

Central Congregational Church

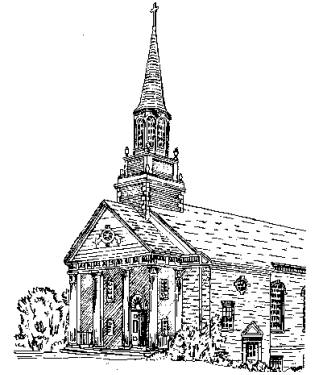
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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Thursday, September 17, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Sunday at Central Congregational Church!

This Sunday is Drive-in Church!

We'll start at our usual time, 10:00 am. Please enter from North Road and exit onto Worthen Street.

In the event of rain, we'll worship in the sanctuary. Due to state restrictions only 30 people are presently allowed at an indoor service. **Please use the Zoom Coffee hour link below to Zoom into our indoor service.**

"Coffee Hour" Zoom this Sunday! 11:30 am

You are invited to a virtual gathering after "Drive-In Church" this Sunday, starting at 11:30 am. We hope you'll Zoom in! Here's the link:

Coffee Hour Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85968993968>

(Use this link for our indoor 10:00 a.m. church service if it rains.)

Sunday School

We're holding outdoor classes during Drive-In Church. Our feeling is that our kids are going to be "Zoomed-out" most weeks, and that in-person classes (outdoors with masks) are our best alternative at this time. We will hold a pre-school class, but unfortunately we won't be able to provide nursery care. *Parents are to bring their children to the picnic tables between 9:50 - 9:55 am.* Please contact Carolyn Chapman with any questions. If it rains, there will be no Sunday School.

A few suggestions for Drive-In Church:

1. **If you're participating or assisting with the service** or Sunday School and therefore not sitting in your car, please don't park in the main parking lot. Consider parking in front of the church on Worthen St.
2. **Overflow parking** for the service can be found in the dentist office parking lot. If you park at the fence, you'll be able to see the service and receive the broadcast on your car radio. Angle your car toward our building.

3. Outside Seating.

Some folks bring a chair or sit on one of the chairs we put out by the playground. This is fine as long as you socially distance and wear a mask of course.

Here's what else is happening:

"An Old Fashioned Zoom Bible Study" - TODAY Thur. Sept. 17, 11 am

We've just started studying the Letter of James, one of the most practical books in the Bible. We started last week and are still on chapter one. No prior knowledge of the Bible is required. Studying one book well is a great way to learn how to read the Bible. Please have a Bible in front of you during the study. If you don't have a translation you like, we'll put the text on the screen. Join us online!

Here's the link:

Old Fashioned Zoom Bible Study - Sept. 17, 2020 11 am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84946245631>

Tuesday's Zoom at Noon - Tues. Sept. 22

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85214537957>

Join us to see old friends and make new ones!

"Bag Lunch in the Park" - Wed. Sept. 23, 12:15pm

We spread out among the picnic tables and wear masks when not eating. If you're comfortable, please join us!

CCC's Movie Club for Mon., Sept. 28, 7:00 pm

Our next movie is the controversial film, *"The Last Temptation of Christ."* We'll meet online to discuss it on Mon. Sept. 28. The CCC Movie Group is open to all! Please join us for fellowship and thoughtful conversations.

SAM's focus for the month of September is the Lowell Community Health Center. Imagine you are coughing non-stop and your fever won't go down. You worry for yourself, for your family. You go to get a COVID test, hoping for the best, preparing for the worst. Then, the phone rings. You hear COVID. You hear positive. Your heart stops. But, you can't understand anything else. Panic sets in. You ask the caller to repeat herself. Nothing helps. She only speaks English and you do not. Then, imagine someone hops on the line and interprets for you. Saying it would be a relief is an understatement.

The LCHC is running their \$50 for 50 campaign (50th anniversary) in lieu of the community celebration that would have taken place this month. This campaign is in support of their Medical Interpretation Fund and the power of understanding. If you would like to add to the donation that SAM is sending, please make a check out to CCC and put LCHC on the memo line. If you have any questions, please call Rebecca Wisniewski 978-319-0503.

Food Drive - Canned goods are collected each Sunday for the Open Pantry. You may place them on the table by the playground or hand them to a deacon. The Open Pantry also has a need for personal hygiene items such as; shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes.

Stay Safe, Stay Well and Stay Connected!

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