

Central Congregational Church

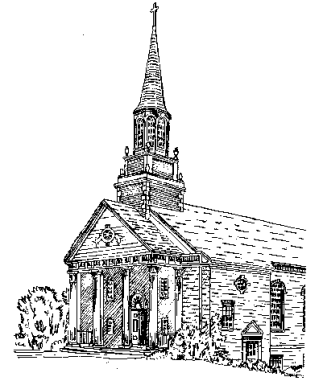
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Pastoral Concern

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Sarah Morin and her family at the loss of Sarah's mother, Diane. The service was held last Saturday in upstate New York. Please hold the family in your prayers.

Dates to Remember

- Pastor Rich's Book Club – TONIGHT! Tuesday, May 23 at 7 pm via Zoom
- KiSeLo Luncheon – Wednesday, May 24 at Good Times in Lowell
- Honoring Our Graduates – Sunday, June 4
- New Member Classes – Sundays, June 4 and 11
- Youth Sunday – Sunday, June 11

Sunday Worship! Pentecost Sunday - **Wear Red!**

This Sunday, May 28, we will observe Pentecost. Meaning “Fifty,” Pentecost is marked 50 days after Easter Sunday, and commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Disciples and other followers of Jesus Christ - the birth of the church. You may wish to **wear red** to represent the “power and the fire” of the Holy Spirit!

Please join us at 10:00 am for worship. Pastor Rich will be preaching. Our services will be livestreamed as usual. Here are the links:

[Facebook Live.](#) [YouTube Live.](#)

Pastor Rich's Book Club

Pastor Rich's Book Club starts tonight. We'll be discussing chapters 1 & 2 of Rachel Held Evans' [Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again](#), starting May 23 at 7:00 pm on Zoom (for 3-4 weeks).

Here's the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81383361463?pwd=SHFsZVQ4TFZlaVFidmJZNk1USHNidz09>

Meeting ID: 813 8336 1463

Passcode: Bible

The Hybrid Bible Study meets Thursdays at 11:00 am

We just started the Book of Exodus, so now's a great time to jump in! Here's the Zoom link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88329140184?pwd=eWs0REFodkhoOGp6M3A2ZEdPc0ZGdz09>

Meeting ID: 883 2914 0184

Passcode: Bible

Sign-up for St. Paul's Kitchen! The Social Action and Missions (SAM) Committee will have sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall for donations of fruit and brownies for our meal at St. Paul's Kitchen on May 31st, (Memorial Day).

All-Church Campfire! On Sun. June 4 at 6:00 pm we'll hold our "All-Church Campfire" in Carson Park. We'll roast marshmallows over the new fire pit and make s'mores for all to enjoy! We'll also do some campfire singing! Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Contact Pastor Rich or Jennifer Hart for more information.

CCC's nursery needs coverage Sunday June 4. Please let Jennifer know if you can help.
Thank you, Jennifer Hart <5ofHarts@chris-jenn.net>

New Member Class: We are planning on holding New Member Classes on Sundays, **June 4 and 11** at 11:30 am in Room 202. Please speak with Pastor Rich or Lynn Horton for more information and to sign up.

Youth Sunday & All Church Picnic

It's hard to believe but our Sunday School year is quickly coming to a close and with that comes Youth Sunday, the day when kids run the service. Our theme this year is Through God's grace comes Hope. In lieu of coffee hour we will be having our annual picnic immediately following the service on **Sunday, June 11th**. Please use the sign-up sheet at Coffee Hour starting this Sunday to sign-up in person or follow the link below to the electronic sign-up sheet. The cost is \$2 per person or \$8 per family. The CE committee will provide the hot dogs and hamburgers, but we are asking others to sign-up to bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Please remember to bring your camping chairs and picnic blankets. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please email Samantha Shields at Dakster33@gmail.com.

[Picnic Signup Link](#)

- CE Committee

The Social Action and Missions Committee's focus for the month of May is the Lowell Community Health Center and the work they do to improve lives.

LOWELL Community Health Center HISTORY

It all began with a bold idea, that everyone deserved access to quality health care. Lowell Community Health Center is rooted in the belief that everyone in Greater Lowell deserves access to quality, affordable health care.

In 1965, the national community health center movement launched as part of President Johnson's War on Poverty. The first two CHC's were located in Boston's Columbia Point neighborhood and in rural Mississippi.

Planting The Seed In Lowell: In 1970, the movement came to Lowell. That was when Lowell General Hospital (LGH) established a small, community-based clinic in an apartment at the Shaughnessy Terrace public housing complex. The clinic focused on prenatal and pediatric care, all easily accessible to residents.

SAM supports the work of the Lowell CHC. Information taken from <https://www.lchealth.org/>.

Do You Need a Ride to Church? Transportation to Sunday services and other church events is available. **Please call the Church Office at 978-256-5931 before noon on Saturday.** A church deacon will contact you and make the arrangements to drive you to the church.

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