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,

There's lots of fun, meaningful & interesting things on our church calendar (which is remarkable considering it's February!).

Our "Evening of Love Songs" is this Saturday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Carol Engel & Deb Lyons will be adding some humor & comedy to this coffeehouse concert. If you're sure you're coming, please respond to this email to let us know. Thanks! This event is not just for couples. Tables will be arranged for a variety of seating combinations.

This Sunday, February 10 is Scout Sunday! CCC is pleased to host Boy Scout Troop 74, 5 Girl Scout Troops, as well as Cub Scout Pack 45. They'll be leading us in worship this Sunday, with a message from Boy Scout Leader & CCC member Doug Drake. Our Sunday School kids will be sharing two songs they've recently learned.

Our new Kids Club for grades K - 4 kicks off Tuesday, February 12 at 6:00 p.m. Contact Carolyn Chapman at <u>carolyndarlene@gmail.com</u> or 978-398-6535 for more information.

Other dates: "Ask the Pastor" – Sunday, February 17, 10 am "Gospel Music Sunday - February 24, 10 am Super Saturday MACUCC Workshops - March 16, Wilbraham, MA Check out the website <u>www.macucc.org/SS-Mar2019</u>

Serving God with You, Pastor (''How 'bout those Patriots!!!'') Rich

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Weekly Announcements for February 7, 2019

- ✓ Evening of Love Songs February 9th
- ✓ Wear your Nametag, Please!
- ✓ Kids Club Tuesday, February 12th
- ✓ Request for favorite Bible verse
- ✓ Claim Your Casserole Dishes!
- ✓ Women's Bible Study begins February 17th
- ✓ SAM Thanks You
- ✓ The Holy Cows Thank You
- ✓ Thank You for making the Teacher Brunch a success!
- ✓ SAM's February Focus Habitat for Humanity
- ✓ Lunch with Pastor Rich every Tuesday at noon
- ✓ Do you need a ride to church?

Evening of Love Songs: We will once again be holding our *"Evening of Love Songs"* on <u>Saturday, February</u> <u>9th</u>, at 7:00 p.m.

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!!

Kids Club: Kids in grades K-4 are invited to join us for pizza and Minute To Win It games on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>February 12th</u> from 6:00-7:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. As always friends are invited too! The cost is \$5.00 per child at the door. To sign up visit <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E48ADAF22ABFA7-kids</u>. We hope to see you there. If you have any questions, contact Carolyn at <u>carolyndarlene@gmail.com</u>

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*

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 1st, unclaimed dishes will be donated to a worthy cause.

Women's Bible Study: On **Sunday, February 17th**, 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 <u>margie228@gmail.com</u> or 978-256-3707.

Social Actions & Missions Committee (SAM) sincerely thanks CCC members and friends, who gave so very generously to the needs of ALTERNATIVE HOUSE, whose women are trying to build new lives, free of abuse for themselves and their children. CCC is an amazing congregation, who always responds in the most magnanimous ways to requests to help others! This Sunday is the last opportunity to make a donation to the basket in the Narthex. *Very Gratefully, The S.A.M. Committee*

The Holy Cows would like to thank the congregation for their very generous contributions to our 2019 Souper Bowl drive. We collected 173 healthy food items and \$441 in monetary donations which will be given directly to the Open Pantry of Greater Lowell. Thanks for helping our class support the hungry in our neighborhoods. It was a banner year for both the Patriots and our food drive!

Thank you to all who made our Sunday School Teacher & Assistant Brunch a success: Doris Moore, Tonya & Madeline Frenette, Deb & Elmer Lyons, Jen Stuart, Lynn & Sherm Horton, Bonnie McGrath & Holy Cows, Margie Dissinger, Janie & Tim O'Brien, Kelly & Will Hargett, Ellen Kunkel. I sincerely apologize if I accidentally left your name out. This brunch wouldn't happen without the help of our CCC family. *Sincerely-Cindy Bruetsch*

Social Action and Missions Committee Focus for February is Habitat for Humanity of Greater

Lowell. Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, HHGL builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses with the help of the homeowner and other partner families. Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit, financed with affordable, no-interest loans. Homeowners themselves invest hundreds of hours of their own labor — sweat equity — into building their Habitat house and the houses of others. During coffee hour throughout the month, there will be a table set up in Fellowship Hall with a representative from HHGL available to answer any questions you may have. Please stop by and say hello. Donations can be made at http://lowellhabitat.org or by check made payable to Homes for Humanity Greater Lowell in the Sunday collection.

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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