



Christ Congregational Church, UCC An Open and Affirming Congregation *Creating Beloved Community*

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Be The Church

June 2022

WORSHIP AND PROGRAMS:

Worship: Remotely and On-Site

Sundays, 9:55AM
(Music starts at 9:50AM)

Regular: Remotely

Adult Choir:
Wednesdays, 6:45PM

Adult Hand Bells:
Wednesdays, 6PM

Bible Study:
Wednesdays, 10AM

Fiber Fellowship: Zoom
2nd Tuesday, 3:30PM

Quilt Guild:
3rd Tuesday, 1PM



Board Meetings: ZOOM

Christian Ed: June 8, 5:30PM

Council: June 16, 7PM

Deacons: June 2, 7PM

Finance/Property: June 9, 7PM

Media/Tech: June 21, 7PM

Missions: June 7, 7PM

Music: June 16, 6:30PM

Vitality: June 5, 11:15AM



PASTOR'S PAGE

*~He has told you, human one, what is good and what the LORD requires from you: to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God~
Micah 6:8*

Dear Friends,

There are not enough words for what I hope to share with all of you this month. As I write this article 21 people are dead, 19 of them elementary children, in Uvalde Texas after a mass shooting there took place just yesterday. In Florida a law has been passed that prevents any mention of LGBTQ+ life issues in schools effectively silencing millions of voices throughout the state, preventing real people from sharing the fullness of their lives publicly and freely. Just two weeks ago a gunman killed 10 people in a grocery store in Buffalo, specifically targeting people of color in his attack. These are simply the highlights, and admittedly they're *REALLY* heavy, but to be perfectly candid it feels impossible to write something for our monthly newsletter that *DOESN'T* bring them into our focus.

That's because if we want to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with our God we *CAN'T* look away from such things – no matter how uncomfortable they make us, or how heavy they might feel. Justice is most needed in the places where we find the most vulnerable. Faithful love is most needed in the places where we find the most neglected.

God is always where justice and faithful love are most needed.

In times like these it can get overwhelming. Questions arise like, "what can I do as just one person" or "how can there be a solution when the problems seem so complicated" and so many others. Those questions are valid, and yet we don't get a free pass from our commitment to discipleship just because the answers don't come quickly or easily. So what do we do?

One of the reasons I've always loved this passage from Micah is that it simplifies how we might approach our life of faith, without losing any of the depth. You might not individually be able to end gun violence, or racism, or homophobia – but you can embrace justice in real ways, you can faithfully love people you come into contact with, and you can walk humbly enough with your God to see the world and its people in a different way. We don't have to approach God, or the world, in any other way except to do justice, embrace faithful love, and to walk humbly with our God – and being in community with one another will *ALWAYS* help with that.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Jeff



Act justly
Love mercy
Walk humbly
with your God

JUNE

FAITH FORMATION

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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

This past month, the Middler class learned about Micah 6:8 and explored how the fair trade movement has worked for justice (and ate some delicious fair trade chocolate!)

June 5th -

Communion Education class #2. Class will begin in the wing and remain throughout worship.

June 12th

Class will meet in the wing after the Time For All Ages to prepare for Children and Youth Sunday.

June 19th

Children & Youth Sunday. Middlers will help lead worship and will also celebrate the completion of Communion Education.

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

8TH GRADE AND UP

The Confirmation class concluded for the year on May 22nd after attending the Annual Meeting and learning about our churches structure. Class will resume once again in the fall.

K / 1 C L A S S

KINDERGARTEN - 1ST GRADE

After spending May learning about the apostles and the early Christian church, the K/1 Class will spend June preparing for Children & Youth Worship on June 19th.

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. Nursery care will continue through the summer.

Y O U T H G R O U P

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLERS

Join us for some fresh and cool treats as we have dinner together at Playa Bowl on Belmont St. on Friday, June 10th from 5-7pm. Please bring \$10 to help defray the cost of dinner (and YG will cover the rest). We'll enjoy some food and discuss the fruits of the Spirit!

S U M M E R

S U N D A Y S C H O O L

ALL AGES

Following a short break after Children & Youth Sunday, Summer Sunday School will kick off! Meeting in the Youth Playground, we'll be going undercover to learn more about just what goes on during worship! Stay tuned for more info and a schedule coming soon!

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.

**DID YOU
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Faith Formation
Evaluation
Meeting

June 12th
After Worship

SAVE THE DATE

**CHILDREN
& YOUTH
SUNDAY**

JUNE
19TH

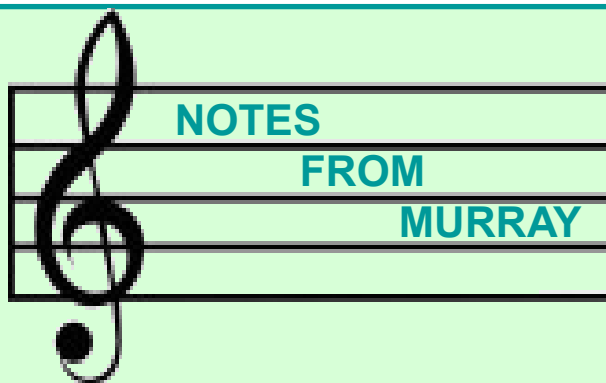
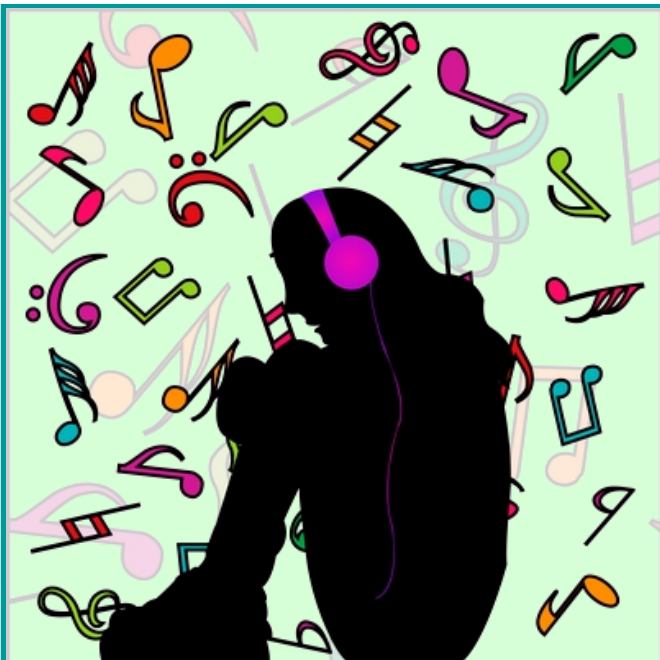
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Photo by Sofia Shelley-Wyss

Congratulations to Josiah Cora—whose mac and cheese won the 'Golden Noodle' at the Youth Group Mac & Cheese Off competition! His mix of sharp cheddar and Colby jack cheese, lots of hot sauce and a crushed cheez-it topping proved to be a winning combination. The Youth Group had a great time making their custom crea-





It has been quite a week of challenge in our world and I post [this song, Agnus Dei, by the Handel and Haydn Society.](#) It was written by Barber and is the vocal arrangement of his Adagio for Strings. It is about seven minutes long, but I sometimes I wish it were ten times longer. It will calm you if you take the time to listen without distraction. We need time to breathe during moments like these. I urge you all to take a moment and breathe and listen or be in silence - whichever calms you more.

As we head into the summer months, a few things from the music corner:

Sunday music signups are happening. If you play an instrument or sing, we need folks to make music during our Sunday services. Contact Murray if you have any questions. (murray_kidd@hotmail.com)

SAVE THE DATE: There will be a music program retreat on Saturday, September 10th. This will involve all levels of music making:

- Youth/Orff Choir (2nd through 8th grades)
- Chancel (adult) Choir
- Hand Bells (ages 13 and up)
- Miscellaneous instruments! If you play (or used to) any instrument, come on out!!!
- NO experience is necessary!

If you want to make a joyful noise until God, we want you!! We will teach you!

**TIME: 10:00am to 12:30 for those 18 and younger
10:00am to 3:30 for adults**

If you have any questions about this or want to touch base about this, please reach out to me (Murray) at murray_kidd@hotmail.com.

And now, for a lighter side. [Here is a fun music video that might make you laugh.](#)

Sincerely,
Murray

Many thanks to you all! The yellow tulips brighten up our room so much. Thanks also for the notes that arrive regularly. Hopefully I will get back to church someday soon. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.



In Christian Love,
Marilyn & David Fairbanks

April 28, 2022

Dear Board of Deacons, Jan Howard,

I want to thank you for the pretty yellow tulips. I found them the next day on my 1st floor porch. Nice surprise. Perked up my day and holiday too. I missed the phone call.



Sincerely,
Jean Purificato

To the Board of Deacons,

Thank you all for the lovely cards and notes I have received since I've moved to Pennsylvania. It really means a lot. We watch the Sunday services too which we enjoy too.



Sending my love to all,
Miss you all,

Diane Landerholm

FROM BOARD OF MUSIC

Children's Day – June 19th



The Arts & Music Planning Group has partnered with the Board of Christian Education to present a fun Puppet Show as part of our celebration of children and youth on Sunday, June 19th.

Following worship, all are invited to gather in Fellowship Hall for a light lunch, and then proceed outdoors to enjoy “*Judy Saves the Day*” presented by the Puppet Showplace Theater of Brookline.

SAVE THE DATE: Family Concert on *October 2nd at 1 pm.*

Peter and the Wolf, with Nicole Marrane, organist; Hope Vazquez, percussionist; and guest narrator.

Co-sponsored by Southeastern MA Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO).

Please speak to Donna Costa, Audrey Jones or Candy Savage with your suggestions for programs, offers to help, or email to boardofmusic@brocktonucc.org.

The next **Board of Music Meeting** will be on Tuesday, June 28 at 7 pm via Zoom.



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



Easton's Human Rights Committee, Queer Youth Assemble, and the Natural Resources Trust are bringing Pride 2022 to Easton!

Please join us for this inclusive, family-friendly event to celebrate our LGBTQ+ community and to promote equality, respect, and awareness within our town and beyond.

Food vendors, games, music, LGBTQ+ resources, and more!

Date: June 18, 2022 (rain or shine)

Time: 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location: NRT's Sheep Pasture

307 Main Street, North Easton, MA 02345



PRIDE PICNIC IN THE PARK

A free public event for LGBTQIA+ Youth and allies
with music, food, games, and giveaways!

THURSDAY, JUNE 23RD

5:30-7:30PM

**DW FIELD PARK GAZEBO
331 OAK ST. BROCKTON**

For more information contact:

bragly@healthimperatives.org



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WE NEED YOUR HELP

With the CHURCH GARDENS



Hello Beloved Community,

Our garden is doing well. More pollinator plants have been planted in May, daylilies and others will have to be thinned, weeds pulled and mulch spread. During the summer, watering, dead heading and tidying up are needed, cutting back in the fall and **I need your help**. Darlene and I cannot do this (even with Thomas' help) by ourselves. If church members could offer their time once or once every 2 weeks it would be so helpful. Please leave your name and phone # or e-mail at the church office, call me directly; Janet Eckstrom @ 508-583-0505 or swordfish627@comcast.net or there is a sign up sheet on the information counter for anyone who is able to lend a hand.

Thank you!



NEWS

Hello Members of Christ Church,

The Mission Board has been cleaning up the donation listing as some of the organizations we donated to in the past have merged or closed.

When the new Board of Missions gets together in June/July they will have a clean slate to work with.

With new members and some new ideas, I'm sure that the donation list will change for the next year. Thank you everyone for your very helpful donations to Missions!

The last Sunday for donations will be for Father's Day, June 19. This will be for garden tools to make their jobs of farming much easier. With many having their own gardens to feed their families, these tools will encourage their use and increase their productivity.

Your in Missions

George Manoogian, Scribe



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Our SERRV table will be open on June 12th in Fellowship Hall after worship. This is the yearly HALF PRICE SALE!



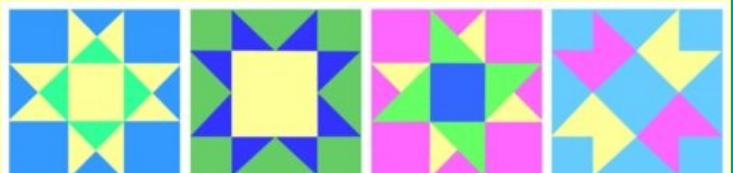
COMMON THREADS

QUILT GUILD

SALAD LUNCHEON

The June meeting will be Tuesday, June 21st from 1-3pm at the church. Members bring a salad (any type) to share. We will use paper plates and plastic silverware. Drinks will be provided.

There is no sewing just food and fellowship.





Wishing all the best on your Birthdays

Rick Davis, Moriah Illsley, Barbara Moody, Bob Gair, Jillian Larson, Layne Moline, Nancy Goodwin, Sean Stevens, Jr., Brad Weatherbee, Michelle Dias, Pat Hennebury, Matthew Howard, Lillian Lee Stone, Glenna Paananen, Denise Cahill, Angela Colby, Jeff Illsley, David Jones, Janet Eckstrom, John Boutwell, Mary Poole, Serenity Young-Ferguson and Sawyer Young-Ferguson

(listed in order of day of month from 1 to 30)

Vitality Event

JUNE'S SECOND SATURDAY @ CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

It's Movie Night!

June 11, 2022 | 7:00 pm
Christ Congregational Church
1350 Pleasant Street, Brockton

CALL THE OFFICE WITH QUESTIONS AT
(508)586-3022



We pray for the family of Patty Merianos (daughter of Dot Quimby) and Edna McGlinchey, may they rest in peace.

Fun & Creative Indoor & Outdoor Activities for Kids Grades 2-6

KIDS SUMMER CAMP

JULY 5 - JULY 29 MONDAY-FRIDAY

at Rose Conservatory
From 8:00am - 2:00pm
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- Learn the power of starting a cooperatively owned business.
- Explore democracy in the workplace.
- Connect with a network of people interested in starting a business.
- Identify fundamental business skills.
- Understand how to find resources to help you move your business ideas forward.

Better economies are built on a foundation of solidarity



SCAN ME



APPLY TODAY





Dear Friends,

The craft group is going to resume it's weekly meetings on **June 14th**. They will meet every Tuesday from 9:30 - 11:30am.

We need two things:

First, we are re-organizing the group to have a three person leadership team. We currently have two volunteers; we need a third leader to help. The leaders come up with the ideas and gather the materials for each session.

Second, we need willing hands. The crafters use the materials and put delightful crafts together.

Please consider joining us. It is fun, creative and inspiring. Please see Carol Bradford or Lucille Berg for details.

CONTACT US

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

Sunday Worship Time: 9:55 a.m.



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