



WORSHIP AND PROGRAMS:

Regular Events

Worship and Sunday School:
Sundays, 9:55AM

Craft Group: Tuesdays, 9:30AM

Adult Bells:	All
Adult Choir:	Programs
Wed. Bell Ringers:	Will
Junior Ringers:	Start
Youth Choir:	Back
Bible Study:	Up
Fiber Fellowship:	In
Quilt Guild:	September
Wednesday Dinner:	
Young at Heart:	



Board Meetings

Christian Ed: Jul.16, 6:30PM

Council: Aug. 15, 6PM

Deacons: Sept. 5, 7PM

Finance & Property: Aug. 8, 7PM

Missions: September

Music: Aug. 11, 11:15PM

Organ Completion: Aug. 7, 11:30AM

Vitality: Aug. 14, 6PM

PASTOR'S PAGE

I am writing this on a day that is projected to reach 100 degrees, hoping you are all staying cool enough. I know some of you love this weather, and you should certainly get 2 or 3 days like this...then let us pray it goes down about 20 degrees!



This summer has been/continues to be full of projects at church – craft and fair workers are busily creating and sorting, in that order; Vacation Bible School planners are planning. We certainly hope you will invite every elementary school kid you know. The website has a committee (with leader Leo Larson) keeping it updated and adding new features. The new roof is on, the solar is coming; the organ pipes are being prepared and the nominating committee wants to hear from you if you would like to be on the search committee for the next pastor. It is an important team, one that needs to be highly representative and highly collaborative – read about it elsewhere in this newsletter and prayerfully consider putting your name forward. That deadline is August 2nd.

Fred has been slogging through the summer of chemo – he is doing well, but has that extreme fatigue that people talk about and you don't really understand until you have it or live next to it. We so appreciate your prayers, your cards, and all manner of outreach. He will hear on August 9th how the treatment is doing – at that point he will be halfway through the course of treatment. This summer's project at our retirement house in Maine has been the creation of a new, flatter driveway – which has turned into a huge project that is almost comical, winding around our property avoiding ledge and other obstacles. Who knew we'd also be creating a walking loop?

This is our first summer in a long time without student ministers, but our retired minister members have stepped forward so beautifully covering my vacation Sundays. Please be sure to come to worship, please be sure to thank them for preaching – and come when I'm there too, I miss you!

Peace,
Rev. Patricia

Need an appointment with RP for routine matters? - she'll be in Brockton from August 8-24, then from August 29-Sept 8. Emails (pcwhayes@gmail.com) and phone calls (508-846-3723) are okay at any time.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION YOUTH NEWS

Summer Sunday School this summer will be four consecutive Sundays. The dates are: July 21st, July 28th, August 4th, and August 11th. Nursery care will continue as usual.



Hey Senior and Junior Youth Groups, Canobie Lake Park is scheduled for August 17th. More info to come. Please sign up with Jillian Larson or the office.

Rally Sunday is September 8th. Bring your backpacks to be blessed. After worship come down to fellowship hall to celebrate the beginning of the church school year.



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Vacation Bible School at Christ Congregational Church
1350 Pleasant Street Brockton MA August 19-23, 2019 - M-F, 9-3
\$10 for the week – plus bring your own lunch and snack
Ages 5-12

This year we are using the *Faith in Culture* curriculum of Abingdon Press, [Whoosh!](http://www.whoosh.org), where we will learn about African American historical sites around the United States and their connection to a life of faith. Our Bible Stories will include Jacob's Dream, the crossing of the Red Sea, the Psalms, Jesus' inclusion of everyone, and the building blocks of Christian character. Each day will include drama, Bible stories, music, arts and crafts, art, and cooking. We will be learning about jazz music, bicycle safety, and more!! All are welcome! Please register at www.brocktonucc.org or by calling 508-586-3022.



Notes from Murray

The [elders] desired that music should always abide in the church. That is why there are so many songs and psalms. This precious gift has been bestowed on us alone to remind us that we are created to praise and magnify God.

~Martin Luther

It is a privilege to sing and create in the church. I count myself lucky to have spent my life in church music; from my earliest memories to now. It has always been a part of my life and something I treasure. I would expect that all of you feel the same way. We are all blessed to have this tradition instilled in us from an early age. We know many hymns by heart; maybe not all of the words, but at least the tune and some of the major points. Jesus Loves Me is a case in point. How many know all of the verses, but when the refrain comes back, we sing it with much more confidence. As the summer is starting to wane and we are looking forward to the miraculous fall season in New England when pumpkin spice flavors all things on the menu, I look forward to hearing the hymns again, sung in our friendly sanctuary. The choir processing to the opening hymn and the congregation raising its voice to begin worship is a welcome image. Not all in the congregation considers themselves singers, but all can sing and all are called to sing. Psalm 100:2 "Worship the Lord with gladness; come before God with joyful songs." One thing I notice is that the passage doesn't read, "O thou Choral Singers, come before God with joyful songs." Or, "Only those who can read music..." The author understood that the passage addresses the entire congregation. Hymns are designed with everyone in mind and have a way of inviting those to sing. One of the most famous hymns ever is Amazing Grace. Almost all of us can sing the entire first verse from memory. Why is that? We hear it sung a lot. Not only in church services, but funerals and concerts, vigils and public events. There probably isn't a complete month that goes by when we don't hear it in some form and most months we hear it multiple times or we might even hear it referred to by someone. It is the repetition of the hymns that gets us familiar and more comfortable with the singing. And how do our little ones start to get immersed? By hearing we adults sing the songs. Don't think for a moment that just because they are coloring or hitting their siblings during a hymn that they aren't listening to the congregation sing. What do they hear from us? Do they only hear the choir from the loft or are they hearing EVERYONE come before God with joyful songs?

A few notes for the music program: Rally Day is September 8th. That will be the first Sunday service for the choir. We will meet at 8:55am and get ready to sing a familiar anthem. Regular rehearsals for the Adult Choir begin on September 11th. The Jr. Ringers and Youth Choir will begin practicing on September 15th. Signups and information for all ensembles will be available on Rally Day. There are many exciting things happening in the music program and YOU can be involved and having a great time, too!

Sincerely,

Murray



ORGAN COMPLETION COMMITTEE

FROM THE ORGAN COMPLETION COMMITTEE

Successful Fundraiser Over \$380 was contributed to the Organ Fund through the “Shred It” event sponsored by Deb Bowman and her business, ACT-CPA. Thanks to the volunteers, those who brought boxes of paper to shred and donated for the fund, and to Deb and her business for hosting this great event.

Thanks to All who attended and helped with our Midday Music on June 12th. Natsumi Malloy presented a wonderful program on organ and piano, and we celebrated the end of another year of Midday concerts with strawberry shortcake. Thanks to Dot Quimby, Alice Farnsworth, Donna Costa, Audrey Jones and Keith Allen for helping with food and dishes! Pictured at right are Lifetime Pass holders (those who have contributed \$1000 or more): David Stuart, Sandra and Dick Hill, Jo-ellen Fisher, Ruth Ladd, Donna and Dick Costa and Eleanor Calvin. Not present: Katrina Clinton, Cindy and Don Myers, George Manoogian, Stephen Prone (Prone Family Foundation), Laurel Fisher and Gini Hathaway.



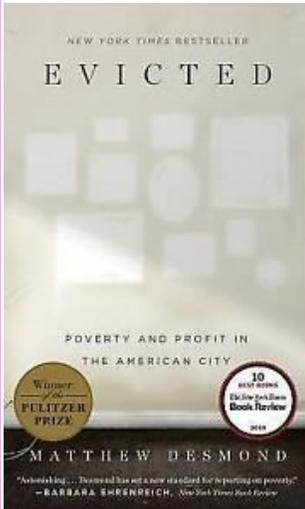
Summer Fundraiser: We are selling Equal Exchange (Fair Trade) products during the summer months to continue adding funds to the Organ Fund. You can place an order with any member of the committee (Deb Bowman, Eleanor Calvin, Ann Clark, Donna Costa, Audrey Jones, Dot Quimby or David Stuart) and delivery will be made on Sunday August 18. We will also have some items for sale that day without pre-ordering.

Orders can also be made between August 4—24 for delivery in early September. Equal Exchange, a worker owned business, supplies the coffee the church uses for coffee hour, and it is sourced from growers who earn a fair price for their crops and products. In addition to coffee, we will offer cocoa, tea and chocolate. We will earn 40% of purchase price on catalog orders.

Save these dates: **September Midday Music** on Wednesday September 18 at 12:15 pm, featuring Dr. Steven Young, and **Friday October 25 at 7 pm** for a return performance by Peter Krasinski to improvise the score for the classic silent film, “The Hunchback of Notre Dame.” Tickets available in September.



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.



Sam Fisher, Donna Hefler, Abby Quimby, Tom Sampson, Andrew Howard, Alex Owens, David Duhamel, Henry White, Leona White, Alan Bradford, Jenn Alden, Zachary Alden, Penny Ackley, Cecilia Creedon, John Sparling, Cody Capiello, Emily Swisher Rosa, Donna Costa, Abby Murphy, Reagan Lacourse, Brenda Wyss, Audrey Simmons, Mike Camara, Bradley Mitchell, Chris Madden, Deana Colby, Christopher Colby, Nicholas Colby, Holly Matisis, Abby Morales, Leo Larson, Dawn Shippee, Ann Clark, Mark Deyoe, Donald Marvill, David Stuart, Eddie Poole, Candy Savage, Kate Howard, Barbara Smith, Lisa Sparling, Karl Koza, Karin Davis, Jillian Haskell, Stephen Bennett, Missy Crane, Ariella Bastia, Olivia Milton, John Hagberg, Violet Bowman

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

To Deacons & the entire Beloved Community at Christ Congregational Church

Thank you so much for all your love & support as our family mourned and celebrated our father's life. It is truly a blessing to be part of such a wonderful church!

Thanks to all who helped at Dad's service (before, during, and after!). We were able to have a stress-free, absolutely joyful celebration. He was a faithful servant who worked hard for as long as he could at Pilgrim Congregational Church in Taunton and would have appreciated the time and effort that was put in to make his final celebration so special.



In God's Love,
The McIntyre Family

On behalf of my husband and myself I wish to extend our sincerest and heartfelt thanks to the many members and friends of Christ Church for the help that has been given to us since we no longer have a car, and since Dick's hospitalization.

We are blessed to be part of such a caring church.



Thank you!
Sandra Hill



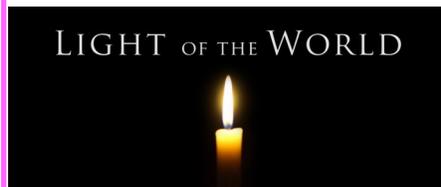
COMMON THREADS
QUILT GUILD

"Dear artists of the Common Thread Quilt Guild, This card seemed just right to thank you for the very beautiful, very pretty quilt you made for me. I love it. Getting it now when I am on this bumpy road makes it so very special. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Fred Hayes"

To our CCC Family

Karl and I were humbled and grateful to be honored with this year's Light of the World presentation. We are blessed to be part of this wonderful community, and appreciate just how fortunate we are to belong to this inclusive and vibrant church family.

Congratulations Henok & Lauren Kaptimer on the birth of baby Salomé Ohanna Kaptimer, born May 30th. Welcome to our Church Family!



With gratitude,
Karl & Sue Koza



Stewardship

SNIPPETS

(Not Snippy! Just Zippy!)

It's All About the Fair, 'bout the Fair, 'bout the Fair...

- * Yes, the Stewardship Committee is, indeed, preparing for this Autumn's Stewardship Experience, but it's a little too early to begin the Witness and Pledge announcements just yet. However, it's never too early to talk about the CCC Autumn Harvest Fair! Our annual Fair is a time when we exercise intently and intensely our gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure.
- * The CCC Central Processing (receiving and sorting) is open and ready to receive donations to the Fair. Please continue your summertime cleaning out, downsizing, simplifying to discover all your hidden treasures that you can donate to the Church Fair. Please encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to do the same! Donations include: attic treasures, collectibles, auction items, raffle prizes, quality or gently used women's/men's/ children's clothing, books, jewelry, and toys. If you have questions about donations or have donations ready to bring to church, please speak with David Wilcox, Jo-Ellen/Doe, Katrina, Doug, 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.
- * Now, wait just a church-chiming minute! Just who is it who does the receiving and sorting of all these donated items? Who makes up Central Processing? Why, the answer is You and me and All of Us! We are always looking for volunteers! We work Wednesdays starting at 9:00 in the morning or whenever you can get to church. Some volunteers work until 11:00 and some until noon and some until 2:00 when the Church closes. Please join us! You will have fun and feel needed! It's very exciting!
- * OK, so what ideas do you have for the Harvest Fair? There are places on the Fair Bulletin Boards in Fellowship Hall to read others' ideas and to post your own.
- * Please remember joyfully to mark your calendar for the CCC Harvest Fair on Saturday, November 9, 2019! This is the second Saturday in November. Please invite friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers!
- * Creativity, joy, hard work, generosity - these are all important ingredients for a successful, fun-filled CCC Harvest Fair! Beloved Community, this is who we are! What a Harvest Fair this will be!

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

The Fall Harvest Fair

Christ Congregational Church
presented **9** Scholarships this year

Angela Colby
Kate Howard
Ann-Marie Illsley
Jeffrey Illsley Jr.
Lindsay Kennedy
Alexys Mitchell
Abigail Murphy
Calei Nocivelli
Abigail Quimby



Our Graduates of 2019

Angela Colby	Brockton High School
Alisabeth Burke	Southeastern Technical High School
Emily Dasey	New England Law
Robert Gair	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Kate Howard	Simmons University
Benjamin Loftus	Emerson College

Dear Christ Congregational Church,
Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship! It is really going to assist helping me further my studies in communications! I really appreciate this!

Thanks,
Lindsay Kennedy



Christ Congregational Church Scholarship Recipients



Beautiful Altar Flowers and a Baptismal Arrangement From Janet Eckstrom's Garden



**SPACES AVAILABLE FOR
A POP-UP YARD SALE
AT
CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
1350 PLEASANT STREET, BROCKTON
ON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2019 from 9am - 1pm**

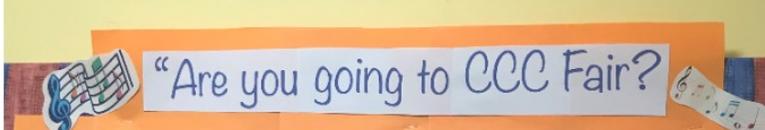
Sponsored by the Fair Group, a Pop-Up Yard Sale is being planned for Saturday, September 7th.

The Yard Sale will be held in the front parking area in front of the Church. We're calling it Pop-Up Yard Sale because it won't be elaborate, not like the spring proposal you may have heard discussed.

Spaces for the Pop-Up Yard Sale are available to our Christ Church family and friends at \$10 per space (\$15 if you need a table). Participants are responsible for set-up and clean-up of their spaces. The Fair team will be staffing space as well if you have any items you want to donate.

Registration or questions, please see Sheppó Fisher or e-mail Sheppo247@comcast.net.

We are so excited about this event and of all the good things to come!



Are you going to CCC fair
Sparkly, staged, glows merry, and fine.
Remember the date, it's November Nine,
Bring us your stuff, and all will be fine.
(sung to the tune of Scarborough Fair)

Greetings from the Vitality Committee

As we reach the mid point of summer, we will be holding our first “Dine 7@7” (*or more) summer version cookout on Sat. July 27th. We would like to thank those of you that have signed up & are joining in on the fun and sociability. Please watch for future activity dates and join in on the fun. Enjoy the summer!

Thank you for your participation & support, we are looking forward to a fun filled year.

Lisa Landerholm

Chair, Vitality committee

VITALITY

BAPTISMS



India Simone Vergne, July 14th



Darlene Gilson, June 16th



CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2019



Students: Angeliza Campbell, Jayce Exell, Jessica Gross, Connor Nocivelli, Sawyer Young-Ferguson, Serenity Young-Ferguson

Leaders: Rev. Patricia Hayes, Deana Colby and Adam Mitchell

An invitation to submit nominations for the Pastoral Search Committee...

Sadly, Rev. Patricia Hayes will be retiring in January 2020. We are now taking steps to prepare our congregation to be ready to search for a new pastor after we celebrate Rev. Patricia's ministry and say farewell. As one such step, the Church Council will appoint in August, a Pastoral Search Committee (PSC) of seven members plus two alternates that will lead the search process.

The PSC will fulfill critically important responsibilities during the next year or more: participating in transitional reflection activities this fall; drawing on the output from those activities to draft by December our Local Church Profile that we will post with our call for applications; reviewing pastoral candidates' profiles soon after Rev. Patricia's departure, and identifying the most promising prospects; interviewing short-listed candidates and hearing them preach; and eventually recommending one candidate for our congregation's consideration and vote.

Given the PSC's critical role in our congregation's upcoming transition and call for a new pastor, we will make every effort to assure that this committee represents as much as possible the diversity of interests, perspectives, and experiences in our congregation. To that end, the Nominating Committee invites broad involvement in the nomination process. If you are interested in committing your time and talents to serving on the PSC—and it will require significant commitment--and/or you wish to recommend another member for consideration, please complete and submit the nomination form below no later than August 4th.

If you have questions, please contact Adam Mitchell, Chair of the Nominating Committee; Jan Howard, Chair of the Pastoral Transition Team; or Barry Shelley, Moderator.

Nominations for the Pastoral Search Committee

Your name: _____

Email: _____ Phone no.: _____

_____ I would like to be considered as a candidate for the Pastoral Search Committee.

_____ I recommend that (*name*) _____ be considered as a candidate for the Pastoral Search Committee.

In the space below please briefly explain why you wish to serve on the Pastoral Search Committee and what you believe you could contribute to the search process, AND/OR why you are recommending the person you have named above and what you believe that person could contribute to the search process. Thanks.

Please submit your nomination(s) by Sunday, August 4th to the church office or to any member of the Nominating Committee: Adam Mitchell, chair, Doug Anderson, Judy Copley, or David Wilcox.

NEW ROOF

On Friday, June 14th, 2019, Pride roofing installed a new roof at Christ Congregational Church UCC.

The people started showing up at about 6:50AM, and by 7:30am there were 52 workers on site. Ladders and tarps went up quickly, and they started stripping the roof of the old shingles. The stripping of the old shingles took less than two hours.

Next came six feet of ice and water shield, and Dek armor installed to the ridge. Again, done in about two hours.

Next came the installation of CertainTeed Shingles. This process took the rest of the day.

Kudos go to the site supervisors, Tim, Louis, and John. They ran the crews as if the crews were a well-oiled machine. There were people with nail guns, people lugging shingles, and people on the ground continuously picking up debris. An incredibly well choreographed show.

Everything went off without a hitch and the entire church was re-shingled by dusk. It was a very exciting day for all of us that were here to witness this event.



Done In
One Day!



ORDINATION OF DEACONS

On June 16th, Christ Church welcomed seven new Deacons.

Shown: Karl Koza, Janet Eckstrom, Getachew Kaptimer and Maryann Selman.

Not shown: Judy Copley, Alexander Cord, and Ronan Cords.



**We Want
You!**

Save the Date!

October 19, 2019

Please join the Pastoral Transition Team, the Search Committee, and Rev. Susan Townsley (our consultant) for an all-day all-Church Retreat to begin a visioning process. Your presence, your voice, and your opinions are vital to our congregation during this time of pastoral transition. More info to follow.



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9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship Time: 9:55 a.m.

BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment. Care for the poor.
Forgive often. Reject racism.
Fight for the powerless.
Share earthly and spiritual resources.
Embrace diversity. Love God. Enjoy this life.