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### Upcoming Events

#### CCC Movie Group

Mondays | April 8 & 22 | 7:00 PM via Zoom

#### ChristCare

Mondays | April 15 & 29 | 7:00 PM

#### Make A Difference Days

Sundays, April 21 and 28

#### KiSeLo

Wednesday, April 24 | 1:00 PM

#### Ramps for Neighbors: Trivia, Silent Auction, Dinner

Saturday, April 27 | 6:00 PM

#### Spring Hike

Sunday, April 28 | Great Brook State Park

#### Lunch Bunch

Tuesdays | 11:45 AM | Room 202

#### Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thursdays | 11:00 AM | via Zoom





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# NAVIGATING UNCERTAINTY

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## The Promise of Easter and the Renewal of Spring

In the gentle thaw of spring, as the earth awakens from its wintry slumber, we are greeted with tender shoots of new life. Every spring I seem to hold my breath in anticipation of the purple and white crocuses and the vibrant yellow daffodils that bring a burst of hope and color from the frozen brown and grey earth. They are a vivid reminder of the world's enduring cycles of renewal, even in the midst of life's uncertainties.

It is that very burst of color and vitality we see in the natural world around us that invites us to consider the deeper spiritual journey of Easter — a time when hope emerges triumphant, even from the depths of doubt and uncertainty.

Easter offers us a living promise—a promise that even when the future seems shrouded in mystery, light will pierce through the shadows, and life will find a way. It is a celebration of the resurrection, a cornerstone of faith that speaks to our ability to rise above life's challenges and struggles. In this sacred season, we are called to embrace the assurance that, though the path ahead may be uncharted, we are never alone in our journey.

As the world around us blossoms with the promise of new beginnings, let us hold tightly to the hope and promise of Easter, finding solace in the knowledge that, though the future may be uncertain, the cycle of life and the power of resurrection assure us that renewal is always within reach. In this time of reflection and celebration, may we find the courage to face the unknown, buoyed by the enduring hope that spring and Easter so beautifully symbolize.

*~Pastor Lee Atherton*



# FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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## FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

### *May Beacon Article Deadline*

The May edition of The Beacon will be published on May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have information to share, please submit it to Peggy by **Friday, April 26**. Thank you.

## CHRISTCARE

**Mondays | April 15 & 29 | 7:00 PM | via Zoom**



The Monday evening ChristCare group has been using Pastor Rich's Lenten devotional as a starting point for discussions. We have appreciated the opportunity to pray together and support one another.

If you are looking for a way to form closer bonds with a small group within the church, who will walk alongside you on your faith journey, you are invited to join. The Monday group is currently made up of women, while the Sunday morning group consists of men. Nonbinary folks are encouraged to try the group that sounds more comfortable to them.

We generally meet on the first and third Monday of each month, with adjustments as necessary. Please contact Deb Lyons for specific meeting information: [dlyons@dandelyons.net](mailto:dlyons@dandelyons.net)

## KiSeLo - KINDNESS, SERVICE, LOVE

**Wednesday, April 24 | 1:00 PM | Fellowship Hall**



We invite all women of the church to join us on Wednesday, April 24th, for our monthly KiSeLo meeting. Our meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. with dessert served by our hostesses Karen Banakos and Merri Robison.

The scheduled program has been postponed and a new one is "in the works". Please watch the weekly announcements and bulletins for a new program, or just come on the 24th and be pleasantly surprised.

### *KiSeLo Open Pantry Suggestion*



Our Open Pantry suggestion is **boxed rice or potatoes**; but, as usual, any non-perishable is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Papenfuss (603-577-1497). Hope to see YOU on April 24th!

## APRIL MOVIE GROUP

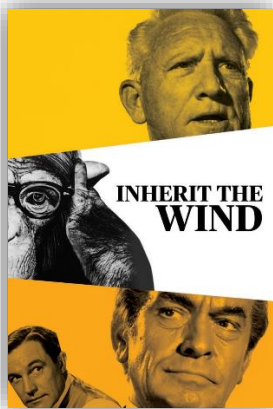
**Mondays | April 8 & 22 | 7:00 PM | Zoom**

The CCC Movie Group is open to all! Watch the movie(s) on your own, then join the group on Zoom at 7:00 pm on "Movie Mondays" to discuss. Please contact Lynn Horton for the Zoom link, if you have questions, or if you have difficulty accessing the movie!



**Monday, 4/8 – “Singin’ in the Rain”** (1952) is a popular American musical romantic comedy film directed and choreographed by Gene Kelly and Stanley Donen, starring Kelly, Donald O'Connor, and Debbie Reynolds, and featuring Jean Hagen, Millard Mitchell and Cyd Charisse. It offers a lighthearted depiction of Hollywood in the late 1920s, with the three stars portraying performers caught up in the transition from silent films to "talkies." The star trio is just perfect: Gene Kelly gives a funny performance as the hammy silent actor, Don Lockwood ; Donald O'Connor makes the most of his "second banana" role as Cosmo Brown; and Debbie Reynolds is perfect as Kathy Selden, the ingénue trying to break into films. Memorable

song and dance sequences include Gene Kelly’s iconic puddles-and-umbrella performance of the title song, Donald O’Connor running up a wall and flipping into a somersault in “Make ‘Em Laugh,” and a couch-tipping dance routine by Reynolds, Kelly, and O’Connor while they sing “Good Morning” into the wee hours. Jean Hagen plays Lina Lamont, the actress with a voice for silent films and equally problematic acting skills. Cosmo says, “Lina. She can't act, she can't sing, she can't dance. A triple threat.” Jean Hagen, however, was nominated for a Best Supporting Actress Academy Award for her performance as Lina!



**Monday, 4/22 – “Inherit the Wind”** (1960) An American drama film directed by Stanley Kramer and based on the 1955 play of the same name, “Inherit the Wind” is a parable that fictionalizes the 1925 Scopes "Monkey" Trial as a means to discuss McCarthyism. Written in response to the chilling effect of the McCarthy era investigations on intellectual discourse, the film (like the play) is critical of Creationism. Stars include Spencer Tracy as lawyer Henry Drummond (patterned after Clarence Darrow) and Fredric March as his friend and rival Matthew Harrison Brady (William Jennings Bryan). Also featured are Gene Kelly as E. K. Hornbeck of the Baltimore Herald (patterned after Henry L. Mencken), Dick York as Bertram T. Cates (patterned after John Scopes), Harry Morgan as Judge Merle Coffey (patterned after Judge John T. Raulston),

Claude Akins as Rev. Jeremiah Brown, Donna Anderson as Rachel Brown, Noah Beery Jr. as John Stebbins, and Florence Eldridge as Sarah Brady (patterned after Mary Baird Bryan). In a 1996 interview, one of the writers of the original play, Jerome Lawrence, stated that the play's purpose was to criticize McCarthyism and defend intellectual freedom. According to Lawrence, "we used the teaching of evolution as a parable, a metaphor for any kind of mind control ... It's not about science versus religion. It's about the right to think."

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAYS

### *Make A Difference on April 21 and 28!*

Join in the effort to Make A Difference in our community this Spring! The Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Clean Up will be held on **Sunday, April 21**. CCC volunteers will meet at the 110 ball field parking lot at 1:00 pm. (Take Fletcher Street from CCC to the ball fields.) Wear clothes and shoes appropriate for the weather of the day. Bring work gloves if you have them, garbage bags and litter grabbers will be provided.

On Sunday, **April 28**, MADD volunteers will help to open the Community Garden at Sunny Meadow Farm for the season. Meet at the garden at 1:00 pm; 168 Robin Hill Road, Chelmsford. Projects may include weeding garden beds, turning soil, spreading compost, clearing pathways. Dress appropriately, including work gloves; tools will be provided. The vegetables grown in these garden plots, formerly maintained by CCC, continue to be exclusively donated to the food pantry.

On **Sunday, April 28**, CE is planning to host our spring MADD project immediately following our Sunday School Hike at [Great Brook Farm State Park](#). We will meet at the pavilion to start our hike at 10:00 am. We will end the hike back at the pavilion where students and their families will have the opportunity to make cards and small potted plants to then be delivered to homebound CCC members. All the supplies needed for the card making and plant potting will be at the pavilion. Anyone is welcome to join us for our spring hike and MADD project. Please reach out to Samantha Shields, [Samantha.Shields@cccChelmsford.org](mailto:Samantha.Shields@cccChelmsford.org), or Jennifer Hart, [5ofharts@christjenn.net](mailto:5ofharts@christjenn.net), if you have any questions. Great Brook Farm State Park is located just 10 min from Central Congregational Church. We hope to see you there!

Please contact Lynn Horton if you have any MADD questions!  
[Lynn@terpsoft.com](mailto:Lynn@terpsoft.com) | (978) 256-8524

*Thank you for helping to Make A Difference!*



## SOCIAL ACTION AND MISSIONS COMMITTEE

### *Ramps for Neighbors (RfN)*

On February 4, SAM hosted Dave Kuzara from All Saints' Episcopal Church in Chelmsford to speak about their new mission project to build handicap ramps for Chelmsford neighbors. For those of you who were unable to attend his presentation, SAM is taking this opportunity to describe this new mission. SAM is enthusiastic to support this initiative to provide outreach in our own community, as well as the opportunity for CCC members to participate in local mission work in a variety of roles and without the cost of travel to out of state locations.

The Ramps for Neighbors (RfN) mission grew out of the former West Virginia Mission project that CCC and All Saint's Episcopal collaborated on for many years. The West Virginia Mission project shut down permanently during the pandemic, and coincidentally a new pastor arrived at All Saints, who had experience with building wooden handicap ramps for wheelchair bound neighbors at a former church. As handicap ramps were often part of the work done in West Virginia, it seemed like a perfect way to continue this type of ministry.

All Saints has taken the lead in planning and setting up this project over the past 12 months, including discussions with CCC members formerly active in the West Virginia Mission and with SAM. The All Saints congregation enthusiastically embraced the new mission and completed their first project in August of last year – building a ramp for a relative of one of their parishioners, who was newly wheelchair bound. The group is now planning to help a CCC family with fixing a deck for its second project. Meanwhile, All Saints has invited CCC to partner with them in this new mission going forward and Council has approved.

The primary focus for RfN will be to build wheelchair ramps for residents of Chelmsford and surrounding towns to help neighbors in need, regardless of income. The Chelmsford Senior Center will make the initial referrals, and RfN will reach out to other organizations as the ministry grows. The long-term goal is to build six or more ramps per year during the spring, summer, and fall months. The first ramps will be financed through fundraising, but the eventual goal is to raise money through grants.

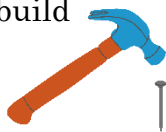
**There will be many ways to participate in this Mission besides swinging a hammer including:**

#### Logistics

- Planning and holding fundraising events
- Researching grant sources and writing grant proposals
- Communicating with the parish and the wider community
- Providing snacks and lunches at the build site

#### Building

- Finding qualified homeowners
- Developing plans and pulling building permits
- Enlisting partners to supply low-cost building materials
- Purchasing, storing, and transporting building materials
- Organizing the builds and building the ramps



If you are interested in participating in any of these projects, in any of the above roles, please watch for announcements in our bulletins and/or reach out to Bryan Norman, Peter White, or Geoff Bryant.

# RALLYING FOR RAMPS

*Trivia*

8 people per team!  
Don't have 8? We'll pair you with new friends! Prize for the winning team!

*Silent Auction*

6PM  
4/27

[allsaintschelmsford.org/ramps-for-neighbors](https://allsaintschelmsford.org/ramps-for-neighbors)



*Casual Dinner*

**\$15**

**PROCEEDS TO FUND RESIDENTIAL ACCESSIBILITY RAMPS**

All Saints' Episcopal Church  
10 Billerica Rd, Chelmsford

For more information or to purchase tickets, go to  
<https://ticketstripe.com/rampsforneighbors>



# UPDATES

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## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

*Stewardship is what we do to manage something that has been placed under our responsibility. Stewardship includes wise management of our treasure, time, and talents so that we can use these things in service of the Lord for the benefit of others.*



Our theme for this year's Stewardship Campaign is "Imagine Together." On March 10 and 17, respectively, Cynthia Dorman and Becky Wisniewski presented stewardship moments during church based on this year's theme of "Imagine Together". Stewardship allows us to dream big, to look to the future and make our dreams become reality. If you have not had a chance to see the Stewardship bulletin in Fellowship Hall, stop by during coffee hour and see what we "Imagine Together" in five years! Our annual Stewardship campaign commitments helps fund not only the ongoing church operations and missions but also what we can imagine as congregation for the next year.

Last year's Stewardship campaign was successful, but came with some challenges. Both the Music and Christian Educations (CE) committees were not funded due to the lack of pledge income. The Stewardship Committee has been looking more closely at historical pledging as well as the impact of inflation on pledging dollars. The bottom line is that we are still BEHIND where we should be (and need to be) to cover the annual budget for the church, let alone imagine our future. Inflation, along with fewer new pledges and the loss of long-time pledges continues to exert even more pressure on attempting to keep our budget balanced. Therefore, we are challenging everyone who is able to increase your pledge by \$7.50 per week - the cost of a large tea or coffee and donut or sweet drink at your favorite coffee shop! Can we count on your to increase your pledge this year and help us "Imagine Together"?

We have made so many beautiful improvements to CCC as the result of the capital campaign - a freshly painted sanctuary, a new gleaming kitchen and refreshed Fellowship Hall. In order to maintain and make continued use of these spaces, both for the community and CCC, we need your support to imagine what these spaces can become!

This year's Stewardship campaign appeal letter was mailed on March 11, along with a pledge card. If you prefer to give online, please visit <https://www.cccchelmsford.org/stewardship>. Please give prayerful consideration to increasing your pledge and return your pledge card by April 7.

Thank you for your consideration and God Bless,

*Stewardship Committee - Cynthia Dorman, Sherman Horton, Becky Wisniewski, Lindsay Moore, Mark Timmins, and Dick Papenfuss*



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN BUILDING COMMITTEE

- The new plumbing work in the kitchen has passed inspection.
- Cabinet drawers and doors under the pass-through have been installed. The next step is priming and painting the new wood. New door pulls have been installed for all kitchen cabinetry.
- A stainless cabinet for the back door wall has been installed. The fire extinguisher has been installed in the space between this cabinet and the freezer with repositioned signage and has passed inspection.
- Construction of panels to cover the grease trap and pipes on the back door side and on the sides protruding into the kitchen at the end of the 3-bay sink unit begins soon. The last job will be construction of an island.
- The new Fellowship Hall flooring has been installed. Work to replace the ceiling tiles is well underway and will be completed soon.
- Measurements for new shades in Fellowship Hall have been made.

*~Christine Williams, chair; Val King, secretary, Jim Clark, Shirley Zachry and Kenny Pantuso*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

What a blessing the increased day light has been. On behalf of the Christian Education Committee, we would like to thank the congregation for their support of our Sunday School Holy Week Walk on Palm Sunday. We had around 30 students present to do the parade of Palms and to introduce people to their Holy Week Walk stations. The stations were the culmination of the work the students did during Lent.

The preschool students presented Palm Sunday, Elementary students did Jesus overturning the tables at the Temple, and the Middle School group did stations on the Last Supper, the crucifixion, and the resurrection. It was a great morning for our students and wonderful to see the interaction between the congregation and the youth.

Our middle schoolers hosted an Easter egg hunt on Easter morning. The high school and middle school groups also combined to participate in Common Cathedral, an ecumenical community on the Boston Common that who engage “homeless and privileged people, service providers, clergy, seminarians, artists, and professionals of all kinds in activities that work to meet the physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs of homeless people in Boston.” The kids made 175 sandwiches and helped to distribute them. They found the experience meaningful and are interested in keeping the tradition running.

Coming up we are looking forward to the Sunday School Spring hike on **April 28 at Great Brook State Park.**

## FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR

**Happy Easter!** He has Risen and it is our time to show God's love to others and spread the joy of being forgiving and living a new life that creates heaven on earth.

**Sunday School Classes will be doing a selection of scriptures the next six Sunday School classes** to help them prepare for Youth Sunday on June 9 with the Theme: Living the Love and Justice of Jesus.

**On April 7 your children will be giving money for a lesson, Matthew 25:14-30.** I think everyone knows this lesson as the Parable of the Talents, but parables are not always easy to understand. Stories are supposed to make a lesson easier; I find that doing is always better than reading so we will be following the actions the parable is sharing with us.

The money represents the resources and literal talents that God gives each of us from the point of birth to our point of death. We have talents and resources we use to be stewards on earth with the idea that as children of God we are making earth a better place. Whether your child receives a small to medium amount of money, we want you and the children to know there will be no judgment on how they use their money. God's goal for us is to grow in relationship and celebrate together here on earth. One way to look at the scripture is that it is telling us to live a life of service, and more doors and responsibilities will open for us. My hope is that some of the actions the children are drawn to by receiving this money will be shared in the Youth Sunday Service along with collecting money that was inspired by their actions.

▶ **There will not be Sunday School April 14.**

▶ **Our Spring Hike will be April 28 at Great Brook Farm** ([great.brook.farm@state.ma.us](mailto:great.brook.farm@state.ma.us)) there is a \$3 parking fee. I am looking to find out if it is cash only/card only/pay on-line and will pass the information on as soon as I get it. We will gather at the Pavilion after the hike and make cards and plant flowers for members and friends who do not make it to church regularly. All church members who wish to make a difference are welcome to join us after church for some crafts in the great outdoors!

**For Budding Artists:** The United Church of Christ Minister for Environmental Justice is inviting every UCC person under age 18 to draw, paint, or color about the world and the environment in which they want to live. Contact me if you have a budding artist willing to share their art work with the UCC community. I have a special worksheet for the final project to be submitted on. It is called the "Vote for Climate Hope Art Contest," because the contest serves to give our children and youth a voice this election season while also reminding adults of their responsibility for the next generation when they vote.

**I need a Volunteer on Sunday June 2.** This volunteer should have CORI completed with the church and will record the attendance from the Sunday School classes and leave that number on Peggy's desk, collect offering from Sunday School classes and get it to the counters and walk the hallways between the Sunday School Classes and the nursery to make sure that everyone is safe and help if assistance is needed.

*~Jennifer Hart  
Nursery and Sunday School Coordinator*

## MUSIC COMMITTEE



The Music Committee would like to give a big thanks to Tudor Bota, the choirs, band and all the soloists for making this spring's Easter concert a big success!

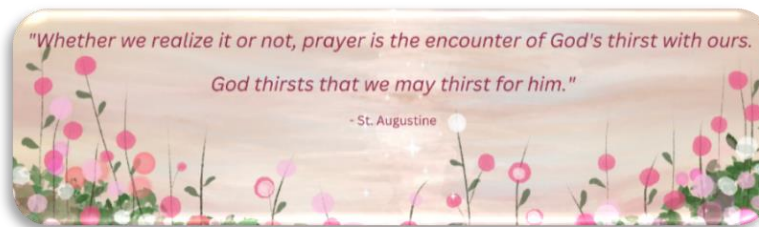
It takes many people to produce a concert and a reception. We also give thanks to the livestream crew and all the others who volunteered to bring food, greet, usher, set-up, clean-up, and any others that we might have missed. We couldn't have done it without you.

We thank the audience for attending. If you missed the concert, you can watch it on the church's You Tube channel.

## PRAYER MINISTRY



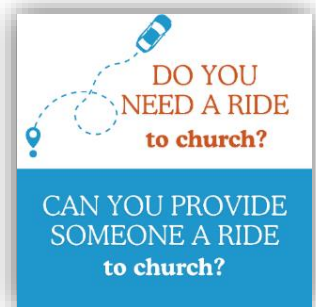
If you wish to be a part of the Prayer Ministry or have prayer requests for yourself or others, please contact **Wendy Perry**: [wperry39@comcast.net](mailto:wperry39@comcast.net) or **Daphne Freeman**: [uklady446@yahoo.com](mailto:uklady446@yahoo.com)



## CCC RIDE MINISTRY

The Deacons of Central Congregational Church wish to know.... Would you like a ride to church? Can you **\*offer\*** a ride to church?? We are seeking both passengers who need a ride to CCC to attend worship services and special events AND additional drivers who can add their name to the roster of potential "CCC chauffeurs!"

- ▶ If you would like to **request a ride**, call the church office (978) 256-5931 and Peggy will notify the Diaconate. A Deacon will then contact you to make ride arrangements.
- ▶ If you can serve as a Ride Ministry driver, please contact Lynn Horton: [Lynn@terpsoft.com](mailto:Lynn@terpsoft.com) (978) 256-8524



Thanks! I hope "wheel" be hearing from you! 😊

~Lynn Horton

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

### *Making the Vision a Reality*

This year the Stewardship Campaign theme is “Imagine Together,” and members of the Stewardship Committee asked the congregation to answer the question, “How do you imagine CCC will be in five years?” The answers to this question were clear, we all hope for a strong, active, engaged church with lots of kids, music, and faith!

The need for Stewardship pledges to help secure this imagined future is important. The need for effective church committees is key as well! That is where the work of the Nominating Committee comes in, to help fill and strengthen each church committee with individuals like you!

**What task or role at CCC is waiting for you?** What neglected committee could be brought back to full effectiveness if you joined and took an interest in its success? One such committee that could use reinvigorating is Members At Large. It has been several years since MAL has had any members, let alone the full complement of three as designated in our CCC Organizational Practices Manual (OPM).

Your Nominating Committee members work diligently to match CCC volunteers with open committee positions. Each spring we bring to Annual Meeting a slate of officers and committee members for the new church year. **Now is the time for us to ask – have you considered serving on a CCC committee?** We have many areas to suit your interests and skill sets!

- Do you enjoy planning social activities and helping to welcome visitors and new members? Members At Large is the committee that helps the congregation have fun and get to know each other better!
- If your passion is music - join the Music Committee!
- Do you value faith formation in our children and youth? The Christian Education Committee plans all Sunday School programming.
- Perhaps you like to work on repair and maintenance projects? The House Committee would be a good fit!

Consider your options by talking to us or sending an e-mail. We are here to help you grow in your commitment to CCC and in the joy of working side by side with fellow members of the CCC church family! Together we can ensure that the future of CCC is all that we imagine!

*~Lynn Horton, on behalf of Your Nominating Committee,  
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## COUNCIL CORNER

### *A Monthly Update on the Activity of the CCC Council*

Rev. Lee Atherton was welcomed by the members of Council and shared brief remarks with the group. Pastor Lee expressed her appreciation to the congregation for her experience at CCC these past weeks as she fills in for Pastor Rich for the time being. She is honored to be walking this journey with us and has found CCC to be an amazing group of people! Thank you for your warm and steady guidance and pastoral leadership, Pastor Lee!

We are 2/3 of the way through the fiscal year! Budgeted income and expenses are in balance, with Total Income at 70% of budget and Total Expenses at 69%, year-to-date. Pledged giving is on target at 69%, and Unpledged giving has continued at its own pace, now at 54% of budget.

Regrettably, we are still waiting for a part to repair the solar panels inverter which means we are not generating any electricity and therefore we are using and paying for “grid” electricity. This has ballooned our electricity line item to 222% of budget.

The Capital Campaign Building Committee reported that in Fellowship Hall the new ceiling panels are being installed and the flooring is complete. Projects in the kitchen are continuing.

The Council held a vote by e-mail on February 27 and unanimously approved Lucas Hart’s request to hold a clothing drive at CCC. This is a children's clothing drive for Cradles to Crayons sponsored by Project 351. They are collecting new and gently used clothing sizes newborn to adult medium. Project 351 is a Massachusetts state-wide program that brings together at least one eighth grader from every community to learn leadership skills and do service projects. Lucas is the Project 351 Ambassador for Dracut. Cradles to Crayons is a non-profit organization that provides clothing and other essentials such as diapers, shoes, coats, and school supplies to homeless and low-income children. The clothing collection at CCC would be held for two weeks, last week of March and the first week of April.

The members of Council considered a request to use CCC facilities on a regular weekly basis by an African Pentecostal Church which is outgrowing their worship and meeting space in Lowell. Further information is needed before any decision can be made. Christine Williams, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, is seeking more information.

The Diaconate would like to increase the number of drivers in the CCC Ride Ministry program. Please contact Kenny Pantuso or Deb Lyons, Senior Deacons, if you can help provide transportation for members of the congregation to CCC worship services and church events.

Pastor Lee is preparing special Holy Week services for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and a baptism for Shirley Eaton’s great granddaughter on Palm Sunday. Monique Billingsley, Chair, and the members of the Music Committee are organizing the reception which will follow the Easter Concert on March 24. Volunteers are needed to help with food and to serve as greeters/ushers. The bell choir needs assistance with moving their tables during the concert intermission.

Reminder - Volunteers for hosting Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings after worship services are still needed! Please note that the current lack of an operating church kitchen should not deter you for signing up! Kelly Hargett, Coffee Hour Coordinator, is very willing to help by preparing the coffee next door in the 9 Worthen kitchen. If you have questions, ask Kelly! Thank you!

Excerpts from the CCC Constitution – Article VII - Council

The Council shall be the executive body of this church. It shall be composed of the Ordained Minister(s), two members of the Board of Trustees elected by that Board, Clerk, Moderator, two Deacons elected by the Diaconate, Treasurer, three Members-at-Large, and one member from each of the following committees, elected by that committee: Christian Education, Communications, Finance, House, John R. Carson Memorial Park, Music, Nominating, Pastor/Parish Relations, Sanctuary, Social Action and Missions, Stewardship, and Technology. The Council shall be the policy-making body and shall be responsible for directing and coordinating all affairs, activities, responsibilities, and interests of the Church.

The next Council Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 7:30 pm**, via Zoom. Anyone from CCC is welcome to attend!

Contact Lynn Horton if you would like the Zoom link information.

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# Central Congregational Church UCC

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1 Worthen Street, Chelmsford, MA 01824  
*An Open & Affirming Congregation*

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

## WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US!

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**Worship is on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.**

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<b>Pastor Pro Tem:</b>	Rev. Lee Atherton	508-308-7116	lee@coachrev.com
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<b>Office Administrator:</b>	Peggy Kelly	978-256-5931	office.admin@cccchelmsford.org
<b>Nursery &amp; Sun School Coord.:</b>	Jennifer Hart	610-781-2074	5ofharts@chrisjenn.net
<b>Custodian:</b>	Juarez Gomes		
<b>Church Location:</b>	One Worthen Street	Chelmsford, MA 01824	
<b>Church Mailing Address:</b>	PO Box 339	Chelmsford, MA 01824-0339	
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<b>Conference Website:</b>	www.sneucc.org		

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