



## 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
- Bible Study: Wednesdays, 10AM
- Fiber Fellowship:  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 7PM
- Junior Ringers: Sundays, 11:15AM
- Youth Choir: Sundays, 11:15AM
- Quilt Guild: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 1PM
- Wednesday Dinner: Wednesdays,  
6PM
- Young at Heart: NO February  
(starts up March 6<sup>th</sup>)



### Board Meetings

- Christian Education: Feb. 14, 6PM
- Council: Feb. 21, 7PM
- Deacons: Feb. 7, 7PM
- Finance & Property: Feb. 14, 7PM
- Green Team: TBD
- Missions: Feb. 11, 7:30PM
- Music: Feb. 6, 8AM
- Organ Completion Committee:  
Feb. 20, 11:30AM
- Vitality: Feb. 7, 7 PM

## PASTOR'S PAGE



I am writing this on the eve of Carl Landerholm's funeral, feeling sad at his sudden passing. The week has whirled by, the church has stepped up in its most wonderful way, and in time we will slow down enough to notice the gap. Carl was instrumental in so many things at the church and in the city of Brockton, and surely showed us that one person's persistence and voice can make a difference.

We are called by God to find our voices and use our voices for God's work. Not just Carl, but all of us. We are called by God to use our days well, to fill them with things that move the world to a better place. I will be praying about this, and invite you to do the same.

There are about 25 of you who are on my list – people who have been coming regularly, but who have not yet come to new members' classes. Church studies tell us that membership doesn't matter to people "nowadays", but let me give you three possible reasons why you would benefit from at least trying out the new members' classes:

1. We need anchors in this life, places to call home, places where we declare "I am part of this organization and will fully participate, make decisions, and lead it into its future."
2. We live in a time where churches are closing and declining, where our biggest influence is the television or maybe the internet – and where community and faith are fading away. We cannot take churches for granted.
3. We are a private people. We don't speak in depth with others about our lives or our faith – new member class can be a place where you meet some other seekers, where you hear someone else and think "yes, that describes me too", where you find words to describe your journey.

See the article for dates – but I hope you will consider this invitation as something that it is: something that can change your life.

In faith,  
Rev. Patricia

p.s. Apologies to anyone who sent me an email for about 4 weeks over Christmas to the pcwhayes@comcast.net email account or the pastor@brocktonucc.org account. Both accounts were backing up, unbeknownst to me, and I have tried to sort through them, but don't have a lot of confidence that I have seen everything. Please use pcwhayes@gmail.com going forward – thanks!!

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION YOUTH NEWS

Hi all!

First off, I would like to thank everybody for the support and encouragement over the last month as I took on the role of Director of Christian Education. I am settling into the role and I am looking forward to this next month!

We have set in motion upcoming service projects with all ages. This includes preparing for the Heifer project, which we will unroll to the entire congregation as a church-wide project during lent. On March 24th, Junior and Senior youth group is planning on attending a workshop about Human Trafficking awareness called "Bags of Hope". We will be collecting items to package together to give to homeless women who are at a high risk of being victims of human trafficking. If you would like to donate items, please find me during church or reach out to me via e-mail at [jilliann.a.larson@gmail.com](mailto:jilliann.a.larson@gmail.com).



In Sunday school this month we will continue discussing stories about Jesus.

February 3rd is "Mustard Seed and Yeast" (Luke 13:18-21)

February 10th is "Come to the Banquet" (Luke 14:1-24)

February 17th is "Searching for the Lost" (Luke 15:1-10)

February 24th is "The Loving Father" (Luke 15:11-32)

For the junior and senior high youth groups we have two combined events scheduled this month. The first one is on Friday February 8th, it is "Bring a Friend/ Mystery Potluck and Jigsaw Race. The "Mystery Potluck" involves bringing an unidentifiable dish, and for the Jigsaw Race we will break off into three teams and see who can complete a 300 piece jigsaw puzzle first. On Sunday February 24th we will have a "Cook With Steve" - making chicken parmesan. We will be meeting in the fellowship hall after church.



## Summer Camperships Available



HEY KIDS! We have camperships and partial camperships for church camps at Silver Lake Conference Center and for Pilgrim Lodge Pride Week. Their websites have more information - check it out!!

The schedule for summer camp at Silver Lake is in – get yours at the information counter. Talk to Hayley Hixon or Eva Lomba who had a great time last year. Each week has several different themes for different age groups, grades 4-12.



## Notes from Murray



Well, January is quite a long month, judging by the feeling of it! Funny how that all happens. Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, February 10th @ 1:00pm** to attend the recital of Jessica Trainor and Sylvia Berry! They will be performing songs of the Romantic period by Schubert and Schumann. As we all know, Sylvia and Jessica are not to be missed. Their artistry and commitment to music and their skill will make this an event you will not soon forget.

Annual Talent Show!! It is time to start thinking of one of the biggest events of the year; the TALENT SHOW!!! Brush off that instrument, tell a funny or heart-felt story, dance, sing, or other! If you have a talent, we want to see it. The last few years, this event has been growing and more people are taking the plunge to share their talents with us and not keep them under a bushel. Be on the lookout for a sign up sheet to get preliminary information about what you plan to do. The date of the Talent Show is **Sunday, May 5th @ 1:00pm**. Even if you are not going to perform, plan on attending to see what amazing talent we have in our church!

We are starting to gear up for Lent and Easter. If you are interested in singing in the choir or ringing bells, we want you! No experience necessary! There will be a sign up sheet for the Lenten Ringers downstairs.

Sincerely,  
Murray



WORLD VOICES is currently registering for February vacation week. If you know a young woman, grades 6-12, please pass the word. We have substantial scholarship funds, and hope for a great turnout, February 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>.



**FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES** February 15<sup>th</sup> – movie to be announced, probably around 7pm in Randolph – then out for dessert and coffee to talk about the movie – any takers? We'll choose the movie after church on February 10<sup>th</sup> – something with social/ethical importance – or maybe something just fun. Sign up at the information counter.

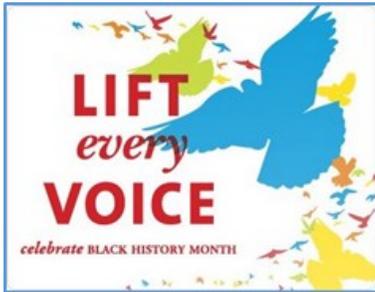
### **Calling all Testimonials and Faith Reflections – We're Making a Book!**

If you have written a testimonial, prepared a statement for Breakfast and Beliefs, done some spiritual writing or poetry, or would like to, we are compiling a book for our archives and for purchase of Christ Congregational Church Inspiration from the Pews. Please send your article, poem, or reflection to Rev. Patricia by February 15<sup>th</sup> if possible (later entries will likely be accepted, but the sooner we can put this in a format that is publishable, the sooner we'll get it together). Send to [pcwhayes@gmail.com](mailto:pcwhayes@gmail.com). Thanks!!



## FROM THE ORGAN COMPLETION COMMITTEE:

**Midday Music: Wednesday February 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm**



**“Lift Every Voice” with Brian Wolfric Edwards, guest organist**

Brian Edwards is music director and organist at St. Cyprian’s Episcopal Church, Roxbury, MA. He studied pipe organ at Longy School of Music of Bard College. The program will feature pieces by African American composers, and hymns and Gospel music from the Black Church tradition in honor of Black History Month.

**Bach Birthday Bash: March 17 at 3 pm.**

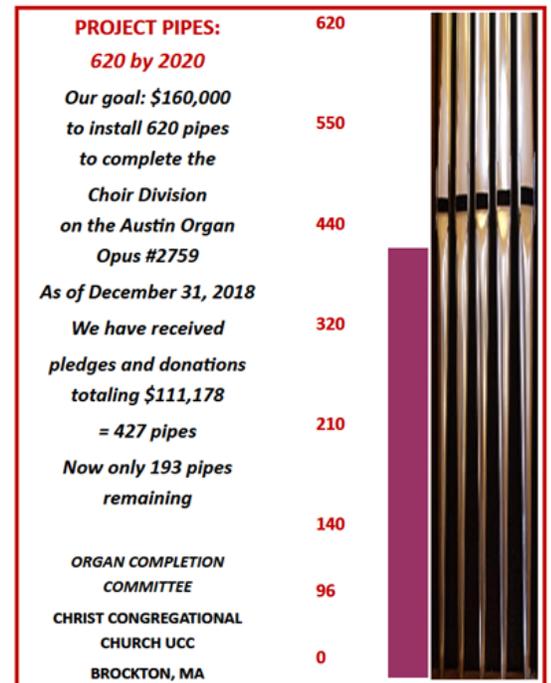
Featuring The Berry Collective (Sylvia Berry and friends, with music of the Bach family) and Guest Organist, Andrew Sheranian, organist and master chorister at Parish of All Saints, Ashmont, MA. Tickets for church members and friends in advance: \$5. Children under 13, free. Tickets at the door: adults \$15, seniors and students \$10. Refreshments following.



**Come and build a mini-organ: The Bach Birthday Bash**

will also feature “Kotzsch in a Box” - a “puzzle” organ coming to us from Friends of the Kotzschmar Organ (FOKO), Portland, Maine. Invented by *Orgelkids*, the original design was published in the Netherlands. Adapted by *Orgelkids USA*, this model is Opus 1e, the fifth copy of the mini-organ. The model, buildable device is a two-octave, two-rank mechanical-action pipe organ with bellows that are easy to “pump” using one’s hands on the wooden covers.

**Thanks to all who have donated and made pledges to Project Pipes.** If you are still thinking about helping financially in 2019-2020, please pick up a pledge sheet on the “string bulletin board” in Fellowship Hall or speak to any member of the Organ Completion Committee: Deb Bowman, Eleanor Calvin, Ann Clark, Donna Costa, Audrey Jones, Dot Quimby and David Stuart. The church’s website is also set up to received donations to **The Organ Fund**.





Join us every Wednesday for a hot meal! We gather at 6PM for a delicious meal prepared by Bill Cockshaw. Please let Bill know if you have any food requirement/allergy ~ he tries to accommodate!! Cost is \$5 per person but pay what you can, when you can. Please sign-up at the information counter.

# Young at Heart

No Young at Heart in February

Young at heart will start back up on March 6<sup>th</sup> on Ash Wednesday. There will be a yummy pancake luncheon followed by an Ash Wednesday reflection and ashes.

## EMERGENCY GRANTS AND LOANS AVAILABLE



A reminder that the pastor has a modest account of discretionary funds as well as Blanchard funds for Brockton residents to help parishioners in financial emergencies.

We will have weekly volunteers doing coffee hour. Anyone and everyone of all ages can sign up. Please see Lorraine Wilcox and she will be happy to put you on the list!



Sarah Sinesi, Samantha Sinesi, Janice Urban, Tracey Hixon, Sheila Klecha, Martha Binda, Sandra Marvill, Lucille Berg, Lois Cyr (104 years old), Aubrey Macfarlane, Barry Shelley, Mackenzie Copley, Liz Garner, Dot Quimby, Alexander Cords, Ronan Cords, Priscilla Bailey, Pat Illsley, Adam Mitchell

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

We pray for the families of Carl Landerholm and Ramona Adler who have left this world in January 2019. May they rest in peace.



Words alone cannot express my heartfelt Thanks for the Love and compassion the whole church family has shone to me and my family during this difficult time. I am just overwhelmed by it all. Carl was so proud to call this church his own.

Thank you to Rev. Patricia for coordinating everything for the day and to all who took part in any way. I love you all.

Diane (Landerholm)  
And family



# stewardship

## SNIPPETS

(Not Snippy, Just Zippy!)



\* Once again, we offer a heartfelt thank you to all in this Beloved Community of CCCUCC who have turned in a pledge form for 2019. We encourage pledgers who have not yet filled out and turned in a pledge form please to do so. We have talked with some faithful church pledgers who did not turn in a form because thought they did not need to do so if they give “electronically” or are continuing to give what they have been giving. Honestly, please, we encourage all pledgers to turn in their forms because it helps us in predicting our church income and planning our budget. You may turn in your form by placing it in the church offering plate, leaving it in the church office, or handing it to Doug Anderson. Thanks!

\* Stewardship pledge forms and boxes of offering envelopes continue to be available on a table in the narthex and on the information counter in the downstairs vestibule. Please help yourself!

\* Each year, our church contributes United Church of Christ Fellowship Dues to the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ, the organization that provides many benefits to our church. The cost averages out to \$22 per member. Yearly, we appeal to our congregation to help defray the cost by contributing this dues amount beyond the regular pledge. We do this in a letter that is mailed to all members of this Beloved Community. This year, to be more cost effective (trying to save on postage), we will be placing the dues request letter and corresponding envelope in the warrant that will be mailed out in February calling for a congregational meeting to be held in March. Please watch for this doubly important mailing!

\* Christ Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, is a vibrant, exciting, growing community with lots of spiritual, mission, ministry, social, and educational opportunities. The Stewardship Committee will be actively continuing its participation in Stewardship education by presenting brief programs to the Confirmation class and to both new members classes. We are a church on the move!

\* Blessings and peace to all...

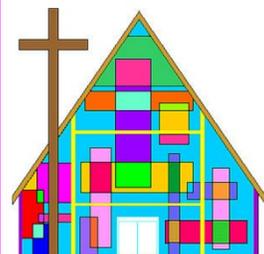
Your Stewardship Committee



*Stewardship*  
a way of life

### Clean Out the Closets Church Yard Sale! Saturday, May 18th from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

So, as it turns out, at Church we now have a shed and two closets full of good donations left over from this past November’s very successful CCC Harvest Fair. (Yes, we are a church of abundance!) And... we also have several church families who are in the process of downsizing and many more who are “simplifying” their lives by “cleaning out”! Consequently, we have lots more contributions on the way for the spectacular CCC Harvest Fair of 2019!



This is all very exciting and it becomes clear what we need to do! CCC needs to clean our own shed and closets to get ready to receive new contributions for the 2019 Harvest Fair. We plan to do this by having a church yard sale on May 18th from 9:00 - 1:00.

Questions about this yard sale? Please speak with David Wilcox or Jo-Ellen (Doe) Fisher. YES, CCC is an exciting place!



**We are seeking volunteers to support our new Hospice program. You or someone you know can make a meaningful impact!**

Volunteering for hospice can be a very rewarding experience. It enables volunteers to get involved in a program that offers much appreciated services to the patients and families served by the hospice program.

**Hospice Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Administrative Volunteers:** Assist with day-to-day office work and special projects. Examples: Data Entry, Phone Calls, Filing, Creating packets, Preparing mailings, Preparing materials for BVNA Hospice events
- Grief Support Volunteers:** Assist in supporting the hospice bereavement services. Examples: Bereavement Phone Calls, Assist in facilitating grief support groups, Prepare bereavement mailings, Assist in planning hospice memorial events
- Patient Care Volunteers:** Provide direct support to hospice patients in their homes. Examples: Companionship visits, Reading the paper aloud, Playing cards, Light housekeeping, Light meal/snack preparation, Providing brief respite for caregivers, Running errands

A comprehensive Hospice Volunteer training as well as ongoing monthly education in-service sessions and volunteer support is provided to all hospice volunteers at no cost.

Please note: All applicants must be over the age of 18. All applicants must be willing to make a minimum six-month commitment. These are not paid positions.

For more information call the BVNA Hospice Volunteer Services Department at (508) 894-5313 and we will be more than happy to talk with you about this opportunity.

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING THIS  
Brockton Visiting Nurse Association  
500 Belmont St, Suite 200 Brockton, MA 02301  
www.brocktonvna.org

**New Members Class**



NEW MEMBER CLASSES/GATHERINGS - will be held at 4 times – come to two out of four, mix and match is fine. Saturdays (February 9 and 16, 10-11:30) or Sundays (February 10 and 17, 11:30-1:00 – lunch provided). This is a chance to learn more about the church, meet church leaders, meet other new people, and consider what membership might mean. Sign up at the lower lobby information counter.



**SERRV TABLE WILL BE OPEN ON FEBRUARY 10<sup>th</sup>**



**2019 CCC Harvest Fair  
November 9th**

Something to think about - Our goal is to involve as many volunteers as possible in year-round planning and preparation for the Harvest Fair. What can you start doing now and in the coming months to get ready for this exciting annual event? Please share your ideas with others to help involve as many people as possible!



**COMMON THREADS  
QUILT GUILD**

Our next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 19th at 1pm. There are two things that need to be started. We need to get started on the quilt for the retirement of Rev. Hayes at the beginning of 2020. We need someone to take charge of this project and oversee getting it done. And there is lots of material to be sorted and organized. We have that baby dresser to fill up. This will make it easier to know what we have and make it available to members.

I have precut strips of cotton batting (24”) wide for NICU quilts. See me if you want some. I will also do this with polyester batting for placemats (20”) wide approximately.

Hugs and tears for Diane Landerholm, Lisa and all their family at the passing of Carl Landerholm, a dear, sweet man.





The Missions Committee meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30pm. Please consider joining us to learn about upcoming events and ongoing mission work. During the January meeting, the Missions Committee has selected The Haven as the recipient of the \$567 collected over 2 years from the Christmas Card Tree. It is our hope that the program will be able to use the funds to meet whatever program need they identify in their service work with the homeless in Brockton.

One winter project the committee is undertaking will be to organize the Church World Service kit items that have been collected and to determine what items are needed to complete partial kits. If you or family are interested in helping sort, list, and organize what our church has already collected, please reach out to Heather Mitchell.

Gently used TEXT books, which cannot be recycled, are being collected for the prison libraries. If you have TEXT books to donate, please see George Manoogian. Other books are not being collected at this time. Our food pantry is always in need of new items! Please consider donating non-perishable items by leaving them on the shelves.

~Heather Mitchell



### Greetings to everyone from the Vitality Committee

The Vitality Committee has been very hard at work planning events for the Church membership to participate in.

On December 30<sup>th</sup>, we held the Night before New Years Party. This year the party was co-sponsored with the CE board. There was a DJ, dancing, games, and food and fun for all. We toasted 2019 in at 9pm with sparkling cider and noise makers. It was a great family event.



The next event coming up is “Dine at Seven with Seven” on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. We try to have about seven people attend each dinner. We ask if someone is able to be the host and then assign other people to that host’s home. The host provides the main course, and the guests will be assigned the sides and dessert. This is a great opportunity to meet people from the church that you may not know very well in a casual atmosphere. Everyone is responsible to bring their own beverage, adult or otherwise. Appetizers and cocktail hour start at 6:30 with dinner at 7pm. This is an evening of fun, food, and fellowship. We hope to see you there. There is a sign-up sheet on the information counter in the downstairs lobby at the church.

The scholarship Dinner is right around the corner! Stayed tuned for more information!

Keith Allen,  
Chair Vitality Committee



Help stock up our food pantry. The food pantry has been very helpful to our church families and friends. Thank you for your generous contributions.





## CWS Emergency Cleanup Buckets

### Supplies needed:

- One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid (If bucket has been used, clean well but do not use if it has held chemicals of any kind.)
- Four scouring pads
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen reusable cleaning towels (e.g. Handi Wipes or Easy Wipes)
- One 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-28 oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- One 12-16 oz. bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray bottles)
- One package of 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (latex-free, non-surgical)
- One pair work gloves, cotton with leather palm or all leather
- 24-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll and removed from carton
- One 6-9 oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent

All cleaning items must be new— all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Snap the lid on tight and seal with packing tape.

Value: \$75

Processing fee: \$3 per Kit

\*Do not enclose money inside the kits or in the shipping boxes.

Find shipping and donation instructions at [cwskits.org](http://cwskits.org).

## SCHOOL BAG PATTERN



### MATERIALS NEEDED:

1/2 yd of "child-friendly" fabric

### MAKE THE BAG:

- Cut two pieces of fabric 13" X 17"
- Place the two pieces together, right sides together, and sew a 1/2" seam down one side, across the bottom, and up the other side, leaving the top open.
- Turn the bag so the seam is in the inside.
- Turn under 1/2" on the top edge and press.
- Turn under 2" at the top edge to form a hem and stitch.

### MAKE THE HANDLES:

- Cut two pieces of fabric 4" X 22"
- Fold in half one of the 4" X 22" pieces with right sides together. Stitch with a 1/2" seam allowance and turn inside out, or turn under and press 1/4" on long side of fabric. Fold wrong sides together. Top stitch close to edge. Press.
- Repeat for the second handle. Press.
- Turn under raw edges and stitch to the top of the bag.

Finished bag will be approximately 12" X 14". Place CWS School Kit items in bag.

Canvas tote bags can also be used and may be available at area craft and discount stores. Canvas tote bags may also be purchased online at [www.myshopangel.com](http://www.myshopangel.com).



CWS • P.O. Box 968 • Elkhart, IN 46515 • 800-297-1516  
For the nearest CWS Regional Office, please call 888-297-2767.

## CWS School Kit

### Supplies needed:

- One pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (rounded tip, only)
- Three 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (No loose-leaf or filler paper.)
- One 30-centimeter 12" ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpener removed from the package
- One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers removed from the package
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- One 12"x14" to 14"x17" finished size cotton or lightweight, solid colored canvas bag with cloth handles (no logos). No reusable shopping bags or backpacks.

All items must be packed inside of the cloth bag. To purchase an affordable bag, visit: [www.myshopangel.com](http://www.myshopangel.com).

Value: \$15

Processing fee: \$2 per Kit

\*Do not enclose money inside the kits or in the shipping boxes.

Find shipping and donation instructions at [cwskits.org](http://cwskits.org).

## CWS Hygiene Kit

### Supplies needed:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15"x 28" to 16"x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package
- One finger nail or toe nail clipper removed from the package
- One bath size bar of soap in the wrapper
- One toothbrush in the package
- Ten standard size Band-aids

All items need to fit inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing. Do not add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each Hygiene Kit just prior to its journey.

Value: \$15

Processing fee: \$2 per Kit

\*Do not enclose money inside the kits or in the shipping boxes.

Find shipping and donation instructions at [cwskits.org](http://cwskits.org).



Love one another.

## CONTACT US

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Office Hours:

Tuesday thru Friday:

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

Sunday Worship Time: 9:55 a.m.



New: Hats - Scarves - Mittens - Socks

Lightly Used/Serviceable: Coats

Collected All Month!



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