

# Central Congregational Church

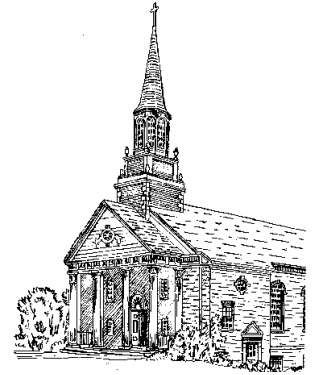
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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*Dear Friends in Christ,*

**This Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> is our annual "Ask the Pastor" Sunday.**

3 x 5 cards will be placed in the programs for folks to write down their questions. Then, instead of a sermon I will do my best to address the questions. If we can't take our spiritual/religious/biblical/theological questions to church, where can we take them?

**Have you visited our church's YouTube channel?**

Just click here: [CCC's YouTube Channel](#)

Click on "Videos" to find 8 videos to watch, one of which is our Christmas Concert.

**On this Valentine's Day,** I'm reminded of Rabbi Kushner's statement that Jews view the Hebrew Scriptures as "God's Love Letter" to them. So with that thought in mind, here's one of God's Valentine's to you!

*But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior . . . you are precious in my sight and honored, and I love you. Isaiah 43:1-4a*

***Serving the God of Love with You,  
Pastor Rich***

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***Weekly Announcements for February 14, 2019***

- ✓ Deadline for March Beacon – February 19<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Church office closed – February 18<sup>th</sup>

- ✓ Wear your Nametag, Please!
- ✓ Request for favorite Bible verse
- ✓ Claim Your Casserole Dishes!
- ✓ Women's Bible Study begins February 17<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ KiSeLo – February 27<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ SAM's February Focus – Habitat for Humanity
- ✓ Lunch with Pastor Rich every Tuesday at noon
- ✓ Do you need a ride to church?

**Deadline for the March Beacon** newsletter is Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**The church office will be closed** on Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Hello! My Name Is...** Remember to wear your name tag at church every Sunday, both in the service and during coffee hour. Do you need a name tag? See Lynn Horton or contact the church office directly. Thank you!!

**Please send me your favorite Bible verses!** This month, I'll be working on a Lenten Devotional based on CCC's favorite verses. But I need your help. Even if you're not sure of the exact chapter and verse, you can just send me the written verse as best you remember it. Thanks for your help! Pastor-Rich@cccchelmsford.org.

**Unclaimed Dishes:** The kitchen has accumulated many dishes, plates, and casseroles from our various potluck meals. Please look at the table during coffee hour and claim your dishes. After March 1<sup>st</sup>, unclaimed dishes will be donated to a worthy cause.

**Women's Bible Study:** On **Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**, from 7:00-8:30 p.m., the Women's group will start a new 7-week study on the Parables of Jesus. We will take a new look at familiar stories to deepen our understanding of what they mean and their relevance in our lives today. Look for signups in Fellowship Hall at Coffee Hour or contact Margie Dissinger at [margie228@gmail.com](mailto:margie228@gmail.com) or 978-256-3707.

**KiSeLo – Kindness, Service, Love** We invite all women of the church to join us on **Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**, for our monthly KiSeLo meeting. Our meeting will begin at 1 p.m. with dessert served by our hostesses: Jessie Buchanan, Margie Dissinger, and Mary Horne. Our program will be book reviews. Each member is invited to bring a book or title of a book which she has enjoyed reading. This is not mandatory, but is encouraged. Everyone who is willing could tell a few sentences about her book and why she enjoyed it. A few members have been asked to give a review which is more detailed – but still short – about her book. Those who would like to may participate in a book swap, so bring along any books you've finished and want to share. Both fictional and non-fictional books are welcome, as are books on tape. The committee hopes this will be a fun, informative and inspirational time of sharing. Our Open Pantry suggestion for February is peanut butter and jelly; but, as usual, any non-perishable is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Papenfuss (978-256-6801). Hope to see YOU on February 27<sup>th</sup>!

**Social Action and Missions Committee Focus for February is Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell.** In addition to building and repair local homes, HHGL has a retail store located in No. Billerica, MA which sells new and gently used items to the public. All items are donated to the ReStore and are a tax-deductible contribution. Once cleaned and priced, the items are then sold to the public at steeply discounted prices. Income from the ReStore generates funding to build more homes. Funds raised by the ReStore provide direct support of Habitat for Humanity's mission of providing simple, decent, affordable housing in the community. **You can help** by donating no longer used items to ReStore. BE GREEN by keeping useable building materials, home improvement products and appliances out of local landfills saving valuable space, time and money. More information can be found at <http://lowellhabitat.org>. Monetary donations are also accepted by making a donation on line or by check made payable to Homes for Humanity Greater Lowell in the Sunday offering plate.

**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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