



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: Zoom

Wednesdays, 10AM

Craft Group

Tuesdays, 9:30AM

Fiber Fellowship: Zoom

2nd Tuesday, 6PM

Quilt Guild:

3rd Tuesday, 1PM



Board Meetings: ZOOM

Christian Ed: Oct. 11, 6:30PM

Council: Oct. 20, 7PM

Deacons: Oct. 6, 7PM

Finance/Property: Oct. 13, 7PM

Media/Tech: Oct. 18, 7PM

Missions: Oct. 12, 7PM

Music: Oct. 4, 7PM

Vitality: Oct. 2, 11:15AM

PASTOR'S PAGE

One of my most vivid memories of being a young member of a church is my first council meeting. I was probably 15, and we went to the meeting as part of our confirmation class. Pastor Jim, our pastor and teacher, had encouraged us all to think of ideas we might like to present to council for their consideration – and I learned a lesson that day that I still carry with me over 20 years later.

My idea had been to pursue the possibility of building a basketball court/activity center at our church – because I'd been to activities at other friends' churches and experienced all that a facility like that could afford. I was nervous when it came to be my turn to speak – and after I'd shared my idea the president of the consistory looked directly at me, she smiled, and said, "Well that's a *lovely* idea, but we could never do that... but I *love* your creativity." I was crushed, and over 20 years later I still carry that memory with me every time someone in church has a big idea that simply gets the "impossible" stamp.

As I've reflected on that experience over the years I've come to realize what really crushed me that day wasn't the fact our church wouldn't get a gym. I was crushed because I'd been invited to imagine with church leaders, to put my spirit and energy into thinking about what might be possible, and then as soon as I did there was an "impossible" road block placed directly in front of me – my contribution rendered worthless (or not enough, or not the right kind of contribution, etc.)

This fall I was reminded of my experience with consistory again, but with a positive twist, as I've had conversations with our stewardship team planning the fall pledge drive. Their theme of "Count Me In" is the kind of invitation my heart and spirit responded to over 20 years ago as I went to that consistory meeting, *AND* I think the team has really worked to take the impossible out of the dreaming part of stewardship and pledging. Mostly because this year's stewardship goal is both simple and attainable – but with the potential to have a big impact on our lives together.

This year the stewardship team is doing away with financial goals – you won't hear them saying we need to raise X number of dollars to make this campaign a success. Instead, the goal for this year is to reach 100% in pledging – regardless of amount. Whether you can pledge \$1.00 or \$10,000.00 we simply want your pledge. Whether you're 2 or 102 we simply want you to pledge. Our goal for this year is to invite everyone to count themselves in on the exciting ministry that continues to grow here, regardless of what or how much you have to offer. What I love most about this goal and this theme is that *everyone* can take part in caring for the stewardship of our church, and *everyone* can have a *meaningful* impact on our goal – because we can't reach 100% without everyone, and so every pledge *LITERALLY* counts! That means the impossible is taken out of the equation – which leaves us all the room we need to dream together.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Jeff



OCTOBER

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

This month, the Middler class will go through a full rotation of their new schedule.

October 2nd

The Middlers will be present and help participate in an intergenerational worship service focused around David sharing his gift of music.

October 9th/16th - Spiritual Practice

These weeks the class will explore labyrinths as a spiritual practice.

October 23 - Service Project

The students will once again help create scarves to share with others who are in need.

October 30 - Bible Story

This week the students will learn about Elijah and Widows Jars

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

8TH GRADE AND UP

This year's confirmation class will begin towards the end of October. Families should stay tuned for a more detailed schedule!

Y O U T H G R O U P

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLERS

Youth Group will be starting back up soon! All Middle and High Schoolers are invited to join in the fun!

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.

K - 2 C L A S S

KINDERGARTEN - 2ND GRADE

Our K-2 class has been diving into our new Celebrate Wonder curriculum and learning about Samuel, Saul and David this past month. They'll continue moving through the Hebrew bible between now and Advent!

V O L U N T E E R S N E E D E D

Teachers, shepherds and nursery attendants are particularly needed in our faith formation programs this fall and winter. No experience is needed beyond a willingness to learn alongside our youngest folks (we'll help you with everything else!)

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.

CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IS LOOKING FOR

SPIRITUAL FORMATION VOLUNTEERS



Interested in joining the fun?

Sign-up at the link below or speak with Pastor Ann-Marie or a member of the Christian Education Board.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR:

- Sunday School Teachers and Shepherds
- Playground Assistants
- Spiritual Practice Helpers
- Service Project Helpers
- Youth Group Leaders



Volunteer's Needed!

As we begin another exciting year of Spiritual Formation programs, the Board of Christian Education is seeking adult volunteers to help with Sunday School, service projects and other fun learning opportunities. No expertise is needed, just enthusiasm and a willingness to learn alongside the youngest members of our community! Let us know that you're interested [HERE](#) or by speaking with a member of the CE Board or Pastor Ann-Marie.



We're Better Together... In Fellowship!

We need everyone's help!
If we all work together,
we can do it!

Remember...
"Many hands
make light work"



We ask each person/family to sign up for one date on the calendar (outside Pastor Jeff's office). The Vitality team is here to help if needed. Just ask!

Vitality Team

Michelle Young-Ferguson, Lorraine Wilcox, Maryann Selman, Elisha Ribeiro



NOTES FROM MURRAY



We welcome the members of First Church in Stoughton!!!
If any of you are interested in joining the music program, please reach out to me. Stop me after services or send me an email at music@brocktonucc.org.

We have the following ensembles here:

Hand bells for adults and teens
Youth Choir/Orff Ensemble
Little Bits Choir
Chancel (Adult) Choir



If you play an instrument and want to join in, please let me know! We can certainly use you.



We need a drummer (or drummers) for some of our upcoming music. As you can see in our sanctuary, we have a drum set near the piano. It is a very nice set and waiting for someone to give it love on a regular basis. So, if you have experience or just want to play once in a while, please let me know!

One of our anthems on October 2 reflects the love and welcome we extend to our new members. Hine Ma Tov is a song arranged by Neil Ginsberg. The Hebrew text means:

"Behold how good and how pleasing For people to sit together in unity." It is, indeed, pleasing to sit among you in unity of spirit! We welcome you with open arms and look forward to getting to know all of you!

Sincerely,
Murray

Dear Church Family,

We have been overwhelmed with the outpouring of support at the illness and then passing of our mom Shirley Bamford. She very much loved her church home and family! The cards, e-mails, calls, hugs, smiles & laugh's were all appreciated. Mom's service was simply beautiful and we thank all who took part in front or behind the scenes. There were so many kitchen volunteers, we lost count but know we saw and appreciated you all.

With much gratitude,

Shirley's Family



Thank



You!

9/16/22

To All My Friends at
Christ Church,

A great big thank you for all the cards, thoughts & prayers. It is so much appreciated. Hope to be back soon.

In Christian Love,

Linda Alvilheira

Dear Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for choosing me for yet another scholarship to continue my dream of finishing college. Over the past three years you have supported me on this journey and I am so grateful.

With a thankful heart,

Jayce



Scholarship Committee at Christ Congregational Church,

It's with a very grateful heart that I thank you for being awarded the Irvin Gillett Scholarship this year. It means the world to me to have been honored with this!

In appreciation,

Lauren Selman-Kaptimer

FROM THE BOARD OF MUSIC

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A great kickoff to the church year saw more than 15 people at our **Music Retreat** on September 10. Great to see the choir growing, bells starting and children's groups beginning too!

ARTS & MUSIC AT CHRIST CHURCH PRESENTS A FAMILY CONCERT – COME AND ENJOY THIS FREE ONE HOUR CONCERT ON **OCTOBER 2**, SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN AGE 4 AND OLDER, WITH CHILD CARE AVAILABLE FOR YOUNGER ONES. INVITE

FRIENDS, CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, MUSIC STUDENTS – IT WILL BE A FUN TIME. IF YOU PLAN TO “STAY THROUGH” AFTER WORSHIP, PLEASE PLAN TO BRING A BAG LUNCH OR SOMETHING TO SHARE FAMILY STYLE THAT DOESN'T NEED TO BE REHEATED. ORGELKIDS MODEL ORGAN PROJECT WILL START IN THE SANCTUARY AT 12:15 PM. MUSIC BEGINS AT 1 PM.



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

Musica DIVINA

By: Anton Faynberg

STARTING AT 6:00 PM
ON THE FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAY
OF EVERY MONTH

at Christ Congregational Church, UCC

Musica Divina - by Anton Faynberg

Join us on the first and third Friday of every month after that - Anton Faynberg will fill our sanctuary with sacred sound and music to help bring God's word to life. Deriving the name from the practice *Lectio Divina* (or divine reading) - where practitioners read, or listen to, scripture in different voices and different tempos - Anton has created an experience that is an hour of continuous sound and music accompanied by scripture readings, meant to bring God's word to life.



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CCC Fall Fair – Good Things Come in Threes

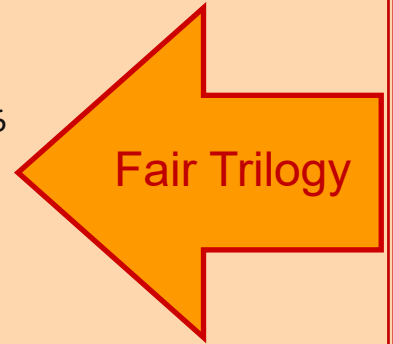


We have heard from many members and friends of our beloved CCC, we are encouraged and blessed: Let's have another safe and enjoyable Fall Fair Trilogy!

- **First**, we will hold an outdoor Attic Treasures Yard Sale on **Saturday, September 24th**

PART 1 COMPLETED

- **Next** we are holding a Mini-Fair event on **Saturday, November 5th** from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. if there is lunch. We expect to be able to support about 6 themed areas with at least one possibly under a tent.
 - ◊ Last Year the Mini-Fair Event was successful and included:
 - Take-Out & Treats
 - General Store including Crafts
 - Clothes Galore
 - Jewelry
 - Raffles & Furniture
 - Donation Tent and
 - Electronics
- **Third** is a Fair Calendar Raffle for December.



Attic Treasures and Fair donations are being gratefully accepted with appointment. We request that donated items be sent as soon as you are able. Please contribute items that are cleaned and in working order. Volunteers and time are limited, **only 4 weeks** until the Attic Treasures Yard Sale and only 9 weeks until the Fair. Based on the items received the Fair team can better determine what themed areas will be included for the Fair event.

Another significant consideration for our Fair is our shared space partnerships. We are proud of the growth and work of BIC, true Community Partners. And Rose Conservatory offers a wonderful music-filled after-school program. These active groups have required changes for our preparation work areas as well as the configuration of the Fair on November 5th



For the Fair Calendar Raffle we are hopeful members will reach out for business donations.

Donations of \$25 gift cards for the calendar raffle have begun to arrive and are greatly appreciated.

Finally, we need to get the word out of each component of our Fall Fair Trilogy to our family, friends, friends of friends, and community. **Hold the Dates** – Make CCC the place to be on **September 24th** and **November 5th**! And don't forget your raffle tickets (on sale in November)!!

We cannot say Thank You enough for all the ways you participate and support the life of our Beloved Christ Congregational Church!!

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Wishing all the best on your Birthdays

Ariana Vergne, Paula Gair, David Fairbanks, Emma Quesnel, Linda Alvilhiera, Richard Emanuel, Dan Ozelius, Lucas Flanagan, Bill Serjak, Deborah Edwards, Carol Ozelius, Brian Julio, Emily Dasey-Fisher, George Manoogian, Shelley Blanchard, Ashley Nelson, Janice Howard

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



ZOOM Fiber Fellowship & Crafts
 Meets the 2nd Tuesday
 From 6:00 - 8:00 PM
 Come Knit, Crochet, Needlepoint, crafts, etc.
 Or just come for the fellowship!!
 (call or email office for zoom link)

Please join us on September 13th (zoom) so we can have conversation about best times, how many times a month and on-site or zoom options.



The craft group meets every **Tuesday from 9:30 - 11:30am.** We are getting ready for the FAIR. Please come join in on the fun and fellowship. Would you like to lead a fun project? Please contact Carol Bradford or Lucille Berg.



COMMITTEE



Missions is collecting 2023 calendars for the Brockton Veterans Hospital. The calendars seem to be mailed very early this year. If you can spare a few for the Veterans, please bring them to the Church Office. All kinds and sizes are needed. These will be delivered a few times starting in November.

**YOU'RE INVITED!
 TO:
 Wednesday Bible Study**

10:00 AM each Wednesday
 On Zoom

For more details, or to get the Zoom link, contact:
 Pastor Jeff - pastor@brocktonucc.org
 Alice Farnsworth - grammy58@comcast.net



Update from Your Board of Finance and Property

As we enter the month of October with its reputation for tricks and treats, F&P is finding several tricks while still hopeful for some needed treats. We need to focus our update on the budget for this article.

As we anticipated last month, we have now spent significant time working with all the boards to:

- (1) get a status of our current 2022 budget, which is now 9 months into the year
- (2) formulate a 2023 budget that meets the priorities of our beloved community which was expected to be presented to the Congregation at our November Meeting.

We asked for you to provide any thoughts, ideas, or questions you may have regarding the budget or specific line items. We did hear from 1 person. You can still reach out either through a board you are a part of or directly to F and P. You can reach out to myself, one of our members or send an email to our Board mailbox at FandP@brocktonucc.org.

Currently for 2022 - Our significant fundraising plans are underway. The Yard Sale, Saturday, September 24th successfully raised \$1,000. Your time and talents are still needed to reach the goals set in the 2022 budget voted by the Congregation, this year we are one-third of the way there, only \$13,000 to go. Please Help as much as you are able to make the Fair, November 5th and the Calendar Raffle, tickets will go on sale at the Fair, Successes as well!

There are several large expenses that are due in the last quarter of this year. We are forecasting a deficit that will likely require an additional draw from the invested funds. If true, that will be on the November meeting agenda.

For the 2023 budget, there are line items without good information to make reasonable estimates to issue a balanced budget. F&P would usually be in final budget drafts at this time. We have notified Council that more time is needed. F&P is aware of the Congregation's concerns last year that reports were not provided in a timely manner and we have no intention of repeating that error.

And, on a different subject, if you can help - Media Tech is a sub-committee of our Board. These folks support our Sunday and special service on-line presence. While many are welcoming the return to in-person worship, we are thrilled to share our message and community support to those at a distance when they need us. If you or someone you know wants to help once a month or once a quarter, please let us know FandP@brocktonucc.org.

Sheppó Fisher, Chair
Karl Koza, Secretary
Ian Penn
Tim MacIntyre

Bill Serjak, Vice Chair
Alice Farnsworth
Paula Stevens



COUNT ME IN

“And serve each other according to the gift each person has received, as good managers of God’s diverse gifts. Whoever speaks should do so as those who speak God’s word. Whoever serves should do so from the strength that God furnishes. Do this so that in everything God may be honored through Jesus Christ. To him be honor and power forever and always. Amen.” – 1 Peter 4:10-11

As we get into the swing of the new church year, there are so many things that we all are excitedly awaiting. With the holiday season coming up, we all settle the corners of the church where we love to serve, whether it be with the kids in Sunday school or singing with the church choir. As a member of the stewardship committee, it is exciting for me to see where people shine in service.

Our Stewardship committee theme this year is “Count Me In”. Instead of having a monetary goal, our goal is to have 100% of our members submit a pledge form. Look out for this year's pledge packets to be handed out online and in person on October 9.

We are asking that pledges be returned by November 6th. You can send a digital copy to office@brocktonucc.org, bring it in to church office during the week, or drop it in the offering plate during Sunday service.

We are also challenging you to think about why you pledge. For me, I pledge for the future of the church. No matter how big or small my pledge may be, I know that it will be used to invest in a community built on love. My prayers are for you to consider not only what you can pledge to our church this year, but why you pledge to the church.

If you have any questions about pledging, please reach out to any stewardship committee member: Deb Bowman, Audrey Jones, George Manoogian or myself.

“Count Me In!”,

Jilliann Larson
Stewardship and Media Tech Member



We started off the September meeting with a giveaway. Fabric donated by the family of Bev Whitman was organized by color and laid out on 3 tables. Flannel donated by Lucille Berg covered a fourth table.

Then guild members "shopped" and filled their bags with "new to them" fabric. That is the perfect afternoon for quilters. We also worked on quilted hearts to be hung in a public place for someone to find to brighten their day.

Pastor Jeff stopped by and we presented him with a quilt for Ivyn as the job of big brother is important. It is an "I Spy" quilt made exclusively by Kristine Blanchard. She has made many of these quilts and offered to make this one for Ivyn.

October meeting will be Tuesday, October 18 from 1-3 pm in the craft room. We will be working on lap quilts.

Anyone else interested in fabric please contact Janet Eckstrom @ 508-583-0505 or Nelda Hayes @ 508-238-6004



Sandy Hill made this NICU quilt. It was quick to do and is adorable. Just 16 five inch squares to make this NICU quilt.



Two baby quilts were donated to HFOT. Ricky Soncrant's daughter, Shelley, is treasurer of this organization. Missions committee also supports this cause.

Dear Janet,
Thanks so much for your time & resources in support of our HFOT families. It is wonderful that you give so much to people you don't know and who we get great joy from your exceptional craftsmanship. May God bless you with smiles & skill as you sew.
Shelley Yandora

Welcome Baby Judah!

Friends, we are so excited to announce that Judah Kardisco was born yesterday morning at 8:32 AM, weighing 8lbs 11 oz. Both Judah and Dani are doing very well and the whole Kardisco family are happily enjoying time together!



INTRODUCING OUR BRIDGE PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Holly Norwick



On Sunday, October 2nd, Rev. Dr. Holly Norwick will join us in our worship for her first official day with us. Rev. Dr. Norwick is a member of the First Congregational Church in Swansea, MA, and has been in ordained ministry since September of 2012. She holds a Bachelor's of Religion from Mount Holyoke College, a Master's of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School, and a Doctorate of Ministry Degree from Andover Newton Theological Seminary. Most recently Rev. Dr. Norwick has served as the sole senior pastor for Community Church of Honolulu.

Rev. Dr. Norwick will be starting this Sunday and she will remain with us as our bridge pastor until the end of this year. Her position will be a half time position and more information about her plan for office hours will be shared once she has arrived and had a chance to settle in. Information on Rev. Dr. Norwick's preferred channels of communication for pastoral needs will also be shared in next week's nearly weekly.

Pastor Jeff will return to us from his parental leave on January 1st of 2023, and news of team Kardisco's newest arrival - Judah Kardisco - will be shared with you all soon.



Brockton
Interfaith
Community

CANDIDATE FORUM



A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHO THE CANDIDATES ARE, WHAT THEIR RECORD IS, AND HOW THEY INTEND TO ADDRESS YOUR CONCERNS.

October 5th, 2022

MEET & GREET: 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM
FORMAL EVENT: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Messiah Baptist Church
80 Legion Pkwy, Brockton, MA 02301

CONTACT SEAN MARION, BIC COMMUNITY ORGANIZER @
508-920-8373 OR SEAN@BROCKTONINTERFAITH.ORG FOR MORE INFO

The Southeastern MA Chapter of the
American Guild of Organists, and
ARTS & MUSIC at CHRIST CHURCH Present

A Family Concert: Peter and the Wolf

Sunday October 2 at 1 pm

With Nicole Marane, Pipe Organ;

Daniel Alves, Percussion; and

Matt Cunningham, Narrator



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FOR AGES
INFANT TO
4 YEARS
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Cultural Council:



SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY THE ORGELKIDS-ORGAN KIT

Come and help build a small working model of a pipe organ
before the concert

At Christ Congregational Church
1350 Pleasant Street, Brockton
508-586-3022

E-mail: boardofmusic@brocktonucc.org

•All parking in rear of building
•Handicapped Accessible



Thank you! From Vitality

A good time was had by all who attended our 2nd. Saturday for September ("Game Night"). We hope to encourage everyone to attend. Mark your calendars for 10/8, 5-7 pm
"Paint your own Pumpkins"



Paint your own Pumpkins!

Join us on Saturday October 8th. 5:00 – 7:00 pm

You bring the pumpkins; we'll supply the rest!

A delicious dinner will be served and then some pumpkin goodies!





Weaving Of Our Churches

The antependium on the pulpit was woven by members and friends of the First Congregational Church, UCC in Stoughton and Christ Congregational Church, UCC in Brockton. The vertical warp lines remind us of our connection with the Creator God. The horizontal weft strips remind us of Christ's prayer that we may all be one. The dangling strips at the sides and bottom symbolize the Holy Spirit that is always at work in and through us, welcoming and encouraging and helping us co-create with God the new thing that is springing forth.



**PLEASE JOIN US & HELP SUPPORT OUR CHURCH
AND ITS MISSIONS!**

Our success depends on Volunteers!!!!

Save the dates:

YARD SALE Saturday Sept. 24th (We have completed 1st fundraiser)

MODIFIED FAIR Saturday November 5th. Please plan to help as much as you are able, we will need volunteers to sort ahead of the Fair, set up, work the day of the Fair, as well as breaking down and sorting/clearing/storing in the weeks following. Many hands make light work.

Also- NOW is the time to start collecting GIFT CARDS for our December Calendar Raffle! Please drop off gift cards at the church office.

A note about Fair donations- **PLEASE** be sure your donated items are clean and serviceable. In the past we have received broken or dirty items; torn or stained clothes, some covered in pet fur. These items cannot be used and must be discarded, creating more work for our volunteers. Thank you.

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Sunday Worship Time: 9:55 a.m.

BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment. Care for the poor.
Forgive often. Reject racism.
Fight for the powerless.
Share earthly and spiritual resources.
Embrace diversity. Love God. Enjoy this life.



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