



# Christ Congregational Church, UCC An Open and Affirming Congregation

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**Creating Beloved Community** 

**March 2020** 

## WORSHIP AND PROGRAMS:

#### **Regular Events**

Worship and Sunday School: Sundays, 9:55AM Adult Bells: Sundays, 8AM 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: Mar. 5, 6:30PM Council: Mar. 19, 7PM Deacons: Mar. 5, 7PM Finance & Property: Mar. 12, 7PM Media/Tech: Mar. 12, 6:15PM Missions: Mar. 3, 7PM Music: Mar. 8, 11:30PM OCC: Mar. 5, 11:30AM Vitality: Mar. 5, 7PM

# LENTEN SEASON

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. It's official name is "Day of Ashes," so called because of the practice of rubbing ashes on one's forehead in the sign of a cross.

On February 26<sup>th</sup> we started our Lenten season with a pancake feast followed by a service full of prayer, meditation, music and the imposition of ashes.



# **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION YOUTH NEWS**



The confirmation class will be meeting on the following dates:

March 8th March 22nd March 29th

# Sunday School

This month our middle schoolers will be continuing their exploration of other religions and other parts of Christianity with Neighboring Faiths. Last month, they visited Restoration Community Church in Brockton. This month they'll be



joining Temple Kol Tikva in Sharon for Friday night Shabbat services.

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. Maybe volunteering in the Sunday school could be your spiritual practice this Lent?



On March 7th, the youth group will be visiting Christ Community Church in Taunton to check out a different kind of worship experience. On Friday, March 20th, they'll be making fleece blankets to donate to local organizations.



## **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. School kits give children in impoverished schools, refugee camps, or other difficult settings some of the basic tools for learning. Each kit contains the following supplies:

- One pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (rounded tip, only)
- Three 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter / 12" ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpener removed from the package
- One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers (please remove pencils from the package)
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)

Donations of any of the above or money (we'll go purchase the supplies for you!) are gratefully welcomed.

## **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 Available

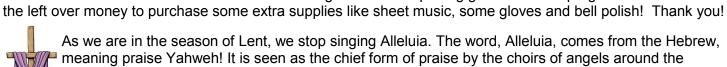
Camperships are still available! Calendars with camp schedules can be found in Fellowship Hall and campership will once again be available! Please see Ann-Marie Illsley for more information.





## **Notes from Murray**

The shortest, and therefore, most cram packed month of the year is almost past. The Music Committee held a bake sale on February 16<sup>th</sup> and we were overwhelmed with generosity (and sugar!)! Thanks for those who baked and brought in delicious, sweet, home-made creations. And thank you to those who purchased them. Some people gave money and took no sweets, which was a testament to shear will power. At the end of the day, we collected over \$1,400.00! This put us over the top of our goal!!! Thank you to everyone who contributed and to Elizabeth Vann who started this fund raising effort as her parting gift to the bells program! We will use



throne of heaven. It is meant to be a term of great joy and representative of we on earth taking part in the praise with the Angels in praise of God. During Lent, though, our focus is on the journey toward the coming of Christ. We no longer are praising with the angels. Instead, we are focusing on our sins and repentance so that, one day, we will be able to rejoice with God again.

We are reminded daily of the spirit of God in music. It heals, refreshes, gives us better health. Don't be shy about clapping along to songs the choir sings or during congregational singing like singing the children out. Scriptures say to make a joyful noise unto God. It only gives us a few examples of what those sounds are like, but the chief instruction is to make the sound joyful. It doesn't say only the choir should do this. It says it to "all ye nations." EVERYONE! So, consider yourself invited to join in on the fun the choir is having. We welcome your added "noise."

> This week, we were very fortunate to have nine girls taking part in our annual Winter WOVOS session during vacation week. Sequoria Dickerson had a great theme for this week; Super Powers. Everyone has power and we are sometimes afraid to use our unique abilities due to certain insecurities we may have. The girls sang songs of encouragement and empowerment. They also created art along these themes, too! Sue Koza kept the girls powerful with her amazing cooking and high spirits! A shout out to all who helped make this week so successful! Sylvia, Laura, Bill, Doug, Adam, and more!

Also, look out for a sign-up sheet for this year's talent show! The date is May 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm and we look forward to having many sign up to perform! Yes, we want you! Tell a story, read a poem, dance, sing, play an instrument, play a kazoo, play a kazoo while someone dances, fold a fitted sheet, stack cups. There is no end to the talents of people!

With a grateful heart,

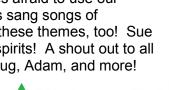
Murray



We pray for the families of Bill Ames, Richard (Dick) Hill, Rick Vick Sr., Bob Brown and Ann Tirrell who have passed recently. May they rest in peace.



Zoe Jahara Curtis February 2, 2020 born January 31, 2019 to Tara and Sheila Curtis



**Glent** Show





# ORGAN COMPLETION COMMITTEE

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

On Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, Bill Czelusniak attended Leonardo Ciampa's noontime recital at Christ Congregational Church, given as a memorial to the late Richard Hill. On the same visit, Bill spent time documenting the space and construction of the organ chamber, behind the pipe-façade in our sanctuary, to corroborate dimensions for the new windchest. Back at the shop, layout and design work for this major and essential component continues on the drafting table. Simultaneously, voicer Jon Van Houten continues his shopwork renovating and preparing pipes for our new Choir division of the organ. Currently in the voicing room is the 8' stopped wood flute rank, called Gedeckt. Jon is pictured below left, calculating critical measurements for



the pipe feet.

Having been cleaned already, next in line for voicing attention is the Cromorne 8' rank – reed pipes with brass resonators producing sounds imitative of the Baroque instruments of the same name, the precursor to the modern Clarinet. This stop has a light but colorful voice which will blend well with the diminutive Principal chorus of the Choir division.



## PROJECT PIPES: 620 BY 2020

As of February 23 2020, we have received pledges and donations of approximately \$159,250 = 590 pipes! Only 30 pipes remaining; only \$6750 needed in donations to reach our goal of \$166,000. Thank you!!!

# ZIMBLESTERN ADDED TO PROJECT PIPES

The Organ Completion Committee



voted on February 5 to accept the gift of a *zimblestern* from Katrina Clinton and

Jo-Ellen Fisher, and the proposal from Czelusnial & Dugal on the unit and its installation.

A zimblestern is a star-shaped set of bells that produces a "tinkling," cymbal type sound when activated.

Thank you to Katrina and Jo-Ellen for this wonderful gift and addition to the organ!

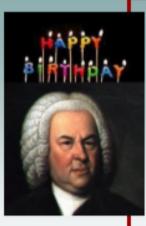
# IN MEMORIAM Richard Hill 1938-2020

We express our sympathy to the Hill Family on the loss of husband, father and grandfather. Dick began the Midday Music program and we are grateful that memorial gifts have been designated for The Organ Fund.

Midday Music, March 11 2020 The French (and Belgian) Connection Joe Scolastico, Guest Organist 12:15 to 1 pm, free, all are welcome, donations accepted for the Organ Fund.



# **ARTS @ CHRIST CHURCH AND** CHRIST CHURCH PIPE ORGAN SERIES PRESENT



BACH BIRTHDAY BASH SUNDAY, MARCH 22 at 3:00 PM Nicole Keller, Organist, & the Voyager Guitar Duo: Jim Davidson & Victor Main



At Christ Congregational Church 1350 Pleasant Street, Brockton 508–586–3022 E-mail: organ@ brocktonucc.org •All parking in rear of building •Handicapped Accessible

With support from

Admission: \$20 Adults \$15 Seniors \$5 Students Children under 12 FREE Refreshments following concert

the Brockton, Easton and Stoughton Cultural Councils



All Proceeds Benefit the Organ Fund





#### **FOOD PANTRY**

If your own cupboard is bare, please remember you are ALWAYS welcome to help yourself to the food pantry.

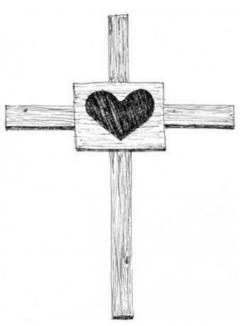
We also thank you for all your generous contributions. Please make sure you check the expiration dates before donating.

Thank you for helping one another.

# Caring

Caring.com is a leading senior care resource for family caregivers seeking information and support as they care for aging parents, spouses and other loved ones. We have been featured by AARP, The Administration for Community Living, The National Legal Resource Center, and Forbes, as well as referenced by many governmental agencies and organizations across the Internet.

See what is available in you area



#### SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Rev. Jane MacIntyre preached a couple weeks ago in February and shared about the spiritual practice of Steven Charleston, the retired Bishop of Alaska (Episcopalian) and Native American Elder. He was also the President and Dean of her seminary, The Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge.

One of his spiritual practices is to pray early in the morning and then to write a short paragraph/prayer and post it for everyone.

We may think we have very little to offer, but that is not really true. We have more love in us than we could ever possibly give away in one lifetime. We have enough compassion in our hearts to embrace the whole world, if only we could reach that far. We have a million chances to spend time with a child or with an elder, a million kind words we could say to lift up another soul. We are abundant in mercy, rich in understanding, gifted at listening which is so often all that people need for us to do. We are all more than able to support justice, bring peace, embody hope. We have so much to offer, so much to give in making this life a joy for others.

**The Transition Team** attended the Council Retreat last week and presented the findings from our Congregational Retreat last October, as well as from the Focus Group meetings. It was determined that as a Faith Community, our Core strengths are: a commitment to our Music Program, our Call to Love, and faithfulness to our Open and Affirming Covenant. As growth opportunities, we are united in developing strategic pathways of expanding Community Engagement, and working toward Racial Diversity and Justice.

The Interim Search Committee continues to actively discern the best possible options regarding our Interim Pastor search. In the meanwhile, we are grateful to Ann-Marie, Jane and Katrina who have graciously stepped up to fill in during this time of waiting. As always, for questions or pastoral concerns, please consult the Gap Time chart for information on whom to contact.

The Settled Pastor Search Committee has completed the Profile work, has sent it along for Conference review prior to being posted. As we move forward in the process, the PSC will use input developed from the membership, including the above Core Strengths and Strategic Pathways, as we seek the candidate most appropriate to meet the needs of our congregation. This is an exciting time!



Prayerfully submitted - Sue Koza, Co-Chair, Pastoral Search Committee

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Saturday, Nov 7th 2020

**CCC HARVEST FAIR** 

**March Birthdays** 

Wishing all the best on your

**Birthdays** 

Dorothy Lufkin, Stephanie Sinesi, Jennifer

Bowman, Cindy Maloof, Ricky Soncrant, Maryann Selman, Lindsay Alden, Heather

Barbara Weatherbee, Britton Copley,

Keland Dickerson-Sinclair, Leigh-Ann

Larson, Paula Stevens, Cheralyn

Hefler, Angeliza Campbell, Cindy

Mitchell, Sharron MacMullen, Ken

Stevens, Doe Fisher, Carol Bradford,

Ruth Copeland, Priscilla Keyser, Troy Hixon, Manna Poole, Art Sawyer, Madison Herget, Loren Stott

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

BIRTHDAN

Cockshaw, Ruth Melanson, Bill Cockshaw, Matthew Weatherbee,

# Fiber Fellowship & CRAFTS!

Starting in the New Year on January 14<sup>th</sup>, we are going to add crafts to our group. You can bring a craft or see what



# **Common Threads Quilt Guild**

The guild celebrates a birthday this month. Nelda Hayes started the guild in March of 2002 with 9 members, three of the original members are still attending. We now have 13 members that work on the following projects: placemats for meals on wheels, NICU quilts for South Shore hospital and lap quilts.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup> at the church from 1-3 pm. This month we will be basting together 2 lap quilts and arranging blocks for an additional 2 lap quilts. These projects do not require sewing skills so come and join us. Call Nelda @ (508)238-6004 or Janet @ (508)583-0505 with questions.



SERRV table will be open Sunday, March 8th.





#### 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 <u>smile.amazon.com</u>, 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.

You shop. Amazon gives.

# VITALITY VIBES

The Vitality committee would like Thank everyone that participated in the "LEAP YEAR GAME NIGHT" We hope everyone had a FUN night.

There are no events in March for VITALITY.

### Please mark you calendars to help support:

"Scholarship/Camper-ship Dinner" Saturday, April 25, 2020, time- TBD Cost: \$25 per person Menu - a multi course Italian Dinner

Each Church Committee will be creating a Gift baskets towards the donation table! Please see anyone on Vitality, if you would like to help support the Program Booklet

Tickets will be on sale soon.

Lisa Landerholm Vitality Chair





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SPACES STILL AVAILABLE FOR

A YARD SALE AT CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

1350 PLEASANT STREET BROCKTON

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

Sponsored by the Fair Group, our Yard Sale is being planned for Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Yard Sale will be held in Fellowship Hall and under the tent at the side of the Church.

Spaces for the Yard Sale are 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 prefer you can donate items at any time to the fair group to sell at the Yard Sale.

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

#### Hello Christ Church Members,

Many wonder just where you Mission Pledge goes. The Committee has a very flexible list of organizations we donate to. Some have been on our list for a long time and some pop up as a need for help immediately. We do have a bit of a reserve fund just in case of an urgent request for help, like a hurricane, floods or the like.

If at any time you would like to see where YOUR donations are sent to, please ask any Mission Committee member.

We are here to serve as many organizations, both locally and globally as our funds will allow.



George Manoogian (Mission Scribe)

## **Breakfast and Beliefs** A tradition of food and thought during Lent Saturday mornings, Feb. 29-April 4, 9-11am



We are looking for some folks who are willing to make 5 minute witness statements for each of the sessions. Talk to Barry, Doe or Katrina if you would like to speak to any of the following topics. We need three speakers for each session.

The theme for the series is "Transitions and Transformation" so we are talking about changes in our lives and the lessons we have learned. Here is the schedule:

#### March 7<sup>th</sup>: Loss and Transformation

Can you describe a loss in your life (and this does not just have to be a death)? Loss of eyesight or hearing or mobility, for example. Tell how your faith and church helped or hindered you in this time. What lessons did you learn about yourself, others, God?

#### March 14<sup>th</sup>: Separation and Transformation

How has a separation impacted your life? It could be a job, a person, an organization, anyone you used to be close to. How did your faith help or hinder your living through the separation? What lessons did you learn about yourself, others, God?

#### March 21<sup>st</sup>: Renaming and Transformation

Renaming might be as simple as changing your name or as complicated as discovering a self different from what you thought you were.

What was it like to realize a new identity and to present that self to others? How did your faith impact the change in your life? What surprises did you find along the way? What lessons did you learn?

#### March 28<sup>th</sup>: Discipleship and Transformation

What difference does it make in your life that you are a Christian, a follower of Jesus? How do you understand your own call to discipleship?

When you hear a Benediction at the end of a service, what part motivates you to go out and do some thing to help and serve others?

#### April 4<sup>th</sup>: Mission, Ministry and Transformation

This session will focus on how the Beloved Community of Christ Church can "Be the Church" in the future. There will be an update from the Pastoral Transition Team as well as a general discussion sharing ideas for how we can expand our ministry and serve the greater Brockton community. Let's brainstorm together.



Each year the church orders lilies and spring flowers (usually tulips) to be delivered to our shut-ins, new members, and bereaved families. A memorial list is created and placed in the Narthex (the upper lobby) with names of loved ones you wish to have remembered or honored. A donation of \$15 for every four names is requested.

Please note that even if you have contributed every year, we DO need you to fill in the form below so that our list is accurate. The deadline for this year's Easter Memorial list is Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.



# EASTER MEMORIAL FUND

Enclosed is my check for \$15 made out to:



Christ Church Easter Memorial Fund

Please take my plant to a shut-in, new member, or bereaved family

I would like to take my plant home

(I would like a Lily\_\_\_/ I would like a Tulip\_\_)

I would like to deliver my plant to a Shut-in.

Please list the following names for the memorial list:

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	My name:							
	Contact Tel. or email:							
T	<i>Figure 1</i> Many thanks for YOUR help with the F	ellowship Hour Hospitality Teams!						
Mo.	It has been a great way to expand our worship, our variety of treats and snac more people. As always, if you are una weeks, find a substitute if you can or c Fellowship Hour Maven.							

# **Fellowship Hospitality Teams**

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

Leader: David Wilcox 617-590-1878 The Sheppard Lombas 508-824-0313 sheppardlomba@msn.com (Andrea, Jacinte (Jessie), Eva, Sadie) The Mitchells 774-240-0928 Imakepix1@gmail.com (Adam, Heather, Bradley) Judy Reel 774-225-1984

#### Team 2 - Sept 22, Dec 22, Mar 22, July 5

Leader: Joyce Carroll 508-965-2469- kidden@comcast.net Layne & Sierra Moline 781-843-9259 nukefam@beld.net The Morales Family 508-271-5605 Abbymorale4217@gmail.com (Abby, Adam, Isabella) Shelley-Wyss Family 857-210-3152 barrygshelley@gmail.com (Barry, Brenda, Sofia)

#### Team 3 – Sept 29, Dec 29, Mar 29, July 12

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#### Team 4 - Oct 6, Jan 5, Ap 5, July 19

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#### Team 12 - Dec 1, Mar 1, Jun 14 Sep 13

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