

# Central Congregational Church

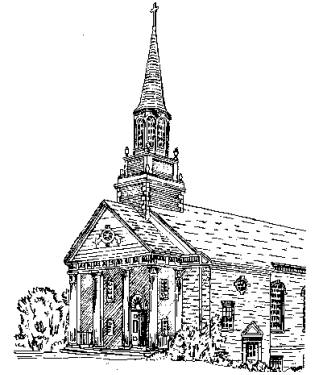
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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***Dear Friends in Christ,***

## **This Sunday at CCC!**

It's Trinity Sunday, so we'll sing the great hymn, *"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"* And it's Father's Day, so we'll sing the classic, *"This is My Father's World."* In addition, we'll baptize another beautiful baby, Nicholas Lolley, son of Evan & Liz (Wisniewski) Lolley. This Sunday is also, *"Sunday School in the Park!"* This was a great hit last year. The kids will start in worship and then head out to Carson Park for a great lesson!

## **Make a Difference Food Drive**

As part of our *Make a Difference Camp* we're having a canned food drive. We'd like to invite the congregation to be a part of this effort. Please bring in canned goods for the Open Pantry by July 14. Exec. Dir. Geoff Bryant will be visiting the camp to share with the kids the impact of their efforts, both their service at the Community Garden as well as through the food drive. Geoff mentioned that one of their specific needs at the pantry this time of year are condiments - ketchup, mustard, relish, etc. Donations may be place on the stage in Fellowship Hall.

## **Make a Difference Camp - July 15-19**

We're asking families to sign up their children for this camp by the last week of the month, so we can order the t-shirts in time. We're going to have a great camp, with a crew of younger children and another crew of middle school and high school youth. Don't miss it!

## **West Virginia Workcamp**

Please keep our West Virginia Workcampers in your prayers as they travel to Appalachia on Saturday & Sunday to spend the week making homes, "warm, safe & dry."

***Serving God with You,  
Pastor Rich***

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## **Weekly Announcements for June 13, 2019**

- ✓ Nursery Volunteers Needed for this Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Strawberry 'n' Arts Festival – Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> in Westford
- ✓ Worship is at 10 a.m. throughout the summer
- ✓ Sunday School in the Park – Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Lowell Spinners Game – June 25<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Signup for Make a Difference Camp
- ✓ Pastor Rich's Book Club – July 1, 8, and 15 at 7 p.m.
- ✓ T-Shirts for DownEast Maine Mission wanted!
- ✓ SAM's June Focus is The Open Pantry

**Nursery Volunteers needed for this Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>!** Thanks so much!

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**Strawberry 'n' Arts Festival** is this **Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Westford Common. It is organized by First Parish Church United (Linn's home church!). There will be over 90 booths selling crafts (including CCC's Dick Papenfuss and Carol Engel), food, music, and other wonderful things! The Grill is open at 11 a.m., but the best part is the Strawberry Shortcake for \$5 – selling begins at 12:30 p.m. I'll be there! I hope you will join me for a beautiful, fun-filled day!

**Worship will continue at 10:00 a.m.** throughout the summer. Please join us!

**Sunday School in the Park:** Children in grades pre-k to 8th grade are invited to join us this **Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>** for Sunday School in the Park. Our lesson theme will be "The Armor of God." If any middle school or high school students would like to help run an activity (i.e. song, game, craft, or story) please email Carolyn at [CarolynDarlene@gmail.com](mailto:CarolynDarlene@gmail.com). She would love the help! If it rains we will hold the class inside. Hope to see many of you there!

**Lowell Spinners Game on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>** at 7:05 p.m. We've sold 14 tickets and have 6 left, but we have an option for 10 more to the Spinners baseball game. See Lynn Horton during coffee hour or Linn Flint during the week. Tickets are only \$7.00

**"Make a Difference Camp"** will be held July 15-19 from 9 a.m. to noon. It's a week of service projects for rising 3<sup>rd</sup> grade thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Sign-up today!

**Pastor Rich's Summer Book Club:** This July, I'll be leading a book club on Emily Heath's: Courageous Faith: How to Rise & Resist in a Time of Fear. Heath pastors the UCC church in Exeter, NH. She's a self-described, "Christ-follower, displaced Southerner, binary-smasher, PhD dropout, former religious "none," fly-fishing enthusiast, progressive evangelical, gender non-conformer, amateur genealogist, recovery believer, Sox fan, Trinitarian, marriage equality advocate, LEGO lover, prepster not hipster, blogger, Reformed theologian, fantasy football fanatic, 13th generation New Hampshireite, and church lover." She strives for a faith and a church that is "deeply rooted, radically relevant and Christ-centered." We'll have copies of the book available to borrow. (The Diaconate will be studying the book at their Fall retreat.) You may also purchase the book at [uccresources.com](http://uccresources.com) or [amazon.com](http://amazon.com). We'll meet **Mondays, July 1, 8, and 15** to discuss it, 7:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor.

**T-Shirts for DownEast Main Mission 2019!** It's that time again to start thinking about 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 will be a box for donations in the Narthex starting May 19th. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call 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!

**SAM extends its focus for The Open Pantry of Greater Lowell.** You might be wondering how so many in our community can be in danger of going to bed hungry. Below is information from a study done by the Greater Boston Food Bank. The Greater Boston Food Bank provides much of the food that is distributed by Open Pantry of Greater Lowell. **The Greater Boston Food Bank has witnessed a 21% increase in requests for food assistance since 2008.** Hunger is not a problem facing just those in poverty. A recent study shows that 47% of those at risk for hunger in eastern Massachusetts earn too much to be eligible for government-provided emergency food assistance. Many never dreamed they would need a food pantry or community meal program to feed themselves and their families.

**Why is hunger hurting so many in our community?**

The answer has less to do with food – there's plenty of food available – and more to do with economic and political obstacles. With most food in our country moving from west to east, we are at the end of the distribution pipeline, making food more expensive. Our cold winters mean higher heating bills, and housing costs are higher relative to other areas of the country. Ending hunger means addressing those systemic problems, while doing everything possible, every day, to feed hungry people.

**Many of Those Interviewed had to Make Unacceptable Choices:**

61% had to choose between food and utilities (heat and electricity).

60% had to choose between food and rent/mortgage payments.

60% had to choose between food and medical care.

31% had to choose between food and education.

Open Pantry needs your continuing support. Food, cash, board members and volunteers are always needed. If you have any questions, please talk to Becky Wisniewski at 978-459-9430.

**Luke 3:11** “And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.”

**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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