



WORSHIP AND PROGRAMS:

Regular Events

- Worship and Sunday School:
Sundays, 9:55AM
- Adult Bells: Summer Break
- Adult Choir: Summer Break
- Bible Study: Wednesdays, 10AM
- Craft Group: Tuesdays, 9:30am
- Fiber Fellowship: Summer Break
- Junior Ringers and Youth Choir:
Summer Break
- Prayer Group: On Hiatus
- Quilt Guild: Summer Break
- Wednesday Dinner: Summer Break
begins again Sept. 12th
- Young at Heart: Summer Break



Board Meetings

- Christian Education: Sept. 4, 7PM
- Council: Sept. 20, 7PM
- Deacons: Sept. 6, 7PM
- Finance & Property: July 12, 7PM
- Green Team: TBD
- Missions: TBD
- Music: Aug. 27, 5:30PM
- Organ Completion Committee:
July 20, 12:30PM
- Vitality: Sept. 6, 7PM

PASTOR'S PAGE

I was ready for a quiet summer, really I was. HOWEVER, a fun-packed summer of fellowship is way better than that, so here we go!!

What happened? We had a parents' meeting for Christian Education and someone suggested an all-day VBS. TEN parents raised their hands that they would help. WOW. This is great good news! Vacation Bible School will be August 20th-24th, 9am-3pm – and we're going to have fun.

SO what is needed? You are needed, to participate no matter what your age. You are needed to bring your children and grandchildren – ages 5-18 for general registration. Under 5 may come if a parent is helping and present throughout the program. You are needed to recruit your children's friends and your neighbors. The more the merrier.

You are needed to help make decorations. You are needed to help with snacks and lunch. You are needed to lead groups. Want some fun this summer? Give me a call (508-846-3723) or send me an email!!

WE ARE ALSO MAKING GREAT PLANS FOR THE FALL. We will have an all church focus each month – in September, Inclusion; in October, Forgiveness; in November, Caring.... And so it will go. We will focus from pulpit to preschool play on these important Jesus topics.

So stay tuned and participate throughout the summer as you can. This summer will be terrific – Ann-Marie Illsley and Erin Reardon will each preach, there will be Family (intergenerational) Fun Nights, and there will be three weeks of summer Sunday School.

And enjoy the summer blossoms, the beautiful skies, the breezes, and, if you're lucky, even the ocean. God is good.

Rev. Patricia





Notes from Murray!

Hug a musician today! If you have enjoyed the music of services, please feel free to let one of the musicians know.

Adult Choir members rehearse every Wednesday during the year and provide vital worship music to our services.

The kids are learning a great deal about music that compliments their school music classes.

As a church, we provide an essential part of reinforcing one of God's greatest gifts. Thank you for your support during the year and supporting such a great music program in the community.

Put music in your lives! Support live music! Did you know that attending live music events can reduce your stress hormones? "To test out the benefits of live music, [researchers took] 117 volunteers - ranging from avid concert-goers to people who admitted rarely watching live music - to two concerts showcasing the music of choral and orchestral composer Eric Whitacre.

The volunteers had their stress hormones level tested with a saliva sample before each performance, and then 60 minutes later during intermission. In an attempt to eliminate variables, both concerts played the exact same music and went for the same amount of time.

The team found that, across the board, levels of the stress hormones cortisol and cortisone had decreased during both concerts."

In September, a flyer will be available listing the ARTS concerts at our church. Do yourselves a favor and plan on attending and bring a friend or family members. They will benefit, too!

Have a great summer!

~Murray



Summer tour: Holland and Belgium 2018

In my other life I am a performer who plays concerts on historical pianos (known as fortepianos) and other instruments like the harpsichord. At the end of May I went to Holland for a little over two weeks and played seven concerts; six in Holland, one in Belgium. I performed works for two keyboards by three of J.S. Bach's sons with my dear friend and colleague Ursula Dütschler. (I played the fortepiano, she the harpsichord) We played in some beautiful venues and also played a number different instruments, including two actual antique fortepianos and two replicas from Ursula's collection. In these photos you see an antique "square piano" that was built in London in 1780 by Christopher Ganer, and restored by Olaf van Hees. This concert took place in The Hague, a city where I lived and studied for six years.

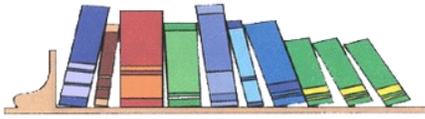


The last picture is one of me and Ursula after our last concert which was in a castle in Heeswijk. Those are her instruments behind us. It was a fantastic experience!

For people who might be interested to know more about what I do, they can visit my website at sylviaberry.org. My husband Dale Munsch, who kindly subbed for me while I was gone, restores instruments like the ones I played. His work can be seen at historicfortepianos.blogspot.com.

~Sylvia

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



The Reading Group will be undertaking two books over the summer: **Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson**, the director of the Equal Justice Initiative will be discussed in late August and a second book, **Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians by Austen Hartke**, will be discussed in September. Sign up to get copies of the books and/or to be notified of the meeting dates at the information counter.

Garden at Christ Church lost many established plants (10) this winter. We have received donations of sedum, dianthus, Montauk daisies, oat grass, summer primrose, iris and blue lobelia from members gardens. The garden again looks full. Thanks to you all and extra thanks to Bill and Darlene for spreading mulch and to Darlene for watering.



Thanks, Janet Eckstrom



July & August Birthdays! Wishing all the best on your birthdays:

Patti Bendell, Reagan Lacourse, Sam Fisher, John Sparling, Christopher Colby, Kevin Weatherbee, Cecilia Janis Creedon, Donna Costa, Hefler, Tom Sampson, Alex Owens, Deana Colby, Dawn Shippee, Penny Ackley, Abigail Murphy, Leo Larson, Nicholas Colby, Cody Cappiello, Chris Madden, Abby Quimby Zachary Alden, Emily Swisher Rosa, Brenda Wyss, Mike Camara, Audrey Simmons, Andrew Howard, Henry White, Brad Mitchell, Ariella Bastia, Violet Bowman, Ann Clark, Marguerite Cooney, Jillian Davis-Haskell, Karin Davis, Mark Deyoe, John Hagberg, Kate Howard, Karl Koza, Betty Lawson, Donald Marvill, Eddie Poole, Candy Savage, Barbara Smith, Lisa Sparling, Missy Strangis, David Stuart

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

Come Join Our BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study meets all summer on Wednesdays at 10am

A Note From The Deacons

The Deacons would appreciate donations for Tea Light candles for the candle screen and full boxes of tissues for the sanctuary.



COMMON THREADS QUILT GUILD

The last meeting of the season was a salad luncheon on June 19th with 14 in attendance. We had a pattern and material swap and a large donation of fabric from a long ago connection with Nelda and an Attleboro quilt guild. Members chose fabric to use for summer placemat making and had fun looking through this fabric windfall. Leftover fabric will be added to the guild's stash. A total of 100 additional placemats were brought in and will be given to OCES meals on wheels. This brings our total of donated placemats to 274. Next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 18th at 1pm. If you have questions or would like to join us please call Janet Eckstrom @ 508-583-0505 or Nelda Hayes @ 508-238-6004.

~Janet Eckstrom



South Shore Hospital's NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) would be honored to have our blankets. We have 40 (yes, forty) to donate. Nelda and Janet will deliver them the second week in July. This is an on going project and 40 is a great place to start.

A Note from Vitality

Greetings from Vitality On Summer Break

We would like to send a BIG THANK YOU to BILL COCKSHAW for all his work as Chair of Vitality.

Returning Members are Diane Landerholm, Loren Stott, Helen Camara, Tricia Gross, Nancy Simonis, Keith Allen and New Members Deana Colby and Darlene Gilson.

We are looking forward to our upcoming YEAR!
Enjoy your Summer

Keith Allen, Chair Vitality Committee

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

No matter their mental health challenge.
No matter their immigration status.
No matter their sexual orientation.
No matter their economic status.
No matter their gender identity.
No matter their disability.
No matter their religion.
No matter their race.

Love your neighbor. No exceptions.



Patricia & Christ Congregational family,

I want to thank you for your generous support of The Haven and the work we are doing with the homeless and at-risk of Brockton. It is through donations such as yours that we are able to continue to provide a warm and inviting space and the services our members need.

We pray for blessings on your church and our continued relationship!

With much gratitude,
Debbie Snow

Michael Robert Crawford

Born September 9, 2017 and Baptized June 10, 2018

Welcome to the Christ Church family



Christ Congregational Church members celebrated God's expansive love and the glorious diversity of God's children by marching in the Boston Pride Parade on June 9th. Doug Anderson, Barry Shelley, and Brenda Wyss joined members of other Open and Affirming Massachusetts UCC churches in the parade, including Fred Hayes and Ann-Marie Illsley who walked with the Marshfield contingent. The experience was exhilarating, and we hope you'll join us next year.



We pray for the families of Susan Berry, Aida Bruns, Paul Dowd, Warrren Emerson, Irene Ferguson, Nancy Hatchfield, Marilyn Legge, Ruth Marvill, Evelyn Munsch, Joanne Oliveira, Amanda Ray, Burt Tibbets, and Karin Whitten who have passed recently. May they rest in peace.

2018 Graduates		
Name	School	Degree
Richard Calvin	Bay State College	Bachelor Of Science Degree
Britton Davis Copley	Villanova University	Major: Mechanical Engineering / Minor: Economics
Emma Hathaway	U. Mass Amherst	Degree In Biology
Stephanie Hathaway	Tech Academy	High School
Lindsay Kennedy	West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School	High School
Abigail Murphy	Brockton High School	High School
Calei Nocivelli	Brockton High School	High School

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

Emily Dasey
Robert Gair
Kate Howard
Jeffrey Illsley Jr.
Lindsay Kennedy
Alexys Mitchell
Abigail Murphy
Calei Nocivelli
Abigail Quimby




Director of Christian Education

We are seeking a quarter-time director of Sunday School and Youth Groups. The complete description is at our website (<http://brocktonucc.org/jobs/>) and resumes should be sent to the office by July 10th.

Summer Sunday School – Three Sundays in July

Summer worship is striving to be shorter with more all-age consideration, but there will be three weeks (July 15th, 22nd, & 29th) that we will have summer Sunday School and please attend because it is going to be **FUN!** These sessions will be “one room schoolhouse” style. Nursery for 5 and under is available every week throughout the year.



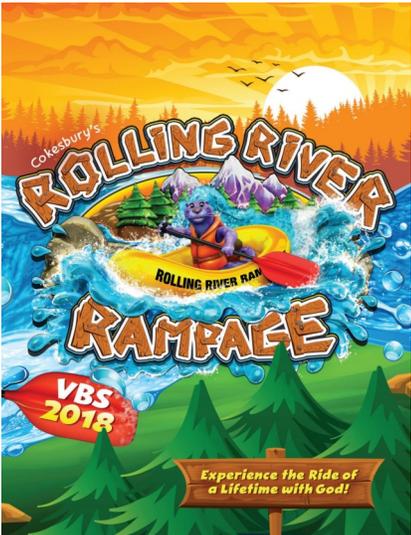

Family Fun Nights – Two Wednesdays This Summer

Join us on July 11th and August 8th to enjoy dinner provided by the CE Board and games to follow from 6-8pm, all ages. Sign up is on the information counter in the lower lobby. All ages, with or without children. (This is a no drop off evening)

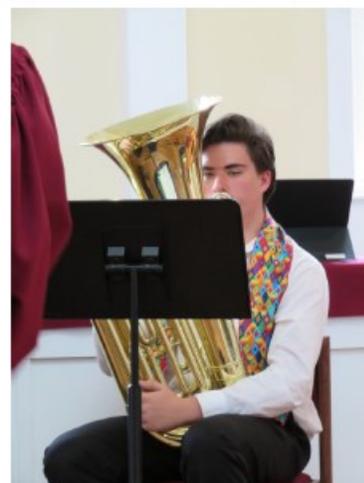
Vacation Bible School

It is the Rolling River Rampage!! We'll be flowing with the river, and enjoying a great week.

August 20th-24th we will engage in a whole church Vacation Bible School from 9am-3pm M-F. Children ages 5-18 may register, with under 5s invited if their parent is on the leadership team (and present). Activities will include bible verses and stories, skits, music, art, crafts, science, games, and preparation for the Sunday service. Kids will bring a bag lunch and a snack, and we will provide one snack and drinks for both snacks and lunch. Registration forms are at the church. Kindly (please, please, please) register by August 5th so we have appropriate materials and leaders. High school students and adults are needed as helpers – please email Rev. Patricia if you can help (pcwhayes@gmail.com).



Children's Sunday



Summer School of Prophetic Action!



Module 2: Principals of Power

Week 1: Monday, July 2nd and Thursday, July, 5th

Week 2: Monday, July 9th and Thursday, July 12th

Time: 6:30 to 8:30

Location: Christ Congregational Church



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