

Central Congregational Church

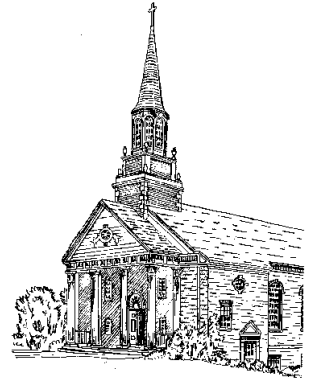
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

Please take a moment to view upcoming events.

Memorial Service for Judy Musgrove - *unvaccinated folks are welcome to attend!*

This Sat. May 15 at 2:00 pm we'll hold the Memorial Service for longtime member and friend, Judy Musgrove. The service is open to all - vaccinated and unvaccinated. All the usual protocols are of course still in place, such as masks and distancing.

Sunday Worship - In-Person (for the Vaccinated) and Livestream for All

Our Sunday Worship Services are now **in-person for those who've been fully vaccinated (and are 2 weeks out from their 2nd shot)**. Standard Covid protocols (masks, distancing) are of course in place. Windows will be cracked this Sunday to provide air flow. We will continue to livestream our services on Facebook Live and on YouTube Live. Let us worship God!

CCC's Annual Meeting will be held this Sunday at 11:00 am.

Annual Meeting - Sunday, May 16, 2021, 11:00 am Via Zoom, with some Sanctuary seating available. Our worship service will end by 10:35 am, so that those who wish to return home and Zoom in on the meeting may do so.

May 16, 2021 - 11:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89101715503?pwd=ZjZlVG9NQ0l4K3g2YkZva1RuNjJJQT09>

Meeting ID: 891 0171 5503

Passcode: Annual

Warrant for the Annual Meeting on May 16, 2021

To the Members and Friends of Central Congregational Church in Chelmsford:

The annual meeting of the Central Congregational Church in Chelmsford, United Church of Christ, will be held on Sunday, May 16, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and via Zoom to act upon the following articles:

Article 1 To elect a Moderator.

Article 2 To celebrate the events of the past year.

Article 3 To act upon the recommendations of the Nominating Committee to elect the officers of the church.

Article 4 To receive the reports of all committees.

Article 5 To amend the Constitution Article X – Property and Finance – Section 3 as follows:

Delete: *“for gifts and bequests in amounts less than \$50,000, one-half of the donation shall be placed in the Endowment Fund, and one-half shall be placed in the Remembrance Fund;”*

And replace with: *“for all gifts and bequests in amounts up to and including \$10,000, the total amount shall be placed in the Remembrance Fund; for all gifts and bequests in amounts greater than \$10,000 but less than \$50,000, one-half of the amount in excess of \$10,000 shall be placed in the Endowment Fund, and one-half shall be placed in the Remembrance Fund;”*

Article 6 Approve the budget for the fiscal year 2021 – 2022.

Article 7 To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

(signed) Val King, Clerk

Please read the Annual Report before Sunday!

Hard copies are available at church by the back door. Please stop by to get a copy!

Worship Schedule for May

May 16 Sanctuary – Annual Meeting

May 23 Carson Park – Confirmation Sunday

May 30 Drive-In Church

June 6 Youth Sunday/Graduation Sunday/Communion!

A Taste of Compassionate Integrity Training with Rev. Judie Bryant - Sun. May 16, 6:00 pm

Judie is looking forward to leading us in an introduction to Compassionate Integrity Training on Sunday evening, May 16, 6:00 pm in Carson Park. She has been trained and certified to facilitate CIT by the Center for Compassionate Integrity and Secular Ethics at Life University in Atlanta, Georgia and has led several groups through the program both in person and on ZOOM. Although CIT is intentionally secular in order to appeal to a broad base of potential consumers, the program has deep roots in the Judeo-Christian tradition. From the CIT website (<https://www.compassionateintegrity.org/>) : *“Join individuals from over thirty countries who have completed Compassionate Integrity Training, a resiliency-informed program that helps cultivate human values as skills, so we can thrive as individuals and a society, within a healthy environment. By learning to calm our body and mind, become more emotionally aware and practice compassion for ourselves and others, we learn compassionate integrity: the ability to live one’s life in accordance with one’s values with recognition of common humanity, our basic orientation to kindness and reciprocity.”*

Judie is an ordained pastor of the United Church of Christ. She has worked at United Church of Christ churches in Chelmsford, Lowell and Leominster, MA; as sole pastor of the Mont Vernon Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, in NH, and is currently serving as the Intentional Interim Pastor at Pilgrim Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, in Nashua, NH. Judie was "in care" with Central Congregational Church in Chelmsford while attending seminary and in discernment for ordination. She has recently reactivated her membership at CCC and now once again considers CCC her home church. Sign up with [Pastor Rich Knight](#) so he knows how much pizza to order!

Tuesday's Zoom at Noon

May 11, 2021 - 12:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84118880724?pwd=NVPYM0NweGI5a25oYkpBWmt6ZzRBUT09>

Meeting ID: 841 1888 0724

Passcode: connect

Church Council Meeting

May 12, 2021 - 7:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82309831526?pwd=MkFMWDkyTFVWRXhmVy84WlInZHI3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 823 0983 1526

Passcode: 214395

An Old Fashioned Zoom Bible Study

May 13, 2021 - 11:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84769115168?pwd=cmVVUDVxNmNSZUhVNkFzVXpjM1k2UT09>

Meeting ID: 847 6911 5168

Passcode: Bible

Calling All Graduates!

Please send graduate information – Name of Graduate, from what school, future study/major or degree, future plans – to the church office by May 17 to be included in the June Beacon.

Meals Ministry: *Connecting Church Families: Serving God Through Serving Others*

It was with great difficulty last year, when due to the Covid19 Pandemic, the Meals Ministry came to a screeching stop. Certainly not what we had hoped for. But this is a new year, and with it comes great hope and joy, a new beginning for the Meals Ministry. We had a wonderful team of volunteers, many who have already signed up to be a part of this ministry again, but we need to add to the list. **Would you like to help us and be a part of this ministry?** It is wonderful to know that when there is a need for meals, willing volunteers are ready to help. Thanks be to God for our wonderful volunteers. Please contact me, if you wish to join us in this endeavor. *With Gratitude, Ginnie Hall* vrh9159@comcast.net

From your Social Action and Missions (SAM) Committee:

Our next opportunity to serve dinner at St. Paul's Soup Kitchen is **Monday May 31.**

Shepherd's pie, salad, brownies will be boxed for takeout. SAM is looking for donations of 8 shepherd's pies & 5 pans of brownies. Pans will be available in the CCC kitchen Sunday morning. 4-5 volunteers total are needed. We arrive at Elliot Presbyterian, 273 Summer Street in Lowell around 3:30pm (after gathering the pies at CCC). Meals are handed out (with bottles of water) at 5p. Cleanup is usually complete at 6p. Any questions please contact Cindy Bruetsch, Julie Carney, or Rebecca Wisniewski. The next Soup Kitchen meal is Monday August 30. *Thank you in advance for your help. Gratefully, CCC Social Action Mission Committee*

SAM's focus for the month of May is Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell (HFHGL) and ReStore, located in N. Billerica. Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, HFHGL builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses with the help of the homeowner and other families. The ReStore is an outlet which collects new and gently used household items and sells them to the general public. Income generated funds building more homes and provides direct support of Habitat for Humanity's mission of providing simple, decent, affordable housing in the community. There are several ways to support HFHGL mission; by making a monetary donation online at <http://lowellhabitat.org>, or by check made payable to Homes for Humanity Greater Lowell in the weekly collection basket or by visiting and/or dropping off donations to the ReStore. For information about household donations, hours and location, visit www.lowellhabitat.org/restore. For more information, contact Arlene Belleville.

Links to recent services:

[Sun. April 18](#) - "God Needs More Gardeners," Val & Julie sing
[Sun. April 25](#) - "Standing on God's Promises," Glen & Margie sing
[Sun. May 2](#) - "Why Did Jesus Keep his Scars?" - SonLight sings
[Sun. May 9](#) - "Thankful for the Scars" - what we can learn from our scars. - Alisa Knight & SonLight sing

Also On the Calendar:

Confirmation Sunday - May 23, Worship in Carson Park
Holy Cows Miniature Golf - Sun. May 23, 3 pm at Max's
All Church Campfire - Sun. May 30 in Carson Park, 7:00 pm
St. Paul's Soup Kitchen - Mon. May 31

Stay safe. Stay well. Stay connected.

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