



First
Congregational
Church OF BOYLSTON

FIRST CHURCH NEWS

May 2024

*As one whom his mother comforts,
so I will comfort you.”*

- -Isaiah 66:13



REFLECTING THE MANY FACETS OF OUR LIVES TOGETHER AS A FAMILY OF FAITH

MUSINGS FROM YOUR PASTOR

I have a question for you. Do you have a place and have your people? This may seem like an odd sentence, but I think part of belonging to a church is this — having a place and having your people. I’m not just talking about worship on a Sunday morning, which is important. I’m talking about knowing others and serving others.

I’m talking about how our church breaks down into smaller groups of *study* and *service*. If you only worship on Sunday mornings, you miss out on all God has for you as part of the church. God calls us to serve one another and the world with the gifts he has given us. You have a gift that God has given to you. St. Paul told the church in Corinth this:

“A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.” — 1 Corinthians 12:7

When we don’t use our spiritual gifts, our church misses out on what you have to offer, and you miss out on the blessing to serve others.

But, if all we do is serve, we will burn out. This is why we need our people — people we pray with, people we encourage, people we engage scripture with — the people we build up and build us up. There are so many “*one another*” passages in scripture. We are at a place in the life of our church where this “one another-ing” is quite difficult on Sunday morning during worship. But we do have opportunities for you to find your people. We have a few different Bible study options of which we would love for you to be part.

Don’t miss out on having your place and having your people. I would love to help you find where you can use your gifts to serve and find a group for you to belong.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Pastor Zac

The Servant Leadership Team Update — May 2024

Following is a summary of some of the agenda items discussed at the servant Leadership Team Meeting.

- The Safety ad-hoc team met with the Police and Fire Chiefs and gave the Servant Leadership Team a summary of some of the suggestions. More information to follow.
- Easter attendance: approximately 80 people at the Sunrise Service (continental breakfast was served) and approximately 140 people attended Easter Worship at 10:00AM.
- We discussed streamlining the process for FCCB's volunteer lists for Nursery, Sunday School and other areas.
- The Grange is holding its annual gathering of town organizations on May 4th.
- FCCB will hold a Community Block Party on June 9th.

Please participate with us in this year's
National Day of Prayer -
May 2, 6:50-7:15pm
Meet at the Gazebo on the
Boylston Town Common

Across the country, neighbors will pause and connect in reflection, prayer, and thanksgiving. Families, community leaders, first responders, nurses, teachers and all those who have served, or are currently serving in the military are encouraged to attend! Dress for the weather.



Text '2024States' to (833) 259-8648
to receive a weekly prayer prompt for
each U.S. state and territory!



~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~

SUMMER CHILDREN'S CHURCH INFORMATION

During the summer, Sunday School ends, but Children's Church begins. The children go downstairs during the worship service to learn about bible stories, play games, do activities, and crafts. Each week there is a theme/ story with activities and games preplanned.

We have the "WHAT" that the children are going to do, but we now need the "WHO" that will do it with them. Two volunteers per week are needed to bring the children down to the Sunday School rooms during the worship service.

"HOW", you may ask does this work? The Sunday School teachers will be holding a quick training session to help you know what to do. "WHEN"... on Sunday, May 19th after coffee and community at 11:30, you can meet in the library to ask questions and view some samples of what is planned for the summer weeks. IT IS EASY!!

We look forward to seeing you on May 19th. If you are not able to be there on that Sunday, don't worry, one of the Sunday School teachers will be happy to speak with you at another time. Many thanks for volunteering your time with our wonderful young people.

Your Sunday School Teachers,

Brenda Chaplis, Deb Larkin, Shannon Lau, Cheryl Mongeon

SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Date: July 29th-Aug 2nd

Theme: Breaker Rock Beach- At Breaker Rock Beach, kids will learn to recognize the difference between what the world says is true and what God says is true.



~ DEACON DOGS ~

The Deacons will be on the Boylston Common on Memorial Day providing our always popular Deacon Dogs. Our church youth group will be with us selling cold drinks. We encourage you to stop by and enjoy the parade, the music, and especially the dogs. We thank you, in advance, for your support.



~ TRUSTEES ~



Thank you to all those who helped during the church clean up on April 13. Look for continued enhancements to our already beautiful property.

Thank you to Those who helped install new safety locks and gates to our busy nursery.

~ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ~



Over the coming weeks you may be approached and asked to consider **volunteering** in various areas of the church. Please thoughtfully pray and consider where using your time and talents could help us to serve the Lord.

~ BOYLSTON FOOD PANTRY ~

Current Food Pantry needs:

- Cereal
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Tuna
- Baked Beans
- Progresso Soups

Thank you for continuing to bless our town with so many wonderful donations.



~ LBS ~ (Ladies Benevolent Society)



LBS made May Baskets for Meals on Wheels and former members who can no longer attend. Our next meeting is May 9th at 10am. LBS is open to all women, bring a lunch and we provide coffee/tea and dessert. Brenda Hollands



The sewists Pam Haynes, Susan Fehser, Marsha Menard, Carolyn McCubrey and Carla Kransinskas worked diligently to create 30 cute dresses for our ongoing project for Dress A Girl Around The World. This project serves girls at risk in the USA and abroad.



**SUNDAY JUNE 9TH
11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM**

COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY

**AT THE BOYLSTON
TOWN COMMON**

**HOSTED BY THE
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF BOYLSTON**



**CARNIVAL GAMES, BOUNCE HOUSE,
GAMES, "TOUCH A TRUCK",
CORNHOLE...AND MORE!**

**COMPLIMENTARY HOT DOG BAR,
POPCORN, ICE CREAM, COFFEE, DRINKS
AND MORE WILL BE SERVED!**



**WE ASK YOU TO SPREAD THE WORD AND INVITE NEIGHBORS AND
FRIENDS TO JOIN IN ON THE FUN. ALL ARE WELCOME!**

What's Happening This Month?

May 1	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study - Morning	May 19	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
May 1	6:30 p.m.	SLT meeting	May 19	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
May 2	10:00 a.m.	Christian Outreach Meeting	May 19	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hour
May 2	6:50-7:15 pm	National Day of Prayer	May 19	2-3:30 pm	Girl Scouts Meeting
May 5	8:45 a.m.	Choir Practice	May 20	6:00 p.m.	Young Women's Bible Study
May 5	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/ Communion/ Family Sunday	May 20	7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting
May 5	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hour	May 21	6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
May 6	6:00 p.m.	Young Women's Bible Study	May 22	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study - Morning
May 6	7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	May 22	Newsletter	Article Submissions Due
May 7	6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	May 26	8:45 a.m.	Choir Practice
May 8	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study - Morning	May 26	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
May 9	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Benevolent Society	May 26	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
May 12	8:45 a.m.	Choir Practice	May 26	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hour
May 12	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service	May 27	6:00 p.m.	Young Women's Bible Study
May 12	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	May 27	7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting
May 12	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hour	May 28	6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
May 12	11:00 a.m.	Christian Ed Meeting	May 28	6:30 p.m.	Deacons Meeting
May 13	6:00 p.m.	Young Women's Bible Study	May 29	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study - Morning
May 13	7:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting			
May 13	7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting			
May 14	6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study			
May 15	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study - Morning			
May 15	6:30 p.m.	SLT meeting			
May 19	8:45 a.m.	Choir Practice			



~ Volunteer Schedules ~

~ May 2024 ~

Volunteer Schedule

~ Lay Reader/Worship Leader~

May 5 - Josh Martin
 May 12 - Karyn Wagner
 May 19 - Susan Patterson
 May 26- Gigi Zepp

 Deacon – Marsha Wagner

~ June 2024 ~

Volunteer Schedule

~ Lay Reader/Worship Leader~

June 2 - Mark Fuller
 June 9 - Tom Tasker
 June 16 - Christi Stille
 June 23 - Jan Fuller
 June 30 - Pam Haynes

 Deacon – Judith White

The First Congregational Church of Boylston

10 Church Street
Boylston, Massachusetts 01505

Worship Schedule

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Service of Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Zac Stephenson
Ministers: All the Members
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Office Hours:
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
And by appointment

Our Purpose

The First Congregation Church of Boylston is a welcoming family and community-oriented church inspired by the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ that seeks to present the good news, equip our parishioners with a faith that works in real life, and send them into the world to serve in Jesus' name.

Our Covenant

Having become believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, we now, rely on the Holy Spirit to help us live this covenant we make with our Lord and one another. In all we do, we will aim to glorify God.

We make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace by walking together in love and by putting away all bitterness, anger, and hurtful speech. With humility, gentleness, and patience, we will be kind to one another, tenderhearted, and forgiving each other, even as God has forgiven us.

We will carry each other's burdens, rejoicing with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep.

We will train our children in the instruction of the Lord and strive to live godly lives, seeking to walk in a way that is consistent with the teachings of Christ before our family, friends, and neighbors.

We will gather regularly for worship, prayer, instruction in God's Word, and fellowship with one another and the sacraments of baptism and communion. We will contribute cheerfully and generously to the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the advancement of the Gospel both to our neighbors and the nations.

And when we move from this place, we will partner with another church with whom we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word. So help us, God.

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