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**Creating Beloved Community** 

February 2020

#### A note from the Board of Deacons

A sub-committee of the Board of Deacons has been busy working to find an <u>Interim Senior Pastor</u> for our church. We announced last Sunday (1/26) that we extended a call to the Reverend Karen Gale to be our Interim Senior Pastor and she has accepted. She will lead us during the <u>interim time</u> until a settled pastor is called.

Below is a letter from Reverend Gale, which includes biographical information, and an excellent explanation of what the Interim time is and what her role will be during that process.

Reverend Gale will be with us beginning Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please come to church to meet and welcome her. I hope to see you all then.

~Jeff

### **PASTOR'S PAGE**

Dear Christ Congregational folks,

I am delighted to be serving as your Intentional Interim Senior Pastor and work with you as you continue through this transitional time. Therefore, I'd like to introduce myself as I look forward to meeting you all in the days ahead.

#### About me:

When folks ask where I am from, I don't have a single answer. I moved many times while growing up, including in New England, and felt a call to ministry while a teenager in Los Angeles, CA. I went to the University of Virginia for undergraduate work and received my MDiv and MA at Pacific

School of Religion in Berkeley, CA. After seminary I traveled to Durban, South Africa to serve as a UCC missionary where I taught theology and facilitated workshops on many topics including understanding domestic violence. When I returned to the US, I moved to East Lansing, Michigan where I served as the Pastor at a large, college town church for ten years and worked with the congregation to grow the church into a multi-staff, social justice oriented community. In 2011 I fulfilled a long held dream as my wife, then 2 year old son, and I traveled around the world for a year before moving to Plymouth to be closer to family.

For many years I have worked part time with students in adult literacy at my local library where I teach GED students and ESL learners, a practice that continually informs my ministry. For the past two years I served as the Intentional Interim at Pilgrim Church UCC in Lexington, MA until the church called a settled pastor this fall. In my free time I like to be outside, travel, knit, practice playing the ukulele (badly), and continually remind my ten year old son that his bug collection stays *outside* the house.

About Intentional Interim Ministry:

At this point in my pastoral life, I am dedicated to the specialty work of Intentional Interim Ministry. It looks a little different than settled ministry and I enjoy interim ministry for the challenges it brings. Interim time is a great opportunity for churches to grow, learn, and really tune in to God's persistent call to us as faith-filled people. Rather than 'marking time' until the 'real' pastor arrives, interim time is a time to ask questions: why do we do things this way? how are we connected to our community and neighbors? what gifts do we have that can serve God's people? what is unresolved in our life together? I think it is an exciting time, if also one of uncertainty and change. My role is to invite church folks into this work that a church might prepare the ground for a fruitful next chapter. This means celebrating and grieving the loss of a former—pastor, and engaging in what are often referred to as the five developmental tasks:

**Heritage:** reviewing how the congregation has been shaped and formed

**Leadership:** reviewing the membership needs and its ways of organizing and developing new and effective leadership

**Mission:** *defining and redefining sense of purpose and direction* 

Connections: discovering all the relationships a faith community builds outside of itself

Future: developing congregational and pastoral profiles

Every church is different in how they engage this work. I understand that you have been working with a consultant on some of these tasks, as well as have an active Search Committee, and I am excited to learn about all you have done together in the past months.

I look forward to learning more about your life as the beloved community of God, hearing your individual stories, and inviting you into the questions and opportunity of Interim Time wherever that takes us. Take care and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,

Karen

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION YOUTH NEWS



The confirmation class will be meeting on the following dates:
February 2<sup>nd</sup> - Home Communion and lunch discussion with the Deacons
February 9<sup>th</sup>
February 23<sup>rd</sup>

### **Sunday School**

This month our middle schoolers will be continuing their exploration of other religions and other parts of Christianity with Neighboring Faiths. They will be studying and visiting other congregations through the spring.



Our elementary aged students are continuing to learn about Jesus' ministry through stories, games, and art. This Sunday School class is in need of a few volunteer teachers for the coming months.

Would you consider signing up for an essential ministry of our church? Come and shadow a class to see what it's like! You don't have to be an expert to teach, just someone who helps our kids now God's love in their lives.



After last months movie and game nights, the Youth Group is rolling right along into February. Join us February 16th after church for an outing and Wednesday February 19th for the church supper and an exciting meeting to

follow. Hope to see you there!

### **Lenten Mission Project**

During Lent, the Sunday School will be partnering with the Board of Missions to gather school

supplies for Church World Service School Kits. Keep your eye out for more information about this exciting mission project!



### Communion Education

Communion Education class will again be offered during Lent by Pat and Jeff Illsley. This is a wonderful opportunity for children (Kindergartenaged and up) to learn about the meaning, stories and symbolism behind this sacrament. The class will meet during Sunday School for the six weeks of Lent beginning March 1<sup>st</sup> and will celebrate with a special service on Palm Sunday. Please speak with Ann-Marie Illsley or Pat and Jeff for more information.



### **Camperships**

The weather outside may be freezing, but registration for summer camp at Silver Lake has begun! We sent quite the group to camp last year and hope to again this year. Any of our youth will tell you what a wonderful experience they had - a week full of faith, fun, and adventure! Calendars with camp schedules can be found in Fellowship Hall and campership will once again be available! Please see Ann-Marie Illsley for more information.





### **Notes from Murray**

I thought I would start with text from a recent anthem the choir sang:

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come now and follow me. Lay down your earthly cares," he said, "and I will set you free. "I came to Jesus as I was; I had no gifts to bring. God took my stubborn will, my pride and taught heart to sing!

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, come now and drink, and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live for God.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; And in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

One of the best parts of singing is getting familiar with so many amazing poems of worship and other moments of inspiration. Poetry is one of the best aspects of singing. All of the other aspects don't follow far behind, but this is an added bonus of music making as a singer. They say that when you sing, you pray twice. As I gain more and more experience, I think I am starting to really feel the meaning of this saying.

The choir has really enjoyed coming and singing from within the congregation the past few months and we will continue to do so. If you are enjoying it, I challenge you to take a step out of your comfort zone and start to increase your own volume, even if only a little. My goal, to be clear, is that our sanctuary rings out loud and clear during the hymns and not just because the choir is so loud, but because everyone in the sanctuary is raising their voices to God. No one is expected to do this on their own, but together, we can make a joyful noise that will reach the heavens!

Sincerely, Murray

### **WORSHIP AND PROGRAMS:**

### Regular Events

Worship and Sunday School:

Sundays, 9:55AM

Adult Bells: Sundays, 8:00AM

Adult Choir: Wednesdays,

6:45PM

Junior Ringers: Sundays,

11:15AM

Youth Choir: Sundays, 11:15AM

Bible Study: Wednesdays, 10AM

Fiber Fellowship:

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 7PM

Quilt Guild: 3rd Tuesday, 1PM

Wednesday Dinner: Wednesdays, 6PM



### **Board Meetings**

Christian Ed: Feb. 6, 6:30PM

Council: Feb. 20, 7PM

Deacons: Feb. 6, 7PM

Finance & Property: Feb. 13,

7PM

Media/Tech: Feb. 13, 6:15PM

Missions: Feb. 4, 7:00PM

Music: Feb. 9, 11:30PM

OCC: Feb. 11, 11:30AM

Vitality: Feb. 6, 7PM

### ORGAN COMPLETION COMMITTEE

During January, Joshua Rendez restored the Gedeckt 8' (stopped wood) rank for the Choir Division.

### A Project Pipes Update from our Organ Builder, Czelusniak & Dugal:

Since Christmas, a great deal of progress has been made in the organ shop, cleaning and restoring pipework for the Choir division to be added to the organ. At the same time, the measuring and documentation of these pipes contribute to the design and engineering of the wind chest that will be built to control their operation and speech.



Josh repacked and fitted tuning stops for the Gedeckt 8' pipes. Koppel 4' flute pipes cleaned, polished and trayed.



During 2019, several people donated through the "Purchase a Pipe" option.

Their gifts of \$270 provided one symbolic pipe out of the 620 that will be installed for the Choir Division this year.

Gifts can be made in memory or in honor of a loved one

Email to <u>organ@brocktonucc.org</u> for more information

### Midday Music, February 12 2020:



February Festival

with Leonardo Ciampa, guest organist. 12:15 to 1 pm, free, all are welcome,

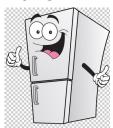
donations accepted for the Organ Fund.



### Some pretty "Cool" news

We have a new commercial refrigerator in the church kitchen. Come on in and check it out!

We also have a home kitchen refrigerator that can be donated to anybody that wants it. Please see Bill if you are interested.



### When you see them, say thanks!

On Sunday January 12<sup>th</sup>, a bunch of us went over to the parsonage to clean and polish the house from top to bottom. We left coffee hour and headed over. We did this to get the parsonage ready for the next step in the process,

whether it be keeping it or selling it. Vacuums, mops, buckets, tools, and bodies were busy everywhere in the house. The place looks great now.

Thanks go out to John Hagberg, Chris Madden, Bill & Luanne Cockshaw, Karl & Sue Koza, Deana Colby, and Keith Allen.



### Being the Church: Testimonies Of Faith

You can still pick-up a copy in the office - 45 church members' stories, paperback, \$5.00



### Wishing all the best for February birthdays

Mary Woodman, Sarah Sinesi, Samantha Sinesi, Janice Urban, Tracey Hixon, Sheila Klecha, Martha Binda, Sandra Marvill, Ella Alden, Lucille Berg, Joyce Carroll, Aubrey Macfarlane, Ken Maloof, Barry Shelley, Mackenzie Copley, Liz Garner, Dot Quimby, Alexander Cords, Ronan Cords, Priscilla Bailey, Pat Illsley, Adam Mitchell

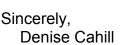
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We welcomed Dick Hill as a new member on December 1, 2019

January 2020

I would like to thank everyone for their support and kindness during the loss of my brother-in-law Frank DePaola.





### **MISSION MATTERS**

The Mission Committee asked everyone that went to a hotel/motel to save the unused toiletries so they can be donated to a local organization.

The Committee decided to donate all two and a half cartons to the **Soup Man of Bridgewater** 

On January 24<sup>th</sup> **Soup Man, Peter Kelleher** was to pick these up but was not feeling well that day so one of his helpers picked the cartons up here at the Church. One of our committee members George Manoogian met with her to give her the supplies we collected and she said that these were a great cost saver.

When Soup Man gives out a full bottle of shampoo and the like, the homeless use what they want and because they are large bottles they

throw the rest away. With our donation, they are sure that they will have enough room for three or four items that take much less space.

Thank You Everyone that saved these items and we will do this again next year.

Your Mission Committee In ACTION!









SNIPPETS (Not Snippy! Just Zippy!)

- \* Thank you, Beloved Community of CCCUCC, for bold pledging in this time of transition! We have surpassed last year's pledging by over \$12,000, resulting in a total pledged amount, thus far, for 2020 of \$167,252! Well done!
- \* Giving Statements for 2019 were mailed out in January. If you did not receive a Giving Statement but believe you contributed, please call the church office.
- \* Boxes of weekly offering envelopes are available in the back of our sanctuary, in the upstairs narthex, and on the information counter. Please help yourself to a box of weeklies or a packet of 12 for monthly giving.
- \* Please remember that the "Multi-Choice" white envelopes in the pews are not pledge envelopes. This means that donations placed in these envelopes with receivers of funds checked off will not be added to your pledge record.
- \* In a similar way as the preceding snippet, if you write out a check to the church or donate electronically and write a receiver other than pledge on the "for" line, this donation will not be recorded as part of your pledge but as a donation to the area that you indicated. Please know that we are not trying to be sticklers but are trying to clarify for bookkeeping purposes!
- \* Stewardship does, indeed, encourage all of us to support the church beyond a pledged offering with all of our various gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure! All of our donations, pledged and otherwise, are always joyfully received and put to work carrying out the mission and ministry of Jesus!
- \* What's all the buzz about a CCC April YARD SALE? Anyone know?
- \* Christ Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, is a bold, vibrant, exciting Beloved Community that offers plentiful spiritual, mission, ministry, social, and educational opportunities. Yes, we are a church in transition, but we are strong, and with God's help we will continue to be a church on the move, ready to follow Jesus by serving the world!

Blessings, Peace, Joy, and Love to All, Your Stewardship Committee: Doe Fisher, Matt Howard, Jane MacIntyre

Well, we got through it- what a joyous and moving farewell celebration for Reverends Patricia and Fred. True to her word, they finished loading the moving truck, moved out and left for Maine late that Sunday. They are now in the process of unpacking and settling into their home, and we send them all good wishes and our prayers. We extend sincere and profuse gratitude to everyone who worked so hard to make the celebration a rousing success. It is because of ALL of you that the bittersweet day came together so perfectly, a fitting send off. A casual luncheon, a table overflowing with delicious desserts, and Fellowship Hall crowded with well wishers, gave Reverends Patricia and Fred the fond farewell they so deserved. Thank you again to all involved.





# Fiber Fellowship & CRAFTS! Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

From 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Bring your own project or see what we are working on. All Welcome! The more the merrier!





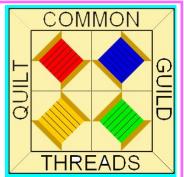
### **CCC HARVEST FAIR**

### **COMMON THREADS QUILT GUILD**

February meeting is on Tuesday the 18th from 1-3 pm.

We will be working on lap quilt designs and labelling NICU guilts. All are welcome. Questions? Call

Nelda @ 508-238-6004 or Janet @ 508-583-0505.



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Thank you note from Rev. Patricia and Fred: Dear Wonderful Quilt Guild, The guilt is exquisite! I love the different patterns of white on white, love the stripes, love the colors, the quilting, the backing, the edges - WOW! Thank you all. Rev. Patricia



### A Stewardship Mystery!

An interesting "peace offering" sealed in a Green Stewardship Pledge Envelope appeared in the offering plate at the end of December. It is a fascinating keepsake. Stewardship would love to know the story behind this delightful gift! We have a project in mind but would like some background. Please speak with Matt or Doe or Jane or Katrina, or please write a note and place it in the offering plate or in the office. Thanks!





### **SPACES AVAILABLE FOR**

### SPRING YARD SALE AT CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2020

Gearing up for your spring cleaning... now's the time to plan for a table at our Spring Yard Sale planned for Saturday, April 18th. Sponsored by the Fair Group, you can buy a space and sell your wares or you can donate items to the church for their yard sale tables.



Spaces for the Spring Yard Sale are first come first serve available to our Christ Church family and friends at \$10 per space (\$15 if you need a table). Participants are responsible for set-up and clean-up of their spaces. The Fair team will be staffing space as well if you have any items you want to donate.

Registration, questions or suggestions; please see Sheppó Fisher or e-mail Sheppo247@comcast.net.



Winter WOVOS February 17 thru 21, 2020 9:00am to 4:00pm Go to wovos.org to register

### VITALITY VIBES

The Vitality committee will be having another "Dine with 7 @ 7" on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up on information counter or let Lisa Landerholm know by February 2<sup>nd</sup>. As always, a good time will be had by all.





We Are Looking forward to the "Leap Year Celebration" - Saturday, February 29, 2020
@ 6:30pm -9pm
There will be light food , appetizers & drinks.

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Free event~ Dancing , games Loads of fun for all!

Please sign up so we have a count

"Scholarship/Camper-ship event"-Saturday, April 25, 2020.

More information to follow

Watch for the sign up sheets.

Lisa Landerholm Vitality Chair



### Christ Congregational Church, UCC, Brockton, MA Special Church Meeting Warrant February 16, 2020

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 Meeting** of the membership has been called for **Sunday**, **February 16, 2020 (snow date: February 23, 2020)**, 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 proposal of the Finance and Property committee, approved by Council, to clean up the parsonage and sell it as is.

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

**Article IV** 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 V** To adjourn the Annual Church Meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberlee Cords, Clerk



### **Shop AmazonSmile!**

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization (Christ Congregational Church) every time you shop, at no cost to you. It's easy! Simply visit <a href="mailto:smile.amazon.com">smile.amazon.com</a>, select Christ Congregational Church, Brockton, and shop! You'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.

The tradition continues...

# BREAKFAST and BELIEFS Transitions and Transformations Saturdays, February 29, 2020 – April 4, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Adult Education Lenten Series 2020



Please join us for a six-week Lenten exploration of what the Christian tradition means to each of us, particularly with regards to this year's Lenten theme "Transitions and Transformations." For various types of transitions we will ask questions such as the following: What sustains us during different types of transitions? How can transitions become transformations?

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, two or three persons invited in advance will each share prepared five-to-seven-minute reflections on the week's topic. In the remainder of each session we will promote dialogue among all those present, without pressuring anyone to speak more than they wish, 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. Karen Gale, Interim Pastor, (tentative) and Barry Shelley will facilitate.

This year's program is not yet fully planned in order to allow time for Rev. Gales to be involved in that process. (She begins her ministry with us on February 2.) However, some general themes are emerging and plans for the first session are underway. Topics we will explore will likely include the following:

- Pastoral and congregational transitions: What's it like and what does it mean for both pastors and congregants?
- "Call." For congregations? For pastors? For individuals?
- Ordination and pastoral leadership. Commissioning and lay ministry.
- Conversion and personal transformation.
- Baptism and confirmation.
- Social change.

### February 29: Pastoral and congregational transitions

We will begin the series with a focus on pastoral and congregational transitions, such as Christ Congregational Church is now experiencing. Rev. Mary Perry, Pastor of our neighbor church, the First Congregational Church in Stoughton, will share reflections on her experiences of entering a new church, including what was particularly challenging, what was particularly supportive, and what especially sustains her in ministry. Lay persons will reflect on their experience in a transition to a new pastor. Discussion may include our beliefs about why we call professional pastors from outside the church membership.















#### INTERIM PERIODS ARE NOT A HOLDING PATTERN

#### A Note from the Moderator

Our congregation has done much good work in recent months to help us prepare for the changes ahead as we look towards calling a new settled pastor. Together we've interviewed Brockton community leaders; facilitated focus groups; analyzed demographic data; selected a Pastoral Search Committee; conducted a congregational retreat; dived into writing our church profile; began work on mission priorities and "strategic pathways;" and then celebrated Rev. Patricia's ministry with us and said farewell. With the collective leadership and participation of many, we have accomplished much.

However, all that good work so far has been to help us <u>prepare</u> for the changes ahead. It's only now that recognizable changes actually begin: Someone different is in pulpit. They have a different style and focus. They challenge us in different ways. Heaven forbid, the order of worship is a little different. I don't know that person; who can I go to for help now. While those differences may not seem monumental, the changing landscape may be felt more deeply than we realize. As change becomes palpable our sense of who we are, who we are not, and our willingness to accept change may become a little more muddied than it seemed during our retreat last fall. Maybe for some a little fear creeps in.

I write this a few hours after our January 26<sup>th</sup> worship service. I was moved by our Prayer of Reconciliation this morning and how well it may fit our circumstances. It's worth repeating here:

Loving Jesus, we confess that we have been afraid. We don't listen, because we don't want to hear where you challenge us to change. We don't follow, because we are afraid of where you lead us. We have not gone where you have sent us, because we are afraid of encountering people different from us, because they may cause us to change. Forgive us for being afraid to listen to You, to follow You, and to go where You have sent us. Grant us the courage to step out in faith, to listen to Your voice, and to be changed by Your love through others and through Your creation. In Your name we pray. Amen.

It's only now that we begin the real transition and begin even more difficult work. Fortunately, we're blessed to have an interim pastor who can help us with that difficult work. Rev. Karen Gayle will be with us starting February 2. She's introduced to you elsewhere in this issue. Here's what I want to emphasize here: Rev. Gayle is coming to us because she's called to interim ministry, not because she doesn't have a settled pastoral position right now. She's an experienced interim minister who understands congregational transitions and has skills to help

us not only get through those transitions but to make those transitions spirit-led transformations. At the same time, she's a pastor—our pastor—not a transition facilitator only. She'll provide pastoral leadership, preaching of the Word, pastoral care—all those ways pastors support us on our faith journeys, both as individuals and as a community. I encourage us to let her be our pastor, genuinely so, in all its fullness, even though she won't be with us permanently. I believe she can help us deepen our faith and address our fears and any obstacles in our path in order to live into our congregation's call to be The Church.

Let's resist thinking that we're now in a holding pattern while we take care of the nuts and bolts of the search and call process; assuming we'll become the "complete" church again when a settled pastor arrives; and thus considering Rev. Gale as a placeholder. Stuck in such thinking we would miss a precious opportunity to go deeper than nuts and bolts; to address possible fears of and obstacles to change; to listen more intently to where God may be calling us; to Be The Church now--not a church on hold; and to fully embrace timely pastoral leadership that can help us do all of that.

~Barry Shelley





### **Pastoral Search Committee Update**

The Interim Pastor Search Committee interviewed several great Interim Minister candidates, and is in the process of selecting the candidate they feel is best suited for our congregational needs. They hope to have an interim begin their work within a few weeks.

The **Pastoral Search Committee** has been continuing their working finalizing our Church Profile, and preparing it for

presentation to the Conference to review. Once the profile is available for ministers actively seeking a Settled Pastor position it will be posted by the Conference. At that point we will receive the profiles of interested parties for review, and our committee will begin the process of determining who will be the best fit for our Congregation.

The bulletin board to help keep everyone up to date on the progress is still pending set up in Fellowship Hall, awaiting documents from Conference.

The plans for the Council Retreat in February are underway. From this will come a Strategic Pathways proposal for implementing the priorities of our church. This proposal will be presented to the congregation for discussion and approval in the spring.

Prayerfully submitted,

Sue Koza, Pastoral Search Committee Co-Chair



Many thanks for YOUR help with the Fellowship Hour Hospitality Teams! It has been a great way to expand our vision for the hospitality time after worship, our variety of treats and snacks in fellowship hour, and to involve more people. As always, if you are unavailable to help on one of your weeks, find a substitute if you can or contact Lorraine Wilcox, our Fellowship Hour Maven.

# Fellowship Hospitality Teams

#### Team 1 - Sept 15, Dec 15, Mar 15, Jun 28

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(Andrea, Jacinte (Jessie), Eva, Sadie)

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| Class                                    | Day/Time                | Dates                |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Cultural Crafts & Conversation           | Thursdays<br>6-7:30pm   | Ongoing              |
| Introduction to the sewing machine       | Saturday<br>1-3 pm      | 2/1                  |
| Bookkeeping Options for your Side Gig    | Saturday<br>1-3pm       | 2/8                  |
| Natural Remedies                         | Friday<br>12-2pm        | 2/7,2/14, 2/21       |
| Learning About Cooperative Businesses    | Mondays<br>7-8:30pm     | 2/17, 2/24, 3/2, 3/9 |
| Basics of Hand Embroidery                | Monday<br>2:30-4pm      | 2/17, 2/24, 2/30     |
| Kripalu yoga                             | Fridays<br>6-8pm        | 2/7, 2/21, 3/6       |
| DYI Natural Cleaning and Beauty Products | Saturday<br>11am-12pm   | 2/22 and 2/29        |
| Bow Making Class                         | Monday<br>1-2:30pm      | 2/17                 |
| Financial Wellness                       | Saturday<br>3:30-4:30pm | 2/8, 3/14            |
| Business success                         | Wednesday<br>7-8:30pm   | 2/17, 2/24, 3/11     |

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Christ Congregational Church is a community made up of people with a host of talents and skill sets. Have you ever seen the quilting or crafts group in action, or spoken with some of our construction-minded members, or witnessed the tech savvy of our youth? There's a lot different types of wisdom and ability here. Makerspaces are places where the community can gather to learn from one another while fostering meaningful connections. They create opportunities to share and discover across generation and culture. What would it look like for our congregation to share it's skills and talents while learning and connecting with our larger community? Would you take a class? Could you teach a class? (13 Main Street, Brockton)

The vision for Makin' It Brockton: We envision a Brockton where people are living their best lives because every person has access to the information and tools they need to acquire gainful employment, develop and hone hobbies, make meaningful connections with people of all cultures and backgrounds, and where the majority of businesses are owned and run by residents of Brockton.



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