

# Central Congregational Church

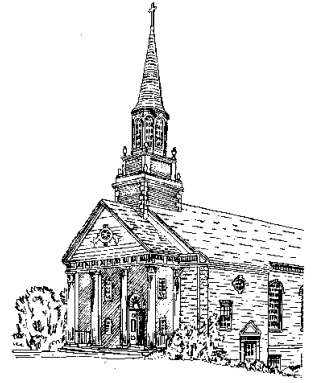
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*An Open and Affirming Congregation*

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

**Tuesday, September 20, 2022**

***Dear Friends in Christ,***

***Here's what's happening!***

**"Simple Gifts"** - *a concert of spirituals, folk, and classical songs this Sunday!*

On Sun. Sept. 25, at 3:00 p.m., our Dir. of Music Tudor Bota will be presenting a wonderful concert performed by Philip Lima, baritone, Joseph Chapman, trumpeter, and Tudor himself on piano. "Simple Gifts" is a collection of songs for baritone, trumpet, and piano featuring works by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, Kurt Weil, Victor Labenske, Moses Hogan, John Carter, and Mark Hayes. There will be a freewill offering. Tudor Bota

If you are able to help with the reception after the concert this coming Sunday, please contact Karen Papenfuss at [dickandkarenp@verizon.net](mailto:dickandkarenp@verizon.net) or 603-577-1497. We're in need of cookies/bars, fruit tray, vegetable tray, brownies. We also could use some help in setting up after Coffee Hour and clean-up. "Many hands make light work."

## **All-Church Campfire Postponed**

I've decided to postpone this Sunday's campfire in Carson Park. It's going to be a very busy Sunday with worship in the morning and a terrific concert at 3:00 pm. If you'd like to help out with a campfire at a future date, please let me know. Thanks, Pastor Rich

## **Worship this Sunday! 10:00 am**

Please join us at 10:00 am, as Pastor Rich continues his series, "Sermons from the Holy Land." Our services will continue to be livestreamed.

Here are the links: [Facebook Live](#). [YouTube Live](#).

## **Sunday School News & Registration**

If you're not receiving the Sunday School emails and would like to, please contact Carolyn Chapman at [carolyn.chapman@cccchelmsford.org](mailto:carolyn.chapman@cccchelmsford.org).

**Please register your child(ren) for Sunday School by using this [link](#).**

### **Junior Choir!**

Tudor Bota will be meeting with our young singers on Sundays immediately after the service - in the Sanctuary. They will prepare a piece for CCC's Christmas Concert in December. Please join in making a joyful noise! Ages 4 - 14 welcome! (15 and up can join the Senior Choir).

### **Would You Like to Try Bell Ringing?**

The CCC Handbell Choir will be resuming bell practices on Thursday, September 15. Join us at 8:00 pm on the 3rd floor of the church in the choir room. (Top of the stairs, immediately to the left, or take two rights after you get off the elevator.) All are welcome! Come and give bells a try! Contact Tudor Bota or Lynn Horton if you have questions!

### **Thursday Morning Bible Study**

Our "Good Ole Fashioned Hybrid Bible Study" meets Thursdays at 11:00 am in Rm. 202 and on Zoom. We've just started the Book of Acts, which records the history of the earliest Christians. Contact Pastor Rich for more information.

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81432361132?pwd=Y3FoUFpOTmRQSFbQVFB1U3N3Z3dOQT09>

Meeting ID: 814 3236 1132

**Passcode: Bible**

### **Nursery Help Needed**

Our CCC children are very precious to us and we consider it a privilege to partner with their parents in their Christian Education. I am continuing in the nursery this next year, but need your help. I would really like to have a volunteer in the nursery each week so that we are meeting your Safe Church guidelines. Please sign up to help out in the nursery, even one Sunday will make a big difference. I would also like to have a list of people who can cover the nursery when I am not able to be there. So if you are able to help out, let me know so we can make sure everything is ready if I cannot be at church on any given Sunday. Please look for sign-up sheets outside the nursery or stop by the nursery on Sunday. Thank you for your support. Jennifer Hart, CCC Nursery Coordinator

### **Please Wear Your Name Tag!**

To help everyone remember names and faces, please wear your church name tag! See the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall to find your name tag! If you need a name tag, Lynn Horton will be in the narthex (lobby outside the sanctuary) on Sunday morning to help you!

### **Rides to Church - 978-254-1564**

The "Deacon Hotline" for requesting a ride to church is once again up and running. Please call 978-254-1564 to request a ride to church.

### **Kit Harbison's Cancer Battle - what you can do.**

My wife Kit is now in treatment at Dana-Farber for a rare neuroendocrine tumor located in her

pancreas. A routine scan for another condition turned this up the Tuesday following Easter. Her life has been turned upside down as she undergoes the rigors of cancer treatments. This summer she completed a course of chemotherapy and on Sep. 7th she will have finished 28 days of radiation treatments. Surgery is expected but she doesn't know when.

Ellen Kunkel inspired me to raise funds for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute as a Pan-Massachusetts Challenge rider and volunteer when she stood to address the congregation every Sunday with an update on her daughter Cindy's battle with melanoma. After a valiant fight with melanoma Cindy died in July 2006. Over the past 16 years I've raised \$106,574 and counting. 100% of donated funds go straight to Dana-Farber Cancer Inst. in Boston. Every year I dedicate my ride to honor Cindy and Ted Buswick's memory. Thank you Ellen, without your inspiration I would not have taken this challenge on.

Many members have asked me what they can do to help Kit. My answer is 'please donate to my PMC 2022 campaign'. The easiest way to do this is to visit my PMC profile page by going to: <https://profile.pmc.org/DH0129> . You'll see the options for donating under my profile photo. You can also read more details of why I ride and more specifics regarding Kit's condition and treatment plan. If you prefer to donate by check, please make it out to the Pan-Massachusetts Challenge, Pan-Mass Challenge, The Jimmy Fund and/or Dana-Farber Cancer Inst. and mail it to me at: Don Harbison, 3 Thoreau Dr., Chelmsford, MA 01824. I will manage the deposit process.

Thank you and God Bless! - Don Harbison

### **Key Cards Need To Be Signed**

Our Safe Church policy requires that each person having a key or fob to the Church's back door or to 9 Worthen Street, annually sign a card acknowledging their responsibility for holding the key. New cards will be available for signing following worship. If you have a key or fob, please bring it with you to show it to **Diane Blair**, our Safe Church Advocate, as you sign a card. If you need to make other arrangements to pick-up or drop-off keys, please contact the office.

### **Aid for Ukraine**

The UCC Appeal for aid to Ukraine has raised in excess of \$1,073,208 which may be the church's largest international relief ever. Gifts to the UCC appeal are sent to participants in Europe through the ecumenical ACT Alliance. Participation by the UCC means we are connected to a global network of church-related humanitarian responses. Gifts will provide shelter, food and other necessities to war refugees and internally displaced persons currently and following the conflict. The UCC appeal uses no donations to cover administrative costs. If you are being led to donate, please make checks out to "CCC" and write Ukrainian Relief Fund on the memo line.

### **Movie Mondays - Next Up: *Field of Dreams***

The CCC Movie Group is open to all! Watch the movie on your own, then join the group on Zoom at 7:00 pm on "Movie Mondays" to discuss. Contact Lynn Horton for the Zoom link, if you have questions, or if you have difficulty accessing the movies! On Mon. Sept. 26 we'll be discussing the Kevin Costner/James Earl Jones classic, *Field of Dreams*.

### **Volunteer Coordinator Needed**

The Open Pantry of Greater Lowell is looking to hire a Volunteer Coordinator.

This position reports to the Executive Director. Assignment Description: The Volunteer Coordinator's primary responsibility is to assist the Executive Director with the day to day operations of the Open Pantry. The Volunteer Coordinator must have excellent interpersonal skills to lead volunteers and work with clients. Must be able to lift 25 pounds. Work 20 hours a week. Salary is \$15,000 yearly.

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