



Summer Edition

Christ Congregational Church, UCC An Open and Affirming Congregation

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WORSHIP AND PROGRAMS:

Regular Events

Worship: Remotely on our website, Facebook page, or Nearly Weekly Sundays, 9:55AM (Music starts at 9:50)



All our programs are temporarily on hold. We will revisit the schedules in September.

Please reach out to your committee to see if they are having any summer meetings.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Greetings, everyone and happy start of summer! This will be an important summer for our congregation. On July 25-26th, the candidate chosen by the Pastoral Search Committee will come to lead worship and meet us. Then, the congregation will take a vote on calling the candidate as our new pastor. The details of how this will happen are being worked out currently. But rest



assured, that online options will be made available. Look for more info coming soon from the PSC.

As you perhaps heard at our Annual Meeting or will read elsewhere in this edition of the Courier, we have discerned two 'strategic pathways' - areas we want to faithfully grow in - over the coming 3-5 years. This was the result of a lot of work and effort by our Pastoral Transition Team, who took all of the reflections and input offered by our congregation this past fall in focus groups, the congregation-wide retreat, and community interviews and refined it into 5 core values. Three of these are areas we feel are already strengths: our music program, Open and Affirming, and 'our call to love.' Two are areas that we know we need to work on and want to continue to grow in: community engagement and anti-racism work.

In the coming months, our congregation will continue to discern how we might best begin to live into these areas of our call. If we seriously want to engage with these new pathways it will require our whole congregation working together. However, if you feel particularly called to this work, please let me know!

Finally, I wanted to thank everyone who came in person or joined online for our Black Lives Matter Prayer Vigil. Offering public witness in this way is a newer experience for our congregation and I was so heartened by the way our community showed up. If you were unable to attend or watch online, there is a recording of the vigil on our facebook page and I invite you to check it out (speakers start about 10 minutes in). This vigil was an important first step in our journey on our new pathways and I am excited to continue journeying with you all this summer where the spirit calls!

> In peace, Ann-Marie

CE Update!





Children's Sunday

Virtual children's Sunday was a success thanks to all the hard work from our youth and volunteers! This wouldn't have been possible without your help, so THANK YOU!

Flocking Graduates

The CE Committee "flocked" all of our 2020 graduates including High school graduates Audrey, Emma, Jayce, Ronan and Xander, as well as midwifery school graduate Emily. They looked out their window last Sunday to see their yard covered in pink flamingos!

Summer Storytime

Help us make online story-time happen this summer! The CE Board is looking for volunteer readers. You choose the children's book and we'll help you make a recording we can put online for the kids in our congregation. Interested volunteers should contact Ann-Marie (<u>pastor@brocktonucc.org</u>) or the church office (<u>office@brocktonucc.org</u>, 508-586-3022).



2020 Graduates:

Ronan Cords: Brockton High

Xander Cords: Brockton High

Audrey Jones: Oliver Ames High

Jayce Exell: Blue Hills Vocational Tech

Emma Quesnel: Brockton High

Emily Swisher-Rosa: Baystate Midwifery Education Program

Cameron Scott Simmons: Salem State University (Audrey Simmons grandchild)

Lindsay Anne Simmons: Bishop Feehan High (Audrey Simmons grandchild)

Postcards from Friends at Christ Congregational Church!

Did you know that our children and youth have been sending out hand decorated postcards to the senior members of our community? The next postcards will be sent to healthcare workers and other first responders. We are inviting folks of all ages to be part of this round. Participants will receive a package of stamped, pre-addressed postcards and instructions. You'll add a brief message and a little bit or art to the front before dropping them in the mail. Those (of all ages!) who are interested in participating should contact Ann-Marie (pastor@brocktonucc.org) or the church office (office@brocktonucc.org, 508-586-3022).





Notes from Murray

Thank you God for the most amazing day!

Today, the first of the day lilies bloomed in our yard. I am thrilled! They are such beautiful flowers and give a great deal of delight. Speaking of delight...the choir met last night and we had such a nice time talking about many things and laughing a lot! It was a true delight and I look forward to the next time.



Thank you to the clerical and music staff of Christ Congregational church and First Congregational Church of Stoughton as we have spent the last several weeks in a new situation. I couldn't be more proud of our services; the sermons and the music have worked so well together to create challenging and uplifting messages. Thank you to all who have taken part

in and behind the scenes! It takes a village to make church work, even when we aren't meeting together. We are truly blessed to be a part of such a church family.

As we are in the summer months now, it is going to be a goal of mine to take time to reflect and recharge as best I can. Remember that music is such a healer of the mind and soul. Take time to listen (truly listen) to music or watch a performance on YouTube. It can help to give you a rejuvenation. God gave us music, in my humble opinion, to be able to cope with our live's stresses and difficulties.

I look forward to seeing you all soon and being able to be in your presence. It WILL happen!

Sincerely, Murray



The search has started in finding a new Director of Christian Education. If you are interest or need more information please contact the Senior Pastor, the Board of Christian Education or the office.

Christ Congregational Church presented 8 Scholarships this year

Angela Colby Ronan Cords Jayce Exell Kate Howard Jeffrey Illsley Jr. Audrey Jones Jilliann Larson Abigail Murphy





LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Our recipient of this years award is Darlene Gilson. Thanks for all you do and mean to our church family.



ORGAN COMPLETION COMMITTEE

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THE BIG NEWS:

As was reported at the Christ Congregational Church Annual Meeting (via Zoom) on June 14th, contributions to the Organ Fund have exceeded our original goal of \$166,000.

Per our mission statement and in agreement with the Board of Music, any amounts in excess of the cost, once the contract is complete and all bills paid, will remain in an Organ Maintenance Fund for future use.

The Organ Completion Committee is grateful to all who have made this possible. We will present Midday Music programs in the fall, whether in person, online or both. The Silent Film with Peter Krasinski, remains to be determined for October. We will work with the Board of Music's Arts Committee to present the Bach Birthday Bash in March 2021, with the performers who were scheduled for the 2020 event which had to be postponed. We are looking forward to enjoying more beautiful music with you!

UPDATE FROM THE ORGAN BUILDER

 We heard from our Organ Builder, Czelusniak & Dugal, that they planned to return to shop work full time on June 22nd, after being closed for business since March 24th during the COVID-19 Pandemic.



Next steps: Drafting the shop drawings for the Expression Box, ordering materials and cutting and construction of parts. Some work on the expression shades had already been done prior to shut down.



Recognizing Lifetime Pass Holders Project Pipes 2020

For the past several years, we have celebrated the end of the Midday Music program year with strawberry shortcake and taken a picture of our Lifetime Pass Holders. In lieu of an in-person gathering, here is a photo collage of those who have donated \$1000 or more to the Organ Fund.

All have received a Lifetime Pass for admission for two persons to all concerts and events of the Christ Church Pipe Organ Series.

Thanks to (clockwise) Dawn Shippee, MeriBeth McIntyre, Laurel Fisher, Karl & Sue Koza, Thomas & Sheppo Fisher, David Stuart; (in group photo left to right) Dick & Donna Costa, Richard & Sandra Hill, Don Myers, Eleanor Calvin, George Manoogian, Ruth Ladd, and Cindy Myers; Gini Hathaway, and Katrina Clinton & Jo-ellen Fisher. Not pictured: Brian Julio, Barbara Lehman, Prone Family Foundation, and Thomas Sampson.



From the Mission Committee

The Missions Board recently put together bags of cleaning supplies and personal hygiene products for the Brockton Interfaith Community (BIC) to distribute to area residents struggling due to the pandemic. BIC has already allocated \$55,000 worth of donations to Brockton households in need. The bags we are donating will be handed out alongside grocery gift cards by BIC's Mutual Aid Brockton team. The missions committee purchased most of our donations from Vicente's Supermarket in order to support a local minority-owned business. Other cleaning and hygiene items were donated by church members, and we will continue to collect your contributions throughout the summer.

We invite you to give items from the list below:

- Cleaning Supplies
- Laundry Soap
- Dish Soap
- Full Size Toiletries (unopened)
- Toilet Paper & Paper Towels
- Masks
- Feminine Hygiene Products



Please drop off donations on weekdays. To maintain physical distancing, we ask that you place items in the marked plastic bin outside of the main door downstairs. Staff members will move products inside at the end of each workday.

~Brenda Wyss, Missions Chair



Over the past weeks, Brockton Interfaith Community has been organizing and ongoing response to the suffering being experienced by many in Brockton due to and exacerbated by COVID-19. The BIC survey shared in the Nearly Weekly email was part of the first steps in this effort. If you haven't had a chance to fill it out you can still do so on the BIC website or at this link. <u>http://www.brocktoninterfaith.org/covid-19-emergency-response.html</u>

Guided by the responses to the survey and by requests for aid, BIC has also created a relief fund that provides direct aid to residents. This past month, the Council voted to donate \$1000 from their budget to support this effort. We recognize that the pandemic has been financially difficult for many, but if you are able to donation we encourage you to do so. There are a great many out of work at this time who are in need of relief. Donations can be made at BIC's website (link below). If you would prefer to make a donation offline, please reach out to Ann-Marie. <u>http://www.brocktoninterfaith.org/</u>

If you are looking for other ways to help respond to the hardships caused by the pandemic, BIC has also started a facebook page, called Mutual Aid Brockton, where the community can connect around sharing and responding to needs. If you would like to get involved, visit the link below or reach out to Ann-Marie (<u>pastor@brocktonucc.org</u>, 508-586-3022). <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/176443360083205/</u>



Seeking Healing and Peace In Times of Tumult

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult Of our life's wild, restless sea; Day by day his sweet voice soundeth,



Saying "Christian, follow me."

Cecil Frances Alexander 1852

Behold our beautiful CCC Sanctuary dressed with Paraments and banners featuring Asian Cranes with an overlay of Origami peace cranes. These Origami cranes are symbols of hope, peace, and healing during tumultuous and challenging times.

Jesus calls us o'er and then through the tumult of COVID-19, social injustice, and personal challenges to face our fears and flaws, ask for forgiveness, and work for justice. Jesus calls us to healing, reconciliation, and peace. We are The Church, the Body of Christ in the world. We are doing the work that Jesus calls us to do, the work of God's Kin-dom! We are all in this together!

Please continue to support this beloved church of ours in many different ways, including financially if you are able! Please mail in a check: 1350 Pleasant St, Brockton MA 02301 Please use the Donate/Donate Today button at brocktonucc.org

New word! Senbazuru! In Japanese culture, Senbazuru is 1,000 Origami peace cranes of many colors folded and prayed over by a community of people. In Senbazuru, we remember that we are not alone even if we are praying and folding individually. Instead, we are together in Spirit working for something greater than ourselves! Wow! Church!

So... is anybody else feeling that CCC needs Senbazuru, 1,000 Origami peace cranes in many colors? How many could YOU make!?





The Wednesday morning Bible Study group has started back up in an online format. Regulars and newcomers alike are welcome to drop in and check out this adult faith formation opportunity. The group meets on zoom, Wednesday mornings at 10am to discuss the lectionary scripture readings each week. Hope to see you there!

https://<u>us02web.zoom.us/j/84061103224</u> Meeting ID: 840 6110 3224 +1 929 205 6099

BOTTLE REDEMPTION

If you are looking for a place to drop off your bottles for the church, go to the redemption center on 1250 West Chestnut Street.

Monday and Wednesday Only from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m



You do not need to count them. Just bag them up and put a label on the bag:

Christ Congregational Church 1350 Pleasant Street Brockton, MA 02302

They will put the total on the Christ Congregational Church account. Thank you to Christ Congregational Church for the beautiful tulips you gave me for Mother's Day. It really helped to lift my spirits.

Thanks, Alice Farnsworth



Dear Christ Congregational Church,

I am so grateful for all the prayers, cards, calls and support I received throughout my illness. It has meant a great deal to me.



Thank you,

Ricky Soncrant

Dear Christ Church Members,

Thank you for all your well wishes and condolences on the passing of my father Gordon Hixon. Your heartfelt cards are gratefully appreciated. In this time of unsure and the coming of a "new" normal. We as a family will be able to take care of my fathers wishes very soon. God Bless you all.

Love always, Troy, Tracey & Hayley



We pray for the families of Gerald Wentzell (father of Jean Spatola) and Kenneth Gillpatrick (brother of Russ Gillpatrick) may they rest in peace.





Wishing all the best on your Birthdays July:

Reagan Lacourse, Sam Fisher, Christopher Colby, Kevin Weatherbee, Cecilia Creedon, Donna Costa, Donna Hefler, Tom Sampson, Alexander Owens, Deana Colby, Dawn Shippee, Abby Morales, Penny Ackley, Abigail Murphy, Leo Larson, Holly Matisis, Nicholas Colby, Cody Cappiello, Chris Madden, Abby Quimby, Zachary Alden, Emily Swisher-Rosa, Brenda Wyss, Alan Bradford, Mike Camara, Jenn Alden, Audrey Simmons, Andrew Howard, Max Flanagan, Brad Mitchell

August:

Mark Deyoe, Donald Marvill, Barbara Smith, Kate Howard, Stephen Bennett, Jillian Haskell, Betsey Serjak, David Stuart, Ariella Bastia, Candy Savage, Lisa Sparling, Eddie Poole, John Hagberg, Missy Crane, Violet Bowman, Anna Camara, Rich Brosky, Jenn Brosky, Karin Davis, Caple Rich, Ann Clark, Karl Koza, Jayden Quintero

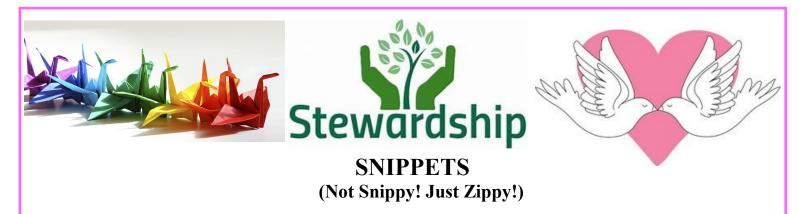
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QUILT GUILD

Quilt ladies are still busy doing projects at home. Here is a personal quilt Janet Eckstrom is finishing up until she is back together with the crew.





- Bold greetings to all! Hugs and kisses of Christian Love (virtual ones, of course)! "The Holy Kiss" or "The Kiss of Peace" (a gentle kiss on the cheek) is mentioned several times in the Bible. Please check out Romans 16:16, First Corinthians 16:20, Second Corinthians 13:12, and First Thessalonians 5:26. Maybe David could teach us the signs for Holy Kiss or Kiss of Peace!
- Well, yay and hooray, CCCUCC! We have received two more pledges! Just think, two more pledgers have jumped aboard the Steward-ship during these times of distancing. Wonderful! Thank you to these two pledgers AND to all who have pledged for 2020. These recent two pledges have helped us break the \$170,000 mark. Please remember that it is always a good time to make a pledge of financial support to your church!
- As a matter of fact, thank you to all who donate in any and all ways to help support our church! Stewardship is the good use of God's gifts to us of Time, Talent, and Treasure to support and grow the ministries and missions of Jesus. God has gifted us with a Creation of Abundance, and we become co-creators with God in the work of God's Kin-dom! We are BOLD in our giving, even in, especially in, times of challenge!
- Senbazuru! Are you willing and able? (Oh yes, there are clues to Senbazuru elsewhere in this Courier!)
- This amazing church, God's Beloved Community of CCCUCC, is alive and renewing and blossoming! The signs are everywhere. What joy it will be when we can all be together again in person! But... right now, even in our sheltering and distancing, we are together! We are all in this ministry of Jesus TOGETHER! Praise and thanks to God! Let the Holy Spirit swoop and soar! Holy hugs and kisses to all!

Blessings, peace, love, strength, and joy to all!

Your Stewardship Committee

The Pastoral Search Committee is excited to announce that we have found a candidate. Watch your email or mailboxes for further information. We anticipate the candidating weekend to be **July 25th and 26th** and are planning a Saturday socially distanced gathering and Sunday Worship service prior to the congregational vote that weekend. We are collaborating with the Reopening Task Force to ensure best practices for a safe yet meaningful introductory weekend. Our candidate, his wife, and their young son are enthusiastic about moving to our area, and eager to begin working with us as our Beloved Community moves forward. He will bring gifts of spirituality, compassion, humility and energy to our midst as he guides us toward implementation of our Strategic Pathways goals.

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

Accessing Online Worship and Fellowship Time

Chances are we will be continuing to worship online for awhile longer. And to make church accessible for everyone, we will continue to make worship services available online going forward. You can access Sunday morning worship and the worship bulletin at the link below. If you are not online, there is an option to call in and hear the service. If you'd like to call in on Sunday mornings, dial the number below and when asked, enter the Meeting ID, followed by pound. If you are then asked for a Participant ID, just enter pound again. You will then be able to listen to the service. Both options are available for the fellowship time following church as well. Hope to see (or hear) you there!

Worship:

https://brocktonucc.org/live-videos/ Call in Number: +1 929 205 6099 Meeting ID: 549 066 082

Fellowship:

https://bostonu.zoom.us/j/530651259 +1 301 715 8592 or +1 253 215 8782 Meeting ID: 530 651 259





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Benefits for the Elderly and Disabled

AFC Program

Do you live with someone that is unable to perform the activities of daily living such as: bething, toileting, cooking, eating or getting dressed? Are they elderly or disabled.? Are they 16 years of age or older? Do they have MassHealth Standard?

If you answered yes to the questions above, then you may be able to receive a monthly payment and other benefits once they are approved into our program.

We offer services, such as monthly nurse visits and daily care through a caregiver. The caregiver can be a friend or a family member living in the same household as the person requiring assistance. The caregiver will then receive a monthly check, that is non-taxable to essentially do what they have been doing all along, that is taking care of a loved one.

For more information and to see if you qualify, please call us at 508-510-3754 and speak to an intake representative.



VITALITY VIBES

The Vitality Committee has had a very busy and productive year with all sorts of events like a BBQ Dine @ 7 with 7, Rally Day brunch, Annual Thanksgiving Dinner and a Leap Year Event. Unfortunately, at the middle of March everything came to a holt because of the pandemic of Covid-19, putting our Scholarship Dinner and other events on HOLD! We hope to start up our events in the fall.

The vitality committee is responsible for emphasizing fellowship opportunities, church growth, inclusion, greeting and welcoming newcomers to the church and promoting the mission and work of the Church to the surrounding communities. Vitality will plan special events throughout the year as a way to encourage church fellowship and outreach. All are welcome!

<u>Please think about joining the Vitality Committee</u>. We need your help and fresh ideas for a new exciting year of activities.

I would personally like to thank the very busy members of the 2019-2020 committee. Thanks go to Keith Allen, Deana Colby, Tricia Gross, Nancy Simonis, Loren Stott and David Wilcox.

Lisa Landerholm Vitality Committee Chair



A note from the Moderator...

Before we head into the Courier's summer break, I wish to encourage you to consider **two** great opportunities to get more involved in very important aspects of this congregation's community-building and mission. (I want to be quick to say that you are already a very involved membership. So these can be opportunities to get involved if you are not already or more involved if you already are.)

The first prospect is to participate in shaping and implementing the two strategic pathways that will help guide our commitments over the next 3-5 years: (a) community engagement, and (b) racial justice and diversity. In its June meeting the Church Council approved a proposal from the Pastoral Transition Team (PTT) to establish the Strategic Pathways Task Force (SPTF). I want to thank the others on the PTT—Jan Howard, Moriah Illsley, and Chris Madden—for guiding our community through our transition during this past year and bringing us to this point of clarity and direction. As the PTT disbands after a job very well done, the SPTF will take the lead in our strategic pathway work. Recognizing the relationship between the two pathways, we decided to create one task force that would then function with two sub-committees, one for each pathway. Emily Swisher-Rosa has agreed to accept the Council's appointment as chair of the SPTF, while Henok Kaptimer, Brenda Wyss, and Michelle Young-Ferguson have agreed to serve as members. Our pastor, Ann-Marie Illsley, will provide staff support. Now we need others to help lead this exciting cutting edge of our outward-facing mission. If you are interested, please contact me (barrygshelley@gmail.com) or Emily Swisher-Rosa (eswisherrosa@yahoo.com).

The second prospect is participation in the program traditionally called Christian Education, sometimes now referred to as Faith Formation. While we push ourselves to engage more in our geographical community and the issues of our time, we also recognize the critical importance of grounding ourselves in the richness of our Christian faith and the depth of our spiritual connections with the Divine. That, we know, requires study, reflection, prayer, and listening on the part of all of us, of all ages. In future months, I will come back to the guestion of how we nurture adult faith formation; right now I want to appeal to you for help in nurturing and guiding our children and youth in their exploration of the stories that connect us to God, the church, each other, and the world around us. The CE Board will be working this summer to re-build a COVID-era CE program. As involved as the membership of this church is, it often seems especially challenging to recruit Sunday School teachers and shepherds, youth group leaders, and CE Board members. Personally, I worry that we will not be able to strengthen our beloved community if we do not invest more of our time and talents in faith formation. So, how about it? Can you can step forward to offer your help for a month, three months, a year? Or are you willing to say, "Yes," if asked by the CE Board? Please get in touch with Ann-Marie Illsley (am.illsley@gmail.com) or Michelle Young-Ferguson (michellebrian@comcast.net) if this is an area of our church life to which you can contribute.

Thanks for seriously considering how you might respond to these two opportunities.

Barry Shelley Moderator





The **Pastoral Transition Team** consisting of myself, Jan Howard; Chair, Barry Shelley; Chris Madden; and Moriah Park began a year-plus long journey in assisting in our transition process toward a new Settled Pastor in the winter of 2019. We identified a model of transition with the support of our Area Conference Minister, Patty Kogut, that became known as the "hybrid" model, and in our May meeting the congregation voted to follow that model. This model would allow some of the visioning process for our Congregation and Settled Pastor to take place in the last few months of Rev. Patricia's ministry while also acknowledging her many years of service to us as Senior Pastor and allowing us to properly say goodbye.

Quickly following, we interviewed consultants and entered into covenant with Rev. Susan Townsley, who would assist us in designing a process by which we would seek input from the Congregation and the community about answering these key questions:

What does our history and journey teach us about where we could and should be headed?

What is God calling us to do?

Why do we do what we do?

Many focus/visioning groups were facilitated by the Transition Team, we analyzed statistical data about our community provided through our Conference and hosted an All Member Retreat facilitated by Rev. Susan. We provided all the data that we had collected essentially in its raw form to the Search Team to assist them in their process to write the Pastoral Profile and begin their search process.

For many months, we listened and prayed and began to discern some directions or Pathways our Congregation might embark upon. Identified pathways can provide a real energizing spirit for folks. Shared visions and initiatives hold us together in remembering our mission while also moving us forward in our time together. Rev. Susan assisted us to identify our core strengths as: Called to Love, Music, and Open and Affirming. These came across as our true values as a Congregation! We then looked at two potential pathways that were born out of our listening session, visioning and focus groups and through feedback from our local community. They focus on **Engagement Community** and **Racial Justice and Diversity**. Community Engagement and Racial Diversity and Justice are the two areas of calling that we see are the most potentially impactful. They will rely on our core strengths and proven work and provide energy and focus during this time of transition and hopefully into the early stages of our new settled ministry. The Pastoral Transition Team presented these Pathways to the Council in February at their Retreat and they were adopted. Our pathways are not paved or firm. We are embarking on a journey to explore how we might live out these pathways in the months to come and especially as we welcome a new Settled Pastor.

In some ways much changed all around us in a few short months in that we are dealing with the pandemic and worshipping remotely and in new and different ways. Our sense of how we connect has changed; however, we have remained strong and focused in our missions. As a congregation, we were already identifying our desire and need to work on racial justice and diversity issues, when the energy in the country exploded. If not now, then when we might ask ourselves. Feeling this sense of momentum, the Pastoral Transition Team felt moved to present the Pathways to the Council to identify best ways forward in this time frame. A Pathways task force type model has been affirmed by the Council and will begin their work as a container group for the Pathways. While the Pastoral Transition Team has begun to wind down, the Pathways are moving forward, and we will all want to be part of this exciting time in the life of our Congregation!

Many thanks to the terrific and dedicated Team for their months of hard work and commitment and to Rev. Susan Townsley for her unending support, wisdom, and guidance. The Council has been a wonderful partner in the process as well as has the Search Team working tirelessly in their accompanying process. It takes a special kind of Pastor to support this type of model and we are forever grateful to Rev. Patricia for providing us the space and grace to begin our process before her retirement. Most importantly, I would to thank all of you, the members and friends in our Congregation for speaking up, sharing and joining us on the journey. God is and will be with us every step of the way!

With gratitude, Jan Howard, Chair Pastoral Transition Team

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