



WORSHIP AND PROGRAMS:

Regular Events

- Worship and Sunday School:
Sundays, 9:55AM
- Adult Bells: Wednesdays, 6:30PM
- Adult Choir: Wednesdays, 7:15PM
- All God's People: On Hiatus
- Bible Study: Wednesdays, 10AM
- Craft Group: Return In June
- Fiber Fellowship:
2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7PM
- Junior Ringers and Youth Choir:
Sundays, 11:15AM
- Prayer Group: Fridays, 12:00PM
(off-site)
- Quilt Guild: 3rd Tuesday, 1:00PM
- Wednesday Dinner: Wednesdays,
6PM
- Young at Heart: 2nd Wednesday,
noon (Nov. 8th because of fair)

Board Meetings

- Christian Education: Nov. 7, 7PM
- Council: Nov. 16, 7PM
- Deacons: Nov. 2, 7PM
- Finance & Property: Nov. 9, 7PM
- Green Team: TBD
- Missions: Nov. 13, 7:30PM
- Music: Dec. 4, 5:30PM
- Organ Completion Committee:
Nov. 17, 11:00AM
- Vitality: Nov. 2, 7:00PM



PASTOR'S PAGE



As I write this my new knee is bending 65 degrees. 120 is more desired, and 90 is necessary, so need I tell you I have work to do? I plan to be back for the fair, maybe briefly at other times, and I am delighted to tell you I MISS YOU and would much rather be there!! All of that said, my recovery (total knee) is on track, and by Thanksgiving I hope to have more to be thankful for.

The church is humming, buzzing, thriving...between the fair preparations, the hurricane buckets, the various programs and worship and choir...we DO have a lot to be thankful for. I was missing church last week and thinking what a delightful thing worship is – a time to hear beautiful music and think about God's call for us, a time to see the faces of the people who have set on a journey together, a time to celebrate God's goodness in the world. I was thinking of how much harder life must be for people who don't have that weekly infusion of goodness in their lives – and I am so thankful that we do have it, available and lovingly prepared every week so that we maybe God's people with as much enthusiasm as we can muster.

I look forward to seeing you in November – on the 5th as we honor those who have died in the past year; on the 12th for worship, an all church meeting and new member classes; on the 19th for Ingathering Sunday and our all church Thanksgiving dinner; and on the 26th for a baptism. It is so good that we gather and in our gathering find both our gratitude and our strength.

Rev. Patricia





Notes from Murray

As we head into November and the weather turns a bit colder, it is a reminder that the season of Advent and Christmas is coming! First, though, we have Thanksgiving to enjoy. On the day of the Annual Thanksgiving Meal, the ARTS at Christ Congregational Church will present a concert honoring our veterans entitled, For Thee We Sing: A Musical Tribute to Our Veterans, performed by Ensemble Lyrae. The ensemble consists of four professional singers and a pianist. You will hear music in many different styles from jazz to classical.

You might even hear the old favorite, The Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy from Company B! It is a show not to miss!

The first concert of the ARTS Series was a tremendous afternoon of music and fun. Patrice Williamson brought two other musicians with her; guitar and bass. They put on quite a show of jazz favorites. Her “scat” singing was superb, as were the instrumentalists!

We are lucky to have a wonderful soprano joining us as soloist and section leader. Her name is Jessica Trainor. Jessica is currently based in Somerville, MA, and enjoys a very active performance and teaching career throughout the Greater Metro Boston area. She moved from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to receive her undergraduate degree from Boston College (Psychology and Music, B.A.), and then went on to receive her Master of Music in Vocal Performance from The Longy School of Music of Bard College. She currently studies with Dana Lynne Varga. Please make her feel welcome!

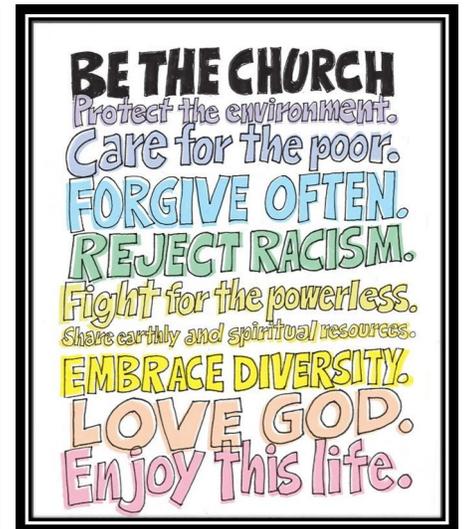
The music program is off to a great start this year, but we need you to join us! If you or your child or cousin or friend or co-worker have any interest in singing solos or singing in choir or performing on an instrument, please contact me.

~Murray

Stewardship Snippets

- * Stewardship **Shoutouts** are continuing! Please help us recognize folks among us who give freely of their time and talent. Shoutout forms and receiving basket are on the information counter. These nominees will be enthusiastically shouted out during Sunday morning announcements!
- * “Creating Beloved Community: Being Church” is the theme of this Autumn’s Pledge Experience. Looking around at church, what do you see? Lots of Beloved Community folks being church! We are Church Beings Being Church!
- * Oh, how wonderful are the witness presentations about this Beloved Community of Christ Congregational Church, UCC, being church. Moving, poignant, inspiring, honest, engaging, compelling, these brief testimonies will continue as part of Sunday morning worship into Advent.
- * Pledge Packet Sunday will be November 12th, the same day as the Fall Church Meeting. These Pledge Packets will contain pertinent information and your 2018 pledge form.
- * Dedication of pledges will occur on Sunday, December 10th.
- * Praise and thanks to God for generous gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure! May this Beloved Community use these marvelous gifts Being Church to each other and reaching outside the walls of our building into the world, doing the work of Jesus, Being Church in and to the world.

~Jo-Ellen



Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

CHRIST CHURCH PIPE ORGAN SERIES

MIDDAY MUSIC ON NOVEMBER 15th: Come and enjoy a break in your day at the next Midday Music on Wednesday, November 15th at 12:15 pm. Dick Hill will present beautiful music on our Austin Organ.



From the Organ Completion Committee

In this season of thanks, we appreciate all those who have attended Midday Music and our recent concert, "Hot Fugue Sunday" and all those who placed ads and sponsored the event. During the past 2 years, donations have also been received in memory of Lillian Anglim, John Hathaway, Warren Ladd, Harry Quimby and Shawn Stuart. We are thankful for these families and their support of the Organ Fund. Through September 30th, donations have totaled about \$21,000 with an additional \$6,100 pledged.



PERFORMERS TAKE A BOW AT THE CLOSE OF THE "HOT FUGUE SUNDAY" CONCERT. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, KATELYN EMERSON, ORGANIST; BROCKTON CELLO QUARTET: BRIAN KRUSE, ROBIN KRUSE, CAROLINE HINE AND SUSAN KENNEY.

PHOTO BY RICHARD COSTA

PROJECT PIPES: 620 BY 2020

Young at Heart

Young at Heart will meet on Wednesday, November 8th at noon for soup and sandwich lunch and a video on how Cathedrals were built. All are invited (but if you don't usually attend please call the church office so we have enough food!!) Looking ahead, the December 6th luncheon will feature a gift swap. Gifts should be between \$5-10 and suitable for men or women.

New Members Class



There will be two sessions for prospective new members – mark your calendars for November 12th, 12-1:30pm (with some lunch) and Saturday, November 18th, 9-10:45am.



Christmas Eve will have a morning worship service (because it is on a Sunday) that will be Advent 4, then a candle-light service at 7pm. Please note that we are trying one evening service since the late service has diminished over the years. We hope you and your family and neighbors will come to the 7pm.



Advent Workshop

December 3rd at 12PM

Join us for a light lunch, crafts and activities for children of all ages. Be sure to check out nearly weekly emails and the church Facebook for more information.

TEACH
encourage
instruct
MENTOR
PRAISE
influence
GUIDE
INSPIRE

Come teach a class or two!
We need teachers to help out in church school. Lesson plans are all laid out for you. It does not matter whether you have children or not, come mentor some of the wonderful kids in our church. You might find out you love it! All teachers must pass a criminal background check and will receive coaching and our gratitude. Please see Lisa Hulbert for more information.

DIVERSITY BOOK GROUP: The next book will be CHASING THE SCREAM: The First and Last Days of the War on Drugs by Johann Hari. Order at the information counter. Discussion will take place Saturday, November 18th, 11:00am - 12:30pm.



COMMON THREADS QUILT GUILD is in full session! Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month, from 1 - 3pm at the church. We started off this year making quilts for the NICU (neonatal intensive care unit) at BIDMC (Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center). Come join the group for fun and fellowship.



November Birthdays!
Wishing all the best on your birthdays:

Ayden Alden, Steve Walsh, Sofia Shelley-Wyss, Gabriel Swisher-Rosa, Doug Anderson, Alton Hefler, Kim Owens, Michelle Pursell, Pasha Ozelius, Steve Prince, Bob Mendoza, Samantha Williams, Terry-Lee Sandstrom, Laurie Lincoln, Brendan Nixon, Jonathan Nixon, Chard Poole, Alan Thomas, Cindy Myers, Shawn Weatherbee, Ruth Ladd, Jill Loftus, Betty Ann Holt, Jay Sparling, Sarah Sparling, Jack Blanchard, Hayley Hixon, Dick Hill, Walkerson Bastia, Amy Poole, Rev. Patricia

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



UPDATE

Elementary students are continuing to explore bible stories through games, crafts and activities each week.

Our middle school church school class has just started a new project titled neighboring faiths. We have used this curriculum in the past with great success. Each month they will explore a new faith through discussions, videos and even a few field trips.

Youth Groups will meet on November 12th. Grades 5-8 will meet 5-6:15PM & grades 9-12 will meet 6:30-8PM.

All are welcome



Prayer group is back and will meet every Friday starting November 24th at noon. Starting with a little lunch together (bring a lunch), then a prayer discussion. Prayer group meets at:

ACT CPA (Deb Bowman's Conference Room)
50 Oliver Street Suite 210
North Easton, MA 02356

You can contact Deb with questions at:
deb@act-cpa.com

FIBER FELLOWSHIP

Meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, from 7 - 9pm. Come learn or share your technics in knitting or crocheting, or just come for good conversation and fellowship!



Christ Congregational Church, UCC, Brockton, MA

Annual Fall Church Meeting Warrant

November 12, 2017

In accordance with Article XIII , Church Meetings, Sec. 2 of the Christ Congregational Church, UCC, Brockton, MA Bylaws (amended on November 20, 2016) ; the **Annual Fall Meeting** of the membership has been called for **Sunday, November 12, 2017**, 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 the minutes of the May 21, 2017 Church Meeting

Article III To hear and act on the 2018 Budget as recommended by the church Council.

Article IV To hear a report from the Capital Campaign executive Committee

Article V To hear and act upon any other business that may properly come before the membership.

Article VI 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 VII To adjourn the Annual Church Meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Janet Eckstrom, Clerk

FROM THE GREEN TEAM

Reduce, ReUse, Recycle – Plastic Bottles

Recently, while traveling, I was inside the security area at a gate at the airport. I noticed a water dispenser on the wall above the drinking fountains. It was labeled: “Refill station for water bottles.” What a great idea, I thought! Next time I travel by plane, instead of packing my empty water bottle to use at my destination, I will pack it empty in my carry on and fill it once I’ve passed through Security. Then I’ll have my own water on the plane.

Here at Christ Congregational Church, the Board of Music has purchased reusable water bottles for choir members in order to cut down on our purchase of bottled water. The church kitchen will have a filter installed so choir members can fill their bottles there each week. And Finance and Property is looking into a new water fountain that will have a “refill station” like the one I saw at the airport.

Here are some facts about bottled water and plastic bottles:

1. Only 1 in 5 plastic bottles are recycled
2. Americans consume over 8.6 billion gallons of bottled water
3. Most tap water is more heavily tested and regulated than bottled water
4. Plastic water bottles can take between 400 and 1,000 years to decompose
5. It requires 3 times the amount of water to produce a plastic bottle than it does to fill it
6. Bottled water costs over 1,000+ times more than tap water
7. Last year, the average American used 167 water bottles, but only recycled 38
8. In many taste tests, tap water was preferred over bottled water
9. A comprehensive four-year scientific study of 1,000 brands of bottled water showed that one third of the bottled waters violated industry standards for water quality
10. It takes 17 million barrels of oil to produce plastic bottles yearly. This could fuel 1 million cars for a year



What can you do to reduce your use of plastic bottles? Let us know your ideas!

Submitted by Donna Costa for the Green Team: Doug Anderson, Helen Camara, Alice Farnsworth, Matt Howard, Sandra Hill, Ruth Coleman, John Hagberg, and Chris Madden.

A NOTE FROM MISSIONS

Missions has had a busy month! Buckets, buckets and more buckets! On Thursday October 26th the truck for Church World Service was here to get cleanup buckets, hygiene kits and school kits. As the Depot for the S.E. area of Massachusetts, we have received a lot of items for CWS. We loaded 358 cleanup buckets, 199 hygiene kits and 127 school kits. This has been an "explosion" beyond our wildest dreams. All going to help the areas hit so badly by the storms. Our thanks go out to all of you who have contributed, all who have worked to accomplish this, all who have prayed for us!

The food pantry is well stocked but we are looking for low sodium items. In addition we could use instant potatoes, oatmeal, tuna fish and peanut butter.

Our Ingathering Sunday is coming up. It will be 19th of November. Please bring items upstairs to the sanctuary before church. This food will be going to a local food pantry.

We will be again doing the Christmas Trees for Christmas cards, Mittens/Scarves and sock trees this year. Watch for those on Dec 3rd!

We are always looking for places that can use our help. Any thoughts you may have, please stop any one of us and tell us about it. Again our thanks and blessing to everyone who have helped.

Prayers and Blessings,

The Missions Committee: *Alice Farnsworth, Dot Quimby, Erin Reardon, Sandy Hill, Heather Mitchel, Paula Gair and Sheppo Fisher*



The bucket brigade from left to right:

Back Row: Tim MacIntyre, Kristine Blanchard, Gayle Hulbert, Rev. Patricia Hayes, Matt Howard, Doug Anderson, Rev. Jim Tilbe, Karin Davis, Deana Colby, Jo-Ellen Fisher

Middle Row: Alice Farnsworth, Shelley Blanchard, Lisa Hulbert, Jan Howard, Sue Koza, Shirley Strangis, Keith Allen

Front Row: Bill Cockshaw



Greetings from the Vitality Committee

The pictorial directory is done and is at Lifetouch Studio for printing. All that participated will receive a directory before Christmas. Thanks for a great response to this project. With so many new faces among us, and the rest of us getting older (namely the kids), it is great to have a place to look to put a face to a name.

Thanksgiving is right around the corner! The Vitality Committee will again be hosting the annual Thanksgiving Dinner, on Sunday November 19th. The dinner includes turkey, stuffing, with sides and desserts. Tickets are \$15 each, with a family cap of \$50 (children under 5 free). As always, if money is an issue, please see me or Reverend Patricia.

Dinner will be served at 12 noon, immediately following a special coffee hour/ appetizer time in the upstairs wing. There will be a concert immediately following dinner in the sanctuary. Please plan on joining us as it is sure to be an exciting day full of food, fellowship, and fun. Tickets will be on sale in the upstairs narthex following church service throughout the month of November. If for some reason those times do not work, please call me at the church to reserve your ticket.

We hope to see you on November 19th, and bring your appetite!

~Bill Cockshaw



Boy Scout Troop 1046 from the VFW Post in Brockton were able to raise over \$300 which were then made into 8 cleanup buckets and 20 hygiene kits. When stores heard what they were doing, many offered discounts and Home Depot donated the buckets.



Thank you Scouts!



HARVEST FAIR



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4
9 am to 3 pm

Christ Congregational Church,
1350 PLEASANT ST, BROCKTON

HUGE ATTIC TREASURES SECTION, JEWELRY,
BAKED GOODS, CHRISTMAS ITEMS, CRAFTS,
CANDY, TOYS, WOMENS & ***MENS CLOTHING**
SHOPS, ***FROZEN DINNERS TO GO,**
***BREAKFAST SERVED**
SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCHEON
***NEW ITEMS FOR 2017**



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Tuesday thru Friday:
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.



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