetings from the Vitality Committee

The church year is winding down as I write this article, but there are still a couple of important dates to remember.

On Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, Lifetouch Studio will be here to take pictures of anyone that did not get a chance to have one taken last year. Everyone gets a free eight by ten portrait of their choosing, and their picture will be included in an updated directory. You may also purchase a package of photos for friends and family. If your information in last years directory is incorrect, then that will be updated in the new directory as well. Please see me, Keith Allen, or any member of the Vitality Committee, so we can get you scheduled and get your updated information.

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We have scheduled a Dine at Seven with Seven evening this summer. The date will be July 27<sup>th</sup>. The event will have a Summer Barbecue theme. This is always a great way to get to know church members that you may not know very well, as well as spend an evening with people with whom you may already be friends. We ask for a volunteer to host the evening. The host is responsible for the main course. The guests bring the sides. You are guaranteed an evening of food, fellowship and fun. There is a sign-up sheet on the information counter in the downstairs narthex.

As we wrap up this church years activities, we look forward to bringing you many fun filled events next year, starting with a brunch on Rally Day in September.

Thanks for your participation and support,

Keith Allen

Chair Vitality Committee

VITALITY

## A Missive from Missions

In May and June, we recognize mothers and fathers around the world by collecting donations for the Church World Service blankets and tools programs. Visit our table in the narthex before or after Sunday services on June 2<sup>nd</sup> or June 9<sup>th</sup> to contribute and receive a beautiful card letting someone you love know you made a donation to honor them.



THIS MOTHER'S DAY,  
*Blanket the World with*  
**LOVE!**

Be a **partner** in the heavy lifting.

Your support of CWS equips families worldwide with the tools that they need to build stronger futures – literally. Here's how:

- \$5** A hand saw for a family
- \$15** Seeds and gardening tools for a family
- \$25** Boots & rain jacket for a community's agricultural specialist
- \$47** A support column for a house
- \$50** Construction training for two people





## Statement Of Welcome (adopted October 18, 2009)

### The Love of Christ for Each Person Knows No Bounds, and...

We, at Christ Congregational Church, United Church of Christ of Brockton, celebrate the diversity of God's creation and seek to be a community of Christians who live in openness to the voice of the Still Speaking God.

We celebrate family in all its diverse forms and honor, support, and bless all loving and committed relationships.

As we seek to live out our mission to live Christ's compassion and promote justice, healing, and wholeness of life, we welcome into our community persons of every gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, mental and physical ability, age, race, nationality, economic and social status, faith background, marital standing and family structure.

We invite and welcome all to share in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, blessings, and joys of our congregation as we seek to grow together in faith and love.

We remember our promises made at baptism, therefore no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome to this United Church of Christ.





**JOIN US to make a difference...**

Brockton Interfaith Community Education Funding Update Meeting

When: June 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30

Where: Christ Church Wing

Why: Learn more about the education funding issues in Brockton and write letters to lawmakers to share what priorities should be included in the legislation they will be create this month to address this issue.

Questions: Ask Deb Bowman, [deb@act-cpa.com](mailto:deb@act-cpa.com)

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