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UPCOMING EVENTS



Fall Make A Difference Day

Sunday, November 3 | 1:00 PM

Lunch with Lee

Sunday, November 3 | 11:30 AM

ChristCare

Mondays | November 4 & 18 | 7:00 PM

CCC Movie Group

Mondays | November 11 & 25 | 7:00 PM via Zoom

November Kids Club

Friday, November 15 | 6:30 PM

Navigating Grief

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KiSeLo – Kindness, Service, Love

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Lunch Bunch

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Advent Festival

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances,
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Driving to Phillipston the other day, Rick and I saw the most vibrant, eye-catching foliage! In the midst of fading colors and trees with mostly bare branches, an amazing little tree full of bright, vibrant yellow leaves suddenly came into view! Only moments before, I had commented how sad I was to see all the colors gone.

As the autumn colors fade away and the air carries a crispness, we are reminded of the cycles of change that mark not only the seasons of the earth but also the seasons of our hearts. In this time of harvest, many of us have picked the last of the tomatoes and pulled our onions and carrots before the ground freezes; we gather not only the fruits of the earth but also the fruits of our faith. It is also a time to think of the abundant blessings that grace our lives.

In our day-to-day experiences, gratitude is like a golden thread weaving moments of joy, peace, and resilience into our lives. It is in the awareness of all there is to be grateful for that we find our hearts opening to the fullness of life, even in the midst of life's challenges. The Apostle Paul reminds us in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." Let us, therefore, cultivate a heart of gratitude, recognizing the presence of God's blessings in every moment, whether it be in the laughter of children, the support of our church family, or the quiet moments of prayer and reflection.

French novelist Marcel Proust says it well, "Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom." Take a moment and think - what are you grateful for? Having an 'attitude of gratitude' is a powerful tool and can change your view of the world.

Our church stands as a testament to the strength and beauty that flourishes when we come together in faith and love. Just as a garden requires many hands to tend and nurture it, so too does our community thrive on the love, support, and service we share with one another. This November, let us take a moment to appreciate the rich harvest of relationships that sustain us. Let us also look for ways to extend the warmth of our community to those who may feel isolated or in need, remembering Jesus' call to love our neighbors as ourselves.

As we move into November and this season of Thanksgiving, may we each take time to reflect on the blessings we have received and seek opportunities to give back, whether through acts of kindness, words of encouragement, or simply by being present for one another. In doing so, we not only enrich our own lives but also contribute to the flourishing of our church family and the wider community.

May our hearts be filled with thankfulness, and just as that little tree caught my eye with its bold color and stood out so vibrantly, may our community shine brightly as a beacon of God's love and grace to all.



Rev. Lee Atherton

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE



NEXT BEACON DUE DATE

The next submission deadline is **Friday, November 22** for the December edition.

COMMITTEE MAIL

Just a reminder for Committee members to check their church mailboxes.

SUBMITTING ARTICLES, REPORTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

As the central point for CCC communications, I receive a LOT of emails with various requests, attachments, reports, articles, etc. In an effort to help organize the various communications, I have created a shared Google folder called, [‘Articles, Reports & Announcements’](#) where you can upload various documents. Within this folder are named folders where you can upload:

- Beacon articles
- Council reports

Instructions are also included.

Submitting Announcements

Also included in the [‘Articles, Reports & Announcements’](#) folder is an **‘Announcement Request Form’** to request an announcement for the Tuesday emails and bulletin insert. Please complete the form and, once you submit it, I will receive an email about your announcement request and will follow up with any questions.



You can access the [‘Articles, Reports & Announcements’](#) folder by scanning this QR Code (which will also be included in the weekly emails).

Please know that if you are not comfortable uploading to Google folders or submitting an online form, you can always email your requests.



Peggy Kelly
Office Administrator

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

LUNCH WITH LEE

A Monthly Fellowship Gathering

Please join us on **Sunday, November 3** for Lunch with Pastor Lee. This is a new monthly tradition that invites you to share, reflect, and explore the depths of faith and life together. It is an opportunity to connect with Pastor Lee and your fellow church members in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

There's no set topic or agenda—just come as you are, with whatever's on your mind. Whether you have questions about faith, the church, or simply want to share what's happening in your life, Pastor Lee would love to chat. It's a chance to ask those burning questions, share insights, or just enjoy the company of your church family.



- WHEN:** The 1st Sunday of every month
TIME: After worship until 1:00 PM (or longer, if we're all engaged!)
PLACE: The Java Room, 14 Littleton Road in Chelmsford
MENU: Coffee, lunch, and delicious snacks

Looking forward to sharing this time with you,

Pastor Lee

CHRISTCARE

Mondays, November 4 & 18 / 7:00 PM



The Monday evening ChristCare group recently discussed an article on Biblical friendship. The author cites scripture to support her choice of six characteristics of such friendships. Those characteristics are:

- unconditional love,
- support during trials,
- happiness for each other's successes,
- edifying conversations,
- gentle correction,
- and time together.

We could easily see the benefits of such friendships in our group.

The article cited a saying that "Friends are God's way of taking care of us." If you would like to deepen your Biblical friendships by attending ChristCare, please contact Deb Lyons for more information: dlyons@dandelyons.net. The Monday evening group will be meeting on November 4 and 18, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.

Glenn Dissinger leads the men's group on Sunday mornings.

KiSeLo – KINDNESS, SERVICE, LOVE

Wed, November 20 / 1:00 PM / Fellowship Hall

Thanksgiving will soon be upon us and like me you may be wondering just how the year went by so fast! Whether you are doing the cooking, are invited to enjoy the family at a loved one's home, or are enjoying reservations, the week before can be hectic.

Instead of meeting the day before Thanksgiving, we will be meeting November 20th at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. As in previous years, we will be expressing our gratitude on holiday cards to be sent to the troops, and/or making Christmas ornaments. Coffee, tea, and dessert will be served by the hostesses of the month.



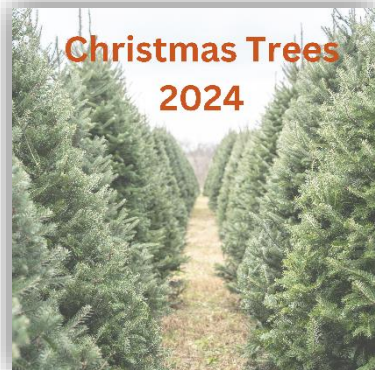
Service is an important part of KiSeLo, and we will be collecting donations for Toys For Tots on the November 20 or, if unable to join us, anytime during the month.



For our November donation, Open Pantry is need of \$10 gift cards to Market Basket or, as always, any non-perishable food.

KiSeLo wishes all a very happy Thanksgiving! **Questions, need information, or have comments about KiSeLo?** Text or call Karen Banakos at (603)686-2026.

CHRISTMAS TREE SEASON



It is hard to believe that we are just a few weeks away from the Christmas trees and wreaths arriving. Christmas trees will be delivered before Thanksgiving, sometime between Monday, November 25 and Wednesday, November 27. We will be looking for many people to help unload the truck. We will keep you informed of more details of the delivery time when it is firmed up.

We will set up the stand on Friday, November 29 at 9:00 a.m. Sales will begin at noon that day and continue through December 23 or until we are sold out.

We will need people to help unload the trees when they arrive, to set up the stand, and especially volunteers to take shifts to sell the trees and wreaths.

- ▶ A sign-up will be available online (it will be published in the weekly emails soon),
- ▶ a sign-up poster in Fellowship Hall on Sundays starting Nov. 3 or
- ▶ you can talk to Glenn or Margie Dissinger (or email margie228@gmail.com).

Please check your calendars now and plan to sign up for a couple of shifts to sell trees!

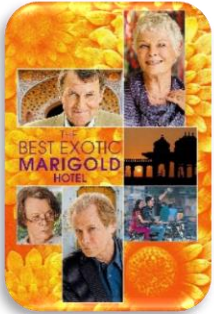
As you all know, this is a major fundraiser for the church and we need everyone to help to make this a successful one! Watch your weekly emails for information and updates.

~Glenn & Margie Dissinger, Co-chairs

NOVEMBER MOVIE GROUP

Mondays | November 11 & 25 | 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, 11/11 – “The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel” (2011) Seven elderly Britons, for a variety of reasons, respond to an online ad and travel to Jaipur, India, where they find a run-down hotel with a young, exuberant, and optimistic host. Evelyn Greenslade (Dame Judi Dench), newly widowed, wants a low-cost experience, Graham Dashwood (Tom Wilkinson) seeks a long-ago love, Douglas Ainslie (Bill Nighy) and Jean Ainslie (Dame Penelope Wilton) have lost their pension in a family investment, Muriel Donnelly (Dame Maggie Smith) needs cheap hip surgery, Madge Hardcastle (Celia Imrie) seeks a rich husband, and Norman Cousins (Ronald Pickup) is chasing women. India affects each in different ways, enchanting Douglas and Evelyn while driving Jean deeper into bitterness. Their host, young Sonny (Dev Patel), has dreams but little cash or skill; he also has a girlfriend whom his mother dismisses. Stories cross and discoveries await each one. Watch the sequel “The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel” (2015), if you wish to follow the story further!



Monday, 11/25 – “The Farewell” (2019) Billi Wang (Akwafina) is a young aspiring writer in New York whose family had immigrated from China when she was six years old. She maintains a happy telephone relationship with her paternal grandmother, Nai Nai (Zhao Shuzhen), who still lives in China in the city of Changchun. Billi's family has received news from another relative that Nai Nai is dying of lung cancer. The extended families travel to Changchun to celebrate the wedding of Billi's cousin although the collective intention is really to say goodbye to Nai Nai - while withholding the news from her that she is dying. The film sheds light on the differences between Eastern and Western philosophies of life, particularly in the way that family members interact, which enhances an understanding of Chinese life, beliefs, and traditions. It's mostly in Mandarin with English subtitles, though the words are fairly simple because several relatives don't know Chinese well. Movie tag line - “Based on an actual lie.”



NOVEMBER KIDS CLUB

Friday, November 15 / 6:30 PM

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!!

Friends are always welcome and do not need to attend CCC to attend Kids Club! We will collect \$5 per child at the door to help cover the cost of the pizza.

Please use this link to sign-up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545A4A82EA2FF2-52712758-2024?useFullSite=true>

Please contact Samantha Shields
Samantha.Shields@cccchelmsford.org with any questions.



ADVENT FESTIVAL

Sunday, December 1

Please join us on Sunday, December 1st after the worship service for this year's Advent Festival. This is a fun tradition at CCC where everyone in the congregation gets together for fellowship and to bring in the Advent Season together.

We will sing carols, enjoy music, and create crafts and Advent wreaths to take home. We also plan to share and enjoy a delicious pot-luck lunch - with your help! We plan to use the kitchen this year and are not limited to only crockpots, thanks to our Capital Campaign team and the beautiful kitchen renovation! We ask that everyone bring a dish to share and join in the festivities.

The Advent Festival is a tradition that our youth look forward to every year and we are very grateful for all who make this day so special for them and all who are young at heart. There will be a sign-up sheet at a table during Coffee Hour and a digital sign-up sheet available as we get closer to the event date. Please be on the lookout for more information!

The cost is \$3 per person or \$8 for the whole family. We look forward to ushering in this Advent season with you!!

~Your Christian Education Committee

UPDATES

MUSIC NOTES

Christmas Concert

Save the Date: December 8 at 3:00 PM

Bells will be ringing, choirs singing, SonLight will be playing, and Tudor Bota will be directing the Annual Christmas Concert.

Come join us! We need an audience to be part of this wonderful event.



PRAYER MINISTRY



Along with the adults of our church, this year our Sunday School classes are learning about what it means to be a part of a church community. Recently there was a lesson on praying together based on James 5:13-16.

Are you hurting? Pray! Do you feel great? Sing! Are you sick? Call the church leaders together to pray and anoint you with oil in the name of the Master. Believing prayer will heal you, and Jesus will put you on your feet. And if you've sinned, you'll be forgiven - healed inside and out. Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed.

James 5:13-16 (The Message paraphrase)

James taught the early Christians the importance of praying together. He believed prayers would strengthen the young church community.

Our church prayer ministry believes in the power of prayer. We will pray with you and for you. Please reach out to us with your prayer requests. Our prayer community is here for you. If you have a request, please contact Wendy Perry at wperry39@comcast.net.

~Bonnie McGrath



SOCIAL ACTION AND MISSIONS COMMITTEE (SAM)

SAM will be sponsoring the **Lowell Transitional Living Center** (LTLC) for the month of November 2024.

LTLC, located on Middlesex Street in Lowell, is an emergency shelter that provides 24-hour staff support for unaccompanied adults experiencing homelessness. In addition to emergency shelter, LTLC provides meals, showers, clothing, personal hygiene items, and case management with referrals to community-based resources including medical and behavioral health services.

Case managers work with clients to develop a housing plan to identify housing opportunities, employment placement, access to benefits and crisis intervention. LTLC has helped many individuals including Ricardo a United States Army veteran suffering from PTSD.

The Winter Emergency Bed Program (WEBP), which operates solely on donations, is an additional LTLC program that runs from November to April providing additional capacity during the coldest months of the year with 30 cots, access to showers, laundry, and meals, as well as outreach and engagement services.

There will be a donation box in the church narthex for the month of November. Please consider donating some of these much-needed items.

Hygiene items:

deodorant	toothbrushes	feminine hygiene products
razors	toothpaste	alcohol-free
shaving cream	body lotion	wipes/sanitizers
soap	shampoo & conditioner	ChapStick

For some reason, they have a small supply of shampoo, but they have very few bottles of conditioner.

Adult sized clothing:

- new socks/underwear
- new or gently used, clean winter clothing such as gloves, mittens, hats, jackets, sweatshirts and sweatpants.
- Jackets and sweatshirts are the most needed items and are claimed as soon as they are donated. Unfortunately, LTLC has very little storage space and they cannot accept warm weather clothing at this time.

Bedding and towels:

new or gently used wash cloths	twin sheets
bath and hand towels	light weight blankets.

Thank you for your continued support!

~Jennifer Bellissimo, Diane Blair, Carol Boucek, Julie Carney, Kathy Gaphardt, Kathy Lueck, Wendy Piacenza, Dale Williams, Becky Wisniewski

ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAIR

Come One, Come All, to the Annual CCC Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 23!

This is a 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!

Thank you!

Lynn Horton, Your Fair Chair

Lynn@terpsoft.com 978-256-8524

The God Squad needs your donations to the “Media and More” Room!

The CCC High School Youth Group will be running this popular area of the Fair again this year! Donations of books (especially Children’s books!), DVDs, games and puzzles are requested!

Drop off begins on Sunday, November 17 – leave items on the stage marked “Fair.” Arrangements can be made for pick up, if needed.

Thank you for your contributions!!

Jewelry for Holiday Fair



The Holiday Fair is only a few weeks away! Beth Jarok and Pat Vondal need time to sort, price, and clean the jewelry that comes in for their table. So as you are clearing out stuff (we all have stuff) please give your unused jewelry to us.

You can leave jewelry at the church office or give it to Pat or Beth on Sunday morning during coffee hour. What is unused jewelry to you is a treasure to someone else!

FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR

This church is sooooo busy! It is exciting to see all that is done in this community; I hope you enjoy everything you do. All that we do requires two things: first, people to organize/run the happening; second, people to participate. Where are you?

In October we had a chance to meet Coach Becky. I hope you know how important you and the children are in this process of getting ready for the next settled Pastor.

On October 20 we had Bible Sunday. If your child was not at church and was listed as receiving a Bible this year please see me or talk with your child's Sunday School teacher.

Fall Make A Difference Day

November 3 is MADD (Make a Difference Day) across the church community!

Join in the effort to Make A Difference in our community this Fall!

Central Congregational Church takes pride in making everyone feel special. Twice a year we set aside a Sunday to do some projects that Make A Difference. We encourage you to find the project that best fits your ability, interests, and family needs. For our Fall MADD projects we have these three choices, all are welcome at each of the events.

- 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.
- Also on Sunday, November 3, 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!
- Finally, on Sunday, November 3, the Christian Education Committee arranged for games, crafts and stories at Summer Place, 20 Summer St. Chelmsford at 3:00.

Contact Lynn Horton <Lynn@terpsoft.com> or Jennifer Hart 5ofharts@chris-jenn.net for more information.

Communion Celebration

Communion Celebration class will be on Saturday, November 2 at 11:30 AM.

We have 3 young ladies who will be working with Pastor Lee exploring the meaning of the Sacrament of Holy Communion and baking bread that will be used during Communion.

Looking ahead!

- December 1 is the first week of Advent. Please plan on staying after worship for the Advent Festival and potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share.
- Our Christian Education program grows richer with every individual who shares their gifts and talents with our children in Sunday School classes and the Nursery. We are looking for volunteers to lend a hand by signing up to teach. There is no long-term commitment, so if you would prefer to sign up for only one or two lessons throughout the year, we welcome you! If you are looking for a new route by which to explore your relationship with God, and are interested in helping our youth to do the same, this is a wonderful opportunity for you.

*~Jennifer Hart
Sunday School Coordinator*

FROM THE NURSERY COORDINATOR

We are always looking for volunteers to help in the nursery.

Please feel free to email me directly, kelsey.hartigan2020@gmail.com, or you can sign up by scanning this QR code or on this google sheet: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UmjuG7rF5SJ6Ilg692D5R0UI59UwO-anxT2pID6Y_1E/edit?gid=0#gid=0.

Also, if you know of any families who are looking to bring their children to the nursery, please direct them my way as I would like to make this space as welcoming and nurturing as possible.

Thank you!
Kelsey Hartigan



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN BUILDING COMMITTEE

- ▶ The town inspection request and permit for use of our kitchen has been submitted.
- ▶ The LED solar light for the North Road church sign was approved by the Chelmsford Historic District Commission and has been delivered.

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



SAFE HOME-SMART HOME

Thursdays, November 7 & 14

Location: 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)

Thursday, 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)

Submitted by Bryan Norman



COUNCIL CORNER

A Monthly Update on the Activity of the CCC Council

News from the October 9, 2024, meeting:

- Treasurer Dick Papenfuss reported that the 2024-2025 fiscal year is well under way; we are at 25% of the year and numbers are looking good. Pledged income received to date is 23% of budget and total income YTD is 21%. Expenses are all in line as well, at 23% YTD. The inverter for the solar panels at 9 Worthen has been replaced and we will see a benefit from that system coming back into service; our electricity costs will go down as the electric power generated by the solar panels goes up. A repair to the malfunctioning sprinkler system timing device will minimize the over-watering problem that occurred at the park this season. The Christmas trees have been ordered in preparation for that major CCC fundraiser this winter.
- Pastor Lee encouraged all church committees to utilize the Master Calendar when planning events and activities.
- Rev. Becky David – Coach Becky – joined the Zoom meeting to meet the representatives to Council and talk about her planned visit to CCC the weekend of October 25-27. She will have face-to-face meetings with the Council, Pastor Lee, PPRC, and other groups, in addition to the whole-church meeting and lunch with the congregation on Sunday. The members of the 6-person Transition Team will be finalized and approved by Council prior to Coach Becky's visit and will be commissioned during the worship service on October 27. The Diaconate and Council President, with Coach Becky, have the responsibility for forming the Transition Team.
- The Trustees proposed revisions to CCC Policy #13, "Use of Church Facilities: Policies and Procedures." John Carson noted that Trustee John Lamplough's research identified that our current fee schedule was quite a bit lower than local church fees for use of the building. These fees were increased to be competitive with local churches and community centers. Council unanimously approved the updated fee schedule.
- The Capital Campaign Building Committee reported that the kitchen inspection by the Chelmsford Board of Health is pending. The completed application has been submitted to the BoH. There will be training offered to interested individuals in the use of kitchen appliances and cleaning/trash disposal procedures. We are seeking at least one more individual to undertake ServSafe training and certification. Valerie King has agreed to start the training and offered to study with anyone who is interested in getting certified. The church will pay the certification fees. The church ServSafe person would have to be present at the beginning and end of each event that serves food from our kitchen. The task is to ensure that proper food preparation, storage and serving is done according to health guidelines. Other Building Committee projects will be completed in the coming months or early Spring 2025.
- The Music Committee shared information about the repairs and maintenance recently done to the sanctuary piano. The new piano technician is Anthony McKenna, referred by Betsy White. He regulated the hammers to make the upper register brighter and did other maintenance and tuning of our piano. The results of this service resulted in a significant improvement in the sound of the piano. Tudor is quite pleased with the result.
- Peggy Kelly, our Church Office Administrator, has requested the use of Google Docs to submit reports and announcements. This is now the preferred repository of documents for meetings, Beacon articles, etc. per Peggy.

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, November 13, 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. Lynn@terpsoft.com (978) 256-8524

CCC WELCOMES COACH BECKY!

As Central Congregational Church begins the journey to search for our next settled pastor, we have welcomed Rev. Becky David – Coach Becky – to guide us through the process. Coach Becky's first in-person visit to CCC on the weekend of October 25-27 was a wonderful opportunity for the congregation to hear Coach Becky preach in the worship service and to learn some of the steps to the intentional work we will be doing together over the coming months.

Thank you to everyone who attended the lunch and information session! Our newly commissioned Transition Team will work with Coach Becky to lead us all through this interim time as we seek to answer questions about who we are as a church and where we wish to grow in faith and service as we move forward. Please contact any member of the Transition Team if you have questions; they are John Lamplough, chair, Judith Barnes, Glenn Dissinger, Kelsey Hartigan, Shaleena Pulliam, and Peter White (contact information on page 17).

Thank you, CCC Family, Transition Team, Pastor Lee, and Coach Becky! Onward we go!



*A trio of Beckys!
Coach Becky David, Becky Wisniewski, Becky Acheson*



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

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US!

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