



**WORSHIP AND PROGRAMS:**

Worship: Remotely and On-Site (with restrictions)  
**Sundays, 9:55AM**  
(Music starts at 9:50AM)

**Regular: Remotely**

- Adult Choir:  
Wednesdays, 6:45PM
- Adult Hand Bells:  
Wednesdays, 6PM
- Afternoon Ringers  
Wednesdays, 3PM
- Bible Study:  
Wednesdays, 10AM
- Fiber Fellowship: Zoom  
2nd Tuesday, 3:30PM
- Quilt Guild:  
3rd Tuesday, 1PM



**Board Meetings: ZOOM**

- Christian Ed: Mar. 9, 5:30PM
- Council: Mar. 17, 7PM
- Deacons: Mar. 3, 7PM
- Finance/Property: Mar. 10, 7PM
- Media/Tech: Mar. 15, 7PM
- Missions: Mar. 1, 7PM
- Music: Mar. 27, 11:15AM
- Vitality: Mar. 6, 11:15AM

**PASTOR'S PAGE**

Dear Friends,

I love the season of Lent. I love the waiting. I love the soul searching. I love the gravity of the journey – knowing that it leads directly to Jerusalem and to the cross. I love that it means something deep and profound. I love that it reminds me I'm part of something *MUCH* bigger than myself, or even my congregation. I love the season of Lent for so many reasons – but what I love most about Lent is the way it's meant to remind us that we're on the journey *together*. That all of us are imperfect, and have probably all been broken at some point and (hopefully) put back together – even if that means we've been changed. While we observed Lent *together* last year, I am incredibly excited to observe Lent with all of you *in person*.



We will have three special services as part of our Lenten season – Ash Wednesday (on March 2<sup>nd</sup>), Maundy Thursday (on April 14<sup>th</sup>), and Good Friday (on April 15<sup>th</sup>). We found meaningful ways to observe these days last year, all while keeping our suspension of in person worship and activities in place – but this year our plan is to have each of those services *IN PERSON* as well as online. Whichever way you choose to participate – whether online or in person – I sincerely hope you'll join us for one or all of these services.

For our Sunday worship services I'm honored to share with you what our very first worship planning team has come up with. Using their own creativity, and some resources to help set a theme, a group of your peers have planned every Sunday of the Lenten season. I'd like to especially thank Doug Anderson, Jane MacIntyre, and Adam Mitchell for giving of their time and for graciously sharing their creative insights to our worship planning process. Some things will be different from what we've grown used to, but the worship planning team has been incredibly intentional about every move they've made. I'm excited to see what conversations come up from all of it. Also, please keep in mind that we will have worship planning teams again starting in the fall – so whether or not you love what *this* team has done in planning worship, I invite you to be on the lookout for a sign up to the *next* worship planning team – and to sign up to participate. As we continue to grow in this practice of having regular worship planning teams we will continue to grow in our connection through this Beloved Community.

I'm grateful to be in Beloved Community with all of you, and I'm grateful for the way that God has continued to move in our midst. This season will reveal God to us in so many ways that we can't even imagine yet – and I'm excited to see where God takes us.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Jeff

# MARCH

## FAITH FORMATION

### @CCC

On this page, you'll find some of what is happening in the wing this month. We've also got some exciting things in the pipeline, so stay tuned for more info!

## M I D D L E R S

### 2ND - 7TH GRADE

#### March 6th

Class will meet in the wing to explore their bible story for the month before joining the congregation for communion at the end of worship.

#### February 13th

Class will remain in worship (or join the K/1 Class as helpers). Activities and focus devices will be available in the Youth Prayground.

#### February 20th

Following the Time For All Ages, the class will meet in the wing for a class on stewardship and gratitude.

#### February 27th

Class will meet in the wing to work on their mission project for this month - preparing lunch to take to Common Cathedral.

## Y O U T H G R O U P

### MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLERS

#### March 20th - 1pm to 2:30 PM

Following Confirmation, the Youth Group will meet for a live-action game of Clue. Hope to see you there!

## K / 1 C L A S S

### KINDERGARTEN - 1ST GRADE

Through the season of Lent, the K/1 class will take a break from Bible Story Basics and instead will experience Communion Education.

This is a long-standing CCC tradition in which our young folks learn about the sacrament of communion, its symbolism and meaning, and how it relates to Jesus' life. This program concludes on Palm Sunday with a special service.

## N U R S E R Y

### INFANTS - PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Nursery care is available through the service each week, with drop off beginning at 9:45am.

## C O N F I R M A T I O N

### 8TH GRADE AND UP

Our confirmation class had a great first month, with sessions that focused on where they're beginning their journey. Members of the Board of Deacons joined them to share their own experiences as well. Confirmation meets in the Youth Prayground, from 11:30-1:00pm.

**March 13 -** Heretics R Us

**March 20 -** Scripture: A Mad Dash Through the Good Book

Interested in faith formation for your child/youth, but not ready to return in-person yet? Please contact Pastor Ann-Marie to discuss possible alternatives.





### Cookies for College Students and Military Members Update

Many thanks to everyone who donated supplies and assembled care packages! With your help 13, treat-filled boxes went out to members of our community!



In February, the Middler class learned about the Parable of the Good Samaritan (the One Who Helped) and created 20 Compassion Packs as their service project. The Compassion Packs are intended for folks in our wider community who are housing insecure and contain items like socks, handwarmers, granola bars, water, bandaids and a coffee shop gift card (helps provide a warm drink or food, a place to warm up, and bathroom access). The Compassion packs will be available in the church lobby. We invite you to take one with you to share with someone you meet.

Christ Congregational Church, UCC



The Board of Christian Education is hosting

## PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

Saturday, March 26, 2022  
5-8 PM

Let us care for your little ones while you enjoy some self-care! Kids will have an evening of fun activities, dinner, and a movie at the church. Pajamas encouraged!

Registration required  
Deadline - March 19th

Go to - [tinyurl.com/PNOatCCC](https://tinyurl.com/PNOatCCC)

Or take a photo of me 



### Middler Mission Project

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION YOUTH NEWS



# The Season of Lent



## NOTES FROM MURRAY

As we head into Lent, you might have noticed over the years that some noticeable things happen in the music during worship. There are certain words missing. You won't hear Alleluia (Hallelujah) or Gloria in our hymns and anthems. The church has returned to a time in the liturgy when we focus on the journey of the people of God who were in exile, waiting for the arrival of the Messiah. It is also a time when converts learn about the faith and prepare for becoming a member of the church.

Also, during Lent, we turn our focus toward the salvation of humankind through Christ's death and resurrection. In order to emphasize the

penitential nature of that journey, many denominations remove the Alleluia (and Gloria) from the service. We no longer sing with the choirs of angels for forty days; instead, we acknowledge our shortcomings so that we may again have the privilege of worshiping God as the angels do. On Easter, (or the Easter Vigil on Saturday night) to celebrate Christ's resurrection and triumph over death we again sing with the angels, Alleluia and Gloria in excelsis!

The Choir is seeking more members to help us celebrate Lent, the triumphal Easter service and beyond! No experience is needed. Come and join this faithful group of musicians as we solemnly, and with great humor along the way, prepare our worship music on Wednesday evenings from 6:45 to 8:00pm in the sanctuary. On Sundays, we gather at 9:00am to warmup for the 9:55am service. This year has been very challenging for all choirs, everywhere, as we have navigated through Covid. Due to our amazing Phasing Forward Task Force, our choir has been fortunate to safely sing in the fall season through Advent and will be resuming our regular schedule this week. Many churches are still fully remote and many choirs are still not operating throughout the country. WE NEED YOU! We are very fortunate to be able to lift our voices in worship together with our congregation (singing quietly) with us. Our choir members must be fully vaccinated and boosted. Individuals in choir can sing with or without a mask. Join us as we undertake this calling to serve the church we love. We will begin rehearsing on March 2nd before the Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 (our call time is 6:00pm). It will be followed by a rehearsal to get us practiced up on music for the first Sunday in Lent. In addition to the music for Lent, we will be practicing music for Easter which means that, behind the scenes, the choir gets to sing Alleluias early. Sshhh, don't tell anyone! Come join us!

Sincerely,

Murray



COMMON THREADS  
QUILT GUILD

Our March meeting will be on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in fellowship hall. It will be our **20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and there will be cake.**

I'll have a quilt top to share and feel free to bring yours for us to admire. Placemats are welcome anytime for Brockton's Meals On Wheels program. Leave the mats in the office and David Wilcox will see that they are distributed. Just a few more to go till we reach our promised goal of 600.

If you have questions or need a ride call Janet @ 508-583-0505 or Nelda @ 508-238-6004.

**This adorable baby quilt is for the newest member of the Gibson family. The back is a dog print flannel and the size is 37" x 37".**



# FROM BOARD OF MUSIC

## Organist Transition

The Search Committee has posted the position of part-time organist/accompanist, and has arranged for substitute organists. We are currently receiving applications and holding interviews and auditions. Please keep this process in your prayers as we work to find a musician who is a good match for our church and for our Music Ministry.

The next Board of Music Meeting will be on **Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** following worship.

Board of Music members: Donna Costa, Henok Kaptimer, Leigh-Ann Larson, Hector Morales, Luane Rich, and Murray Kidd (ex-officio).

## From Arts & Music Planning Circle: Bach Birthday Bash

Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. Guest Organist, Richard Spicer. Tickets at the door: \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. Under 12 years old, free. Light refreshments following. Thanks to the Brockton and Easton Cultural Councils for their support! Some helpers needed for the afternoon – free admission!!



**Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** during morning worship – Just Peace Players present “Heal the Earth”

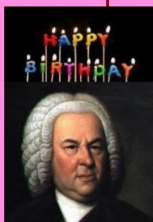
**SAVE THE DATE:** Family Concert on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1 pm.

Peter and the Wolf, with Nicole Marrane, organist, with percussionist and narrator.

Please speak to Donna Costa, Audrey Jones or Candy Savage with your suggestions or email to [boardofmusic@brocktonucc.org](mailto:boardofmusic@brocktonucc.org)

## ARTS & MUSIC AT CHRIST CHURCH PRESENTS

*BACH BIRTHDAY BASH*  
*SUNDAY, MARCH 27 at 3:00 PM*  
*Richard Spicer, Organist*  
*Music of the Young*  
*J.S. Bach*



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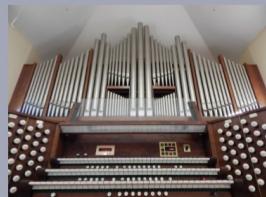
E-mail: [boardofmusic@brocktonucc.org](mailto:boardofmusic@brocktonucc.org)  
♦ All parking in rear of building  
♦ Handicapped Accessible

Admission:  
\$10 Adults

\$5 Seniors & Students

Children under 12 FREE

With support from  
the  
Brockton  
Cultural Council



Our friends the Landerholms moved down to Pennsylvania but they are still very active in our church from afar. The Landerholm's dog “Bear” watches our worship services every week!



# NOTES FROM LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Please fill out the Time and Talents survey from the Leadership & Development team!



"...serve each other according to the gift each person has received, as good managers of God's diverse gifts." ~1 Peter 4:10

## Be The Church Campaign with Leadership & Development Team

Throughout the spring our Leadership and Development team will be looking for input from all of you as they seek to be more specific in their recruitment of leaders for our various boards and committees. Their goal to shift from being "the group with the clipboard" to being a group in conversation with our congregation about how to invest our energy as a church. Part of that is inviting you to participate in the time and talents survey linked below.

### [CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE SURVEY IN A PDF FORMAT](#)

There are two parts to the survey - the first is a prayerful exercise in reflection on what your interests and talents are and how they might contribute to our beloved community, the second is intended to specifically identify some areas where you might feel called to contribute. We invite you to fill out the first section at your earliest convenience, but to wait on filling out the second portion until after we've heard testimonials in worship from folks who are already serving.

If you have questions about the campaign, or about the survey, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Jeff or a member of our Leadership & Development Team - Deana Colby, Matt Howard, Lisa Sparling, and Barry Shelley.

**If you would like a copy of the survey sent to you, please call the office and one will be mailed out. (508)586-3022**

## "BE THE CHURCH" CAMPAIGN

### Board & Committee Fair

March 6<sup>th</sup> after worship in Fellowship Hall

Please come and share fellowship with different Boards & Committees and have some delicious snacks and see what interests you

### Description Of Boards

**Board of Deacons** - Responsible for the preparation of the Sacraments; the visitation of newcomers, the sick, the shut-ins, and the members of the congregation; the preparation of the Sanctuary for services of worship; overseeing the church membership rolls, and the promotion of the spiritual life among the members of the congregation.

**Board of Finance and Property** - Responsible for the financial affairs and property of the church.

**Board of Missions** - Responsible for the supervision of the Christian outreach and mission programs of the church.

**Board of Christian Education** - Responsible for planning and overseeing faith formation programs that help people of all ages grow into disciples of Christ.

**Board of Music** - Responsible for the music program of the church.

**Board of Stewardship** - Responsible for planning and conducting the annual stewardship drive and will plan and conduct a year-round continuous education and outreach program on stewardship to the members of the church.

**Board of Vitality** - 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.

**Endowment Trustees** - Responsible for all the invested funds of the church and overseeing Rockland Trusts management of said funds. In charge of the planned giving campaign design and execution with stewardship. Steward of the individually named funds to honor donor requests and compliance of the monies being used.





**Wishing all the best on your Birthdays**

Britton Copley, Keland Dickerson-Sinclair, Leigh-Ann Larson, Paula Stevens, Kailana Pelote, Matthew Weatherbee, Dorothy Lufkin, Stephanie Sinesi, Jennifer Hefler, Angeliza Campbell, Cindy Bowman, Cindy Maloof, Ivyn Kardisco, Ricky Soncrant, Maryann Selman, Lindsay Alden, Heather 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)*



We pray for the families of Darlene Habteh-Yimer (wife of Getachew, mother of Henok), Julie Coy (daughter of Bob & Sharon Gareri), Robert Mendoza (friend of Don Myers), Andrea Trinkler (friend of Denise Cahill) and Paul & Erin O'Keefe (friends of Judy & Cris Copley), may they rest in peace.

**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.



**Vitality Event**

SECOND SATURDAY FELLOWSHIP

**BINGO NIGHT**

SATURDAY, MARCH 12  
GATHER AND DINNER AT 5PM  
BINGO AT 6PM

ALL AGES WELCOME  
NURSERY CARE PROVIDED

CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
WE CAN'T WAIT TO FELLOWSHIP WITH YOU!

HOW ARE YOU ENJOYING THESE WINTERY DAYS??? ARE YOU CLEANING? DECLUTTERING? SHOPPING? CREATING WITH YARN , FABRIC , POTTERY, WOOD etc.....

Did you get a gift for Christmas that although thoughtful was just not you???

Well... we have an idea for you...

Could you put something aside for the FALL RAFFLE?

As now is the time you may come across items we would LOVE to have you think of the beloved church community...

Please contact Barbara Holland Moody @ [moodytwos@gmail.com](mailto:moodytwos@gmail.com) with any questions or ideas...

Thanks so much for your consideration. Your future contributions are appreciated and needed.....





Hello Fellow Church Members and Guests,

The Mission Committee has been quite busy with changing some of the allotments to the agencies that we donate to. Elon Homes for whatever reason went out of business so those funds will be put aside for our discretionary Fund, just in case something comes up that needs immediate funding. March 27<sup>th</sup> will be the One Great Hour of Sharing collection, we should have special envelopes for this available that day.

The Mittens and Hats and Scarfs went to BIC (Mutual Aid) for distribution through their channels.

Please help yourself to the many items people have donated in our food pantry. We do not want the food to get old, so periodically we donate the balance to The Charity Guild of Brockton. Our last donation was six cartons and three bags of food. Please, help yourself!

Yours in Fellowship and Caring

George Manoogian, Mission Scribe

Mission members: Lauren Kaptimer, George Manoogian, Beth McIntyre (Chair) and Brenda Wyss

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**YARD SALE PLANNED**

**Saturday, May 7th 2022**

(with a rain date of Saturday, May 14th)

We hope to make this our biggest yard sale yet.  
Church tables, Church Family tables, Vendor tables  
All are welcome!!

Can you help? Do you have donations?

Should we have food?

Please get the word out early:

Fun and Fellowship and Lots of Items for Sale!





## “Planned Giving Announcements” from Endowment Trustees

Stay tuned for the month of May as a “Planned Giving Month”. Our committee is in process of planning a workshop that will assist people with finances and planned giving matters during this month.

What is a planned gift? Check out this website for an overview from the United Church Funds.

<https://ucfunds.org/planned-giving/ways-to-give/>

Any questions or suggestions, please reach out to Deb Bowman Chair of Endowment Trustees at [deb@act-cpa.com](mailto:deb@act-cpa.com) or members of the Endowment committees.

## Beloved Community Connections

The past two years have been a challenge, and we know some of our members have struggled with the loss of connections between us. We will be setting up a private Facebook page called **Beloved Community Connections**, to connect those who need support with those who wish to reach out for contact. We will also be setting up some type of ‘bulletin board’ system where members can post specific needs or offerings, so that we can strengthen our connections and help rebuild some of the fellowship that we have lost during the pandemic. The requests can be posted without identification if desired, to protect the privacy of those in need.

Some examples of needs and offerings:

- Small sofa needed for downsizing member
- Monthly coffee/tea/conversation visits available
- Weekly ride to Sunday Worship needed
- Children’s clothing sizes 4-7 available, mostly boys clothes
- Meals needed for housebound member recovering from surgery
- Member available to run local errands once a month

These are only some examples of ways we are able to support each other in our Beloved Community. Please watch your mid-week Nearly Weekly email for more information, or contact the church office.



*Beloved Community*

# MINISTRIES SUPPORT TASK FORCE



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e-mail us: [LentenTakeOut@brocktonucc.org](mailto:LentenTakeOut@brocktonucc.org)

## 2022 Lenten Friday Take-Out Dinners Overview

One less thing to do on Friday night. During the 6 Fridays of Lent, Christ Congregational Church (CCC) will be selling dinners for pick-up. Beginning Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> through Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> swing by the CCC church kitchen between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. for a fully prepared, delicious meal.

Many of the planned menu items offer recipe options for vegetarians and/or gluten-free needs. Dinners will be sold as small, 2 portion size, and large, 4 portion family size. Generally dinners will be priced small \$20.00 and large \$35.00; please refer to weekly order sheets for details.

Our famous and favorite Macaroni and Cheese will be available every week.

Desserts will be offered each week; no drinks are planned.

Orders and payment must be received by noon the Wednesday (*payments may be made on-line and/or by credit card*) prior to the Friday night dinner.

Orders from the general public are welcome for our Pick-Up Lenten Friday Dinners. During Lent plan a stop through the CCC kitchen parking area.

Here are the Lenten Friday Weekly Dinner Menus:

- ❖ Order/Pay by noon Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> for Friday March 4<sup>th</sup>: Chicken Divan
- ❖ Order/Pay by noon Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup> for Friday March 11<sup>th</sup>: Chili/ Butternut  
Vegetable Chili
- ❖ Order/Pay by noon Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> for Friday March 18<sup>th</sup>: Lasagna and Meatballs
- ❖ Order/Pay by noon Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> for Friday March 25<sup>th</sup>: Corn Chowder / Soup
- ❖ Order/Pay by noon Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup> for Friday April 1<sup>st</sup>: Chicken, Broccoli and Ziti  
or Rice
- ❖ Order/Pay by noon Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> for Friday April 8<sup>th</sup>: Shepherd's Pie

Also Available for Purchase Each Week are:

- Macaroni and Cheese
- Dessert

Questions? Please e-mail us: [LentenTakeOut@brocktonucc.org](mailto:LentenTakeOut@brocktonucc.org)



# EASTER MEMORIAL FUND

Each year the church orders lilies and tulips to decorate our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. A memorial list is created and placed in the Narthex and published in the Courier with names of loved ones you wish to have remembered or honored. The Deacons will be delivering the plants to our homebound members after church on Easter Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>. Below is the order form, please fill out and return to the Church Office. **The deadline to order is April 1st.** You are welcome to have 4 names per plant.

Please complete this form and return it to the church with \$15 per plant:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ Tulips/lilies for delivery to a homebound member.



The names I would like listed on the memorial list are:  
**(4 names per plant):**

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LENT  
2022

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9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship Time: 9:55 a.m.



## CREATING BELOVED COMMUNITY

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's  
journey, you are welcome here!



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