



WORSHIP AND PROGRAMS:

Regular Events

- Worship and Sunday School: Sundays, 9:55AM
- Adult Bells: Wednesdays, 8:45PM
- Adult Choir: Wednesdays, 6:45PM
- Afternoon Bell Ringers: Wednesdays, 1:30PM
- Bible Study: Wednesdays, 10AM
- Craft Group: Tuesdays, 9:30AM
- Fiber Fellowship: 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7PM
- Junior Ringers: Sundays, 11:10AM
- Youth Choir: Sundays, 11:30AM
- Quilt Guild: 3rd Tuesday, 1PM
- Wednesday Dinner: Wednesdays, 6PM
- Young at Heart: 1st Wednesday, noon (Nov. 7th)



Board Meetings

- Christian Education: Nov. 15, 6PM
- Council: Nov. 8, 7PM
- Deacons: Nov. 1, 7PM
- Finance & Property: Nov. 8, 7PM
- Green Team: TBD
- Missions: Nov. 12, 7:30PM
- Music: Nov. 4, 8AM
- Organ Completion Committee: Nov. 21, 11:30AM
- Vitality: Nov. 1, 7PM

PASTOR'S PAGE



This year we are focusing on the key teachings of Jesus. In September we talked about how Jesus included everybody, loved everybody – and told us to do the same. In October we talked about the importance of forgiveness – something Jesus mentioned more often than any other religious teacher. In November we'll consider Jesus' teaching that we should care for one another. In Matthew 25 Jesus says to care for the hungry, the thirsty, the strangers, the sick, the naked and the one in prison – so we'll be doing some of that. I hope you and your children and your grandchildren will be with us for this third important teaching!!

In this season of remembrance, we will name the names of our loved ones who have died in the past 12 months on November 4th, and we will honor our long-time members.

In this season of caring, we will have Mission Sunday on November 11th, especially focusing on the needs of returning veterans. Our annual financial meeting will follow immediately after worship.

In this season of abundance, we will dedicate the annual pledges on November 18th, with the all-church Thanksgiving dinner after worship. It is a great feast – make your reservations!

In this season of gratitude, November 25th will be an important day in the life of the church: Erin Reardon will be ordained! After five years with us, she is launching and will be the minister of Warren United Church in Warren, Vermont. Mercy, I will miss her, and I know you will too. Let us be sure to send her off well on November 25th with an ordination to beat all! Mark your calendar for 2:00. Watch for sign up sheets and notices!

In this season of caring, let us be grateful for our many gifts, most of all for the gift of life and community. We can take nothing for granted – we must be the church. See you in church,

Rev. Patricia



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION YOUTH NEWS

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS FOR NOVEMBER – INCLUDING AT HOME DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Each month or season this year we will take one of Jesus' major themes to study in Sunday School and in church. For November, the memory verse is:

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40

As we continue in the big teachings of Jesus, in November we will focus on caring.

November 4th will be All Souls Day and everyone is in worship for the whole service. We will talk about caring as it takes the form of grief. We will also honor our long-time church members.

November 11th our focus will be on caring for people who are without homes.

November 18th we will focus on care for elders

November 25th will be our Cookies for College and Military. (If you can bring cookies or frosting ingredients, please sign up or contact the church office.)



Advent Workshop

December 2nd

Immediately following worship in the wing. Soup and sandwich lunch, crafts for the holidays – all ages welcome! We'll begin Advent with some new creative crafts and some old favorites!!

Senior & Junior Youth Groups

will be going bowling on Sunday, Nov. 11th at Westgate Lanes, leaving church at 1pm.



October 2018

Dear Scholarship Committee,

This note is to thank you for the incredible generosity you have shown me on behalf of my church family in continuing my education. With your plentiful scholarship, I was able to purchase an entire year's worth of textbooks, an expense that normally takes a toll on college students.

VOLUNTEER



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for Sunday School. Consider teaching for a month. There will be a shepherd with each age group – someone who has made a longer term commitment to connect with the kids (but not have to prepare the lesson). Lesson plans include supply lists, the flow of the lesson for the day, an opening exercise, questions for discussion, a project/drama/activity, and closing prayer. Contact Rev. Patricia for more encouragement or to sign up.

October 2018

Dear Scholarship Committee,

Thank you very much for the generous scholarship you have awarded me. I look forward to using the scholarship to purchase the textbooks I will need for this upcoming semester. I appreciate the support you have provided me as I work towards my degree. I hope to make you all and the church proud!

Thank you,
Jeffrey Illsley Jr.

I must apologize for the belatedness of this note, but it is entirely due to my increased focus on my post-graduate plans. Throughout the summer, I studied for and took my law school exam, drafted and edited my personal statement, and filled out ten law school applications. I was aided and supported by my church family throughout this process, and I am eternally grateful for the emotional support and financial support afforded to me by this church community.

Thank you again,
Kate Howard





Notes from Murray

Wow! These months are flying by!!! First off, a big shout out to Katrina Clinton for the wonderful new stoles the choir has been wearing since early October. They are beautiful! Thank you, again for making us look so good!

We are heading into Advent Season. What a wonderful time of year. Some would say it's the most wonderful time of the year. Some would say it's the hap-happiest time of the year. I digress...We have been having a great time in choir singing some new anthems this year while still singing old favorites. I like to think of favorite anthems as old friends who take up where we left off, continue our friendship and grow a little more together. Then, we say a fond farewell until the next time. We hope you have been enjoying our music as much as we have.

A reminder that our Christmas Concert is on December 16th at 1:00pm. It will be a fun time of musical celebration of Christmas and the Advent of Jesus. Please mark it down and bring a friend. It is always a great part of the season!

Also, did you know that singing promotes health and well-being in our lives? Singing creates enzymes in our mouths that help boost our immune system. Singing also promotes good brain health and gives us a better mood, overall. So, when it is time to sing the hymns and other music, sing out loud and proud and raise your voices to God!

~Murray

Special Concert "Album Launch" Event

You never know when you are entertaining angels – or singers. Since last spring Gary Lyon and Stephen Shaw have been attending our church on Sundays. Who knew that Gary Lyon is a recording artist! And he has a Christmas album coming out! He will have a concert to launch his album at our church on December 2nd at 2:30pm, followed by a reception. Mark your calendar to attend and begin your Christmas season with a musical treat.

A Note From Gary



Dear Friends in Christ,

I have recently been blessed to embark on a solo musical journey that has taken me somewhere I have never been before. This Christmas music project called "My Favorite Day" led me on a path of self-realization and self-reflecting which allowed me to find my happiness and inner-peace. I would like to share my music with you on Sunday, December 2nd at 2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. right here at our church. My hope as you listen to my music is for you to also be filled with happiness, peace, love and acceptance for all people you meet during this most blessed holiday season.

Love and Peace,

Gary Lyon

Brockton Interfaith Community is having its **Gala Fundraising Dinner** in fellowship hall on December 1st at 6:30pm. The menu will be various hearty soups of Brockton – soups from Haiti, Cape Verde, Mexico, and good old chicken noodle. There will be vegetarian soup, gluten free soup, and kosher soup. There will be antipasto and breads – and a dessert bar. For tickets (\$20) see Rev. Patricia. If you can help, see Rev. Patricia. If you would like to help decorate soup bowls for the occasion on November 9th (10-12) or November 10th (10:30-12:30) please let RP know. Everyone is invited to the gala – let's show our support for BIC's hard work to make Brockton a stronger community.



FROM THE ORGAN COMPLETION COMMITTEE:

Chateau Restaurant Fundraiser: Thursday, November 8 (lunch, dinner or take-out)

Been working hard on the Harvest Fair? Time for a meal out with friends?

Just take the coupon at the bottom of the page (or pick one up at the church) and bring it to the Chateau Restaurant, **STOUGHTON** on **Thursday November 8th**. When paying your check, give the server your ticket. The Chateau Restaurant will contribute 20% of the total bill to the Organ Fund.

Midday Music: Wednesday November 14 at 12:15 pm

***Myths and Magical Creatures*, with Gigi Mitchell-Velasco, guest organist**

Gigi Mitchell-Velasco has a Master of Music in Organ Performance from Boston University studying with Peter Sykes, and she recently presented organ recitals at Trinity Church at Copley Square, Boston's Old West Church, and Newport RI's St. Mary's Church. She is currently Music Director at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Barnstable, MA.



PROJECT PIPES UPDATE

We have exceeded 50% of our goal! Watch our bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for more news. Following the church Stewardship Drive, church members and friends will learn how to support the Organ Fund. You could "Purchase a Pipe" with a donation of \$2.50 per week for the 104 weeks in 2019 and 2020. Stay Tuned!!

PETER KRASINSKI AT THE ORGAN FOR PHANTOM OF THE OPERA: WOW!



Thursday 11/8/18

Time: 11:30AM-CLOSE

**SPONSORED FUNDRAISER
20% OF FOOD AND BEVERAGE PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT:**

Organ Completion Committee, Christ Congregational Church

**CHATEAU RESTAURANT OF Stoughton· ITALIAN FAMILY DINING
1165 Park Street-Stoughton MA 02072**

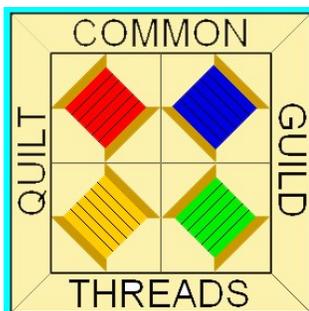
**TAKE OUT ORDERS INCLUDED · TO ORDER CALL 781-341-2503
ONLY ONE TICKET PER GROUP NEEDED · DOES NOT APPLY TO DELIVERY ORDERS**

Young at Heart

Young at Heart will gather on November 7th at noon for lunch and a program. We will have a Very Merry Unbirthday Party – celebrating our years of celebrations. Come with your favorite memory of a birthday (or someone else's) – and we'll have a fabulous birthday cake!

Common Threads Quilt Guild

The next meeting of the guild is Tuesday Nov. 20th from 1 – 3pm. Please bring any completed placemats and NICU quilts. We will be making deliveries of same to Meals on Wheels and South Shore Hospital.



Beginning **November 7th**, Leigh-Ann Larson will lead 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. To sign up, call or email the church office or speak to Leigh Ann, or just come!



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. **(No Dinner Nov. 21st)**



Wishing all the best on your birthdays:

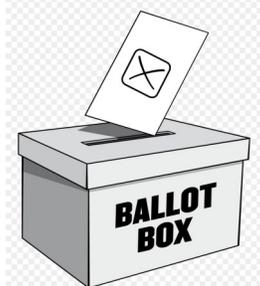
Sofia Shelley-Wyss, Gabriel Swisher Rosa, Doug Anderson, Alton Hefler, Michelle Purssell, Pasha Ozelius, Steve Prince, Chard Poole, Alan Thomas, Cindy Myers, Shawn Weatherbee, Ruth Ladd, Jay Sparling, Sarah Sparling, Jack Blanchard, Hayley Hixon, Dick Hill, Walkerson Bastia, Amy Poole, Rev. Patricia

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

YES ON THREE

As we begin our tenth year as an Open and Affirming Congregation, please be aware that human rights are on the ballot in November in the referendum article number three that threatens

to rollback the protections and access for transgender people in many areas including places of public accommodations. A “YES” vote on three continues these human rights. To see how you can help, speak to Doug Anderson or visit freedommassachusetts.org.



STEWARDSHIP SNIPPETS

(Not Snippy, Just Zippy!)

* Wow! It's amazing and impressive how many people have helped with preparations for the November 3rd Harvest Fair! What a wonderful, sharing, caring, giving church filled with generosity, creativity, and pizzazz!

* Abundance: More than you could ever imagine - Supporting Beloved Community! This is the theme of this Autumn's Pledge Experience. We look around and see God's abundant Grace and Love all around us! How do we respond?

* How amazing are the witness presentations about this Beloved Community of Christ Congregational Church, United Church of Christ! Honest, inspiring, engaging, poignant, compelling, moving - all this and much more! We have heard from Katrina Clinton, Shirley Strangis, Leigh-Ann Larson, and Erin Reardon. We look forward to RP's presentation with the long-term members' recognition as witness and from witnesses Janet Eckstrom, and John Hagberg and Chris Madden.

* Pledge Packets have already been distributed and Pledge returns are being received in the offering plate each Sunday. Dedication of Pledges will be Sunday, November 18th, and followup will occur in the three weeks after the dedication.

* Praise and thanks to God for generous gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure! May this Beloved Community of CCC employ these marvelous gifts to minister to one another AND to reach outside the walls of our building and into the world, doing the work of Jesus and helping bring about the Kin-dom of God!



Thank You, LORD!

Abundance: "More than you could ever imagine!"

Supporting Beloved Community



What is a pledge? Pledging Information and Encouragement

A pledge is a powerful action. A pledge is a promise of regular monetary support for the church, our Beloved Community.

"Lord fill my purse with only the coins that I need
Teach me to give and never to suffer from greed

For as I let it go, it flows like a log jam that's freed
Like a farmer who sows has an endless supply of new seed."
- Bill Staines, "Fill My Thirst"

Why should I pledge?

Pledging is an expression of thankfulness in response to God's bountiful blessings!

In very "New England Yankee" terms, our pledges guide us in creating next year's budget so we can meet expenses and reach out in mission and ministry in the name of Jesus.



Entrusted community, Christ church, UCC

With talents and giftedness, planted to be

Flowering with beauty and richness to share

To "Be the Church" here, there and everywhere.

Ephesians 3:20-21 (The Message)

God can do anything, you know far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! God does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, God's Spirit deeply and gently within us. Glory to God in the church! Glory to God in the Messiah, in Jesus! Glory down all the generations! Glory through all millennia! Oh, yes!

Does my pledge really make a difference?

Oh yes it does!!!

"Every pledge, every contribution is a grand gesture, a gesture of abundant faith, abundant hope, and abundant generosity not just for us but for the world around us and for generations to come. Together, we follow the mandate to BE the church - together, we live into an abundance of God's love through our support of the church." R P

We have a wonderful church that we have the privilege of supporting. In a world where so much is at risk, we strive mightily to be a place of welcome and Beloved Community.

Abundance: "More than you could ever imagine!"

Supporting Beloved Community



Christ Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Brockton, MA

2018 Pledge Profiles

This chart shows Christ Church's pledging units in terms of monetary ranges in weekly and yearly equivalents in 2018. It gives us a snapshot of how we did last year.

Number of pledges	Weekly Contribution	Yearly Contribution
10	\$1.00-5.00	\$52.00- 260.00
22	6.00-10.00	312.00-520.00
14	11.00-15.00	572.00-780.00
10	16.00-20.00	832.00-1,040.00
11	21.00-25.00	1,092.00-1,300.00
7	26.00-30.00	1,352.00-1,560.00
2	31.00-35.00	1,612.00-1,820.00
6	36.00-40.00	1,872.00-2,080.00
3	41.00-50.00	2,132.00-2,600.00
1	51.00-60.00	2,652.00-3,120.00
6	61.00-75.00	3,172.00-3,900.00
3	76.00-99.00	3,952.00-5,148.00
5	100.00-150.00	5,200.00-7,800.00
1	160.00+	8,320.00 +



What a joy to be part of a Beloved Community that gives so generously! Let's continue supporting our church by sharing our time, talent and treasure in the form of pledging. Our goal is to improve our giving levels in 2019!

Let's ask ourselves the following questions:

- *Does my pledge bear witness to God's abundant grace and my love for this Beloved community of Christ Church?
- *Am I able to increase my pledge to support and strengthen this Beloved Community's financial base?
- *How can my stewardship of time, talent and treasure help Christ Church extend our reach of ministry and mission in Jesus' name?

We invite you to prayerfully consider your 2019 pledge and respond generously. Christ Church relies on the full support of ALL members and friends as we are **Being Church** in this community.

Thankful

Thanks be to God!



Abundance: "More than you could ever imagine"

Supporting Beloved Community



**Christ Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ, Brockton, MA**



2019 Pledge Form:

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

I/We plan to give beginning January 1, 2019:

Each (circle one) week month quarter

The amount of \$ _____ for our Congregation's expenses and ministries.

Annual total \$ _____

And

The amount of \$ _____ for our wider mission.

Annual total \$ _____



Signed: _____

Please fill out and bring this pledge form with you to worship and place it in the offering plate on any of the upcoming Sundays. Our pledge dedication Sunday will be November 18th, Thanksgiving Sunday.

Even if you plan to pay your pledge electronically, it is very important that you still fill out this paper pledge form for our records. Thank you and Thank God!



Information and Encouragement ----->



Pilgrim Association

Massachusetts Conference - United Church of Christ

Invites you to the Ordination of Erin Reardon

To the Churches, Clergy, and Lay Delegates of the
Pilgrim Association:
GREETINGS!

At the request of the
Christ Congregational Church, UCC
in Brockton, Massachusetts,
the Pilgrim Association will gather for an

Ordination Service at
2:00 P.M.

on

Sunday, November 25, 2018

at the

Christ Congregational Church, UCC
1350 Pleasant Street
Brockton, MA 02301
508-586-3022

At 2:00 P.M. there will be
a Service of Worship to ordain

Erin Reardon

to Christian Ministry in the United Church of Christ.

Prior to the service, clergy are invited to gather
to robe and process.

Following the Ordination Service there will be a reception
for the newly ordained Rev. Reardon.



A request from the office:

We need addresses for College Students and Military!

Would you like some cookies sent to a
loved one in college or the military?
Please fill out a cookie request form
on the information counter.

Horizons For Homeless also continue to
need donations of new toys from our wish
list to support the children in our programs.
Visit our Amazon Wish List at
www.horizonschildren.org/amazon. Toys
can be shipped directly or dropped off in
person at:

Horizons for Homeless Children
25 Wareham St. Suite 2-23
Middleboro, MA 02346
Will support children in Brockton!

A NOTE FROM MISSIONS

Missions Committee has been working hard in preparation for the MONTH OF SERVICE in November! Missions Sunday will be on November 11th, Veterans' Day. We are encouraging any active or former military members to participate in our service 11/11/18 by wearing their uniforms – in whole or part! Civilians can get involved by bringing a 2019 calendar to be donated to veterans in need – Calendars to be dedicated on 11/11/18. During November, Missions Committee will be collecting canned goods for those in need! These items will be dedicated on In Gathering Sunday 11/18/18. For further ways to get involved with Missions work, please reach out to the members of the Missions Committee! We continue to seek a couple of new members...



Get involved
with Missions

God's Work
Our Hands

~Heather Mitchell
(Committee: Sheppo Fisher, Paula Gair,
Sandra Hill, George Manoogian, Heather
Mitchell, Dot Quimby, Shirley Strangis and
Brenda Wyss)

TRUNK OR TREAT



HARVEST FAIR



2018

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9 am to 2 pm

**Christ Congregational Church,
1350 PLEASANT ST, BROCKTON**

HUGE ATTIC TREASURES SECTION, JEWELRY,
BAKED GOODS, CHRISTMAS ITEMS, CRAFTS,
CANDY, TOYS, WOMEN'S BOUTIQUE, BOOKS
GALORE, COUNTRY STORE, COLLECTIBLES
ROOM, GIFTS FOR PETS, GIFT BASKETS
FROZEN DINNERS TO GO
BREAKFAST SERVED
SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCHEON
FABULOUS QUILT SHOW SERRV TABLE



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Office Hours:
Tuesday thru Friday:
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship Time: 9:55 a.m.

SPREAD THE WORD

We are our best means of advertising!
Please extend an invitation to family,
friends, neighbors, and coworkers to
attend our CCC Harvest Fair on
Saturday, November 3rd from 9 - 2.
They will love their visit and may even
come back to stay!



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