

Central Congregational Church

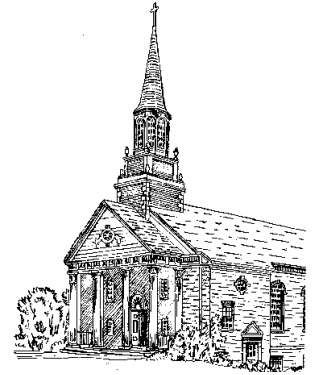
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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Weekly Announcements for January 16, 2020

- ✓ Sign-up with the Church Office for four special events!
- ✓ Open and Affirming Continuing Education and PowerPoint Presentation
- ✓ Gospel Music Sunday – Jan. 19
- ✓ KiSeLo – Wednesday, Jan. 22
- ✓ Pizza & Proxy Party – Jan. 26
- ✓ Sunday School Teachers and Assistants Brunch – Sun. Feb. 2
- ✓ Donations needed for Teachers' Brunch
- ✓ Scout Sunday – Feb. 9
- ✓ SAM's January Focus – Alternative House
- ✓ Lunch with the Pastor – Every Tuesday

Please contact the Church Office to sign-up for:

Men's Breakfast – Sat. Jan. 25 at 8:30 am

Pizza & Proxy – Sun. Jan. 26 at 11:45 am

Winter Book Club – Mon. Jan. 27 at 7 pm OR Tues. Jan. 28 at 1 pm

Evening of Love Songs – Sat. Feb. 8 at 7 pm

Please see the January Newsletter, The Beacon, for more details on the above events.

Open and Affirming (ONA) Continuing Education: Thank you to the many people who attended the ONA presentation shared by guest speaker Keith West on Sun., Jan. 12. There was good information about inclusive language and correct terminology, LGBTQ+ history, Biblical references, and current statistics. Keith was an enthusiastic and engaging presenter! His entire PowerPoint presentation will be posted on the CCC website.. If you have follow-up questions, please let us know! *Lynn Horton for the CCC ONA Ministry Group*

Gospel Music Sunday: On **Sun. Jan. 19** in honor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, we will celebrate "Gospel Music Sunday." All the hymns and music will be spirituals. Join us for an inspiring time of worship!

KiSeLo: All women of the church are invited to join us on **Wed. Jan. 22**, for our monthly KiSeLo meeting which will begin at 1 p.m. Our program will be book reviews and a book swap. Each member is invited to bring a book or title of a book which she has enjoyed reading. This is not mandatory, but is encouraged. Everyone who is willing could speak briefly about her book and why she enjoyed it. Those who would like to may participate in a book swap, so bring along any books you've finished and want to share. Both fiction and non-fiction books are welcome, as are books on tape. We hope this will be a fun, informative, and inspirational time of sharing. Our Open Pantry suggestion is soup. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Lyons (978-930-6830). Hope to see YOU on January 22nd!

Pizza and Proxy Party!! Everyone is invited to a luncheon workshop on **Sun. Jan. 26** at 11:45 am in Fellowship Hall. Jody Cross-Hansen and Shirley Zachary will introduce and untangle the basic info regarding setting up a Health Care Proxy, Personal Directive, and Power of Attorney. Important information for grownups

of all ages; come by yourself or bring your family members as well. We will make it easy to understand. Pizza lunch provided. Please call the church office to register.

Sunday School Teachers, Assistants, & Helpers: Please join us for our annual Thank You Brunch on **Sun. Feb. 2**, in Room 302, directly after church. We truly appreciate all you do for our children, and hope to see you there. Please RSVP to Cindy Bruetsch (cindya46@hotmail.com), Lynn Horton, Jen Stuart, or Carolyn Chapman. Thank you.

Donations Requested for Teacher Brunch: CCC Family: Any brunch type donations for the teacher brunch on **Sun. Feb. 2** will be gratefully accepted. There will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall, or please email Cindy Bruetsch or see those persons listed above. *Sincerely, CE Committee*

Calling All Scouts! **Sun. Feb. 9** is Scout Sunday and we need your help. Any Scout BSA, Cub Scout, Girl Scout, Brownie, or Daisy interested in being part of the church service, please contact Gwen Bottomley at gwen.bottomley@gmail.com. Positions available include: ushers, readers, front and back door greeters, and offering ushers.

Alternative House has a Bullying Prevention Program: Support/Intervention groups for Youth, Teens and Adults, (Asian & young women's support groups) - be it Physical, Emotional or Verbal abuse. A Personalized Safety Plan can be put into use, listing 3 adults you trust and could talk to about an uncomfortable situation and/or 3 important phone #s to use as a resource. Victims are taught What To Do to get help/ using 911 if it's serious enough: fear of injury for you or someone else). 24-Hour Crisis Hotline: 978-454-1436

URGENT NEED! **There is a very short supply of Baby Diapers – size 5 and 6 for 2-3 year-olds**

Household Needs List: Pillows, Comforters, Towels (bath, hand)

School Items: Backpacks, School Supplies

Personal Care Items: Hairbrushes, Shampoo, Conditioner, body Washes, Deodorant

SAM's collection basket/boxes will be in the Narthex for the month of January. If you would prefer, (or in addition), to make a cash donation, there are envelopes in the pews for that purpose. Thank you, CCC, for any and all help you can give to this rescue sanctuary. Contact Ellen Kunkel at 978-256-2793 for questions and/or further information.

Lunch with the Pastor is held every Tuesday at noon in Room 202.

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.