

# THE BEACON

## THE BEVCON



a worshipping praying learning caring outreaching community

*CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH*

United Church of Christ

*An Open and Affirming Congregation*

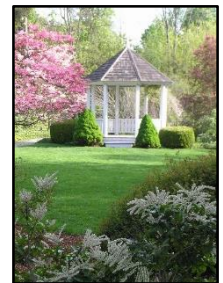
VOLUME 64 NUMBER 7

SUMMER 2019

## *Summer Highlights*

### *Sunday Night in Carson Park*

Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.  
for an informal church worship  
Regular 10 a.m. Worship will still be held



### *Make A Difference Week*

July 15 –19



### *“SonLight Concert in Carson Park*

Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

### **Summer Worship is at 10:00 a.m.**

#### *Service of Holy Communion*

Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

#### *Summer Preaching*

Alisa Knight on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>  
Jody Cross-Hansen on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>

#### *DownEast Maine Missioners Return*

Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>  
Celebrate their accomplishments

#### *Francisco’s Farewell*

Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>



## **Knight Lines**

James Taylor has a sweet, old song entitled, "Secret O'Life." The song begins and ends with this line: **"The secret of life is enjoying the passage of time."**

The "passage of time." A lot happens during the passage of time in our lives. We grow and change. We take our spills along the way. We fall in love a time or two. Children are born and grow. People come in and out of our lives. We have some victories. We have many losses. Someone put it this way: "Life comes in 7 stages - spills, drills, thrills, bills, ills, pills and then wills."

I've been thinking about the passage of time and all the transitions along the way because of something that's going to happen in late August. Our amazing Director of Music, Francisco Fernandez and his wife, Taide Prieto, will be moving to Michigan, as Taide begins a doctoral program at the University of Michigan. (If I were one to put emoji's in newsletter articles, I'd use the one with tears pouring out of the eyes) Francisco & Taide have found a special place in our hearts, not only for their incredible musical talents, but also for their deep faith, their loving partnership, and their abundant joy. It's really hard to see them go. They have truly left their mark and touched our hearts. (I've tried to remind myself that Camelot was only for "one brief shining moment.")

At the same time, I also want to tell you that we've received 12 applicants for our Director of Music position, and by the time you read this we'll have interviewed three of them, all of whom have solid resumes. Will we find another Francisco & Taide? Not likely at all. They're as rare as they come. But will we find someone to inspire us musically and lift our voices and spirits in song? Absolutely.

Francisco & Taide's Farewell Sunday will be August 25<sup>th</sup>. It will be a tearful, joyous day, a time to say thank you and bless them on the next stage of their journey. Please read further in this newsletter to see how you can express your appreciation for their ministry.

The passage of time. It doesn't stay still. The earth keeps turning and life keeps changing. That what makes it so challenging, interesting and often exciting.

*Sharing the Journey with You,  
Pastor Rich*

**MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE  
WEEK 2019**  
**Central Congregational Church, UCC**



*July 15-19, 2019  
A Week of Service for Kids  
Grades 3 – 8  
Rising 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders are eligible.  
High School students may serve  
as Volunteers*

Our first ever, "Make a Difference Week" is fast approaching! We encourage families to sign up their children asap, since we plan to order camp t-shirts July 1 or 2. Speaking of "camp," it's now called, "Make a Difference Week" because the Board of Health told us that by calling it a camp we automatically fall under all the rules and regulations for summer camps in Massachusetts. (too much paperwork, plus a \$200 fee!)

We could use 2 or 3 more volunteers to help transport children & fill in chaperoning crews as needed. Please speak to myself or Jen Stuart if you're available. And please help us with the canned food drive. It will inspire the kids and help a lot of people!

## *What's Happening at CCC!*

### **GIFT FOR FRANCISCO FERNANDEZ - "FAREWELL SUNDAY"**

Francisco's "Farewell Sunday" will be **August 25<sup>th</sup>**. The service will be a celebration of Francisco & Taide's ministry among us. They will share several pieces of music together and the choir (and perhaps the bell choir) will perform with their much-beloved director. We'll be presenting them with several gifts, the largest we hope will be a financial gift. *If you'd like to express your appreciation to Francisco & Taide, please send a check made out to "CCC" to the church or place it in the offering plate, clearly marked "Gift for Francisco."*

### **SUNDAY NIGHT IN THE PARK AND A "SONLIGHT" CONCERT!**

Last summer we had two delightful times of worship in Carson Park. So we're doing it again this summer. The first is **Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 p.m. It's an informal, relaxed time of singing and fellowship in a truly beautiful setting. We'll set out a row of chairs, but we encourage those with lawn chairs at home to bring yours.

Our own "SonLight" band will be giving a concert in Carson Park at our second, "Sunday Night in the Park," **Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:00 pm. Join us!

### **SUMMER SERMON SERIES: "Going to the Beach with God!"**

Big things happen on beaches in the Bible. Come & See!

### **SUGGESTIONS FOR PARENTS**

Mid-June through Labor Day is a long time to go without church & Sunday School for our CCC kids. Please know that we'll have children's messages in church when kids are present. Plus, the nursery will be staffed all summer, and as long as it's not too crowded kids older than toddlers may go to the nursery during the service. Also, don't forget to say grace and bedtime prayers this summer. God never takes a vacation from us. Stay close!

### **OFFERING ENVELOPES**

If you requested offering envelopes during the Stewardship Campaign, they are now available in the narthex. If you want a set of envelopes and there is not a box for you, please see Dick Papenfuss for a set.

### **SUMMER PAINTING PROJECT**

Recently I've painted with three very fine CCC painters, as the church parlor project nears completion. It got me thinking about another much-needed painting project – the stairwell at that end of the building. It's still pink, the only old-style pink in our facilities. Everywhere else has received the teal green upgrade!

So here's the idea: I've divided the stairwell project into 5 sections. I'm looking for 4 painters, each to take a section along with me. You can paint at your convenience and have all summer to complete your section. We're just painting all that's presently pink – the baseboards, wainscoting and 3 doors. Please speak to me if you're interested. *Pastor Rich*

### **LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR**

Bring your own lunch and join Pastor Rich and a group of friends **every Tuesday** at noon in room 202.

---

## *Ministries in Our Church*

---

### **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

We had our first harvest on June 17<sup>th</sup>, with lots of lettuce, onion, and garlic donated to The Open Pantry. The tomatoes, peas, and peppers are strong and starting to blossom. This is a wonderful way to donate food to the pantry, and the clients love receiving fresh produce.

### **PRAYER MINISTRY**

To every person, there comes that time in their life when the smooth ebb and flow of living is interrupted. Sometimes abruptly. Sometimes disconcertingly. Sometimes with gravest anxiety. Yet, whatever form or nature the interruption may take, the current carries us either to restive waters or to the deeper testing channels. There the non-essentials and subtle concerns of life drop from view. That which matters most and is truly significant comes upon the horizon. Irresistibly, God draws very near and very real. It is God with whom we have to deal; God with whom we must trust as never before. In stressful hours, the longing to be in communion with God, longs for divine fulfillment through prayer.

Intercessory prayer, is when others join in prayer and take this prayer journey with you.

The Prayer Ministry does not go on vacation. The Prayer Ministry is a form of intercessory prayer. The Prayer Ministry is made up of those who are dedicated and committed to the "power of prayer."

If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Ministry, or if you would like prayers for someone else or yourself, please contact Daphne Freeman, 978-256-2944, or Ginnie Hall, 978-256-9159, or Wendy Perry, 978-455-8545.

### **DOWNEAST MAINE MISSION**

Dear CCC Members and Friends,

Thank you so much for your support of the DownEast Maine Missions over the past 14 years. We have been able to help many, many, people who were unable to make their homes safe warm and dry.

Even if you have not been asked by a DEMM mission worker, we still need you support. Our mission of 30 youth and adults from CCC is expensive. Our larger costs include rental vans, cost of the supplies on the job site and food which we take and make during the week. Please reach out to one of the mission workers, or make your donation directly to the church with a check made out to CCC with DEMM in the memo section of the check. We also have a Go-Fund-Me campaign for those who would rather contribute electronically.

Our heartfelt thanks for both us and the people we help.

*Peter White*

*DownEast Maine Missions*

### **T-SHIRTS FOR DOWNEAST MAINE MISSION 2019**

We are now collecting T-shirts for the DEMM group to take to the migrant workers in Maine. Since they don't come with many clothes and their t-shirts get worn because of the work they do, they really appreciate being able to put on a "new" t-shirt when needed. We also collect socks, but these need to be NEW unlike the t-shirts that can be used (but in good condition). The t-shirts needed are short-sleeve AND long-sleeve in men's and women's sizes. So check through your t-shirts for donations and watch for sales on socks. There is a box for donations in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me, Karen Papenfuss at 978-256-6801. Also, I could use some paper grocery bags for packaging up the t-shirts to transport to Maine. Just add them to the box. Thanks!

### **MEALS MINISTRY CONNECTING CHURCH FAMILIES *Serving God Through Serving Others***

For over four months now, we have been providing meals for church families, and it has worked out beautifully. Our volunteers, men and women, have been wonderful, and are always ready to help. With the summer months and vacations, we could use some extra help. If you think, you would be able to donate a meal, please let me know. I am going to use this bible verse, which I believe will be an answer to my prayer for help.

*Jesus said, "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." Matthew 21:22*

Just so you know, I do BELIEVE IN PRAYER. Therefore, please contact me, by phone, in person. or email,

*With grateful thanks,*

*Ginnie Hall, [vrh9159@comcast.net](mailto:vrh9159@comcast.net).*

---

---

## ***Our Church Committees in Action!***

---

---

### **PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

The Pastor/Parish Relations Committee (PPRC) guides relations between the Pastor and the Parish, serving as an advocate for both. Its members work to maintain a climate in which the spiritual life and mission of the church are strengthened.

Please feel free to contact any of the PPRC members if you have a subject you would like to discuss in confidence. The three members of the PPRC are Dory Toppan, Chair (508-517-1916, [dtoppan62@gmail.com](mailto:dtoppan62@gmail.com)); Curt Bates (978-256-6245, [cbates@verizon.net](mailto:cbates@verizon.net)); and Bill Clarke (978-256-8570, [hwclarke@gmail.com](mailto:hwclarke@gmail.com).)

### **CHURCH HISTORIAN NEEDED**

The Church is in need of a new Church Historian as Sue Mirisola is stepping down from the position after filling the position for a number of years. We want to thank Sue for her work over this time.

The Church Historian is charged with adding items to the church archives, such as meeting minutes, photos and news articles that may be of importance at a future date as the church continues its ministry. The position is also responsible for seeing that the memorial board and minister's board in the narthex are updated as needed. The position works closely with the office administrator and minister. Time is on an as needed basis as you would set up a routine to keep up with significant church activities.

If you are interested in filling this position, please see Dick Papenfuss on a Sunday or contact him at 978-256-6801 or [dickandkarenp@verizon.net](mailto:dickandkarenp@verizon.net).

### **SCHOOL KIT COLLECTION**

In August and September, KiSeLo will be collecting school kits. School kits give children in impoverished schools, refugee camps, or other difficult settings some of the basic tools for learning. You can pick up an empty canvas bag and checklist from me during coffee hour starting in August. Fill the bag with the checklist items and then return it to church. The kits are then shipped to Church World Service who will distribute the kits to those in need. For more information about the school kits visit <http://cwskits.org>.

*Thanks in advance, Lillian Bean ([lbean@verizon.net](mailto:lbean@verizon.net))*

#### School Kit Checklist

Fill your bag with the following...

- 1 Blunt rounded tip scissors (removed from package)
- 3 Spiral bound notebooks (each 70-count pages)
- 1 30-centimeter 12" ruler
- 1 Hand-held pencil sharpener (removed from package)
- 1 Large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- 6 new unsharpened pencils with erasers (removed from package)
- 1 Box of 24 count crayons (only 24)
- \$3.00 (for shipping kit around the world)

### **JOIN A CHOIR 🎵**

Please consider getting involved in one of the music programs that are available at our church. We have a history of providing high quality music to the congregation and our community. Without willing and able musicians, we would not be able to attract the high quality professionals that have been such a blessing. Summer is a great time to ponder your willingness to step in to a practice and surprise yourself with how good you feel after singing, or playing an instrument. It is a wonderful way to relieve stress, build self-esteem, and make new friends. Oh, and have fun too!!! All choirs could use your help!!! Please let Francisco know if you are interested in dropping in. Choirs meet on Thursday evening at 6:45 for voice, or 8:15 for bells (next fall). If SonLight is more your taste, they meet on Tuesdays at 7:30. We look forward to seeing some new faces!

While this summer will be a time of transition for Francisco, that should not hold anyone back from giving the chancel choir a try. We will all miss Francisco and Taide dearly, but they surely want us to continue to build on the wonderful musical foundation that they have given us.

*Christine McNamara  
Music Committee*



## HOUSE COMMITTEE

The House Committee will be taking on our summer chores. We'll be scraping and painting window frames, making sure the air conditioners and dehumidifiers are installed, monitoring the sprinkling system, and keeping the lawn and landscape looking good. In addition, we continue to make sure the trash and recycling are disposed of appropriately, and the donations of food get to the Open Pantry. We'll see you all at summer services.

## ST. PAUL'S SOUP KITCHEN

On **Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**, the summer evening meal for St. Paul's Soup Kitchen at Eliot Presbyterian Church, Summer St. Lowell is upon us! The needs are for quarts of chicken and/or egg salads, (to be used to assemble sandwiches at Eliot Church) and for the traditional - and very much anticipated - Brownies(!)

Sign-ups will be on the stage in Fellowship Hall after church services through Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup>.

SAM invites volunteers to assemble sandwiches and cut up brownies at the Eliot St. kitchen that afternoon. In addition, volunteers to serve our guests are welcome! This is social action in motion!

Please have your food donations into the CCC kitchen by Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>.

*With Much Appreciation for your support!  
Ellen Kunkel and Cindy Bruetsch for SAM*



## MILESTONES

On Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed Shea Hannah Sorensen to our church family as she was baptized. Shea is the daughter of Kaitlin and Derek Sorensen and was born on February 9, 2019. Shea is their first child. Shea's godparents are Brianna Schaeffer and Matt Tieri. The Sorensens felt a sense of community at CCC and joined CCC in April. Kaitlin is a Human Resources Manager and Derek is an Assets Protection Manager.

On Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, we baptized Nicholas Winston Lolley into our church family. Nicholas is the son of Elizabeth and Evan Lolley and the grandson of Rebecca and Alan Wisniewski. Nicholas was born on February 21, 2019. His godparents are Meghan Naish and Dianna Dumont. Pastor Rich officiated at Elizabeth and Evan's wedding on June 25, 2017.

Belated congratulations to Anna Obendorf who graduated from UMass Amherst this spring. The entire Obendorf Family should be congratulated as well!

Our sympathies are with the family of Paul Nelson who passed away on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Paul was a member of CCC for many years holding many positions of leadership. A funeral service was held on June 7<sup>th</sup> at Central Congregational Church. Please keep Mary-Verdella and the family in your prayers.

## STEEPLE LIGHTING

Lighting the steeple is a wonderful way to honor the memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion. It costs only \$5 for a week. **There are many weeks available**, so please sign-up on the Sanctuary Committee bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or call the church office.

For the week of:

July 21st – In loving memory of John Jarok from Beth and his family.

August 25<sup>th</sup> – In celebration of Laurie's birthday from her mother, Jean Montgomery.

## THANK YOU!

We want to thank our friends at CCC for the generous meals that have been provided to us. The food is great and greatly appreciated. It is a blessing to be part of such a warm congregation. *Thank you. Clint and Anne Vincent*

Dear CCC CC,

On behalf of the entire Moore family, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the beautiful wooden cross in our Dad's memory and touching, heartfelt service. Your love, patience, passion, and determination (as well as a few "gentle" reminders from Doris ☺) is what made it possible. It looked even better in person than the picture that Doris shared with us.

As I said at the dedication, it is such an amazing tribute to our Dad and really adds to an already beautiful building. I am hoping it draws others into the CCC Family so they can experience the love and comfort of your church and its people and especially the presence of God that is felt in every corner.

Heartfelt gratitude and blessing to you – Bill, Dick, Don, John, Lynn, Peter, and Pastor Rich!!!

*In You and Christ,  
Patti Moore Gross*

## TAKE NOTE

- ✓ Sunday worship services are at 10:00 a.m. all summer!
- ✓ There is no Beacon for August. The September *Beacon* deadline is **Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>** with a mailing/emailing date of August 28<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Remember to use the PO Box 339 when mailing things to the Church.
- ✓ Do You Need 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.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:** 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

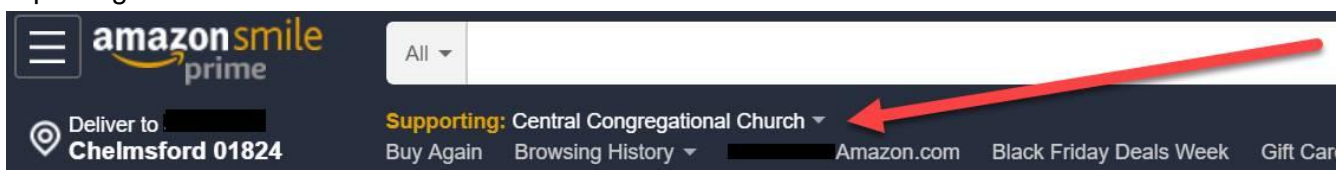
- Week of July 1 – Closed Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, Open Tuesday and Friday
- Week of July 8 – Closed Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, Open Wednesday and Thursday
- Week of July 15 – Closed Wednesday and Thursday, Open Monday, Tuesday, and Friday
- Week of July 22 – Closed Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, Open Tuesday and Thursday
- Week of July 29 – Closed Monday and Friday, Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
- Weeks of August 5 and 12 – Closed Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, Open Tuesday and Thursday
- Week of August 19 – Closed Monday, Open Tuesday thru Friday
- Week of August 26 – Open all week

## AmazonSmile

**Happy Summer! Think of CCC when you shop on-line – use AmazonSmile!**

It is so easy to help CCC by using <http://smile.amazon.com/>. It costs you nothing extra above your purchases, and it raises funds for our church!! You will be prompted to log into your Amazon account and select the charity you would like to support. When you enter "Central Congregational Church" into the charity search box, you will see that there are many CCCs out there, so be careful to select the Chelmsford MA option!

While shopping on smile.amazon.com you will see the text: "Supporting: Central Congregational Church" on the top navigation bar.



Remember that even after you've selected CCC as your designated charity, you still need to use the <http://smile.amazon.com/> site! If you (by habit) go to the main Amazon web site and add things to your shopping cart, they will be there in your AmazonSmile shopping cart too! Just remember to switch to the AmazonSmile site before checking out!

If you have any questions, please email [amazonsmile@cccchelmsford.org](mailto:amazonsmile@cccchelmsford.org). Thanks for supporting CCC! For Summer Fun and easy CCC Fundraising – whenever you use Amazon, remember to SMILE

Calendar July



Calendar August



CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
United Church of Christ  
One Worthen Street  
PO Box 339  
Chelmsford, MA 01824-0339

Summer 2019

*Central Congregational Church in Chelmsford*

**United Church of Christ**

*An Open & Affirming Congregation*

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

The avowed purpose of this church shall be to worship God, to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to celebrate the Sacraments; to realize Christian fellowship and unity within this church and the Church Universal; to render loving service toward mankind; and to strive for righteousness, justice, and peace.

**We invite you to join us in worship on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.**

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Richard B. Knight	978-256-5931 978-684-2031 (cell)	<a href="mailto:pastor-rich@cccchelmsford.org">pastor-rich@cccchelmsford.org</a>
Director of Music	Francisco Fernandez	617-669-6492	<a href="mailto:pacolencia@hotmail.com">pacolencia@hotmail.com</a>
Office Administrator	Linn Flint	978-256-5931	<a href="mailto:office.admin@cccchelmsford.org">office.admin@cccchelmsford.org</a>
Custodian	Juarez Gomes		
Sunday School Coordinator	Jen Stuart	978-250-8538	<a href="mailto:jennifer.stuart@cccchelmsford.org">jennifer.stuart@cccchelmsford.org</a>
Church Location:	One Worthen Street, Chelmsford, MA		
Church Mailing Address:	PO Box 339, Chelmsford, MA 01824-0339		
Church Phone:	978-256-5931	Church e-mail:	<a href="mailto:office.admin@cccchelmsford.org">office.admin@cccchelmsford.org</a>
Church Fax:	978-250-3565	Church Web site:	<a href="http://www.cccchelmsford.org">www.cccchelmsford.org</a>
		Conference Web site:	<a href="http://www.macucc.org">www.macucc.org</a>

*The Beacon*, the CCC Newsletter, is prepared by and for the membership of Central Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, in Chelmsford, Massachusetts. It is published monthly except for August and is distributed to members and friends of Central Congregational Church. This issue was emailed/mailed June 26, 2019.