

Central Congregational Church

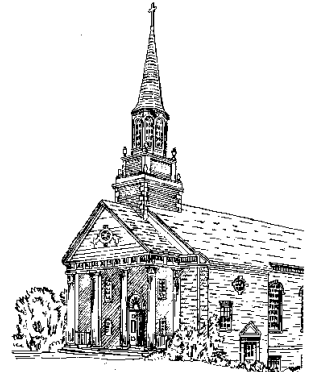
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Pastor Rich is on vacation with his family this week climbing Mt. Cadillac in Acadia National Park in Maine. He will return on Tuesday, August 20th.

This Sunday, we welcome Rev. Jody Cross-Hansen to our pulpit. Jody is an ordained Methodist minister and a retired history professor, having taught at Hofstra University. She and her husband, Alan, are the parents of a son and a daughter.

Peace,

Linn Flint

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

- Week of August 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

Weekly Announcements for August 15, 2019

- ✓ Worship is at 10 a.m. throughout the summer
- ✓ September Beacon deadline is Monday, August 19th.
- ✓ Thank you from SAM
- ✓ Farewell to Francisco - August 25th
- ✓ SonLight in Carson Park – August 25th
- ✓ New Director of Music!
- ✓ School Kit Collection
- ✓ Financial Peace University
- ✓ AmazonSmile

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

Deadline for the September Beacon is Monday, August 19th.

From SAM: We had a very successful soup kitchen meal on July 29th at Eliot Presbyterian in Lowell. Thanks to your generosity, 100 meals of salads and brownies were shared. This is truly a team effort and your support is so valuable. Gratitude to Ginnie Hall, Ellen Kunkel, Make A Difference helpers, Samantha Shields, Mary Robison, Mark Timmins, Carol Boucek, Sophia Bruetsch, the Knight family, Pastor John & Shirley Zachry, Deb Lyons, Helen Glinos, Carol Engel, Jennifer Delikat, Lynda Wellman, Lillian Beean, Margie Dissinger, Laurie Montgomery College, Karen Banakos & Jane McKersie. (Your Tupperware will be in the church kitchen Aug, 18). *Sincerely, SAM and Cindy & Sophia Bruetsch*

"Farewell Sunday" Francisco's "Farewell Sunday" will be **August 25th**. 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."* **All gifts must be received by August 20th.**

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

New Director of Music – The Director of Music Search Committee is very pleased to announce that we have hired a new Director of Music, who will start on September 1, 2019. His name is Tudor Bota, originally from Romania but has been here in the states since 1997. He is a concert pianist with a Masters of Music in piano performance from Boston University and Artist Diploma in piano performance from Boston Conservatory and the New England Conservatory. He is a middle school choral teacher at the Waldorf School in Lexington and works with the Stoneham Community Chorale and several Chamber Music Groups.

We will miss Francisco and Taida and all they have brought to us and we all wish them the best in their future careers. And as I am sure they will be very welcomed into new positions, we hope the congregation will join the committee in welcoming Tudor and his wife, Claudia as they join us in September.

Margie Dissinger, Co-chair Director of Music Search Committee

School Kit Collection: Starting today and continuing into 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 this Sunday. 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 Beean (lbeean@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)

Financial Peace University: Are you ready to take control of your money? Do you know someone who needs to take control of their money? *Financial Peace University* (FPU) is a nine-lesson course designed to help everyone build a budget, dump debt, grow your wealth, and leave money stress behind! Each lesson, taught by Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts, is based on biblical wisdom and common sense. In the FPU group, you'll be motivated and encouraged by others just like you! When you sign up for FPU, you'll get

your member workbook and one free year of Financial Peace Membership, with access to exclusive online tools to help you on your journey. Classes begin on Wednesday, September 25th at 7:00 p.m. Spread the word, contact Peter White at Peter.c.white@comcast.net for more info.

AmazonSmile: Thank you all for using AmazonSmile when you shop on Amazon! We recorded 35 donation-generating purchases in June and that number is increasing every month! Dozens of CCC-supporting shoppers have used AmazonSmile generating hundreds of dollars for the church! Remember, anything you buy from Amazon you can buy through AmazonSmile by using <http://smile.amazon.com> . Don't forget to switch to AmazonSmile before checking out! If anyone needs help using AmazonSmile, please send an email to amazonsmile@cccchelmsford.org and we'll help you get set up! Happy Shopping!

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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