



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

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- List of transition team members: John Lamplough, Judith Barnes, Glenn Dissinger, Kelsey Hartigan, Shaleena Pulliam, Peter White.



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Central Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

Ministers: The Congregation

Pastor Pro Tem: Rev. Lee Atherton

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. John A. Zachry

Director of Music/Organist: Tudor Bota

Table with 3 columns: Sunday, November 3, 2024; Communion Sunday; 10 o'clock a.m. Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost; All Saints' Day

\*Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.

Table with 3 columns: Prelude; "His Eye is on the Sparrow" / "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"; arr. by Labenske

Welcome and Announcements

Table with 3 columns: \*Opening Hymn; "For All Saints"; #637

Call to Worship

Blessed are those who serve the poor, they will be called the children of God. Blessed are those who share the wealth, they will be called the children of God. Blessed are those who open doors, they will be called the children of God. Blessed are those who break down walls, they will be called the children of God. Blessed are those who challenge hate, they will be called the children of God. Blessed are those who live their faith, they will be called the children of God. Blessed are those who show Christ's love, they will be called the children of God. Let the children of God join hands in praise, prayer, and service! Let us worship God

Table with 3 columns: Prayer of Invocation; Jennie Walsh

Passing of the Peace of Christ

One: The Peace of the Lord be with you. Many: And also with you.

A Message for Children of All Ages

Pastor Lee

Sending the Children "Go Now in Peace"

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Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

Prayer of Transformation and New Life

Gracious Creator, have mercy on us, we have eaten our fill of this world's bounty and allowed the leftover to spoil. Help us to take only what we need. We have used all our resources and taken those of others. Help us to take only what we need. We have created disasters in our response to disasters. Help us to learn.

**Assurance of God's Grace**

**DEMM Presentation**

**Scripture** Micah 6:6-8, Matthew 28:16-20

Peter White

Pew Bible pp. 757, 812

**Message** Peter

**Song** "Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

**Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Invitation to the Offering**

Jennie

**Offertory** "The Prayer" Chancel Choir

arr. by Fettke

We pray You'll be our eyes, and watch us where we go, and teach us to be wise in times when we don't know. Let this be our prayer when we lose our way. Lead us to a place, guide us with Your grace to a place where we'll be safe.

We pray we'll find Your light, (we pray we'll find Your light,) and hold it in our hearts (and hold it in our hearts) as darkness falls each night remind us where You are. Let this be our prayer when shadows fill our day. Lead us to a place, guide us with Your grace. Give us faith so we'll be safe.

Lead us, Lord, lead us in Your righteousness; make Your way plain for us to see. Lead us, Lord, lead us in Your righteousness; make Your way plain for us to see. We pray we'll find Your light, and hold it in our hearts as darkness falls each night, remind us where You are.

Let this be our prayer, just like ev'ry child needs to find a place, guide us with Your grace. Give us faith so we'll be safe. Lead us to a place, guide us with Your grace, to a place where we'll be safe. Lead us, Lord.

**\*Doxology**

*Traditional Lyrics:*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Alternative Lyrics:*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host:

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor Lee

**All Saints Day Litany of Remembrance**

We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:

**Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.**

We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:

**Teachers of the faith, we remember you.**

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

**Family of our faith, we remember you.**

We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents whose lives ended too soon: **Those close in our heart, we remember you.**

We lift up to You, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives, knowing that they are with Your heart forever.

**Reading the names of those who have died in the past year.**

We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God, and lift up many more names in our hearts. Beloved, we remember you, and we honor you. We know you are with us in the spirit of worship, today and always, and you will not be forgotten.

We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to be with You beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and our celebration, O God, You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray. Amen.

**The Lord's Supper**

**Invitation to Communion**

**Communion Hymn**

"One Bread, One Body"

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**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**Words of Institution**

**Sharing of the Bread and the Cup**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Eternal God, we thank you for your presence in this holy feast. May we know the presence of Jesus among us. Take us from this table, nourished and restored, ready not to be served but to serve, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn**

"We All Are One in Mission"

See insert

**Benediction and Threefold Amen**

Pastor Lee

**Postlude**

"Allegro"

Handel



*Communion Celebrants*

*Nora Marcsisin*

*Ella Naish*

*Lucy Naish*

*Please join us in Fellowship Hall for lunch & church meeting*

## *All Saints' Day*

Today, we celebrate All Saints' Day, a time of worship to commemorate all our saints: our ancestors, people of faith who carried and passed on our faith stories to us, and individuals who followed God's call, both within Christianity and outside our tradition. We will hold sacred space to hear the names of loved ones spoken aloud, to acknowledge and lift them up as Saints in our CCC family.

This Holy Space is a time to honor the people we loved and lost and who still impact our lives today, to thank them for leading the way in faith and in life, and to celebrate the ways in which death both parts us and rejoins us in the great Eternity.

*We lovingly remember ...*

Linda Ellis  
Daphne Freeman  
Dennis Gibson  
William Harrison  
John King  
Pastor Rich Knight  
Bruce Kunkel  
Jane McKenzie  
Alan McKersie



## Welcome to Central Congregational Church!

*No matter who you are, or where you are on your spiritual journey, you're welcome here!*

**Good morning and welcome to Sunday morning worship!** We are glad you are here! Today is Communion Sunday and All Saints Day. Peter White will speak about the Down East Maine Mission and give the morning message.

Please join in Fellowship Hall after the service for food and fellowship.

### Children

- ☺ Children are always welcome in our services of worship.
- ☺ "Busy Bags" for kids are available in the narthex (lobby).

**Deacons are available during Sunday services.** Reach out to any of them with questions or concerns. You can spot them wearing a [blue name tag](#).

<b>Greeter(s):</b>	Dick and Karen Papenfuss
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Jennie Walsh
<b>Nursery Care Coordinator:</b>	Kelsey Hartigan
<b>Worship Service Flowers:</b>	Today's arrangement has been donated Dick & Karen Papenfuss in honor of their 50 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. <i>Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!</i>
<b>Coffee Hour Hosts:</b>	The Christian Education Committee and the Deacons

*Many thanks to all who enrich our morning together.*

## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

**Today!** Make a Difference Day! We will be holding our two traditional projects:

- **The Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Clean-Up** will be held on Sunday, November 3. CCC volunteers will meet at the Route 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.
- **Community Garden at Sunny Meadow Farm:** MADD volunteers will help to close 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, and 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. They had bountiful harvests this summer!
- **Crafts & Games:** Also on Sunday, November 3, the Christian Education Committee arranged for games, crafts and stories at Summer Place, 20 Summer St. Chelmsford at 3:00 PM.

**Today!** **Lunch with Lee: A Monthly Fellowship Gathering | After the Worship Service** - A new monthly tradition that invites you to share, reflect, and explore the depths of faith and life together. No agenda, just connection.

**WHEN:** The 1st Sunday of every month      **TIME:** After worship until 1pm (or longer)  
**PLACE:** The Java Room, 14 Littleton Rd, Chelmsford      **MENU:** Coffee, lunch, and delicious snacks

**Social Action and Missions Committee:** The SAM November initiative is Lowell Transitional Living Center (LTLC) a 24-hour staff supported emergency shelter. Please consider donating some much-needed items. You can find the donation box in the church narthex (lobby) with a list of items needed. The much-needed donation list is also provided in the November edition of The Beacon. Thank you for your continued support! ~Wendy Piacenza

**November Kids Club | Fri, November 15 | 6:30 – 7:30 PM | Fellowship Hall** - Kids in grades PreK - 4th mark your calendars for our November Kids Club meeting. It will be on Friday, November 15th from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will be continuing our focus on Community and making crafts to sell at our Annual CCC Holiday Fair to raise funds for the Open Pantry of Greater Lowell. We hope you can join us for crafts, pizza, fellowship, and fun!! Please contact Samantha Shields at: [Samantha.Shields@cccChelmsford.org](mailto:Samantha.Shields@cccChelmsford.org) with any questions. The online signup link can be found in the Tuesday email announcements.

**Holiday Fair | Sat, Nov 23** - Now is the time to prepare for this major fundraising event! Our church budget relies on a successful Fair!! You can help in many ways, and everyone is welcome to participate!

- **Please Donate** – Silent Auction items, jewelry, baked goods, books/games/DVDs, crafts, plants, Christmas items.
- **Please Volunteer** – Helpers are needed before, during, and after the Fair!
- **Please Shop and Tell Your Friends** – Your support is needed to spread the word and to be a customer!

There will be a **Lunch Café** (Thank you, Acheson Family!) and we hope to have Apple Pie Baking to bring back this popular CCC tradition! Call or e-mail to sign up! Ask me questions! If we work together and plan ahead of time I know we will meet our budgeted goal of raising \$6,500!

~Lynn Horton: [lynn@terpsoft.com](mailto:lynn@terpsoft.com)



**Needed: Your Unused Jewelry** - Even though the Church Fair isn't until November 23, Beth Jarok and Pat Vondal need time to sort, price, and clean the jewelry that comes in for their table. Please consider donating your unused jewelry to us. You can leave jewelry at the church office or give it to Pat or Beth on Sunday mornings during coffee hour.



**Volunteers are needed to assist in the nursery with our Nursery Coordinator, Kelsey Hartigan.** Signup by speaking with Kelsey, adding your name to the signup sheet outside of the nursery, or our online signup. Thank you!

**Seeking a Church Social Media Coordinator** - The Communications Committee is looking for someone to help manage our social media. Ideally, someone with marketing and/or social media experience would be a great resource and help. For more details, please contact Samantha Shields: [samantha.shields@cccchelmsford.org](mailto:samantha.shields@cccchelmsford.org)

### This Week at CCC      Nov 3-7, 2024

<b>Sun, Nov 3</b>	11:15 AM	Junior Choir	Sanctuary
	11:30	Lunch with Lee	The Java Room
	1:00 PM	Make a Difference Day Activities	
<b>Mon, Nov 4</b>	7:00 PM	Christ Care	Via Zoom
<b>Tues, Nov 5</b>	11:45 AM	Lunch Bunch	Room 202
	7:00 PM	Social Action & Missions Committee	Room 202
<b>Wed, Nov 6</b>	7:15 PM	Christian Education Committee	Rm 202/Zoom
<b>Thurs, Nov 7</b>	6:45 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	8:15 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Rm 312

**Pastor Lee's Office Hours** - Thursdays: 9:00 AM–1:00 PM | Sundays: Until 1:00 PM | Also by request.

## HYMN LYRICS

### Opening Hymn      *"For All Saints "*      #27

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For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might: their strength and solace in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, the one true light.

Alleluia, alleluia!

O blest communion, company divine! We live and struggle, they glory shine; and yet all are one in three, for all are thine.

Alleluia, alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the conflict long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.

Alleluia, alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

Alleluia, alleluia!

### Communion Hymn      *"One Bread, One Body"*

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One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.

### Closing Hymn      *"We All Are One"*

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We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name. Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace, so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

## SAFE HOME-SMART HOME

2 Sessions

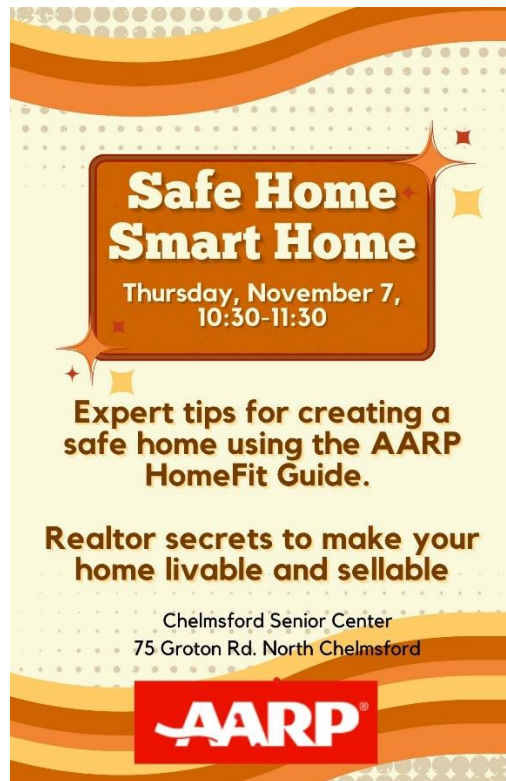
Chelmsford Senior Center  
75 Groton Rd., North Chelmsford

**Thursday, November 7, 10:30-11:30**

An expert will show smart ways to make a home safe using the AARP HomeFit Guide. A realtor will explain what makes a home livable and sellable. (Rm B07)

**November 14, 10:30-11:30**

Learn about low cost, basic and more advanced fixes you can do to make your home safe, smart and beautiful using tips from the AARP HomeFit Guide. A handy-lady tells her secrets. Receive a list of local, free resources for your home. (Rm B07)




**Safe Home  
Smart Home**  
Thursday, November 7,  
10:30-11:30

Expert tips for creating a  
safe home using the AARP  
HomeFit Guide.

Realtor secrets to make your  
home livable and sellable

Chelmsford Senior Center  
75 Groton Rd. North Chelmsford



## Closing Hymn

## "We All Are One in Mission"



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.  
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:  
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
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