

Central Congregational Church

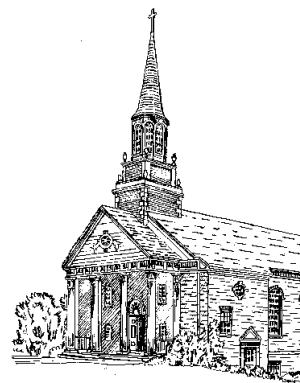
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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“A Community of Faith, Hope, and Love, Growing through Worship and Service”

Thursday, March 4, 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

Here's What's Happening! (Zoom! Zoom!)

Old Fashioned Zoom Bible Study – Thursdays at 11:00 am

We've started a new book, the Gospel of Mark. Join us for ch. 6!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85034733406?pwd=cE8xN25lR0JnMnp1Y0tXWm1KcXF1UT09>

Meeting ID: 850 3473 3406

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This Sunday, March 7 - A Service of Holy Communion at 10:00 am

Livestreaming occurs on [Facebook Live](#) and [YouTube Live](#). If you need help accessing these platforms, please contact the church office. If you'd like to share in communion, we suggest having your bread and juice ready at the start of the service.

Sunday School

Our teachers have decided to continue Sunday School outside, weather permitting. We will meet outside for about 30 minutes starting at 11:15. Each class will study a Bible story and then participate in related activities to stay warm. We will send emails to families with our plans on Saturday afternoons. If you are not receiving emails, please reach out to Carolyn Chapman at Carolyndarlene@gmail.com.

Monday Night Movie Club - "Spotlight" for March 8

The 2016 Academy Award Winner for Best Picture and Best Original Screenplay, "Spotlight" is the true story of how The Boston Globe's investigative journalism unit uncovered child sex abuse by Roman Catholic priests in the Boston Archdiocese. The movie is based on a series of Pulitzer Prize-winning stories by the Globe's "Spotlight" team. We'll watch the movie on our own and then discuss it online via Zoom on Mon. March 8, 7 pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84286333023?pwd=RW5VWZLT1hmNzlkQkRTUIUdU5XQT09>

Meeting ID: 842 8633 3023

Passcode: Movies

Zoom with the Pastor - Tuesdays 12:30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85189785553?pwd=VDg3YkZRdEZBbDJJN3BRbWNnQ1kxUT09>

Meeting ID: 851 8978 5553

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Wrestling with the Bible - Tues. March 9, 7 pm

What do we do when the writings of scripture conflict with the beliefs that are written deep in our hearts and minds? Jody Cross-Hansen will lead a discussion on how we deal with this problem, and how some famous female reformers in American history tried to balance their reverence for scripture and quest for social justice.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82224151823?pwd=dzhsM3E4MWZoTFRidnNDenVrVEQ4Zz09>

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Passcode: Wrestle

Stewardship. Stewardship. We are thankful for so many things! Tuesday's email reflected on some of the things SAM is thankful to the church's members for. Our Christian Education committee is also thankful for all the support the church gives to the children of the church and the dedicated volunteers who teach the Sunday School classes and lead the Youth Groups. We know the importance of guiding our youth live spiritual lives can only be possible though the generous pledges and donations you all have provided every year. Thank you.

Stewardship Campaign letters and pledge cards are on their way to you! When they arrive, please consider your pledge and return your pledge card as soon as possible. You can also pledge online anytime at <https://www.cccchelmsford.org/stewardship/>. If you have any questions, please contact Sherm at sherm@terpsoft.com.

Thank you, your Stewardship Committee – Sherman Horton, Becky Wisniewski, Cynthia Dorman, Bill Harrison, Elmer Lyons, and Dick Papenfuss.

The Social Action and Missions Committee's (SAM) special charity for the month of March is Alternative House in Lowell.

Alternative House provides emergency, confidential shelter for women & and their children, fleeing from abusive situations.

Through a child's eyes, he/she is powerless, guilty, angry, helpless, confused and afraid." Therapy sessions are part of the support and help in understanding that they are not to blame. Alternative House is one of the service providers within the Mass Coalition for Supervised Visitation, which "exists to provide and promote, according to the highest professional standards, emotionally and physically safe, supervised contact between children and family members from whom they are separated."

Revised Outstanding Needs at this time are: Laundry Baskets, Comforters, soap, Toothbrushes and Paste (family size tubes), hair brushes, deodorant, Cleaning Supplies

Please leave you donations to Alternative House on the stage in Fellowship Hall. Linn will buzz you in during her office hours: 9AM-1PM.

Looking Ahead . . .

St. Patrick's Day Presentation: "*The Life & Teachings of St. Patrick*"

Wed. March 17, 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Palm Sunday, March 28 - Drive-in Church at 10:00 am

Easter Sunday! April 4

Livestream Service at 10:00 am

Drive-In Service at 11:15 am

Stay safe. Stay well. Stay connected!

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