

Central Congregational Church

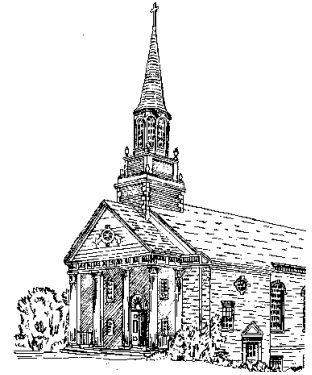
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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Weekly Announcements for October 3, 2019

- ✓ Thanks from St. Paul's Soup Kitchen
- ✓ Boy Scout Yard Sale Drop-off – Saturday, October 5th
- ✓ Confirmation Orientation – Sunday, October 6th
- ✓ Blessing of the Animals – Sunday, October 6th
- ✓ Christmas Concert Rehearsals!
- ✓ Volunteer Work Day for Habitat for Humanity
- ✓ Coffee Hour Connections – Sunday, October 13th
- ✓ New Member Gathering – October 20th and 27th
- ✓ Jewelry for the Fair Needed NOW!
- ✓ SAM's October Focus – Lowell Transitional Living Center
- ✓ A Word from Pastor Rich!

St. Paul's Soup Kitchen at Eliot Presbyterian Church: SAM is very thankful to the CCC congregation for their outpouring of food to help feed those in the Lowell community, both individuals and families, who need and very much appreciate a bountiful dinner! Over 125 people were our guests, being served with food readied in Eliot Church's kitchen by Pastor Rich & Maddie, Pastor John and Shirley, Karen Banakos, Lillian Beean, Judy Buswick, Patrick Fallon, Ellen Kunkel, Bonnie McGrath and Merry Robison. This was one of the largest spreads we have seen: Shepherd Pies, tossed salad galore, buttered bread, huge amounts of watermelon, apples, Shirley Z's fruit salad mix and multitudes of brownies! Sophia Bruetsch suggested that we might serve fruit to our guests, as some of them asked for fruit. And we have added it to our meal! All loved the fruit, which was a new item on our menu this time. SAM invites you to be a volunteer at CCC's next opportunity on Monday, December 30th! Plan ahead and fill a spot to serve the needy in the Lowell community in a very special way! Monday dates in the 2020 New Year will be: March 30th, June 29th, August 31st, and November 30th.) *Ellen Kunkel for the Social Action & Missions Committee (SAM)*

Boy Scout Yard Sale Drop-off: The Friends of Boy Scout Troop 74 are collecting items for our Annual Giant Spring Yard Sale. We need your donations of saleable items such as used tools, 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, you may drop off your items at the church parking lot on **Saturday, October 5**, from 9 a.m. – noon. Any questions, please call 978-935-9474. Thank you!

Confirmation Class Orientation: On **Sunday, October 6th** at 11:30 a.m., we will gather in Room 202 for a Confirmation Class Orientation. Parents and Students (9th grade or older) are asked to attend. Contact Pastor rich with any questions.

Blessing of The Animals: Join us in Carson Park on **Sunday, October 6th** at 2:00 p.m. for our "Blessing of the Animals." Bring your pets (dogs, cats, birds, ferrets, etc.) for a fun, brief service in the park, celebrating the joy our pets bring us, thanking God for these blessings, and extending a hand of blessing to them. For more information, speak with Pastor Rich.

Christmas Concert Rehearsals: The Chancel Choir, under my direction, would like to extend our invitation to join us every Sunday (began last Sunday, September 29th) from 12:30-2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for

rehearsing together a marvelous set of choral songs for our Christmas Concert on December 8th at 3:00 p.m. All I can promise is great music and a glorious time joining our voices celebrating Christ. *Thank you, Tudor Bota, Music Director*

Volunteer work day for Habitat for Humanity for **Saturday, November 9th**. We will need a crew of 6-8 volunteers to participate in a local HFH build site (details to follow). Interested folks can email me with any questions at bellevilledavid@gmail.com

Coffee Hour Connections: We are going to try something new on **Sunday, October 13th** that we are calling "Coffee Hour Connections." For part of Coffee Hour, we will gather around tables and given a topic to discuss, to get to know each other a little better. This is an optional activity. Designed to strengthen our bonds of Fellowship!

New Member Classes: For those wishing to join the church or for those who wish to simply learn more about CCC, we'll be holding two New Member Classes following worship on **Sundays, October 20 and 27**. Please contact the Church Office to sign up and contact Pastor Rich with any questions. These classes are a great way to discover more about CCC's ministries as well as meet those who are new to the church as well.

Jewelry Donations for the Fair are requested as soon as possible!! Please remember it takes the ladies a significant amount of time and attention to assess, clean, price, and prepare the jewelry for sale. October is the month to bring your donations to church! You may drop them off in the office during the week, see Daphne Freeman or Lynn Horton on Sunday mornings, or arrange for pick up at your home. (Contact Lynn Horton) Thank you for your help and timely attention to this request!

The Social Action and Missions Committee's October mission is the Lowell Transitional Living Center (LTLC). LTLC is the largest homeless shelter north of Boston with 90 beds and 70 emergency beds. Many clients have been helped by LTLC. One client (Wayne) loves it at LTLC and believes without the help of his case manager, he would still be living in a car. SAM will have a box in the Narthex for donations. Please consider donating items from the following (listed in order of most need) list: Socks (urgent need), Men & Women Razors, T-Shirts, Blouses for women, Shirts, Bottoms (Pants and Skirts), Jeans, Leggings, Sneakers, Boxer shorts (new), Men's and women's underwear (new), Plus size clothing, XXL and up, Deodorant, Cereal, Coffee, Canned food, Unscented lotion (travel size), Toothpaste (travel size), Toothbrushes, Soap, Shampoo and Conditioner (travel size) and Combs.

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.

A Word from Pastor Rich

This Sun. Oct. 6 is World Communion Sunday.

It's one of the most meaningful Sundays of the year, as we come to the table with our 2 billion sisters & brothers around the world! Join us!

A Confirmation Class Orientation Meeting will follow worship.

We'll meet in Rm. 202 to talk about this year's class. We're inviting parents of 8th & 9th graders to attend, as we consider combining grades this year.

Our "Blessing of the Animals" will be held at 2:00 pm this Sunday.

We'll meet in Carson Park for a brief service and blessing. Bring all your pets that bless your lives! We'll meet rain or shine, gathering in Fellowship Hall if it rains.

Serving God with You,

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