



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: 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7PM
- Junior Ringers: Sundays, 11:15AM
- Youth Choir: Sundays, 11:15AM
- Quilt Guild: 3rd Tuesday, 1PM
- Wednesday Dinner: Wednesdays, 6PM
- Young at Heart: NO January and February



Board Meetings

- Christian Education: Jan. 10, 6PM
- Council: Jan. 17, 7PM
- Deacons: Jan. 6, 7PM
- Finance & Property: Jan. 10, 7PM
- Green Team: TBD
- Missions: Jan. 14, 7:30PM
- Music: Jan. 2, 8AM
- Organ Completion Committee: Jan. 9, 11:30AM
- Vitality: Jan. 6, after worship

PASTOR'S PAGE



We begin a New Year after an amazingly wonderful Christmas season – as the New Year dawns, we are in a good place for high energy, for new things, for a great Epiphany and then an exuberant Ordinary Time. I am pleased to announce that we have a new Director of Christian Education: Jillian Larson, daughter of Leo and Leigh-Ann and member of the bell choir, has stepped forward, bringing with her experience in teaching, kid wrangling, and Christian teachings. We are delighted. Be sure to welcome her and help her to know your children (and yourselves.)

Thanks to all who made Christmas amazing: the deacons for all their wonderful work and care of the sanctuary, as well as their many home visits with communion and poinsettias; the choir and musicians for their fantastic contributions – what a concert! What lovely worship! Thanks to the Sunday School teachers and parents who helped wrangle the pageant, and to the teens who wrote, directed and narrated it. Just outstanding! For everyone who helped with set ups and take downs, for everyone who attended, for everyone who stayed flexible as we tried new things: what a season! The month began with the BIC Annual Dinner and Gary Lyon's concert – both remarkably successful – and closed out with the Night Before New Year's Party – and everything in between has been a joy. Thank you all.

As for the New Year: why not try something new? In a year you'll be a year older whether you take a risk or not – so why not follow the angel's advice – "be not afraid" – and try something that will deepen your faith, present a new challenge, or expand your thinking – or all three. I'm starting with a new violin teacher – proving (I hope) that one is never too old!

Happy New Year,
Rev. Patricia



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION YOUTH NEWS

Hi All,

My name is Jillian and I am the new CE director! I am excited to work with the kids and their parents and get to know everyone. I started at the perfect time to be able to help with the Christmas pageant and attend the Night Before New Year's party. I look forward to being a part of this church community. This month in Sunday School, we will be discussing 'A Visits From the Magi' (Matthew 2:1-12), 'Studying at the Temple' (Luke 2:41-52), 'Jesus Brings Good News' (Luke 4:14-30), 'Transfiguration' (Luke 9:28-36). If you have any questions, please reach out to me!

~Jillian Larson



CE AND YOUTH GROUP RE-CAP

As 2018 came to a close our children and youth were super involved....

.... Thanks to the youth who helped with Erin's ordination, the Thanksgiving dinner and the BIC annual dinner! Fabulous occasions!

....We sent off more than a dozen packages to our college students and people in the military with cookies decorated by the Sunday School kids – always precious connections and super-frosted cookies.

....The Sunday School studied Elizabeth and Zechariah, the angels, and Mary and Joseph in December, and the teens wrote, directed and starred in the Christmas pageant.

....The Sunday School decorated lunchbags and socks for people living without homes, made Christmas ornaments for our own elderly members, and the littlest made Christmas gifts for their parents.

....The Youth Group went out for pizza and stayed after the Night Before New Year's Party for a game-a-thon and sleepover at the church. We were sorry that our trip to Edaville for the Christmas lights and train turned out to be the coldest wind chilliest night of the year so far, so we put that off for another time.

Thanks to every leader, every parent, every person who cheered them on and made this all possible – it is wonderful to have a church family that encourages its young people!!

UPCOMING SENIOR & JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP EVENT

Game Day with lunch and a Service Project

Sunday, January 13th from 12:00pm - 1:30pm



Other January events will be discussed then



New Coffee Hour is coming! 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!



Notes from Murray

As we had into the winter months and start feeling the chill of the weather more significantly, we, in the music program, will be working hard on music to warm your hearts and give our worship services that certain "Je ne sais quoi."

We are only about 10 weeks away from Ash Wednesday. Once we get there, in my view, it is only a short hop to the warming up of spring!!! Our choir will be working throughout this time to prepare for the weekly services, as well as preparing for the "Big Show" of Easter. It is never too late to join the choir, so if you are hoping to take part, don't hesitate to contact Murray or Sylvia.

A huge thank you to all of the members of the music program ensembles who participated in the Christmas Concert and Christmas Eve Services. They were magical and you helped to take the mood to a more profound place by your beautiful music- making.

This time of year, we are also gearing up for the Winter WOVOS festival from Feb. 19th through 23rd. If you know of a young woman singer from middle school through high school, please mention this exciting program of music, art, and leadership. We are excited to have Sequoria Dickerson as our new Program Director. She has plans for a great week of lessons that tie in with the music the choir will be learning!

Sincerely,
Murray



CHRIST CHURCH PIPE ORGAN SERIES

Midday Music with Sylvia Berry, Organist

Wednesday January 16th at 12:15 pm

"Winter Wonders"

Save the Date and Bring a Friend!

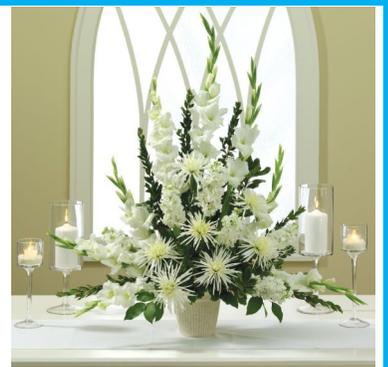
FREE!

At Christ Congregational Church

1350 Pleasant Street, Brockton, MA 02301

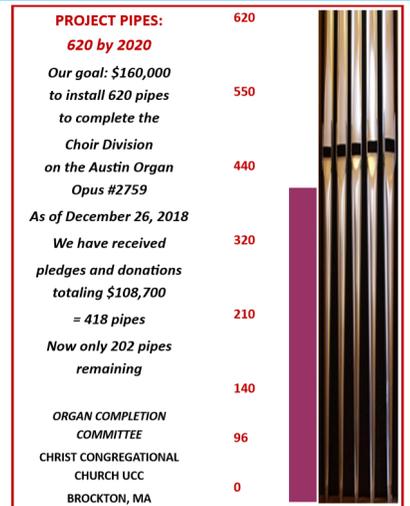
For information, email to: organ@brocktonucc.org

Memorial Flowers – If you would like to donate altar flowers, please call the church office. The typical arrangement costs \$40, and you may book special dates at any time. We try to encourage only one arrangement per Sunday, but if you have a special date that someone has already booked we will reserve the communion table for the first bouquet booked, listing all bouquets in the bulletin.



PROJECT PIPES UPDATE

- Thanks to all those who have attended Midday Music or an organ concert, made a pledge to Project Pipes, or made a donation already. We are about 62% of the way to reaching our goal.
- If you haven't made a donation or pledge yet, we invite to consider doing so for 2019-2020. A donation of \$2.50 a week for the 104 weeks of the two year period will total \$260 – enough to cover the cost of installing one pipe! Donations of any size - larger or smaller – are appreciated.
- Some people have questions and we will offer some answers to “Frequently Asked Questions” over the next couple of months.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO “COMPLETE THE ORGAN?”

The Austin Organ #2759 was designed and built in 1995 to complement the acoustics of the new Christ Congregational Church building. The organ was designed to have three manuals (keyboards) plus pedals, and four divisions of stops: Great, Swell, Choir and Pedals. At the time of its installation, the Choir Division was prepared for but not installed, due to inadequate funds. The stops for the Choir Division are in place, but they are non-functioning until pipes are installed to create the tones when stops are opened and keys are pressed. “Completing the Organ” will mean installing the pipes for the Choir Division and connecting them to the stops on the organ console.

WHY DO WE WANT TO ORGAN TO BE LOUDER?

Installing the pipes for the Choir Division will not make the organ louder; it will in fact include some softer stops that are designed to accompany the choir. The Choir Division will also have stops with tones that are not present on the organ now at all.

HOW WILL THE PIPES FIT UP THERE?

What you see when you look at the pipes on the wall is called the “façade.”



They are largely pipes “for show.” The pipes that provide the sound for the organ are behind the façade. The left-hand third of the space is empty now – there are no pipes there. That is where the 620 pipes for the Choir Division will go.

HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS? Speak to any member of the Organ Completion Committee: Deb Bowman, Eleanor Calvin, Ann Clark, Donna Costa, Audrey Jones, Dot Quimby, Shirley Strangis or David Stuart.

New: Hats - Scarves - Mittens - Socks

Lightly Used/Serviceable: Coats

Collected All Month!





The following people made a Missions Contribution instead of mailing out Christmas cards

Christmas Wishes and a Happy New Year! From your family and friends!

David O Stuart

Merry Christmas Chris and John

Wishing you the Peace and Joy of the Season Thomas and Sheppo

Merry Christmas to All Dot Quimby

The Dunklee Family

Blessings to Everybody Ruth Copeland

Blessings from Paula and Ken

Happy Holidays - Matt, Jan, Andrew and Kate Howard

Merry Christmas to All Karl and Sue Koza

Compliments of Mr. Nice Guy

The Gair Family and Ethan

Blessings and Peace Shirley Bamford

Barry Shelley, Brenda Wyss and Sofia Shelley-Wyss

Bob Cutting and Sharron MacMullen

Merry Christmas Beth McIntyre

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! Love, The Hixon's

Merry Christmas Diane and Carl Landerholm, Lisa and Alisabeth

Merry Christmas Jeffrey and Patricia Illsley and Family

Love, The Sparlings

In Christian Love, David and Marilyn Fairbanks

The Moodys Barbara and Paul

JoAnn Uet

Thank you all for your Generosity – Happy New Year from the Missions Committee

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SNIPPETS

(Not Snippy, Just Zippy!)

- * Wow! An exuberant Stewardship Thank You to all in this cherished Beloved Community of Christ Congregational Church, UCC, for faithful, supportive, and joyful participation during the 2018-2019 Stewardship Pledge Experience of Abundance: More than You Could Ever Imagine - Supporting Beloved Community!
- * A heartfelt and profound thank you to all witnesses who shared their deep love for and vision of this Church movingly every Sunday morning during the Stewardship Experience. You prompted us to consider the values and value of this Beloved Community of CCC and how we respond to God's Love! You touched our souls! Blessings abound!
- * Praise God for this exciting, Ever-Being-Created Beloved Community where we are called to recognize our God-given Abundance of Time, Talent, and Treasure and to share this Abundance with one another and with the world. This is what Jesus models for us and asks of us!
- * New Year's Blessings to all as we enter 2019! Thanks be to God for nurturing and guiding and persistently motivating us! We know we are not alone in our efforts but together in Beloved Community! Truly, Jesus lives and works among us!
- * "God can do anything, you know - far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams!" (Ephesians 3: 20, The Message Adaptation)

Blessings, Love, and Joy,
Your Stewardship Committee



2019 CCC Harvest Fair - November 9th

We all had such an amazing time at this year's spectacular CCC Harvest Fair that we are already looking forward to next year!
The 2019 Fair Date will be Saturday, November 9th. This one week date shift is necessitated by the new Tri-State UCC Conference of Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island announcing its Tri-State Conference Annual Meeting for November 2, 2019 in Worcester at the DCU Center. This meeting will involve members of CCC who will not be able to be in two places at the same time!
Please put November 9, 2019 on the calendar!

Intriguing Possibilities

- * Some items that were generously donated to this year's Harvest Fair were deemed more appropriate and possibly more profitable for a different venue. Therefore, we are exploring other outlets such as eBay and a fine arts auction house. Proceeds from these sales will still be added to the CCC Harvest Fair fund. If these ventures prove successful, they may continue on as year round programs. Let's see what happens!
- * Please be prepared to mark your calendars for another exciting event! After we were done donating leftover Harvest Fair items to a number of service agencies and charities, we still had lots of boxes to go! Not wanting anything to go to waste, we brainstormed possibilities and came up with the idea of a CCC Community Spring Yard Sale! Therefore, please mark your calendar on May 18, 2019 (probably 9-2) for the Spring Zing Things Community Yard Sale. Yes, there will be spaces for rent if you want to sell any of your own Spring Zing Things. Please stay tuned for further details!
(And please practice saying this tongue twister event!)



Join **BROCKTON INTERFAITH COMMUNITY (BIC)** for our School of Prophetic Action training! This training teaches the principles of community organizing through a faith based perspective, and leads participants through the community organizing cycle. Through deep intentional listening, prioritizing an issue, conducting research, building relationships, and hosting a large public action, we uncover the changes we seek to address the issues, systems, and structures that oppress our people, and invite those who have the power to make those changes to act righteously. Trainings are right here at CCC!

Week 1: 1/8 or 1/10
Week 2: 1/15 or 1/17
Week 3: 1/22 or 1/24
Week 4: 1/29 or 1/31



Fill out this google form or email Ryan at ryanchasey@brocktoninterfaith.org to RSVP and we'll see you in January! (<https://goo.gl/forms/kfJLpil9S4L5mWD33>)

QUILT GUILD



The January meeting of the Common Threads Quilt Guild will be held at the church on Tuesday January 15th at 1pm. Carol Bradford will do a workshop on how to make a small zippered pouch. A supply list is available from Janet Eckstrom (508-583-0505) Only small pieces of fabric are needed and a zipper.



Please bring any placemats or NICU quilts to be labeled at the Feb. meeting.

Dine with 7 @ 7

Saturday, February 9th



Dine with 7 at 7 is a dinner scheduled at a volunteer's house with seven people attending (or there about). Dinner is at 7PM with appetizers and cocktail hour starting at 6:30PM. The host is responsible for the main dish with other guests being responsible for side dishes, appetizers, and dessert. Everyone brings their own beverage (adult or otherwise). If you have any questions, please see the vitality committee on Sunday's, or Keith Allen @ keith519allen@aol.com or call (339)440-1965. Sign-up at the information counter.

Hello Sunday Schoolers!

Thank you so much for the lovely cards and delicious cookies you sent me! During this time of year I always remember how exciting it was to decorate these cookies when I was in Sunday School. However, it is a whole new type of excitement to receive my very own box! This care package will be incredibly helpful as I prepare for my final exams next week. I would also like to thank all of the adult volunteers who made this wonderful gift possible. This is a reminder as to how lucky I am to be a part of such a loving community. I hope you all enjoy this advent season and have a very Merry Christmas!

Love,

Jeffrey Illsley



Kate Howard and her friend really enjoyed the cookies!!

Dear Christmas Cookies For College Kids Committee,

Thank you for thinking of me this holiday season! My roommate and I really enjoyed the cookies!

Thanks,

Lindsay Kennedy



TAKE THE NIGHT OFF FROM COOKING.
JOIN US FOR
WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER



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.



Leigh-Ann Larson is leading a support group for people suffering with chronic illness and depression every Wednesday from 4:45-6:00 pm. The first 15 minutes will be an informal "chat time", followed by opening prayer, a guided meditation for healing and then open up the group to discuss the meditation they experienced, their week, and resources that you find to be helpful on your journey. Questions? Contact Leigh Ann at (508)207-0071. No need to sign up, just come!

Young at Heart

No Young at Heart for January or February



Louise Duhamel, Nelda Hayes, Shirley Bamford, Mark P. Deyoe, Rev. Rollin Johnson, Jessica Gross, Larry Jones, Marilyn Fairbanks, David Wilcox, Geneva Prince, Lindsay Kennedy, Rebecca Lacourse, Lelah Dickerson-Sinclair, Sandra Hill, Tim MacIntyre, Malikai Swisher Rosa, Mark W. Deyoe, Kristine Blanchard, Amy Brooks, Ethan Harrigan, Thomas Jones, Bill McCarthy
(listed in order of day of month from 1 to 30)



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. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Mitten Tree and the Christmas Card Tree! If you missed the opportunity to bring in some items for the Mitten Tree and would still like to donate warm hats, gloves, scarves, mittens and coats.... please still bring them in! Winter is FAR from over and the committee will be sure to get items to those in need.

Our food pantry is always in need of new items! Please consider donating non-perishable items by leaving them on the shelves. Another way to contribute to the food pantry is by purchasing a grocery store gift card to be distributed by Reverend Patricia as needed for fresh items we do not keep in the food pantry.

~Heather Mitchell

2018 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Support PROJECT PIPES: 620 by 2020

- I/we would like to make a tax-deductible one-time gift to The Organ Fund
 I/we would like to make a pledge to the PROJECT PIPES Campaign (see below)

*Donations can be made by check or through the giving portal on the church website at
www.brocktonucc.org*

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| ◆ Major Benefactor | \$5,000 + | To "purchase a pipe"
<i>A pledge of \$2.50 per week for each week in 2019
and 2020 would total \$260 – the per pipe cost of the project</i> |
| ◆ Benefactor | \$1,000 - \$4,999 | |
| ◆ Pipe Patron | \$ 250 - \$ 999 | |
| ◆ Patron | \$ 100 - \$249. | |
| ◆ Friend | under \$100. | |

For a one-time gift:

- I/we have enclosed a check for \$ _____
Make check payable to Christ Congregational Church, with notation: Organ Fund
- I will make an online donation of \$ _____
- I would like information on making a Memorial Gift or Gift in Honor
- I would like information on donating a "Qualified Charitable Distribution" from an IRA
- I would like information on being a sponsor for a concert or other event

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Email address (to receive notices) _____

OR

For a pledge for future giving:

PROJECT PIPES: "620 by 2020" CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

I/we pledge to support Project Pipes with my/our donation of \$ _____
Please call or email me/us to confirm the details. I/we will divide this pledge into _____ payments to be completed
in (check one) 2019 ___ 2020 ___

NAME: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Please mail form and check if applicable to:
Christ Congregational Church Organ Fund
1350 Pleasant Street, Brockton, MA 02301

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