

Central Congregational Church

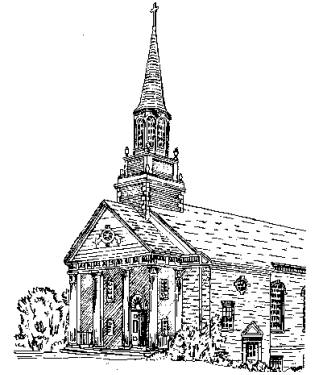
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*"A Community of Faith, Hope, and Love,
Growing through Worship and Service"*

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Summer Worship is at 10:00 a.m.

Val King will be giving the message this Sunday. Her sermon is entitled "The Fear Factor." Karen Papenfuss will be our soloist. Join us!

The Mississippi Squirrel Revival! Last Sunday a very friendly squirrel almost came in the front door during Pastor Rich's sermon. Three times it poked its head inside and considered crossing the threshold into the building. Bernie Boucek has brought to our attention a Cat Stevens' song that shows us what might have happened if that squirrel had come inside. Below is the link. Thanks, Bernie! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K16fG1sDagU>

John Carson asked that I share with the congregation that Bill Shields passed away on July 13th. Bill was a member of CCC from 1978 to 2001 when he retired to Acton, ME. His obituary can be found at: <http://www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com/obituaries/?id=516>

*Serving God with You,
Pastor Rich*

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Weekly Announcements for July 19, 2018

- ✓ St. Paul's Soup Kitchen – July 30th
- ✓ Bus Ride to New York City in December!
- ✓ Book Club with Pastor Rich – July 24th and 31st
- ✓ Lowell Spinners Baseball Game – July 25th – Sold Out!
- ✓ Last Chance to bring in T-shirts for DownEast Maine Mission
- ✓ DownEast Maine Mission Meal Prep
- ✓ Lunch with Pastor Rich every Tuesday at noon
- ✓ Do you need a ride to church?
- ✓ Summer Office Hours

St. Paul's Soup Kitchen Needs More Donations and Help! Your SAM Committee still needs 3 more Egg Salad and 2 more Chicken Salad donations; in addition, 3 more double pans of Brownies would be appreciated. Sunday, July 22nd is the last Sunday to sign up. The following Sunday, July 29th, is when food must be brought into the CCC kitchen for delivery on **Monday, July 30th** to the Eliot Church kitchen in Lowell. More prep in the kitchen and servers in the dining room are urgently needed as only 3 people are signed up at to this point in time; a minimum of 6 are necessary. *Thank you all for your response to this mission, right in our own "backyard"! Cindy Bruetsch and Ellen Kunkel for SAM*

Going to NYC? As many may know, the choir is singing in Carnegie Hall on Monday, December 3rd. We rented a coach bus to drive us there on Saturday, Dec. 1 and returning on Tuesday, Dec. 4. There is room available on the bus to take non-choir members along to NYC, whether it is to come to the concert or just to spend some time on your own in NYC. If you are interested in taking the bus (either one way or round-trip), sharing a room and/or wanted a concert ticket, please contact Margie Dissinger. We would love to have you join us!

Summer Book Club lead by Pastor Rich: I am leading a book club on Emily Heath's: Glorify: Reclaiming the Heart of Progressive Christianity on **Tuesday, July 24th and 31st** at 7 p.m. Frequently in recent years the only Christian voices heard in the public arena are Fundamentalist ones. I think it will be very meaningful to read a thoughtful, pastoral, progressive voice who cares deeply about the church and discipleship. You don't have to purchase the book. Copies will be made available. Please contact the church office to sign-up.

Lowell Spinners Game All tickets are sold for the Lowell Spinners Game on **Wednesday, July 25th** at 6:35 p.m. We have a group of 30 going to the ballgame!

LAST CHANCE to Give T-shirts for DownEast Maine Mission: The Down East Maine Mission T-shirt and socks collection has been a pet project for Minnie Collins for about 8 years. I am attempting to fill Minnie's "big shoes". She knew I was doing this, so in her last weeks she "counseled" me on how to package up the T-shirts and socks, to take non-T-shirts to St. John's donation box and of course how to publicize the collection. BUT....I need your help! The collection boxes will be in the Narthex through Sunday, July 22nd. We could use more adult crew socks; so when you see a good sale, BUY, BUY, BUY! (The socks have to be new, unlike the T-shirts.) Let's do Minnie proud with our donation this year! *Karen Papenfuss*

The DownEast Maine Mission team would like to ask you to sponsor our meals in Maine. Kelly has asked for volunteers to make a meal, but that isn't always possible for everyone. Another wonderful way to help us is to sponsor the cost of a meal, plus write the prayer we will use before we eat. CCC will need to support 10 meals with either food or sponsorship plus a prayer for each. Breakfast sponsorships cost \$50, lunch sponsorships cost \$50, and dinner sponsorships cost \$100, and all have the same request to write a prayer to be read before the meal as our grace. Feel free to jointly sponsor with someone and split the cost and the prayer writing. Please email Peter White and Elizabeth Hartigan if you would like to sponsor a meal. The prayers from our sponsors are an important part of our mission. We usually take a minute to be sure the group gets an introduction to the person(s) sponsoring the meal. In that way, you are there with us in spirit as we help our neighbors in Maine. As the trip treasurer, Elizabeth will be collecting the money and I will be collecting the prayers. *Thanks as always for your support in our mission work.* Peter White, DEMM Mission Trip organizer.

Lunch with the Pastor is held every Tuesday at noon.

Do you need a Ride to Church? Can you OFFER a Ride to Church? Transportation to Sunday services and other church events is available. Please call the CCC Transportation Hotline at **978-905-8220**. A church deacon will contact you and make the arrangements to drive you to the church.

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Summer Office Hours:

Week of July 22 – Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Closed Monday and Friday

Week of July 29 – Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Closed Monday and Friday

Weeks of August 5, August 12, August 19 – Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Closed Monday and Friday

Week of August 26 – Open Monday thru Thursday, Closed Friday