



## 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: March 6<sup>th</sup>



### Board Meetings

- Christian Education: Mar. 14, 6PM
- Council: Mar. 21, 7PM
- Deacons: Mar. 7, 7PM
- Finance & Property: Mar. 14, 7PM
- Green Team: TBD
- Missions: Mar. 11, 7:30PM
- Music: Mar. 6, 8:15PM
- Organ Completion Committee: Mar. 20, 11:30AM
- Vitality: Mar. 3, after worship

## PASTOR'S PAGE



How about being counter-cultural? These days people take turns coming to church – “regular” church attendance is not longer defined as once a week, but more like once a month. We are, as a congregation, slow to adopt that trend, but it is happening nonetheless. We have strong attendance one week, and the next – not so much. SO. Here is a challenge for Lent: how about perfect attendance as a spiritual practice for Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday (noon or 6pm for pancakes and ashes), and continuing through Holy Week and Easter (April 21). This in the face of flu season is truly a challenge – you clearly should not come while sick – so if you are sick, go to the website or call the office for a CD or print out of the service. We will be sure you get it. Car broken? Call the church office, we’ll do everything we can to get you to church.

AND CHILDREN!! We are hoping you will take the challenge too, and make a commitment to being in church. I have heard through the grapevine that some of you give your parents a hard time about having to get up on Sunday. Hmmm. Maybe for Lent, just do it. Maybe for Lent, do a role reversal: encourage your parents to get up and come to church. We all need encouragement.

March 3<sup>rd</sup> is Transfiguration Sunday when we will talk about mystical experiences – then we begin Lent – a time set aside to prepare spiritually for Easter. I hope to see you often.

Rev. Patricia



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION YOUTH NEWS

Hi All!

I'd like to thank Glenn Carey, Matt Howard, Deana Colby, Tammy Blackler, Cara Harrigan, and Mary Poole who have all been Rock Stars helping out with Sunday School and the Nursery these past couple months! If you see them, be sure to thank them and show your appreciation! They have all been so helpful and encouraging as I settle into the role as CE Director.



The month of February was a successful one for the youth group. At the beginning of the month we had a jig-saw puzzle race and we ended the month with a "Cook With Steve" event. Steve Cords gave us tips and tricks for cooking while demonstrating and allowing us to help him make his famous Chicken Parmesan.

In Sunday School, starting on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, we are going to have a middle school class separate from the elementary students. Liz Vann will be teaching the older kids using the same curriculum that the younger kids will be learning, but at a level appropriate for middle school.

Over the course of the past month, the Sunday School and youth group have worked on folding boxes for the Heifer project. Christ Congregational has been involved in this outreach on and off over the years. We will be handing out boxes on March 3<sup>rd</sup> for members of the congregation who would like to take home and put loose change into. Heifer International works to end poverty and world hunger by strengthening communities through sustainability and self-reliance. We are hoping this can be a church wide service project during the season of lent, so please find me if you would like to be a part of it.



On March 24<sup>th</sup>, students in the youth group will be going to First Congregational Church in Stoughton for a workshop on human trafficking (5:30 - 8:15 pm). This workshop is aimed towards teens and their parents and is in partnership with "Bags of Hope". We will be collecting items to bring to help homeless women who are at a high risk of being trafficked. These items include: toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair brushes, elastics and hair clips, 12 oz. bottles of shampoo and conditioner, trail mix (snack packs, granola bars), women's socks, lip balm, deodorant, small packages of wipes, feminine products, nail polish, winter hats, scarves and gloves. All items must be new, full-size and individually packaged. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Also on March 24<sup>th</sup> at noon, we will be having a parent round table conversation to give parents an opportunity to discuss with each other. Topics may include sharing of what works and what doesn't seem to in the areas of study, phones, curfews, sex ed, friends, balance, and anything else you may want to bring up. Please sign up with me or at the information counter so we can have the right amount of food. We will have a supervised video for the kids while we meet and serve a light lunch.



**Mark Your calendars for VBS!** We will be hosting Vacation Bible School this summer at Christ Congregational Church as a 9am-3pm daily event the week of August 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>.

On February 23<sup>rd</sup> I officially began my certification for Christian Education through the MACUCC. My first class was an incredibly informative about teaching different stages of faith to different ages and how we grow in faith throughout our lives. I look forward to Super Saturday on March 16<sup>th</sup> as well as my next class on March 30<sup>th</sup>!

~Jilliann Larson, Director Of Christian Education

## Notes from Murray



Well, WOVOS, along with February, has come and gone. What a great ride it was! The students were amazing, the art was inspired, the leadership was amazing to witness. I was truly in awe of our staff and volunteers who made the week work seamlessly! Thank you to everyone who pitched in and helped and to those who took the time to attend the concert or wish us all well. It was a tremendous effort and one that changed lives in ways we won't see directly. Even so, we will see, feel the fruits of those labors. If you have never been in close proximity to a youth choir, you have missed a true wonder of the world. I liken it to the movie Avatar. If you have seen the movie, the movie takes place on a planet where all of the living things are tied together by energy and live symbiotically. When one being hurts, others feel it in a tangible way. When someone is happy, it is felt. The flowers speak in discernable ways and even the air seems to communicate. When the vibrations of youthful voices (I qualify this with the detail that the choir might need to be of a minimum size to achieve a certain volume) resonate together, this is God's voice. This is the earth's voice. This is the universe.

The TALENT SHOW! Sign ups are on the sign up table! We will have a pre-screening of all acts, as we have done in the past. That pre-screening will be listed soon. Check the music bulletin board.

Also, please come to the Bach Bash! What a great show it will be! Come and listen to our king of instruments and the guests who will be with us to celebrate it!

Sincerely,  
Murray



### **PARENT GATHERING for parents of teens and tweens –**

Ever wonder what rules other parents use in their households? How difficult subjects are handled? What resources have helped? Come for a roundtable idea exchange with Jillian and Rev. Patricia at noon on March 24th. We'll have food for parents and food and movie for the kids.

### **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.



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A HALF CAMBERSHIP (\$275) OR A FULL CAMBERSHIP, PLEASE SPEAK TO REV. PATRICIA OR JILLIANN.

**FROM THE ORGAN COMPLETION COMMITTEE:**

**Midday Music: Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm – “March Medley”**  
**With Fred Brewer, Eleanor Calvin and Donna Costa, organists.**  
**Free, donations accepted for The Organ Fund. Tickets available for Bach Birthday Bash: buy one, get one free! Invite a friend.**

***Bach Birthday Bash: March 17<sup>th</sup> 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. Refreshments following.  
**Tickets for church members and friends in advance: \$5**, starting on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets at the door: adults \$15, seniors and students \$10, Children under 13, free. Tickets available online at:  
<https://bachbirthdaybash.brownpapertickets.com>



**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 buildable, playable 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 use the form below or pick up a pledge sheet on the “string bulletin board” in Fellowship Hall. For questions, please 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 receive donations to **The Organ Fund**.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

***Please return to church office or mail form and check if applicable to:***

Christ Congregational Church Organ Fund  
1350 Pleasant Street, Brockton, MA 02301



At Wednesday Dinners in **LENT** we will have a brief, mid-meal communion service, using a variety of liturgies from different settings of the church. Hope to see you there! Reminder that Wednesday dinners are only \$5, but we do hope that you will contribute if you can – we're running over budget. Thanks.



Ash Wednesday (March 6<sup>th</sup>) will begin with the traditional pancake and sausage dinner and adjourn at 6:45 upstairs for a 45 minute service of communion and ashes to begin Lent. The choir will sing, and we will begin this special season with ashes made from the palms left from Palm Sunday the year before, completing the circle of the year. You may receive ashes or not, on your forehead or hand. Traditionally the ashes are made in the shape of a cross, a sign of repentance. Our words are "repent and believe the good news of God's love".

**DOUBLE PLOTS @ KNOLLWOOD CEMETERY in SHARON, MA**

Dorothy and Vincent Holland had two burial plots. They decided to be buried at the Melrose plots in Brockton. The family is selling the additional two plots in Sharon.

Please contact  
Barbara Holland Moody @  
moodytwos@gmail.com with  
interest and questions.



# Young at Heart

Young at Heart will meet on Ash Wednesday for pancake and sausage lunch, followed by ashes for those who don't come out in the evening. We will have a discussion about Lent, what it means and what it might mean in your own life.



Barbara Weatherbee, Britton Copley, Keland Dickerson-Sinclair, Leigh- Ann Larson, Paula Stevens, Cheralyn Cockshaw, Ruth Melanson, Bill Cockshaw, Matthew Weatherbee, Dorothy Lufkin, Stephanie Sinesi, Jennifer Hefler, Angeliza Campbell, Cindy Bowman, Cindy Maloof, Ricky Soncrant, Lindsay Alden, Heather Mitchell, Sharron MacMullen, Ken Stevens, Doe Fisher, Carol Bradford, Ruth Copeland, Priscilla Keyser, Troy Hixon, Manna Poole, Art Sawyer, Madison Herget, Loren Stott

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



To my church family,

I need to say "Thank you" again for everything you did for me and my family when Carl so unexpectedly passed. Rev. Patricia and the Deacons for coordinating the visiting time, the Masons for their impressive service, Sylvia, Jessica and the Choir for the beautiful music, Jillian for the video, and Bill for cooking a delicious dinner as well as coordinating all those that served and baked and cleaned up including our Youth Group. You are all very special to me. Thank You for your love and support .

In Christian Love,  
Diane Landerholm



# stewardship

## SNIPPETS

(Not Snippy, Just Zippy!)



- \* By now, Church members have received a mailing about the United Church of Christ fellowship dues. (This mailing included a green envelope - thank you George Manoogian for this gift of the green envelopes!) Our Beloved Community of Christ Congregational Church receives many benefits and much support from the National and State organizations of the UCC. This year's fellowship dues cost is \$21.30 per member. Please consider making a contribution for this amount (or more!) by using the green envelope and placing it in the offering plate or mailing it in. Also, you may make your contribution electronically.
- \* Exciting and Ever Growing/Changing Event! Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 18th! CCC is having a Yard Sale - Classic Cars - Food Tent - Fun Activities EVENT! Come one, come all for a day of fun and fellowship! (And please see other articles in this newsletter for more details.)
- \* Pledge forms and boxes of offering envelopes (and green contribution envelopes) continue to be available on a table in the narthex outside the sanctuary and on the information counter in the downstairs vestibule. Please help yourself!
- \* Our Beloved CCC is an exciting, growing, welcoming community with lots of spiritual, mission, ministry, social, and educational opportunities, all of which work together to help us carry on the Word and Work of Jesus in this world! In the Pastor's Page in the February issue of The Courier, Rev. Patricia was reflecting on Carl Landerholm's life and wrote "One person's persistence and voice can make a difference" and "We are called by God to find our voices and use our voices for God's work." Beloved Friends, please let's work to find our voices! Let's talk with one another about Christ Congregational Church - our hopes, our dreams for this Beloved Community. Please talk about your own sharing of your gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure in support of this Beloved Community! Let's encourage each other! Let's build each other up! We are all in this Ministry of Jesus TOGETHER! Praise and thanks to God!



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

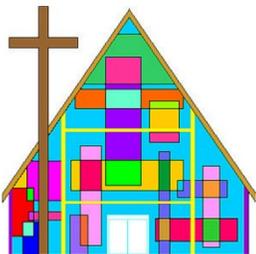
*Stewardship*  
a way of life

### 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 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am - 1:00pm.

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



**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!



**Bring Hope to Homeless Children**



**VOLUNTEER TO PLAY**  
 just two hours a week with  
**Horizons for Homeless Children**



We have a need for volunteers in Attleboro, Brockton, Fall River, Hyannis, Kingston, Marshfield, New Bedford, Stoughton, Taunton  
 Next New Volunteer Training  
 Saturday, 4/6, 1-4p Bourne, MA  
 508 510-3250  
[www.horizonschildren.org/playspace](http://www.horizonschildren.org/playspace)



Let's Restock the  
**FOOD PANTRY**

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.



**COMMON THREADS**  
 QUILT GUILD

March meeting will be Tuesday the 19th from 1-3 pm. We will continue to work on the quilt for Rev. Patricia's retirement in 2020. You are welcome to bring your own projects to work on or need help/advice with.



## Greetings from the Vitality Committee

Spring is right around the corner so hold on just a little longer.

On February 9<sup>th</sup> we held “Dine at Seven with Seven” dinners. It again proved to be a great success for all that attended. We thank our three hosts, Lisa and Jay Sparling, Sue and Karl Koza, and Brenda Wyss and Barry Shelley, for opening their homes to all of us. Each home had a full table, and great food, fellowship and fun were shared by all.



Look forward to another evening coming up in late spring/ early summer with a cookout theme.



The scholarship dinner is right around the corner. It will be held on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, with appetizers and beverages starting at 6pm. The meal will consist of a five-course meal served at a leisurely pace. The meal will start with cheese and crackers, followed by Italian Wedding Soup, then an antipasto. The main course will be Chicken Piccata, with penne pasta in a red sauce. Dessert will be an assortment of Italian pastries and other goodies. There will be entertainment between each course. As in years past, there will be a raffle held for donated gift baskets.

This event was a great success last year and raised a lot of money for scholarships for our many students continuing in higher education.

Tickets are on sale now and up until the night of the dinner. Tickets are \$20 per person. We hope to see everyone there to share in this wonderful evening, for a truly great cause.

Keith Allen,  
Chair Vitality Committee

*Vitality*

**WOVOS** – World Voices had perhaps its best year ever this February vacation Winter Intensive with 19 young women coming together for a week of multi-cultural, multi-faith music, art and leadership. Murray Kidd once again led the music in a way that was SPECTACULAR, even writing two songs for the concert. Sequoria Dickerson led the leadership sessions with a depth that was astonishing. Rev. Patricia led graffiti art sessions and had a blast. Bill Cockshaw cooked. And cooked. And cooked. HUGE THANKS go to all who attended the concert, all who contributed money for scholarships, all who helped even for an hour, and especially to SUE KOZA, KEITH ALLEN, and LUANE RICH for being there the whole week. We look forward to next year in this program that helps take down walls of separation.



**Breakfast and Beliefs** - Imagine coming to church at 9 am for egg casserole, bacon, sausage, fruit salad, coffee (for only a \$3 donation) and hearing from 3 fellow members about a theological topic, then having conversation. It is a great thing to do in Lent – sign up at the information counter or by emailing Rev. Patricia so we have enough food.



## BREAKFAST and BELIEFS What Does The Christian Tradition Mean To You?

Saturdays, March 9 – April 13, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Adult Education Lenten Series 2019  
Christ Congregational Church



Please join us for a six-week Lenten exploration of what the Christian tradition means to each of us. These sessions will promote mutual exploration and sharing about what each of us believes and embraces, and how our faith matters in how each of us lives and acts in this world. In our denomination, the United Church of Christ, we are bound together as the church not by a commitment to a particular detailed body of doctrines, but by a covenant to journey together as children of the Creator, disciples of Jesus, and seekers of the Holy Spirit. Thus, we will encourage non-judgmental discussions that will include our questions, doubts, and skepticism. We will not be seeking “right” answers.

Each week we will pose a question of faith to ponder and discuss over a hot breakfast. A series of sub-questions will help focus and deepen our exploration and hopefully stimulate further questions from participants. To kick-off the program, three persons from our congregation will each share prepared five-minute reflections on the week’s topic. Please see the schedule below. In the remainder of each session we will promote dialogue among all those present, without pressuring anyone to speak more than he/she wishes, and without any one perspective overshadowing the others. We hope that such a process will nourish our spiritual health as individuals, enrich our sense of community in all its diversity, and deepen our corporate expression of faith and discipleship. Rev. Patricia Hayes and Barry Shelley will facilitate.

**March 9: Spiritual Practices:** Do you have (now or ever) a regular spiritual practice? If so, what was the practice, and in what ways was the practice “spiritual” for you? How did it impact your life? If not, do you long to establish a regular spiritual practice in your life? Why or why not? If yes, what kind of practice might that be? What difference would you want it to make in your life? Should the church do more to encourage and support personal spiritual practices? Is it important to you to have parts of the year “set aside” to be a time of spiritual focusing? For example, what about Lent and Holy Week? In the Bible Jesus went into the wilderness and faced temptation for 40 days. If you were to set a practice for 40 days (not including Sundays), what would it be?

**March 16: The Church and the State:** What does separation of church and state mean for us as a congregation? What do we stand for and who do we stand with in a democratic society which has a strong tradition of church-state separation? Should the church (locally or nationally as a denomination) weigh in on government policy debates such as immigration, gun control, military intervention, health care, voting rights, affirmative action – or is its role limited to providing charity? Should we be doing more? Should we be doing less? Should Christianity be given a preferential option in the United States? For example, as Holy Week approaches, should Good Friday be a holiday?

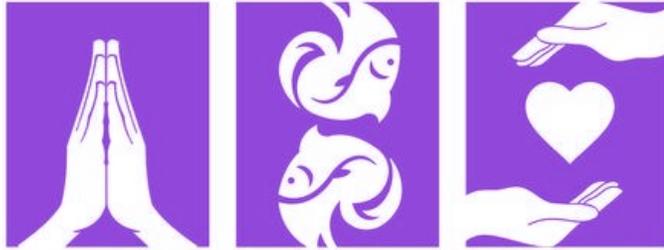
**March 23: LGBTQ and God:** Does your sexual preference/gender identity matter to God? How does your current thinking on the subject of LGBTQ concerns line up with how you were raised? How has being ONA made a difference here? Has it made a difference to you? What else should we be doing? As we approach Easter and family celebrations, are there best practices for articulating faith and gender identity issues?

**March 30: God’s Will:** When are things that happen in life “God’s will”? Is it God’s will that people die in traffic accidents? Does everything happen for a reason? How much does God micromanage what happens in this world? Why does God allow (cause?) suffering? Is suffering God’s will? Was it God’s will/plan that Jesus be nailed to a cross or was it just one possible outcome?

**April 6: Interfaith Conversations/Ecumenical Conversations:** How do you understand the “truth” of other faiths? As a church how do we / should we approach religious pluralism? How should we relate to other faith traditions and their people? What do we share in common with other faiths? Are Christians naturally more connected to some faith traditions more than others? Is there only one way to salvation? How do you relate to interfaith dialog? Can one participate meaningfully and simultaneously in more than one faith tradition?

**April 13: Holy Week Focal Points:** What does Holy Week mean to you? What does the story mean to you? Are you a Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday or Easter person? Is there a word in the seven last words of the cross that you especially think is important? If you were one of the people in the story of Easter morning, who would you likely be? Who would it be a challenge to be?

**LENT** UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



**PRAY FAST GIVE**

*We remember that God gave the world Jesus, and Jesus gave us his life.*

[ucc.org](http://ucc.org)



## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

(please mark these special service times now so you don't miss out)

**Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** – Palm Sunday (service at usual time, 9:55)

**Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** – Lamentations of Jeremiah, a brief service to begin the special services of Holy Week (6:45 pm)

**Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** – Maundy Thursday – the service of Tennebrae (7:00 pm)

**Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** – Good Friday – The Passion of Jesus according to John, led by Murray Kidd and the choir (7:00 pm)

**Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** - Easter Egg Hunt (10:30 am)

**Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** – Sunrise Service led by the Confirmation Students (6:30 am)

Breakfast (7:00 - 8:45 am)

Easter Music Presentation (9:25 am)

Easter Celebration Service (9:55 am)



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

Ready to Join the Church? We have 9 people ready to join the church, and will receive new members on March 17th. If you were unable to come to the information sessions but are still hoping to join please speak to Rev. Patricia ([pcwhayes@gmail.com](mailto:pcwhayes@gmail.com)) – we can talk!



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



Friends – As many of you may know, Reverend Patricia Hayes is planning her retirement for January 2020. Though we still have many months with her and will be celebrating her time as our Senior Pastor, it is time to begin the work of preparing ourselves to call our next Senior Pastor. We will be holding a Special Church Meeting in a few weeks' time, on March 10<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the framework as to what that process might look like. The Warrant for that meeting is presented below. Previous to March 10<sup>th</sup>, we will hold a pair of Informational Meetings to give details and answer questions regarding that framework. These meetings will be on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. I hope you will be an active part in this process as it unfolds over the next several months.

Yours in Christ,  
Adam Mitchell  
Moderator

---

**Christ Congregational Church, UCC, Brockton, MA**  
**Special Church Meeting Warrant**  
**March 10, 2019**

In accordance with Article XIII , Church Meetings, Sec. 2 of the Christ Congregational Church, UCC, Brockton, MA Bylaws (amended on November 20, 2016) ; a **Special Church Meeting** of the membership has been called for **Sunday, March 10, 2019**, immediately following the 9:55AM Worship Service in the sanctuary at 1350 Pleasant Street, Brockton, MA to act on the following articles:

- Article I**      To call the meeting to order
- Article II**     To hear and act on a report from the Pastor Transition Steering Committee, as approved by the Church Council, relative to a framework to search for a new Senior Pastor, following the retirement of Reverend Patricia Hayes in January 2020.
- Article III**    To hear and act on a report from the Organ Completion Committee and the Board of Music relative to executing a contract to complete the organ.
- Article IV**    To hear and act upon any other business that may properly come before the membership.
- Article V**     To ratify, either individually or jointly, any action taken by the membership at this meeting in accordance with Article XIII, Section 3C of the church bylaws.
- Article VI**    To adjourn the Special Church Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Eckstrom  
Clerk – Christ Congregational Church





Love one another.

## CONTACT US

### CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

1350 Pleasant St.,  
Brockton, MA 02301-2840

Tel: 508-586-3022

Fax: 508-583-7156

Web: [brocktonucc.org](http://brocktonucc.org)

Email: [office@brocktonucc.org](mailto:office@brocktonucc.org)

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!

(For The Haven)



Christ Congregational Church, UCC

1350 Pleasant St.

Brockton, MA 02301-2840