

# Central Congregational Church in Chelmsford

United Church of Christ

*An Open & Affirming Congregation*

## Announcements

December 5, 2021

### Christmas Tree Setup and Sales

You can sign up to work on the church website or by contacting me at 603-577-1497 or at [dickandkarenp@verizon.net](mailto:dickandkarenp@verizon.net). Dick Papenfuss

### Poinsettia Sale

The Sanctuary Committee is selling poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary for Christmas. There will be a table set up in Fellowship Hall on Sundays, December 5 and 12 to sign up to purchase one. The cost this year is again \$12.00. If you are unable to make it to church on those Sundays, you may contact Elizabeth Hartigan at 978-649-2427 or at [hartigans@gmail.com](mailto:hartigans@gmail.com) to place your order and provide your dedication. There will be 25 poinsettias available for sale. *Dick Papenfuss for the Sanctuary Committee*

**Secret Santa Update 2021** The online sign up is ready on the church website under "Make A Difference."

<https://www.cccchelmsford.org/secret-santa/>

As of November 28, there is only one gift left to claim. Because of your generosity, 30 local children will have wonderful surprises Christmas morning. Thank you in advance for bringing your labeled wrapped gift to church by **Sunday December 12**. Please see any SAM member with questions or our church website. *Sincerely, Your Social Action Committee with Cindy Bruetsch*

### This Year's Christmas Concert is Sun Dec. 12!

You are cordially invited to this year's Christmas concert entitled, "A Christmas Blessing," on Sunday, December 12 at 3:00 p.m. The program features soloists Philip Lima, baritone, Karl Orvik, violinist, our Handbell and Sanctuary Choirs, and Tudor Bota, pianist and music director. Masks are required. The concert will include a freewill offering and a light reception following the concert in Fellowship Hall.

**Lost and Found Items:** If you or your child is missing a clothing item, you may wish to look in the "coat room" at the back of Fellowship Hall. Several jackets, sweatshirts, and other garments have been lingering on the coat rack. Unclaimed items will be donated to the Lowell Wish Project in early January.

**Dining to Donate** It's "You Decide Dining in December!" This month we will shake things up a bit! You can choose the date and restaurant from the following: The Cheesecake Factory, Red Lobster, Buffalo Wild Wings, McCormick and Schmick's, Cracker Barrel, and P.F. Chang's. Contact Lynn Horton to purchase a \$50 gift card and \$10 from each card will be donated to CCC! Thank you for supporting this monthly fundraiser all through 2021!

[Lynn@terpsoft.com](mailto:Lynn@terpsoft.com) (978) 256-8524

**Gift Cards Available!** \$25 The Children's Place (2 available), \$25 The Gap/Old Navy/Banana Republic/Athleta, \$25 Apple App Store & iTunes (3 available), and \$25 Bath & Body Works. Available for immediate purchase and delivery! Please contact: Lynn Horton [Lynn@terpsoft.com](mailto:Lynn@terpsoft.com) (978) 256-8524

**Help Needed with Live Streaming!** We are looking for one or two more people to help with live streaming. We'd like to set up a rotation and also have a couple folks available as alternates in case somebody gets sick. If you are interested, please contact Joe Chapman at [joe.chapman@cccchelmsford.org](mailto:joe.chapman@cccchelmsford.org)

**December Movie Group "Watch Parties"** The CCC Movie Group is open to all! We will be watching the December movies together! **Join the Zoom at 6:30 pm on Monday 12/13 and/or 12/27.** Group discussion will follow each movie; this is optional.

**Monday, 12/13 – It Happened on 5th Avenue (1947)** is a sweet and whimsical film perfect for the holiday season. Hobo Aloysius T. McKeever has made a career out of breaking into mansions and living like a king while the owners are away. His solo act starts to include others who are homeless due to the housing shortage following WWII. Eventually there are eight living in the 5th Avenue mansion of the second richest man in the world, Michael J. O'Connor, who is wintering in the South. Soon the millionaire himself pretends to be in need of a home – at the insistence of his lovely young daughter, who has fallen for one of the squatters, Army veteran Jim Bullock.

**KiSeLo – Kindness, Service, Love:** We invite all women of the church to join us on **Wed., Dec. 15.** *Our meetings are not the same without you!* Come to Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. and be treated to a delicious dessert and coffee or tea served by Shirley Zachry and Carol Engel. The program for the afternoon will be a Christmas ornament swap. Please bring an ornament to trade. It may be one that you bought for the occasion, one that has hung on your tree, or one that you created yourself. Please bring coffee, tea, cocoa, or any non-perishable food items for donation to the Open Pantry. If you have any questions, please contact me at 978-930-6830. *Deb Lyons, President*

*Many Thanks to those who enrich our morning together.*

Today's Greeter is Jean Montgomery.

Today's Deacon is Elizabeth Hartigan.

*Ministries of the Church*

**Do You Need 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.

**The Prayer Ministry consists of dedicated people who firmly believe in the power of prayer.** If you wish to be a part of this ministry, or have prayer requests for yourself or others, please Wendy Perry, [wperry39@comcast.net](mailto:wperry39@comcast.net).

*This Week at Central Congregational Church*

Church office hours: Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship –Second Sunday of Advent – and Sunday School
	11:15 a.m.	Confirmation, Room 302
	11:30 a.m.	Christmas Concert Rehearsal
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	ChristCare via Zoom
Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup>	Noon	Lunch with the Pastor, Room 202
	7:00 p.m.	Social Action and Missions Committee
Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 p.m.	Council
Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup>	6:45 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	8:15 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Room 312
Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup>		
Saturday, 11 <sup>th</sup>		
Sunday, 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship –Second Sunday of Advent – and Sunday School
	3:00 p.m.	Christmas Concert

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

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