



WORSHIP AND PROGRAMS:

Worship: Remotely and On-Site

Sundays, 10:00AM

Regular Events:

Adult Choir:

Wednesdays, 6:45PM

Adult Hand Bells:

Wednesdays, 6PM

Bible Study

Sundays, 9AM

Prayer Shawl Ministry:

Wednesdays, 10AM

Quilt Guild:

3rd Tuesday, 1PM



**SEE
CORE
TEAM
LEADERS
FOR
MEETINGS**

PASTOR'S PAGE

The community of believers was one in heart and mind. None of them would say, "This is mine!" about any of their possessions, but held everything in common. The apostles continued to bear powerful witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and an abundance of grace was at work among them all. Those who owned properties or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds from the sales, and place them in the care and under the authority of the apostles. Then it was distributed to anyone who was in need.

~Acts 4:32-35~

Clearly, in so many ways, we don't live as the first apostles lived. And that's OK! Our world is different in so many ways too. One of the biggest differences, from a faith perspective, is that the community depicted in Acts were waiting for Jesus to come any day – because Jesus hadn't given a clear indication of when he'd return; and those leading the movement of followers were still his original disciples. This belief drove some of the way that early church community shared amongst themselves. They shared completely because they had been taught to be generous, of course – but they also shared completely because they really believed they didn't *need* anything long term; since Jesus would be coming back soon.

There's also much in our lives that can be connected directly to the lives of the first apostles. We still value living in community. We still see the need for bearing powerful witness to the gospel. We still benefit from an abundance of grace at work among us when we witness and work together. We may not be selling our houses, or divesting ourselves of all worldly wealth, to live in community and bear powerful witness to the good news that Jesus brought – but the same spirit of generosity is present among us and *must* be nurtured. We have to *grow it* like we'd grow a garden.



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As we kick off this fall I'm encouraged on this front. Throughout August our newly formed core teams held their planning and information sessions; *AND SO MANY OF YOU CAME OUT TO PARTICIPATE!* A few themes arose from the conversations I heard as these meetings went on through August. First, so many people hadn't realized all of the good work done in *each* ministry area of our church. Then, as people continued to attend the meetings it became clear that the works of each ministry area all add up – and that means our church does *a lot of work* in our effort to bear powerful witness to the gospel! This realization, I think, really inspired those who experienced it first hand to get involved in ways they might not have before which is its own way of sharing abundantly with the wider community. I'm excited to see how generous we will all be with our time and talents as we continue to work within this new framework of team ministry.

The second thing I heard most was that so many folks didn't realize the areas of overlap between ministry areas; or the areas of *potential* overlap. In just about every meeting great ideas were brought up, and on more than a few occasions there would be a realization that the good idea *also* connected to a *different* core ministry area. It's a common theme throughout American churches for ministry to happen in "silos" – distinct areas of ministry that might exist *next to* another ministry area, but the silo walls kept them from fully mixing together. That kind of "silo" effect can lead to a "This is mine!" way of doing ministry, with different groups taking "ownership" over different things. But in the framework of team ministry one thing becomes clear – the core teams are *responsible* to keep an eye on the *core AREAS* of ministry, but they do not own them. Anyone can be on any core team, and anyone can be on multiple core teams, which means we all have *OWNERSHIP* over the *WHOLE* ministry of the church. Also, with all of these areas of overlap it becomes clear that team ministry extends beyond the core teams themselves – because it lends itself to teamwork among the core teams too. There is no single spot to place any of our ministry initiatives; because they all lend themselves to teamwork and fostering an abundance of grace in our midst as we powerfully witness to the gospel.

This is all still very new, and we will have our growing edges over the course of this year as we figure out what it all means – but we’ve had an incredible start! I’m excited to dig into that work with all of you. I also want to thank all of the core team leaders who organized and prepared for their meetings – each one was not only informative, but also productive in generating ideas and curiosity in what *can be*.

Finally, *none* of this would be possible without the dedicated hard work of the by-laws team who wrote this new framework for us. Their diligence and thoughtfulness are already showing through, and I sincerely believe we've had such a great start not only because of people's enthusiasm – but because we were able to adopt such a solid framework right off the bat. So, a special thankyou needs to be extended to: Sue Koza, John Baglole, Jeff Illsley, Sheppo Fisher, and Deb Bowman. Thank you all for your hard work.

Now, let's let the Spirit work in our midst; and let's dedicate ourselves once again to powerfully witnessing to God's presence in the world!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Jeff



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Greetings Church!

September brings the familiar rhythm of a new school year, new routines, and new beginnings. It is also a wonderful time for our faith community to begin again—to gather, reconnect, ask questions, and discover new ways to live out God's love.

This year, our Faith Formation ministry continues to create spaces where children, youth, and adults can wonder, question, learn, and grow together. We believe faith is not about having all the right answers. It is about learning to recognize God's love, listening deeply to one another, and practicing the kind of love that changes the world.

Children (K–6th Grade)

As we return to our regular Faith Formation rhythm, our children and youth will explore Bible stories and Christian traditions through stories, movement, art, conversation, games, and hands-on activities.

Fall Sunday School Schedule

CHANGE IN SCHEDULE: Sunday School will start at 10am in the Faith Formation Wing. Children will be brought up to the Sanctuary during the offertory and released to sit with caregivers. They will be invited to the front to help Pastor Jeff with the Benediction.

We will try this new schedule for a few months and see if it works. Nothing is set in stone!

Sunday School begins on September 13th at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth Ministry (grades 7-12)

Our youth ministry is a place where young people can bring their **whole selves**—their questions, doubts, joys, frustrations, ideas, and hopes.

Youth don't need a watered-down version of faith. They deserve space to wrestle with real questions:

Who am I?
Where do I belong?
What do I believe?
Why does injustice happen?
How can my faith make a difference?
What does it mean to follow Jesus in the world today?

This fall, youth gatherings will include a mix of conversation, games, service, creativity, Scripture, food, and plenty of time to simply be together.

Youth Group

We will meet on Friday 9/11 from 6-8pm for an evening learning through games, activities, and conversations about Walking in Faith and learning how to trust God in transitions and circumstances beyond our control.

Confirmation

For students in Grades 7-9: stay tuned for more information on either returning or starting confirmation.

Adult Faith Formation

This fall, we will continue creating opportunities for adults to explore Scripture, theology, and the questions that matter to us today. Together, we can wrestle with difficult passages, learn from different perspectives, and discover how our faith connects with justice, community, and everyday life.

Continue...

There is always room for questions—and you don't have to have the answers before you walk through the door.

CCC Monthly Book Club

1st Friday of each month in the Library at 10am

September 4th: Discussing *A Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

October 2nd: Discussing *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd

Adult Faith Formation and Community Life Survey

Please take an opportunity to give feedback about what you would like to see offered for adults in our community, and what you would actually participate in. This feedback will help our newly formed core team to navigate who to move through this first year. You can complete it online or there will be paper copies available at the church.

[Click here for the online survey](#)

9am Bible Study

Sundays @ 9am in the Faith Formation Wing

Join us to walk through the book of Mark over the next semester. All are welcome!

Community Life

One of the gifts of our church is that learning, growing, and fellowship can happen across generations. Children need adults who will listen to them. Youth need adults who will take their questions seriously. Adults need the energy, honesty, and perspective of younger generations, and all of us benefit when we learn from one another, and spend time together.

Faith isn't something we pass down like a set of instructions. It is something we live and discover together.

Worship: Sunday September 6th 10am

Baseball Sunday: Baseball themed worship, ballpark style lunch post worship, and concluding with the Adult vs. Kid's Baseball Game

Event: Saturday September 19th 6:00pm

Outdoor Movie Night: Join us for an outdoor movie (2016 live action Pete's Dragon on the lawn by the kitchen. Popcorn, candy, and drinks provided. Bring a lawn chair or blanket!

Worship: Sunday October 4th 10am

World Communion Sunday: Intergenerational, interactive worship with communion.

SAVE THE DATE

Homecoming Sunday

Sunday November 22 at 10am

A worship service inviting all of our community to come together for worship and fellowship with a Thanksgiving lunch after worship. Stay tuned for more information

A September Invitation:

As we begin this new season, consider one question:

Where is God inviting me to grow?

Maybe it is through learning something new. Maybe it is through asking a difficult question. Maybe it is through reconnecting with community. Maybe it is through serving someone else. Maybe it is simply through making room for wonder.

Whatever your next step looks like, you don't have to take it alone.

We grow in faith together.

We ask questions together.

We serve together.

We laugh together.

We worship together.

And we become more fully who God created us to be—together.

Here's to a new year of Faith Formation filled with curiosity, courage, connection, justice, and joy.

Welcome back. We are so glad you're here.

With a grateful heart,

Dani

"For just as the body is one and has many members... so it is with Christ." — 1 Corinthians 12:12

KID'S FAITH FORMATION FALL 2026
BEGIN IN THE WING AT 10AM

Little Lights	Jesus and Me (JAM)	Peacemakers
Ages: 0-3	Grades: K-3	Grades: 4-6
Ms. Tammy and a CORI'd Shepherd will be available from 9:30-10am on Sunday mornings.	Shepherds: Ms. Betsey, Mr. Henok Children will enjoy a bible story, snacks, crafts, games, and activities in the Faith Formation Wing.	Shepherds: Ms. Dani, Mr. Matt Students will participate in Bible study, conversation, crafts, games, and activities in the Faith Formation Wing.

 **ALL ARE WELCOME!**
ALL ARE INCLUDED!
ALL ARE LOVED!

MONTHLY
CCC BOOK CLUB

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
10AM IN THE LIBRARY

9/4 A HEAVEN AND EARTH GROCERY
STORY BY JAMES MCBRIDE

10/2 THE BOOK OF LONGINES BY SUI MONK KID

COMMUNITY LIFE SPONSORED EVENT

It's Movie Night!

September 18, 2026 1:00pm
2016 Live Action Peter's Dragon

POPCORN, CANDY, AND DRINKS PROVIDED
BRING A LUNCH CHAIR OR BLANKET





Friday 9/11
Youth Group
6:00-8:00pm



Baseball and Rally Sunday

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH
10:00AM

CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

HOT DOGS, CHIPS, AND ICE CREAM, PLUS
THE 4TH ANNUAL ADULTS VS KIDS
BASEBALL GAME!



DANI'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday and Wednesday 9:30-11:00 AM
Friday (by appointment) 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

EMAIL: CF@BROCKTONUCC.ORG
PHONE: 717-587-1559



Summer Sundays



Summer Youth Group



Core Team Meetings

Youngest Member of Property





I just moved to Brockton - the Westgate area. My heart broke several times in the run-up to settling in. At times all the work has felt worth it. At other times I've doubted whether it's been.

Some Sunday's, when I'm reviewing the service online, I doubt my choices. Other Sunday's it all seems worth the effort, which has been a lifetime of work, really. I heard an artist respond to someone who had asked how long it took to create his painting. "My whole life," he said.

Life gives opportunities for us to be better with the time given us, which I sometimes squander on social media, which is not all bad: I am aware of my desire to connect with others, especially if I've spent all day practicing or continuing the process of moving in, for example.

But regarding time...it's in our hands. How do we improve on the amount we have? Should we always think of improving our time or is it okay to "squander" some of it? My judgement of how much has a lot to do with my awareness of what the spirit or my spidey-sense, or whatever, is telling me. I connect that with God.

Long ago a wise leader considered my needs and advised me to play for God. In going from a Sunday that didn't go as well (in my opinion) to one that did, I realized the difference: in the better one, the one that moved me, I was playing and singing for God. For the highest in me.

I assume other difficult Sundays may come where God seems anywhere but inside me, and others where I flow with spirit. So whatever you do, whether you sing, play or listen, or none of the above, I hope we move with God or the highest within us.

The time is ours.

~ Alex Green
Music Director



BOARD OF MISSIONS

MainSpring Casserole Ministry
"Cooking is love made visible."

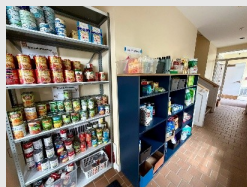


Thank you for the generosity you showed in August—together we delivered **13 homemade casseroles**, including a vegan option, **3 lasagnas**, to the guests at Father Bill's & MainSpring. Your care truly makes a difference.

As we look ahead to the fall we have another opportunity to offer a warm, comforting meal to our neighbors at the shelter in October. We're hoping to gather **16 Easy Cheesy Chicken & Veggie casseroles**, and we'd love for you to be part of this ministry of nourishment and compassion.

We'll be handing out foil pans and recipes after worship on **October 4** and **October 11**. Once your casserole is prepared, please wrap and label it, then place it in the church kitchen freezer by **Sunday, October 18**.

If you can make a casserole, would like the recipe emailed to you, or prefer to contribute toward the cost of ingredients, please reach out to **Marcia Olson** (baglole.olson@verizon.net).



Community Food Pantry at CCC

Shelf-stable, non-perishable donations to our church food pantry are always appreciated as we seek to help those in our community facing food insecurity. Please be sure to check the expiration date! Monetary donations are also welcome. Donations can be dropped off at the church any time while the pantry is open.

Hours: Mon-Thu 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM and Sun 9:00 AM – 12:00 NN

Fall has arrived bringing cooler weather and it's important to stock both **essential and nutritious staples, seasonal ingredients** and **hygiene essentials** that can be used for comfort, meals, baking and long-term storage.

Most-Needed Pantry Items

- Canned tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages, and Spam
- Peanut butter or other nut butters
- Canned beans and lentils (black, kidney, chickpeas)
- Shelf-stable milk or protein shakes
- Shelf-stable meals – hearty soups, stews, chili, ravioli
- Low-sodium canned vegetables
- Canned fruit in light syrup

Meal Stretcher Pantry Staples

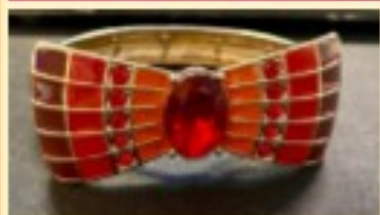
- Rice, pasta, quinoa and oatmeal – whole grain options preferred
- Mac n' cheese
- Hearty Pasta Sauce
- Cooking oils
- Spices & salt/pepper
- Sugar & flour
- Shelf-stable tofu

Kid-Friendly Fall Items

- Applesauce or fruit cups
- Granola, cereal or protein bars
- Individually wrapped school snacks
- Whole grain, low sugar cereals
- Instant oatmeal
- Juice boxes – 100% juice

Most Needed Pantry Extras

- Individually wrapped rolls of toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap
- Menstrual products
- Shampoo, deodorant, bars of soap
- Tooth paste & toothbrushes
- Can openers
- Baby supplies – formula, diapers, wipes



Seeking Attic Treasures Donations

We are always looking for donations of vintage and antique items, collectibles, new in box items, small pieces of furniture, and other unique and high-quality items in new or very-good pre-owned condition to sell on Facebook Marketplace. Please contact Marcia Olson (baglole.olson@verizon.net) or the church office to make arrangements to drop off your donations.

Find our online sales using the Facebook Marketplace Link below:
<https://www.facebook.com/marketplace/profile/1094073446/>



HAPPY BIRTHDAY SEPTEMBER

Wishing all the best on your Birthdays

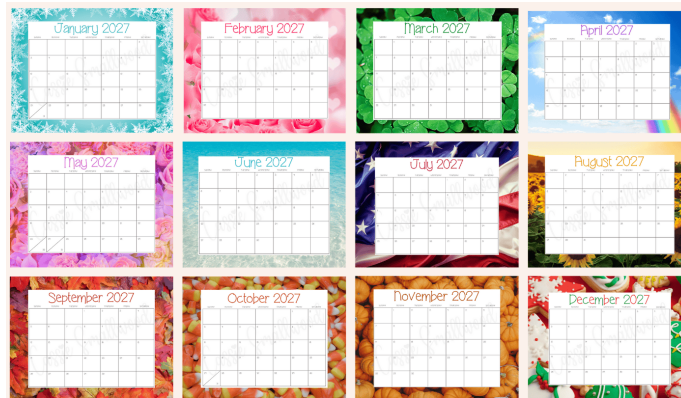
Carole Clark, Michele Silvernail, Chris Merkle, Renee Matthews, Lynne Mixner, Mason Silvernail - St. Martin, Donald Colby, Lorraine Wilcox, Pat Emanuel, Diane Landerholm, Lisa Landerhom-Burke, Alisabeth Burke, Cathy Campbell, Ann-Marie Illsley, Jean Cappiello, Seth Creedon, Laurel Fisher, Tavi Swisher -Rosa, Judah Kardisco

(listed in order of day of month from 1 to 31)

MISSION

COMMITTEE

Missions is collecting **2027** calendars for the Brockton Veterans Hospital. Please bring them to the Church Office. All kinds and sizes are needed.



WALK FOR PEACE



SAT 9/26
1-4 PM



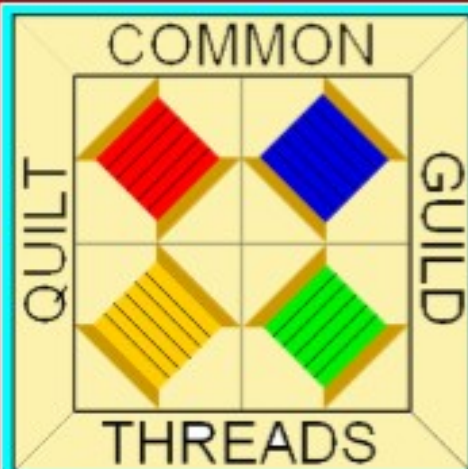
Register at [Mobilize.US](https://mobilize.us)

OAKES AMES MEMORIAL HALL



Indivisible Easton

*Neighbors walking with neighbors:
taking steps together toward a connected, inclusive, and peaceful community.*



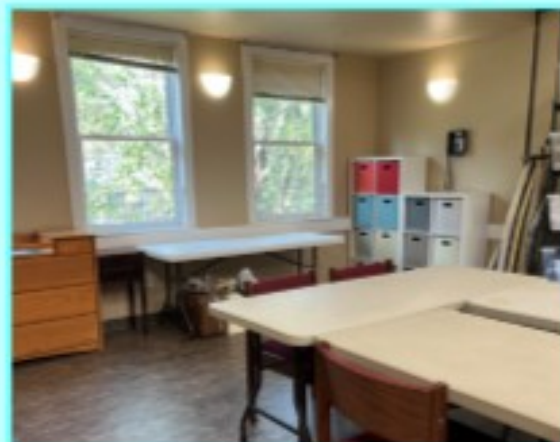
The Common Threads Quilt Guild members are excited and looking forward to getting organized and settling into our new sunny quilt room in the second floor wing.

We have wonderful new cabinets and shelving to house our fabrics, quilting supplies and our quilt bank as well as NICU quilts and Meals On Wheels placemats. We will also have a few sewing machines for our in house group projects.

A special thank you to Keith, Matt, Sheppo and Thomas for all their hard work moving all our quilting fabric and supplies upstairs to our new location. We are very blessed and thankful for you!

Our first meeting of the season is Tuesday, September 15th from 1-3pm.

Our new Quilt Room in the upper wing is coming along nicely for our fabulous Quilt Guild Ministry.



Keith made a couple cute table runners this summer while we were on Hiatus. We will have some nice show and tells at our first meeting on September 15th. Can't wait!!



BUILDING PARTNERS

Open Enrollment for 2026/2027 After School Programming



**JOIN US for another epic year!
-Starting Sept 3rd-**

Music programming includes:

Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass, Piano, West African drums, Hand bells, Guitar, vocal instruction & performance opportunities.

Enrichment programming includes:

- Social Justice curriculum
- Gardening & community care
- Homework support & STEM
- Arts & poetry



ARTS

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*Register
Now*



Registration fee only
\$15 per child!

Daily rate \$30

3 day & 5 day options

Sibling discount
available

Vouchers accepted

3:30PM - 6:45PM

1350 Pleasant St. Brockton, MA



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First Annual Rose Conservatory Golf Classic

Every swing helps provide life-changing music education, performance opportunities, and scholarships for students throughout our community.

Entry Fee

\$175

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**D.W. Field Golf Course
October 19 2026**

331 Oak St., Brockton, MA 02301



What's Included?

- Full Green Fee Access
- 18 Hole-Shotgun Start
- Free Golf Cart Usage
- Complimentary Dinner
- Morning Coffee And Snacks
- Silent Auction And Prizes

For questions, please contact roseconservatory@gmail.com



BUILDING PARTNERS



Brockton
Interfaith
Community

Join Us



BROCKTON INTERFAITH COMMUNITY'S 4TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY DINNER

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1 6PM-8PM
1350 PLEASANT ST. BROCKTON**

SAVE THE DATE



CANDIDATES FORUM

Wednesday, October 28, 2026



ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 3



MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!



Please bring your bottle/can returns to church in fellowship hall. The money goes to the Christian Education Committee. Please turn in the TABS on the cans, it goes to children with Cancer. See the office for further information.



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