

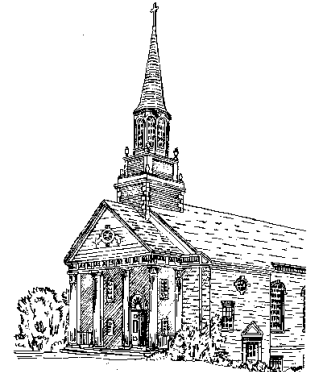
# Central Congregational Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
"A Community of Faith, Hope, and Love,  
Growing through Worship and Service"

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## Dear Friends in Christ,

We are living through challenging and unprecedented times. As we're mostly cooped up in our homes, it's so important to remember that we are not alone. The love of God and the love of our church community surround us. Below are ways to stay safe, stay faith-filled, and stay connected!

### 1. Facebook. Please "Like" CCC's Facebook page to stay connected.

If you've never used Facebook, now's a good time to give it a try. There are plenty of privacy settings to protect yourself. You'll often find faith-filled inspiration and lots of humor, and you'll see what folks are doing to navigate through this time. I've been posting announcements, links to my video messages as well as an inspirational "Song of the Day."

### 2. Sermons/Messages are on CCC's YouTube channel.

I've been recording weekly messages, seated in Rm 202 like a fireside chat.

Go to: [CCC YouTube Channel](#)

Please "subscribe" to our channel to receive notification when new videos are posted.

### 3. Congregational Prayer – Sundays at 10:00 am.

We plan to continue what we did yesterday with our Congregational Prayer time. This will be especially meaningful these next two weeks with Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

4. Our Sunday School classes have been connecting online Sunday mornings via Zoom. It's been really fun to see the kids in their homes and even sing songs together!

### 5. Online "Coffee Hour" on Palm Sunday, April 5.

Below you'll find an invitation to our "Online Coffee Hour" this Sunday at 11:00 am. It will be held on Zoom. You can participate with your computer or a smartphone. I hope you'll give it a try! Online meetings are easier, more meaningful and more fun than I expected!

6. Holy Week – I'm planning worship experiences for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. They'll be online Zoom gatherings to remember and commemorate these important days. Watch for invitations to these events.

### 7. Easter Sunday, April 12

Plans are still in the works. It's looking like we won't be able to do a drive-in service. Stay tuned.

Walking with You on this journey,

Pastor Rich

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**Stewardship Campaign** – A big “Thank You” from the Stewardship Committee to everyone who has returned their Stewardship Campaign pledge card! The deadline for returning pledge cards was March 29, but if you haven’t yet returned your card, we would LOVE to have it as soon as possible! You can also contact our Treasurer, Dick Papenfuss, to submit your pledge. You can email him at [dickandkarenp@verizon.net](mailto:dickandkarenp@verizon.net). Our campaign theme is, “Together We Make A Difference,” and with your support we can make a lasting impact in our church, our community, and beyond. Thank you for your consideration and God Bless, *Stewardship Committee: Sherman Horton, Becky Wisniewski, Heather Landheim, Bill Harrison, and Elmer Lyons*

### **"Shopping Buddies"**

**Our Grocery Shopping Ministry** is up and running, presently serving 8 households. Please contact [Pastor Rich](#) or Ginnie Hall if you need groceries. Let our team do the shopping! "Shopping Buddies" are standing by!

### **CCC Diaper Drive**

The Early Childhood Department of the Lowell Public Schools has contacted us asking for our help with diapers for the families they serve. Many of their families are experiencing unprecedented financial and emotional strain due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Special needs families, especially those with pre-schoolers with autism, are especially struggling as all services that support their families are currently on pause. Here is what they're asking for:

**Luvs (LUVSD) Diapers, 124 Count - Luvs Ultra Leakguards Disposable Baby Diapers, Sizes 3, 5, 6.**

Diapers may be dropped off at the church either during Linn's office hours on Mondays and Thursdays, or just call or text Pastor Rich and let him know when you're coming by. Here's a chance to make a difference in the lives of local families! - Pastor Rich

### **Invitation to CCC's Online Coffee Hour - Sun. April 5, 11:00 am.**

Peter Morin is inviting you to this Coffee Hour Zoom meeting.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://bnionline.zoom.us/j/121379452>

**Meeting ID: 121 379 452**

**Church Office Hours:** Linn Flint, our Office Administrator, will be in the office on Mondays and Thursdays to get phone messages, respond to emails, and process the mail. Stay well!

**Pledges and Offerings:** As the virus keeps all of us separate with no services, many of the church's expenditures continue. I would like to ask everyone who is in a position to help, to please mail in your weekly pledge or offering to the church office. You can do it weekly or monthly. All help is greatly appreciated. Stay Safe. Dick Papenfuss, Treasurer