



CHURCH AT THE CENTER



MAY 2018



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH "CENTER CHURCH"

United Church of Christ

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*ALL ARE WELCOME AT CENTER CHURCH ON THE COMMON,
AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING UCC CONGREGATION,
WHERE THE SPIRIT OF GOD STIRS US TO EMBRACE OUR DIVERSITY,
DEEPEN OUR FAITH IN JESUS, SHARE OUR TEARS AND LAUGHTER,
AND EXTEND GOD'S ABUNDANT LOVE AND JUSTICE INTO THE WORLD.*

Rev Bob Chase is a friend and colleague. We are fortunate to have him come for a **conversation and book signing on June 19 and to preach on June 20**. He was the Executive Director of Intersections, a nonprofit in the heart of Manhattan. "Intersections" exactly explains what they did and still do-bringing people of different experiences and opinions to the same table, to intersect in order to understand and respect one another. Sounds familiar?

That's what Jesus did too. And hopefully we are attempting to do that at Center Church. We invite all to join us. We want to discover how we can intersect with you.

Blessings, *Lori*



Cathedral in the Night (ministry with those who are temporarily homeless): On June 10 we will again cook a meal, make sandwiches, and drive to Noho to worship and serve dinner. In later May we will be placing a list in Fellowship Hall for items to contribute for the meal. You do such an awesome job of bringing in the different items. Thanks.

The youth (and parents/adults) are invited to join me in the activity. We will begin cooking at 2pm. More later!



We are scheduled to have **an overnight Urban Potential in Springfield** on July 21-22. We will spend overnight at Trinity United Methodist Church and do mission work in the city. Check out their **website: Urban Challenge Trinity United Methodist Church!** Originally, we were just focused on a youth trip, however, we have some spaces available for adults to create an intergenerational opportunity. There will be a fee but we will also be doing some fundraising. Please see Art Proctor, Emily Carle, or Lori Souder if you have questions or wish to attend.

Come Join Us... We have started marking for the Columbus Day Fair tag sale. We meet from 9-11am every Tuesday morning. Come every week or come when you can. We price each article (yes, it is a big job) amidst friendly talk and laughter. For more information, talk to Bobbie, one of the markers or call the church office. We really need more folk so please consider joining us!



WANTED: NAMES OF GRADUATING STUDENTS

PRESCHOOL, MIDDLE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL,
COLLEGE, GRAD SCHOOL

WE HOPE TO HAVE AN ACCURATE LISTING FOR OUR BULLETIN IN JUNE.
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE 532-2262 WITH THE INFO!



The next **FRONT LAWN VIGIL** will be held Saturday May 5th at 10am. Center Church members and friends will show their **support for LGBTQ rights**. Signs will be available – or bring your own. And if you wish to join Lori for the **NOHO PRIDE PARADE** following the Vigil – please let her know.



Coffee Fellowship

Thank you so much, Ushers, for being our hosts during April. Those extra “goodies” that you served were delicious! A special thank you to Joyce Tomlinson for not only coordinating it, but being there almost every week!

During the month of May our hosts will be the Deacons. This team has in their care the spiritual life of the church. Working with the pastor, they are responsible for worship, pastoral care, communion and periodic review of our Covenant. Members of the Deacons are: Karen Anderson, Brenda Anz, Lynne Bertram and Gretchen LaBonte.



The Columbus Day Fair will be held October 6th, 7th and 8th. Let’s think ahead and support this very special weekend at Center Church. It’s a wonderful opportunity for good Christian fellowship and an opportunity to make new friends as you work with them side by side during preparation, clean-up or selling! Of course, it is also a **major fundraiser** for our church. These are all very positive reasons why we have the fair....BUT it takes lots and lots of time and energy! No matter what part of the fair appeals to you, **we NEED that commitment from you** to continue our history of success!

Below are some of the areas where we need many hands and time:

Bringing in items for the Columbus Day Fair	Marking of items
Setting up the fair	Working the days of the fair (Sun pm and Monday) Cleaning up

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOWAND THANKS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Situational:

Betsy Bergen
 Lesley Dunbar, Betsy Bergen's sister
 Elinor Burnett
 Martha Guild's father, Curt Guild
 Eunice Howes
 Eunice Howes' son Steve
 Eunice Howes' friend, Sarah Boynton
 Edward Matuvhunye
 Joe Nelson
 Nancy Perman's father, George Harris
 Jeanne, family, and friends of Bob Swindell
 who passed away recently



We keep those serving in the military in our prayers including Kevin Waller who recently graduated from Air Force Technical School and will return home soon to serve in the Reserves.

Continual:

Emily Bangs-Orsini (at Mt. St. Vincent)
 Chuck Blakney
 Luke Bradley
 Marjorie and Carl Buschner
 Karol Coffin's mother
 Wayne Cowan
 Daniel Dempsey
 Tim Garrett's friends David Drummond & Sterling McAndrew
 Muriel Graham
 Lou Hamilton
 Jane Hazen
 Phyllis Lacoste
 Hector Reyes
 Anita Sarro's son Michael in need of a transplant
 Jill Therrien, Linda Wolf's niece
 Ruth and Mike Thornton



**On the first Sunday of each month,
 please bring any of the following items to worship:**

- | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|
| Canned vegetables | Canned fruits | Cereals | Soups |
| Dried Pastas | Rice | Canned beans | Tuna Fish |
| Peanut Butter | Jam/Jelly | Juices | Crackers |
| Spaghetti sauce | | Meals in a can | |



The monthly offering is used for direct appeals to Center Church and for donation to local food pantries.

Our gifts are extended to the hungry and the poor - those who need them most!
Food offerings may be left inside the Church Street entrance at other times.

Thank you for your compassionate response!

*Thursday Dance Lessons,....
 good exercise,
 good time,
 good friends.*



Let's Dance



CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



PromiseLanders acting out the story of Peter being asked by Jessica s to "tend my sheep". Balloons were the sheep and PL used skewers (stuffs) to Shepard the sheep!

May is already here which means that this church school year in the Promised Land is already rounding the corner to summer. In the classrooms this month our theme is We Are The Church. Our guiding scripture for May is 1 Corinthians 12:27 about the beginnings of the new church ... "Now you are the body of Christ and the individual members of it." We will also celebrate Mother's Day and grow flowers! Thank you to everyone who supported the Promised Land in the month of April and thank you to all parents who entrust Center Church with your children's faith formation!

Martha Guild, Children's Education Director

The Promised Land will partner with the Outreach Team in May to collect birthday party supplies for Birthday Wishes, a local organization that hosts birthday parties for children living in homeless shelters. So be on the look out for good deals on party favors, cake mixes, and party decorations.



Youth Group



April was a great month for the Youth Group! By the grace of God, Steven Case, author of the "Caffeine +" series, sent me free samples from his Youth Ministry book, "Caffeine + Courage", and we talked about what it means to be true to yourself in difficult situations. We also had a lesson on generosity by connecting the story of the poor widow in Mark 12 with the contemporary memoir, Love Let Go: Radical Generosity for the Real World by Ami Campbell. We discussed that we all have gifts

to give, even if it is just our time or attention. It has been a great 12 weeks with the Youth Group, and I'm sad to see it come to an end. Our last Youth Group meeting will be May 6 (My birthday! I'm glad to celebrate it with the youth), until we resume in September. I will see some of you at the Urban Youth Mission in Springfield July 21-22 (it is not too late to sign up!). Get ready for a car wash in the beginning of September!

Emily Carle, Youth Leader

Adult Education

Center Church Adult Education is hosting an **Ordinary Time Celebration Potluck** May 21, 2018, Monday, the day after Pentecost, in our Center Church chapel. Guests should bring their all-time favorite potluck entrees or side dishes, as usual. Beverages and dessert will be provided by Adult Ed. 6:00-7:30 or so.

Randy Purinton

News from the Trustees for May 2018

The trustees continue to be pleased with the current state of our 2018 budget. Our income is nicely over the projected percent of budget income which should be 25% by the end of March. Our expenses are a little high mainly, as reported last month, because of the gas bills, but we are looking forward to that expense slowing as we enter the warmer months. Our payroll expenses are right in line with projections. We did authorize expenditures for a new de-humidifier for the Meetinghouse Room and a good wet-dry shop vacuum. Hopefully we can get the flat roof water issues under control now that the weather is better! The elevator was to be inspected on April 17 [note: that went well and we are all set for another year.] The Fellowship Hall furnace issues have been corrected. Al Duffy reported that the first "safe church task force" went well and they heard lots of good information from Officer Steve Fleming. We are looking into installing interior door locks on the 3rd floor education wing rooms. We have also had the four walkie-talkies programmed as was discussed. We will hear from Fire Chief Scott Brady (District 2) at our April 25 meeting. We have agreed to meet every last Wednesday evening of the month. Our electrician will be installing two new electrical receptacles on the inside of the choir "skirt" at some point soon which will negate the need for the several long extension cords which have been in place up there. Last fall, the new UCC "God is still speaking" banner was installed out front and the landscaping has also been completed. We encourage you to take a look. We are still working on finding someone to do our lawn mowing for the season. Thanks to all of you who work around the church building, to the Activities team for its October fair and upcoming plant sale, to all of you who are keeping your pledges current and to everyone who keeps the financial health of our church in their prayers and continues to give generously.

Cindy Morrell, secretary

Notes from Church Council

Council met on April 6 with moderator pro-tem Del Borah from the Outreach Team presiding. Rev. Souder revisited her question to the Council regarding "God sightings." Where have we seen God in our lives? Lori reflected on how meaningful Holy Week was. She reported that a potential new member meeting would be held soon. Combined summer worship services begin in July at the Granby UCC. Center Church takes over in August. A mission trip to Trinity United Methodist in Springfield will occur on July 21-22. There will be a series of adult programs offered. Former National UCC officer Robert Chase is slated to preach at Center Church on May 20. Our Front Lawn vigils continue to attract a variety of participants. The Gay Pride Parade steps off on May 5 in Northampton. The Annual Hampshire Association Meeting will be held May 6. An ecumenical Pentecost gathering is tentatively scheduled for May 20 on the Town Common.

Activities has changed its annual Plant Sale date to Saturday May 26. Deacons are planning to sponsor a "Keep Faith at the End of Life" workshop in conjunction with Cooley Dickinson Hospital sometime in October. Outreach is supporting the "House that Faith Built" Habitat build in Northampton. Stewardship has approached Jonathan New from the Massachusetts UCC to help advise an initiative for planned giving. The Trustees have had the Fellowship Hall heating system improved. The south rose window project is nearing completion inside. The outside portion will be worked on this summer, along with the other smaller vertical windows. It was **MSV** to approve the ad hoc Safe Church Task Force consisting of Lynne Bertram, Al Duffy, Bill Giles, Cindy Morrell, Jim Noonan, Art Procter, Don Sibley, Doug Smith, Lori Souder, Stephanie Strand and Joyce Tomlinson. It was also **MSV** to accept the guidelines for the distribution of "camper scholarship" money. The use of nametags was discussed and the issue was passed along to the Deacons and Membership teams to resolve.

David C. Morrell, clerk

Outreach Partners of the Month

"Hearts to Hands to Hope"



Inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold™

Girls Inc Holyoke serves more than 1750 girls ages 5-18 primarily in Holyoke and Chicopee, but also in South Hadley, Westfield and Springfield. Begun here in the '90s, it is part of a national organization that offers free or low cost programming

weekday afternoons and summers that aim to help girls become "strong, smart, and bold." Activities focus on four areas: literacy, STEM (science, technology, engineering, math), leadership/critical thinking, and health/wellness. Older girls are introduced to colleges and college programs, money management/investing, and coding skills as well. The activities and themes are research based to encourage school success and completion and to increase confidence and resilience. On alternate years, Girls Inc sponsors an evening fundraising event with speakers that will be held at Delaney House this year on May 10. Center's outreach team, on behalf of the congregation, will send a monetary contribution. If you would like to attend the event, or make a personal gift, you can find information online or call Sarah Etelman at 532-6247 x104.

BLANKET SUNDAY, MAY 13th – Give a blanket in honor or memory of a Mother

Blankets offer warmth, hope and care during cold and trying times. A blanket can save a homeless person living on the streets from cold and rain. To a mother and two children in a refugee camp blankets can mean the difference between comfort and discomfort. For an earthquake survivor receiving a blanket from a Church World Service member is evidence that someone cares.

CWS reaches out to flood survivors. When heavy rains brought deadly flooding to Colorado in fall 2013, thousands of families were evacuated, their homes damaged or destroyed, their roads and bridges torn up. CWS sent blankets and other emergency supplies to several Colorado communities, to help survivors deal with the disaster and begin the task of recovery.

On Sunday May 13th, Mothers' Day, we will have an opportunity to give warmth, hope, and care. The cost of a blanket is \$10.00. Envelopes will be provided in the weekly bulletin or you may drop off a check earmarked CWS blanket to Thia at the Church Office.

Prayer: *Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous, teach me to serve you as I should, to give and not count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and ask not for reward, save that of knowing that I do you most holy will St. Ignatius Loyola - 16th century*



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE
BLANKETS+



Birthday Wishes is a non-profit organization that provides birthday parties for children who are experiencing homelessness.

From the Birthday Wishes website: "Birthday parties provide the opportunity for reflection, celebration, and hope. They are a common event in the lives of most families, but for children experiencing homelessness, families may be unable to maintain their routines and rituals. Birthday

Wishes ensures that children are not denied this important rite of passage simply because of their living situation."

In 2017, Birthday Wishes provided over 5000 birthday parties for children and teens, partnering with over 200 shelters in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Long Island, NY. (Massachusetts is the most well-represented by Birthday Wishes, as they serve 138 shelters in our state.)

Our Promised Land children will be holding a collection drive for Birthday Wishes for the month of May. Look for a display board in Fellowship Hall with post-its listing most needed items, and feel free to take a note or two home for your shopping list. (Please note, there are guidelines for what Birthday Wishes can and cannot accept, so do check the display before shopping.)

Once the drive is complete, the items will be brought to the Holyoke office of Birthday Wishes, which serves children and teens in western MA.

Thank you for supporting the children of the Promised Land in this effort to reach out to those who, through no fault of their own, are at risk of missing out on a joyful birthday.

Thank You for OGHS Donations

Thank you for your generous donations of \$973 to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). Where people hunger, thirst, lack adequate clothing and shelter, and are sick or imprisoned, your donations to OGHS help provide well pumps for clean water, seeds and training for sustainable agriculture, rice and oil to provide nourishment and cooking supplies, medical kits, school supplies, temporary shelters, safe housing, and more. Through OGHS, we let our brothers and sisters in need know that they are not forgotten.

Thank You for Donating to Food for Friends

Thank you for helping to make a difference in the lives of many homebound elderly in our South Hadley and Granby communities through your donations to the Food for Friends program. To date \$1,065 has been received! Your donations will greatly help to replenish our account so that we can continue to deliver meals to approximately 100 homebound elderly.

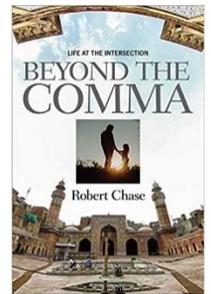


Book Reading and Conversation

May 19, 2018

Center Church, UCC One Church St South Hadley

Rev. Robert Chase will read excerpts from and host a conversation based on his new book, "Beyond the Comma," at 10am on Saturday, May 19th at Center Church UCC



Chase builds on the image of the comma, a mark of punctuation that separates everything that comes before, from all that is to follow, and applies it to the life journey. Some of life's "commas" are intentionally planned like a sabbatical or the birth of a child; and some are imposed by forces beyond our control such as a devastating diagnosis or a natural disaster. The author challenges the reader to be attentive to these shifts in our lives and to navigate the multi-layered "intersections" that such moments reveal. Chase contends that as we engage these moments creatively, we become more fully human.

Reza Aslan, author of "No god but God" and "Zealot" comments: "Chase has written nothing less than a manifesto for how to live a reflective, active life in the modern world." Rabbi Naamah Kelman, Dean of the Jerusalem campus of Hebrew Union College, adds, "a clear and clarion call for building a just and compassionate society...this book raises all the crucial questions and answers with bold exclamation points!"

After serving for ten years as founding director of Intersections International, a permanent, multi-faith initiative of the Collegiate Church of New York, Chase retired in May of 2017 to devote his full-time efforts to writing and public speaking. He is also an award-winning film and video producer with more than 100 titles to his credit.

Signed books will be available for sale: cash, checks and credit cards accepted. For more information please go to robertjchase.com

Bob will be Center Church's guest preacher on May 20th at 10am.

All are welcome to join



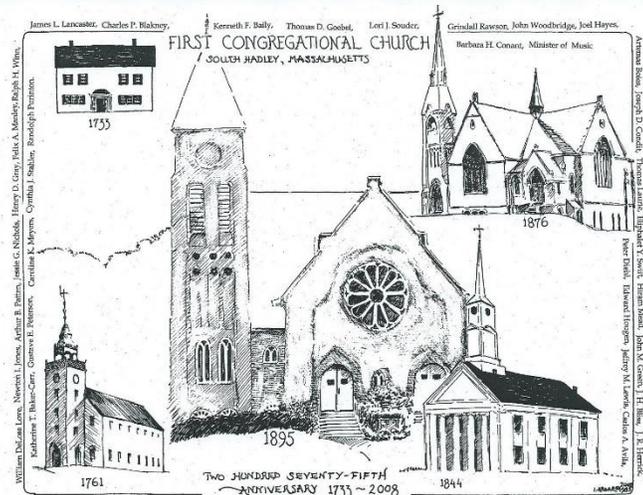
Muffins needed! We need two more people to make a batch of muffins for the Conversation and Book Signing with Rev Bob Chase on June 19. Please bring them in by 9:30 on that Saturday.

From the Church Historian

HISTORIC CENTER CHURCH

1733 -

While showing some archival pictures of Center Church to my oldest granddaughter, she spotted one of the fourth church on fire and then the aftermath. She asked how did it start? I went into research mode to discover the answer.



For 285 years (1733-2018) we have worshipped on or near the allotted piece of land designated by the King of England. Four churches have preceded the building we now call Center Church. Our membership has consisted of many historical names. Such as: Rev. John Woodbridge, Col. B. Ruggles Woodbridge, Noah Goodman, Dolly Woodbridge, Joseph Condit, Mary Lyon, Hiram and Elizabeth Mead, John M. Green and even the world-renowned poet Emily Dickinson attended worship in the 1830s.

The first meetinghouse (completed in 1733) served the parishioners until 1763. We were known as the 2nd Church of Hadley then. The building was the center of all

religious, social and political life. The village held its governing meetings within and hence the village's nickname of "the Center" came about. Simple but sometimes complex decisions were decided like the scheduling of grazing livestock on the common. The building was a 30'x 40' wood-frame design. The congregation was called to meeting by the blowing of a conch shell. Seating was set up according to the Church of England dictates. Men and women were seated separately. The meetinghouse still stands today at the head of the Common and is known as the Yarde Tavern.

The second meetinghouse was completed in 1763 and remained until 1841. The 1st meetinghouse was moved further north by oxen pulling rolling logs placed under the building. A new site was chosen after many long and bitter debates. The controversy lasted for years resulting in a decisive split of the congregation. One of the "factions" chose to build a church of its own and withdrew to the eastern section of the precinct. It became known as the Second Precinct of South Hadley and eventually formed the village of Granby. Minor scuffles broke out between the two factions during the construction of the 2nd meetinghouse. One incident involved the mysterious disappearance of the main carrying beams. They were later discovered stashed in a nearby Granby swamp! The church was completed with a steeple/bell and clock tower. The building had over 50 glass windows! The Rev. John Woodbridge (1742-83), abolished the separation of genders in the late 1760s. Families began "buying" their pews (through pledging) and were "reseated" every three years. The bell (donated by Col. Ruggles Woodbridge) was installed in 1791. In 1802 the village purchased a clock for the tower. In 1808, Col. Woodbridge donated the solid silver communion set that we continue to use 210 years later! More pews were added in 1838 to accommodate the students from Mary Lyon's newly opened Female Seminary which was established in 1837. Their first anniversary/graduation exercises were held in the 2nd meetinghouse. During these years there was a 60-voice choir accompanied by an orchestra of violins, cellos, base violas and flutes!

By 1841, it was time for a new larger third meetinghouse. It was completed and dedicated on November 28, 1844. It faced west towards the Common and became known as the "Old White." The architecture was Greek Revival incorporating majestic Ionic columns and Doric pilasters. It seated 120 on the ground floor and 32 in the galleries. Mary Lyon presented a new Bible in 1844. Today it is considered a cherished "relic." It was rescued

from two devastating fires. It is now kept in an acid free box in the History Room. Miss Lyon's funeral was conducted in March of 1849. The building was heated by furnaces and two wood stoves which were placed near the doors. Unfortunately, on a blustery wintry January 14, 1875, "Old White" burned to the ground. The postmaster, Mr. White, who was passing by, spotted smoke and rushed in and saved the Mary Lyon Bible!

When it came to deciding on the fourth Church (1876-1894), it was agreed that it would be built of brick. The architect, L. B. Volk of New York City, chose the Queen Anne style. The cost, complete with furnishings and pipe organ, was \$30,000. The interior had a dark "heavy and ornate" Gothic style. Worship services were held next door at the Female Seminawry for 13 months. The new seating plan was in an amphitheater design with a capacity of 800! The membership was 350 and some 300 students. Seminary graduations continued in the sanctuary. Again, the heating system was supplied by a large furnace. On Sunday at 2:00 p.m. (all church services had ended) March 5, 1894, fire was discovered (caused by an overheated pipe) by a passerby who dashed in and saved the Mary Lyon Bible! Soon after, the church was an inferno! The Fourth Church was completely destroyed in one hour! The Common area of the Town had no fire equipment. Dwight Hall (across Church Street) on the Mount Holyoke College campus was saved by students who threw soaking wet blankets on the Hall's roof! Once it was determined that the area was safe, and under the guiding hand of Rev. Newton Jones (1890-97), members and the Sunday school children recovered and cleaned any reusable bricks. Many of those bricks were incorporated into the construction of today's church building.

Today the fifth church which rose from the ashes has stood its ground for 123 years! It serves our worshipping and fellowship/outreach needs. Recently we have been in the process of gaining historical status for our fifth "Center" church and its rich storied 285 years. Once we achieve that designation, we will have access to a variety of funds and grants which can benefit our preservation efforts and keep our stately church home as our sacred place for us and the greater community!

David C. Morrell, Center Church historian

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# WANTED...



We find that if the items we sell at the Columbus Day Tag Sale are bundled attractively, they sell better. To make that happen (for smaller items like buttons, sewing notions, screws, pins.. you get the idea...) we need:

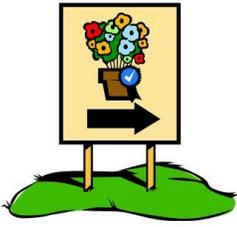
- 1) Small jars - up to about 16oz. - we will remove the labels
- 2) Jewelry boxes - for necklaces, earrings etc.
- 3) Canning Jars - any size - we have extra lids available if yours are missing



**Please drop off your items at the Fellowship Hall donation tables.**



# PLANT SALE ALERT



*Spring is on its way* and we are starting to get ready for our 19th annual plant sale. This is a reminder to those of you who are garden enthusiasts. As you are starting to look at those perennials that are coming back to life after a long cold winter, please think about which ones need dividing and what you might share.

Our annual Plant Sale will take place on **Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup>** from 9 am to 1 pm. In order for this to be successful, we need **lots of plants**. We hope that all of those who garden will support the Activities Committee and share your plants for this event. Plants should be potted 2 weeks prior to the sale (by May 12<sup>th</sup>, to look their best.) Composed soil is available at the SH Landfill if needed. You may drop your plants off at Karen Anderson's home (13 Wright Place SH) - leave them at the end of the drive near the garage. PLEASE be sure they are **LABELED with plant name**.

The community looks forward to this event, so let's be sure to have a wide variety and large number of plants to sell.

**Help the committee know what to expect  
by returning the form below acknowledging your involvement.**

**Thank you in advance!!**

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to help the day of the sale

\_\_\_\_\_ I need help with potting



\_\_\_\_\_ I need pots

\_\_\_\_\_ I will donate plants

**Name**

\_\_\_\_\_

*Call Karen Anderson (536-0005) or David Morrell (532-1864)  
if you need pots or help with anything!*

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Want an easy way to help the church raise funds? Bake a dozen muffins - it's that simple. The Activities Team will sell muffins and coffee at the Plant Sale on May 12th. Please let Thia in the Church office know if you could bake a dozen muffins for the sale - we would need them at the Church by 8:30am Saturday morning - you can bring them in on Friday or even before.

Columbus Day Fair - 2018

We're open for "business"!

We welcome items for our Columbus Day week-end Tag Sale! We especially need Children's toys, stuffed animals and puzzles.

Please read our "ad" below about what is acceptable and what items we cannot accept. Also, once again we want to highlight the guidelines that games and appliances must be in working order. **ALSO, *please clean up the items before you drop them off***.....they sell better plus if we have to spend a lot of time cleaning up items, we have difficulty getting everything marked!

Although items may be dropped off any time the church office is open Monday-Thursday, we will be able to help you unload items for the tag sale on most Tuesday mornings from 9 -11A.M. If you would like to make special arrangements for pick up/drop-off, please call the church office or 533-3833.

Thank you so much....we look forward to another successful Columbus Day Event.

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## **SPRING HOUSECLEANING....**

*Remember the Columbus Day Fair Emporium.....*



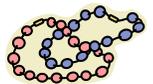
Bring your items to Fellowship Hall.....



Please have them **CLEAN AND IN WORKING ORDER**.....

## **WHAT DOES SELL....**

***We look forward to receiving, marking (pricing) and selling:***



- |                                           |                    |                         |               |         |        |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------|--------|
| Dishes                                    | Glassware          | Knick knacks            | Jewelry       | Lamps   | Linens |
| Artificial flowers                        | Decorative pillows | Vases                   | Pots and pans | Baskets |        |
| Small appliances <u>in good condition</u> | Pictures           | Frames                  | Hardware      |         |        |
| Purses & bags                             | Paperback books    | Hard cover books        | Toys          | Games   |        |
| Puzzles                                   | Stuffed animals    | Outdoor children's toys |               |         |        |



**Decorations (indoor or outdoor) for any holiday EXCEPT CHRISTMAS (save those for the Holiday Bazaar!)**

**Small furniture items such as end tables, small dressers, chairs (NOT beds, couches, recliners)**

***This is not an all inclusive list. If any questions, give us a call!***

**Please remember we are NOT accepting....** Electronics, most sporting good items, records, reference books, old magazines and large household replacement items such as chandeliers, kitchen fixtures, etc.

# happy birthday

- 01 Bobbie Ayers
- 04 Jay Roberts
- 06 Emily Carle
- Julie Deshaies
- 12 Cathy Bozek
- 20 Tyler Narey
- 23 Gayle Kenneson
- 26 Dennis Ashworth
- 27 Ken Bozek
- 28 Emily Bangs-Orsini
- 30 Becky Buckley



MY BEST FRIEND



## PLANT SALE



**MAY 26 9AM – 1PM**



**ANNUALS PERENNIALS HERBS  
HANGING BASKETS**

**SHOP EARLY FOR THE BEST SELECTION!**



The Hampshire Association  
and the Members and Friends of  
Church of Christ Congregational, UCC  
request the honor of your presence at the  
Service of Ordination for  
Mr. Lawrence Humphrey  
on

Saturday, May 19th, 2018  
at three o'clock in the afternoon  
Under the Tent on the Church Commons  
Church of Christ Congregational, UCC  
235 State Street  
Granby, MA



## Looking Ahead

**Pentecost-June 20**

**1-3pm**

Join the Ecumenical Clergy Group on the Town Common to  
hear choirs, sing hymns, eat from local food trucks, and bounce  
in a Bounce House for free. It's time to share in the Spirit.

## THE MINISTRY AT CENTER CHURCH

|                    |                         |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Ministers:         | All Church Members      |
| Senior Minister:   | Rev. Lori J. Souder     |
| Minister Emeritus: | Rev. Charles P. Blakney |

### Christian Education Program

Children: Martha Guild  
Youth: Emily Carle  
Adult: Randy Purinton and  
Betsy Bergen, Team Chairs

### Music Program

Organist: Larry Schipull  
Choir Director: Cheryl Cobb  
Associate in Music: Cynthia Morrell

Office Administrator: Cynthia Jubinville  
Sexton: Bob Farman

# 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Plant Sale

at Center Church

May 26, 2018

9am - 1pm



**ANNUALS**



**HANGING BASKETS**

**INDIVIDUAL HERBS**



**TOMATO PLANTS**

**COFFEE - TEA**



**HOMEMADE MUFFINS**

## Daily Lectionary Scripture References May 2018 (Year B)

### Tues., May 1

Psalm 80  
Isaiah 32:9-20  
James 3:17-18

### Wed., May 2

Psalm 80  
Isaiah 65:17-25  
John 14:18-31

### Thurs., May 3

Psalm 98  
Isaiah 49:5-6  
Acts 10:1-34

### Fri., May 4

Psalm 98  
Isaiah 42:5-9  
Acts 10:34-43

### Sat., May 5

Psalm 98  
Deuteronomy 32:44-47  
Mark 10:42-45

### Sun., May 6

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 10:44-48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 15:9-17

### Mon., May 7

Psalm 93  
Deuteronomy 7:1-11  
1 Timothy 6:11-12

### Tues., May 8

Psalm 93  
Deuteronomy 11:1-17  
1 Timothy 6:13-16

### Wed., May 9

Psalm 93  
Deuteronomy 11:18-21  
Mark 16:19-20

### Thurs., May 10

*Ascension of the Lord*  
Acts 1:1-11  
Psalm 47 or Psalm 93  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Luke 24:44-53

### Fri., May 11

Psalm 47  
Exodus 24:15-18  
Revelation 1:9-18

### Sat., May 12

Psalm 47  
Deuteronomy 34:1-7  
John 16:4-11

### Sun., May 13

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
Psalm 1  
1 John 5:9-13  
John 17:6-19

### Mon., May 14

Psalm 115  
Exodus 28:29-38  
Philippians 1:3-11

### Tues., May 15

Psalm 115  
Numbers 8:5-22  
Titus 1:1-9

### Wed., May 16

Psalm 115  
Ezra 9:5-15  
John 16:16-24

### Thurs., May 17

Psalm 33:12-22  
Genesis 2:4b-7  
1 Corinthians 15:42b-49

### Fri., May 18

Psalm 33:12-22  
Job 37:1-13  
1 Corinthians 15:50-57

### Sat., May 19

Psalm 33:12-22  
Exodus 15:6-11  
John 7:37-39

### Sun., May 20

*Day of Pentecost*  
Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

### Mon., May 21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Joel 2:18-29  
1 Corinthians 12:4-11

### Tues., May 22

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Genesis 11:1-9  
1 Corinthians 12:12-27

### Wed., May 23

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Ezekiel 37:1-14  
John 20:19-23

### Thurs., May 24

Psalm 29  
Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20  
Romans 8:1-8

### Fri., May 25

Psalm 29  
Isaiah 2:1-5  
Romans 8:9-11

### Sat., May 26

Psalm 29  
Isaiah 5:15-24  
John 15:18-20, 26-27

### Sun., May 27

*Trinity Sunday*  
Isaiah 6:1-8  
Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17

### Mon., May 28

Psalm 20  
Numbers 9:15-23  
Revelation 4:1-8

### Tues., May 29

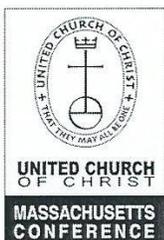
Psalm 20  
Exodus 25:1-22  
1 Corinthians 2:1-10

### Wed., May 30

Psalm 20  
Numbers 6:22-27  
Mark 4:21-25

### Thurs., May 31

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
1 Samuel 1:1-18  
Acts 25:1-12



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