

Central Congregational Church

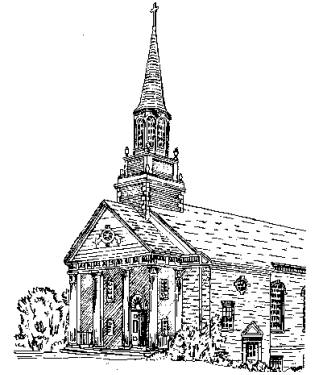
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*"A Community of Faith, Hope, and Love,
Growing through Worship and Service"*

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope you're doing well and enjoying these warmer days!

Last Sunday's sermon. I started a Lenten sermon series on prayer. Last Sunday kicked it off, but the timing of the snow could not have been worse. If you missed it, I hope you'll take a look at this introduction to prayer, "The Purposes of Prayer." It can be found on this website!

This Sunday is St. Patrick's Day! Worship's at 10:00 a.m.!

We'll be singing one of St. Patrick's beautiful prayers during worship. Feel free to be "wearing the green!" All our hymns will be traditional Irish melodies. I'll be preaching from the Book of O'Nehemiah!

Our first Lenten Supper is Wed. March 20, 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

We'll enjoy a simple meal of soup & bread together, sing a song or two and then have a message from Val King. Join us! If you're pretty sure you're coming, please contact the church office or sign up on Sunday at coffee hour.

God Squad Men's Clothing Drive

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Serving Christ with You, Pastor Rich

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Weekly Announcements for March 14, 2019

- ✓ God Squad Silent Auction and Bake Sales – March 17
- ✓ God Squad Men's Clothing Drive
- ✓ BINGO fundraiser – March 17th
- ✓ Kids' Club – March 19th
- ✓ Lenten Supper – March 20th
- ✓ Men's Breakfast – March 23rd
- ✓ KiSeLo – March 27th
- ✓ Boy Scout Yard Sale Drop Off – March 30th
- ✓ New Member Classes – March 31st and April 7th
- ✓ SAM's focus for March – One Great Hour of Sharing
- ✓ Shares for West Virginia Workcamp
- ✓ Please Wear Your Nametag!
- ✓ Lunch with Pastor Rich every Tuesday at noon
- ✓ Do you need a ride to church?

God Squad Silent Auction and Bake Sale – March 17 - Be sure to get your bids in!

The God Squad began 2019 by serving the hungry and homeless in Boston on January 6 and worshipping with all who attended Common Cathedral that Sunday. The God Squad's next mission trip will be March 29-30. We will be attending City Reach in Boston this year, arriving Friday night, and staying through Saturday afternoon! To fund these two mission trips the high school youth group will hold fundraising events on March 10 and 17. It's not too late to contribute a service or item! **Donations for the Silent Auction will be most appreciated!** (Restaurant or movie gift cards, artwork, gift baskets, services, or perhaps some gifts that are sitting unused in your home!) Come to Fellowship Hall after worship this Sunday, **March 17** to place your bids! (Bidding will close at **noon** on the 17th.) We will also have delicious treats available at our **Bake Sale!** Thank you for supporting our youth! Please contact Lynn Horton if you have questions or wish to make a donation.

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PS. If you are planning to donate a gift card – double the benefit to CCC by purchasing the card through our Scrip program!! See Sue Mirisola or Lynn Horton.

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This Sunday! BINGO Fundraiser for CCC: Join us for a fun time playing BINGO! The doors will open at 2:00 and BINGO will start at 2:30. BINGO boards will be sold at the door and cost \$5.00 each. BINGO gift card prizes will be handed out to the lucky winners! Refreshments and snacks will be sold for additional fundraising. All ages are welcome! If you have any questions, please email Carolyn Chapman at carolyndarlene@gmail.com

Kids Club: Our last Kids Club date was snowed out. So we are trying again. Kids in grades K-4 are invited to join us for pizza and Minute To Win It games on **Tuesday, March 19th** 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 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E48ADAF22ABFA7-kids1> We hope to see you there. If you have questions, contact Carolyn at carolyndarlene@gmail.com

Lenten Supper: The Diaconate is planning two Lenten Suppers this year. The first will be held **Wednesday, March 20th** at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Following a simple meal, we'll have a brief time of worship which will include a message from a member of CCC. Please sign up in advance by contacting the church office office.admin@cccchelmsford.org. Our second Lenten Supper will be held on **Wednesday, April 3rd**.

Men's Breakfast will be **Saturday, March 23rd** at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Come for a delicious meal and great conversation. Please sign up with the church office by Friday, March 22nd by noon to reserve your spot.

KiSeLo – Kindness, Service, Love: We invite all women of the church to join us on **Wednesday, March 27th**, for our monthly KiSeLo meeting. We'll begin at 1 p.m. with our business meeting. Our program will be a tea tasting party with Carol Boucek, Dee Freeman, and Jane McKersie as our Hostesses. So wear a fun hat (if you have one) and bring a favorite or special cup (again, if you have one); but, in any case, join us for our tea tasting party! Our Open Pantry suggestion for March is canned fruit, but any non-perishable food item is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Papenfuss (978-256-6801). Hope to see YOU on March 27th!

Time to Clean Out! The Friends of Boy Scout Troop 74 are collecting items for our Annual Giant Yard Sale. We need your donations of saleable items such as used tools, good furniture, small appliances, toys, bicycles, books, dishes, etc. This is a great time to clean out your garage, basement, and attic. Receipts for income tax purposes are available upon request. To make it easier for you, you may drop off your items at the church parking lot on **Saturday, March 30** and **Saturday, April 20**, from 9 a.m. – noon. We cannot accept: torn, dirty or broken furniture, mattresses or box springs, clothing, child car seats, cribs, tires, large appliances, TVs, large microwaves, computer monitors, CRT's, large exercise equipment, or winter sports equipment. Any questions, please call 978-935-9474. Thank you!

New Members Classes will be held **Sundays, March 31 and April 7**, immediately following worship. The classes are a great way to learn more about Central Congregational Church and meet members in leadership positions as well as other folks who are new to CCC. Please contact the church office and our office administrator, Linn Flint, to sign up. Speak with Pastor Rich or one of our Deacons for more information.

SAM's March Focus Will Be UCC's One Great Hour of Sharing There are so many areas of need in God's world: hunger, sickness, disasters, and injustice. But there is hope! We are that hope! Apostle Paul tells us in Ephesians 3:20 that it is through us that God accomplishes more than we can ask or imagine. We are his agents for change. We should not only care about ourselves but also those around us, both near and far. Please give this month so we can help make a change for a better world.

West Virginia Workcamp: It's that time again – shares for West Virginia workcamp are now on sale! We will be a smaller group this year but we still appreciate your support! Please see Bryan Norman at coffee hour for shares or use the convenience of the 'Donate' button on the CCC website (www.cccchelmsford.org). It's so easy – click the button and select 'West Virginia Mission Trip' from the (Optional -use this donation for) menu. Thank you!

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!!

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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