



# CHURCH AT THE CENTER

## MARCH 2019



### FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH "CENTER CHURCH"

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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.*

Trying on wigs was a stretch for me. I tend not to look at myself or fuss with my hair. However, this was an exception. I visited a longtime dear friend and her husband in Michigan over a month ago. Sheree was just finishing up her last chemo. I promised I'd visit to assist around the house or cheer them up. Instead, in a full 48 hours, we all were fed....even the wigs fed me.

Sheree had 4 different wigs plus some scarves. She asked me to evaluate her in them and invited me to try them on. It was a great equalizer, humbling, recognizing the pain and journey she and her husband were going through. I had the opportunity to "walk" in their shoes.

Lent is an opportunity to humbly explore who we are in connection to God, who we are as followers of Jesus, and who we are as we observe and articulate the Holy Spirit around us.

We don't have to try on wigs to experience Lent, however attending church, practicing new disciplines, and sharing your talents are ways in which we will rekindle.

Blessings, *Lori*



Four girls will be receiving their formalized communion on March 3. While in the Protestant Church we do not have First Communion since all are welcome to receive it, we offer training as to the meaning of communion. Madeleine Burke, Devon McFarland, Marley Skipton, and Madeleine Wells and their mothers all attended the training. Congratulations young ladies!



**Sign up  
for  
Church  
Camp!**

Through the use of Undesignated Memorial Funds, the Church Council of Center Church offers a limited number of **partial scholarships for children and youth who attend religious based summer camp experiences such as Silver Lake and Star Island**. A typical scholarship will be in the range of \$150.00 per child/youth. The goal of this program is to foster attendance for children and youth that will hopefully enhance positive transformation and deepening of their spiritual journey. By vote of Church Council, up to 70% of the annual available undesignated funds shall be designated for these scholarships. Therefore, it is understood that the available amount will be subject to slight yearly fluctuation due to the number of applicants and /or the funds available for this purpose. If

a cap becomes necessary, preference shall be given to first year applicants.

If interested in this opportunity, please give your name to Thia in the church office or to Rev. Souder. **The deadline for application is May 1, 2019.**



### **Lenten Bible Study at Loomis Village Thursdays 10:30-11:30 March 7, 14, 21, and 28.**

Consider joining us as we read 2 devotionals and scripture each week (with the last Thursday 3 devotionals). There are extra copies by the side door off of the Church St entrance.

Hosts and apartment numbers will be announced.



### **Ash Wednesday (March 6<sup>th</sup>) worship will be at the Granby Church of Christ 235 State Street in Granby, 7pm.**



**A memorial service for Hal Harris will be held on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 11am.**



**Habitat Build - Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> - See Karen Hyvonen or Betty Innocent for more information.**



**March 30 - Front Lawn Vigil on the Green Amendment-securing a healthy environment.**



We now have a secure Wireless Network at Center Church so if you think you might want to access it here please check with Thia for network name and Password.



# PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Continual:**

Emily Bangs-Orsini (at Mt. St. Vincent)  
 Luke Bradley  
 Marjorie Buschner  
 Cayden, Barbara Blank's great grandson born premature  
 Wayne Cowan  
 Daniel Dempsey  
 Tim Garrett's friends David Drummond  
 & Sterling McAndrew  
 Muriel Graham  
 Lou Hamilton  
 Jane Hazen  
 Phyllis Lacoste  
 Anita Sarro's son Michael following a liver transplant  
 Anna Sibley  
 Ruth Thornton - Wingate



*We keep those serving in the military  
in our prayers.*

**Situational:**

Betsy Belden and family upon the passing of her Mom, Anne Charles  
 Emily Carle and her family following the death of her grandfather  
 Jim Clauson, broken ankle  
 Dennis and Carl, friends of the Coffins  
 Carol Ehman as she undergoes cancer treatment  
 Shelly Granger  
 Family of Hal Harris, who passed away in Feb.  
 Tom Hazen, home recuperating  
 Eunice Howes' friend, Sarah Boynton  
 Jean Lacoste, recuperating after a fall  
 Rich Normandin, diagnosed with cancer  
 Lucio Perez, in Sanctuary in Amherst FCC  
 Eduardo Samaniego having been deported to his home country  
 Joyce Tomlinson, recovering from surgery

## EASTER FLOWERS



Once again, we will celebrate the Easter season by decorating our sanctuary with Easter Lilies, Tulips and Daffodils. If you would like to participate, **the deadline for placing your order is MARCH 31.** Lilies are \$10.00 each, tulips and daffodils \$9.00 each.

Please make your check payable to **"First Congregational Church"** and note **"Easter flower"** in the corner.

Please leave your completed form and check at the church office or place in the Offering plate.

Number of plants you wish to order: Lilies \_\_\_\_\_ Tulips \_\_\_\_\_ Daffodils \_\_\_\_\_

Total payment enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

In loving memory of \_\_\_\_\_ or In honor of **(circle one)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name(s))

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name(s))

Please check one of the following choices:

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up after church on Easter Sunday

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up after Easter

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like my plant delivered to a shut-in

\_\_\_\_\_ To help, I will deliver my plant to: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_



## CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In March, the Promised Landers will continue exploring the many aspects of The Lord's Prayer. The Lord's Prayer is found in the Bible story of Matthew 6:5-15. The main focus of our lessons centers on the verse, Matthew 6:11, "Give us this day our daily bread." The verse (and familiar line in the prayer) prompts us to think about what we need for today and directs us to trust that God will give us what we need. The Sunday School classes will get creative with story telling, drama, spiritual practices and even science all centered on The Lord's Prayer. With spring around the corner, we will also enjoy a walking field trip down to the Mount Holyoke College Greenhouse Flower Show. In addition, Mrs. Giles and her furry friend Hairy will bring their child-friendly worship to us!.....When time this month, please discuss with your family how to pray - literally how your body or hands are positioned when you pray. If you usually pray with your body in one position (such as sitting with your hands folded) try some new prayer positions. Ask your Promised Lander for ideas!

In Prayer,  
Martha Guild, Children's Education Director

### Confirmation

March 1<sup>st</sup> 5-9pm: Mini retreat at Lori and Winston's house - 311 Hadley St (brown house with Christmas lights -1 .5 miles from the Commons on the right)

March 13: 4-5pm

March 11:30-1:30-please bring a bag lunch. Field Trip to Sojourner Truth's statue and ice cream afterwards.

## YOUTH GROUP



In February, the youth voted on doing a new curriculum called "God is a Warrior" which examines violence done in the name of God and reconciles the "warrior" God in the Old Testament with the peaceful loving God of the New Testament. So far, we have learned about Joshua, Gideon, and Naboth! We also decided to have a 30 Hour Famine. The 30 Hour Famine is a fast and fundraiser for World Vision. The youth will raise money to donate, and then we will have a lock in at the church with games and education about hunger issues. Oh, and did I mention the youth will fast on only juice and water during the lock in? It is sure to be a fun and meaningful time. The youth and confirmands also prepared and served a meal at Cathedral in the Night on Feb 24. It was a success as always! We are so blessed to have such wonderful youth here at Center!

## The Peterson Scholarship Fund

### Seeking Applicants for the Peterson Memorial Education Fund

In memory of Barbara and Gus Peterson, the Peterson Memorial Education Fund of Center Church, South Hadley was established in 1985 to help people who want to pursue their education, but whose financial situation makes it difficult for them to do so. In the spirit of making the world a better place through education, the Fund has provided a small assistance to members and friends of our congregation, minority and area high school students headed for college, and students enrolled at local colleges with a variety of education and religious goals that they were having difficulty financing.

Applications for the upcoming school year are due by May 1st. If the application is for other educational opportunities, such as workshops, religious conferences, etc., it may be submitted at any time and subject to fund availability. Informational brochures and application forms for awards are available through the Church office.

## News from the Trustees for March 2019

The 2019 Board of Trustees held its first "official" meeting in February. The members (continuing) are: Art Coffin, Al Duffy, Bill Giles, Carol White and Tom Waller, along with myself. Eliot Chartrand is now serving as an adjunct member. Our newest members are: Sandy Belden and Randy Purinton and we welcome their fresh eyes and new ideas. As always, pastor Lori and treasurer John Hoffman come to our meetings, and Thia Jubinville supports us behind the scenes. If you ever need to reach the Board with a financial or building concern, please contact Thia and she will get in touch with one of us. At our meeting, Al Duffy was elected as our current chair for 2019. We each agreed to serve on one or more of our various subcommittees as well and we volunteered for Sunday plate "counting" duties until our March meeting.

Even though it is still early in the year, we did receive the report of our finances as of the end of January. John Hoffman reported that we took in more than we spent in January and that pledge payments for this first month of the new year were very good. Large expenses were our regular insurance payment and the monthly gas bill. We learned that there are a few additional gifts coming in, including a gift from one of the monthly vigil attendees, for which we are most grateful. We are pleased to know that our annual elevator inspection has been set up without our having to chase the company, happy to have the CNS back door replaced, learned that there will be some work on roof flashing soon, and discussed replacing our very old hot water heater in the first floor kitchen. We also talked about replacing the hand towels in the two first floor restrooms as the clogs there of late have been the result of hand towels being flushed down the toilets! A decision will be made at our March meeting.

We continued our discussion about how to creatively make use of a gift from Linda Laderach and will talk about that more at our March meeting. You will hear more about that in the coming months. We received a report by GDS Associates, a firm which conducted a review of natural gas saving opportunities. This was conducted on behalf of Columbia Gas. We thanked Randy P. for his work on facilitating this and have several pages to read over and think about before our March meeting. Randy is also working on getting MassSave to come assess and make recommendations about possible energy savings. Both of these assessments were the result of concerns about the amount of our pledge money which is being eaten up by heating and electrical costs. On to our March meeting!

Cindy Morrell, secretary

## Notes from Church Council

The Council met on February 5 with Bobbie Ayers as Moderator pro-tem and chair of the Membership Team. Rev. Souder in her devotions, touched upon the use of symbols and being aware of burnout involving Center Church's lay leadership. Trustees have spent considerable time keeping our budget in line. The monthly gas bills have taken a toll on our income. The rose window restoration project will soon begin working on the lower windows throughout the sanctuary. Outreach is planning for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on March 24. The Habitat build has been a bit delayed. Deacons will hold the First Table Fellowship (communion) in the beginning of March. Lenten services on Ash Wednesday, March 6 will be held at the Granby Church and the Maundy Thursday service will be at Center Church at 7:00 p.m. April 18. CE is excited about the strong positive spirit gained from its new Sunday school curriculum! Activities has been consulting with the Trustees about addressing the heating issue in Fellowship Hall. There are steel pillars embedded in the walls that conduct extremely cold outside temperature. Some form of thermal covering is being explored along with new window treatments. It has been noticed that there is a lack of black hymnals in certain areas of the sanctuary. It was **MSV** unanimously to accept guidelines for awarding "camper scholarships." Lori has been meeting with former moderators to formulate a new "counselor to the pastor" position. It was decided that three people could share such a position. The Council endorsed the overall "model" and authorized Lori to choose three "counselors" as "core leaders" for her support. Council agreed to a one-year experiment for this unique position. Karen Anderson, our "safe food handler" representative, discussed the Fellowship Hall kitchen's recent inspection. We

didn't fail but we were written up on various issues. We have to take cleaning responsibilities more seriously. She will be keeping tabs on the situation. Lori requested that Center Church consider member Emily Carle, who is majoring in religious studies at MHC, to be a "religion intern" with us. Karen Hyvonen agreed to moderate our March meeting.

### Center Church in Transition

**Death:** February 19, Dr. Harold (Hal) Harris 79 years of age.

*David C. Morrell, clerk*

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## Our Wealth of Ordained Ministers – March 2019

I was thinking the other day about how lucky we at Center Church have been over the years with the number of ordained ministers in our congregation, especially with the recent addition of the Rev. Arthur Stanley to our ranks. I began writing about our various ministers back in April 2005. Back in 2005 and 2006, we had nine ordained ministers as members including Tom Goebel. Some came to South Hadley to teach at Mount Holyoke, including Robert Berkey, J Fiegenbaum, Tad Yamashita, and Harvey McArthur. Others also here then were: our minister emeritus Chuck Blakney whose life we recently celebrated (his extensive, amazing life and obituary were in the February CAC); Randy Purinton who was then a religion teacher and chaplain at Williston in Easthampton and eventually served as our CE director 2004-07; Gus Peterson, our one and only minister of mission to the Hispanic community of Holyoke (1990-2006), who came to the ministry late in life after starting the *Town Reminder* here in 1968 and was ordained through Center Church; Carlos Avila, our one and only minister emeritus of visitation (1975-1989); and John Webster, minister, psychotherapist and author. This does not include the list of our other actual pastors and associate/assistant pastors who were here since the time when Chuck Blakney began his ministry with us in 1970.

Since the time of this large group above who have mostly gone through death, we now seem to have accumulated yet another large group of mostly retired clergy. Others who have joined us since the mid-2000s were: our current pastor Lori Souder who came to us in May 2008 and joined October 13 along with Allan Patriquin; Don Donihue; Lorain Giles; Winston Baldwin; Randy Hyvonen (our second Randy); and now Arthur Stanley. According to his brief bio from the Sunday bulletin, Art was born in Silver Spring, MD into the Quaker heritage. He served as a non-combatant in the Navy in WWII and then attended college. After graduation in 1950, he married Barbara Silk and they had three children, eight grandchildren and one great grandson. She died in 2017. Art is an ordained Presbyterian minister covering some 30 years of pastorates. He has moved to South Hadley to be closer to family.

We must be doing something right if we have attracted all of these ministers! They bring a wealth of pastoral life which enriches us in various ways. We thank them for their service to the ministry before coming to South, Hadley and are thrilled that they have joined our Center Church community.

*Cindy Morrell*

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Coffee Fellowship

**Thank you Nominating and Flower teams** for being such good hosts at coffee hour during February. David Morrell was the coordinator for all the "goodies" and for seeing that punch and coffee were plentiful. Thank you!

**During March, the Trustees will be the hosts for coffee hour.** The members of this team are the stewards of the church finances and all church owned buildings, grounds, major assets and endowment investments. They are responsible for the financial integrity and viability of the church. With authority given to them by vote of the congregation, the trustees may buy, sell, mortgage, lease or transfer major assets. They prepare and monitor the budget and report to the congregation periodically on the church finances and assets falling outside the annual budget. They also work with the human resources team and appropriate others concerning the review and updating of the contracts of the pastor and staff. (as stated in the revised constitution). Member of the Trustees are: Sanford Belden, Arthur Coffin, Al Duffy, Bill Giles, Cynthia Morrell (non-voting), Randy Purinton, Tom Waller, Carol White, and Eliot Chartrand (adjunct).

# Outreach Partners of the Month

*"Hearts to Hands to Hope"*

## PIONEER VALLEY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILDS STRENGTH, STABILITY AND SELF-RELIANCE THROUGH AFFORDABLE HOME OWNERSHIP



What words would you use to describe how owning a home makes you feel? Would you say my home makes me feel safe, and secure? Is it a place of refuge from the troubles of the day? Is it where my children can play safely and study without excessive noise? We share these sentiments with all people who long for a place of their own. Here is how a recent Habitat homeowner describes her experience. "This is a life changing experience. I'm excited beyond words. I'm ecstatic to be able to have privacy and sleep in a quiet place and have neighbors and community to raise kids. This is their future."

Since 1989 Pioneer Valley Habitat has built affordable, energy efficient homes with 37 low income families in Hampshire and Franklin Counties. Habitat works with lending institutions to assist prospective homeowners gain financing. Homes are built with volunteer labor and donation of material, land and services thereby keep costs manageable.

In the fall of 2018 Center Church pledged \$1,500 to the Northampton project to build 3 homes on Glendale Road in Northampton. We also committed to 25 hours of volunteer work time. Thanks to generous donations a check in the amount of \$3,722 was sent to Pioneer Valley Habitat, and on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> we will fulfill our volunteer work commitment at the site.

*Hebrews 3:4 "Every home is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything."*



One of the five national United Church of Christ (UCC) offerings in which we at Center participate is named One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). It is probably the one that most resonates with how we usually think about giving through the church, as it addresses issues which impact peoples' lives very directly. "The OGHS special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery. Through OGHS you engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing and women's empowerment. Because the UCC relates in mutual partnership to churches and organizations through Global Ministries and worldwide response & recovery networks, your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing put you in the right place at the right time for the relief, accompaniment and recovery of the most vulnerable. You meet immediate needs and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place."

[https://transactions.ucc.org/CampaignForm/UCChrist/one\\_great\\_hour\\_of\\_sharing](https://transactions.ucc.org/CampaignForm/UCChrist/one_great_hour_of_sharing) Look for "Did You Know Articles" about OGHS beneficiaries in our Sunday bulletins this month. Offering envelopes will be in Sunday, March 31 bulletins. Thank you for considering your contribution.



# SPRING fever



# From the Church Historian - March 2019

## THE FOURTH MEETINGHOUSE BURNED TO THE GROUND



**Prior to 1894**

In previous articles, aspects of this particular meetinghouse fire have been touched upon. After discovering the original Springfield newspaper article, more information was disclosed. The article dated March 5, 1894, recalls the destruction. It is 125 years ago this month and year that flames were seen leaping out of the rear of the church.

The fourth church was built at a cost of \$30,000 in 1876 after a fire destroyed the third meetinghouse. It was communion Sunday March 4, 1894. The worship service ran unusually longer that day. Sunday school got out at 1:30 and the organist, Nellie Clark stayed until 1:50 practicing. She later

reported that she smelled smoke when she left the sanctuary. Postmaster White, who lived next door to the church, saw flames coming from the rear of the church around 2:00 p.m. and raised the alarm. When he opened the sanctuary door, it was filled with billowing black smoke. Someone, either he or somebody else, was able to rescue the Mary Lyon bible and the 1808 silver communion service. A "cabinet" organ was also rescued. Very little else was saved. The gathered town folk could only stand helplessly by. Another compounding factor was that there was no fire-fighting apparatus available. Students from nearby Mount Holyoke College spread wet blankets on the roof of Dwight Hall to prevent flying embers from igniting. A section of that roof did catch fire, but was easily extinguished.

The fire was said to have started under the sanctuary floor in the furnace flue. It then worked its way up. Within an hour, the last wall crumbled. It was stated that the church (Queen Anne styled architecture) was "the sole representative of the religious work and life of the community." The loss was crippling. The mortgage had been paid off just months before. Insurance coverage was \$18,000 with \$15,000 toward the building, \$2,000 for the organ and \$1,000 for furnishings.

Reverend Newton Jones (1890-97) and 254 members immediately set about to rebuild. A special church meeting was held on March 15. A building committee consisting of William H. Gaylord, James C. Mellon, Joseph H. Wells, Lewis M. Gaylord, and Charles A. Gridley was chosen. Lyman G. Preston took over for the ailing William Gaylord. On April 3, the Boston-based architect Henry J. Preston began preliminary blueprints. Within 10 months, the fifth meetinghouse was dedicated on Saturday January 16, 1895! In 2020, Center Church will have served God and community for 125 years in our present home!



**March 4, 1894**

## Tell Me the Stories - March 2019

*You Have Come Down to the Lakeside* (*Tú has venido a la orilla*) (NCH 173) is our first hymn story for the month. The text was originally written in Spanish by Cesáreo Gabaráin in 1979 and was eventually translated into more than eighty languages. The text speaks about Jesus' call to Andrew and Peter to join his disciple band. Gabaráin was born in Spain in the mid 1930s and studied theology growing up. He was an ordained Catholic priest who served both a regular parish and also as Spanish chaplain to Pope Paul VI. Gabaráin composed the music for his hymn as well. The tune "Pescador de Hombres" was its original Spanish title. Gabaráin is said to have become a "leading composer of congregational singing" and also served as president of a Spanish music association. Gabaráin had also three other hymns in the NCH. The translation of the original text that we sang was done by Madeleine F. Marshall in 1989 and the harmonization in the NCH was done by Skinner Chávez-Melo in 1987 for a Protestant Episcopal hymnal.

*Bless God, O My Soul* (NCH 549) is a new hymn to us. The text was written by Russell Sonafrank II in 1987 and is a paraphrase of Psalm 103 which really liked because of the psalm's "rich, accessible imagery" which spoke about God's grace. Sonafrank was born in the late 1940s and completed three degrees from Indiana Univ. He served as a long-time English teacher, but was also an organist and choral director with the United Methodist Church. His good friend, Stephen Morris, composed the tune "Spring Woods" which refers to the United Methodist Church he was serving at the time as organist and choir director in Houston. Morris is a bit younger than Sonafrank and has degrees from DePauw Univ. and SMU. He has worked as a music director, a church organist and also a freelance musician in Houston. A note at the bottom of the hymn page says that the hymn was awarded "first place among 59 unsolicited hymns" in 1988 sent to The Hymn Society!

*When All Thy Mercies, O My God* (PH 94) was written by Joseph Addison, an Englishman listed as one of England's "literary greats," as well as a moralist, a writer, and a "man of affairs in this government," who rose to eventually be the secretary of state. He also studied law and politics. Supposedly he wrote the text after being rescued from a shipwreck off the coast of Genoa. It had 13 stanzas (only four exist in our hymnal) and was published in 1712. He believed that any blessings we receive are the gifts of God, the author of good and father of mercies. Sometimes he added poems at the end of his many essays, and five of them were labeled Creation Hymns, including *The Spacious Firmament on High*. The hymn tune "Tallis Ordinal" is not the original tune which one source said was "Manoah" and came from Henry Wellington Greatorex's Collection. "Tallis' Ordinal" first appeared in a book with a rather long name, but it had no date and no author. The book was later known to be the work of Matthew Parker, Archbishop of Canterbury, printed in 1651. The book ended with nine tunes composed by Thomas Tallis and this one was the last. In an 1871 commentary, the tune was called "simplicity itself" where any "child could sing [it] while manly genius will admire it."

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* (PH 101, NCH 23) was written by Frederick Faber in the mid-nineteenth century. It is one of a very few two stanza hymns in the hymnbooks. Although he was only 49 when he died, he had managed to write about 150 hymn texts in that short time. He was raised as a "strict Calvinist" who strongly opposed the Catholic church. He was an ordained Anglican minister who eventually became influenced by the Oxford Movement which held that the Anglican Church had become too evangelical. At some point, he left his church, became a Catholic priest, and served in his final years as London's "Superior of the Catholic Brompton Oratory." He knew how important hymn singing had been in the Protestant churches and wanted that same experience for his Catholic brethren, so he worked hard at writing hymns for them and also publishing hymn collections. He was given an honorary Doctor of Divinity by the Pope in 1854 "in recognition of his many accomplishments." It is interesting that the PH has two hymn tunes for the text - "In Babilone" and "Wellesley". The tune shown in my source book is the latter, which gives the hymn four verses in the PH. The NCH has "In Babilone" has the principal tune, but gives an alternative as "Holy Manna". "In Babilone" is indicated in the NCH as being a Dutch melody. (11/05)

Cindy Morrell, Associate in Music

Resources used: Robert McCutchan's Our Hymnody (1937); Handbook to the Church Hymnary, James Moffatt, ed. (1927); Kenneth W. Osbeck's 101 More Hymn Stories (1985), and Amazing Grace (1990); Ronald Thomson's Who's Who of Hymn Writers (1967); Jane Stuart Smith and Betty Carlson's Great Christian Hymn Writers (1997).; and The New Century Hymnal Companion, Kirsten Forman, ed. (1998).



- 01 Sharyn Kovalesky
- 03 Cathy Irish
- 13 Jane Hazen  
Avery Lapis  
Zoe Lapis
- 14 Rod Kenneson
- 16 Dolly Crossland
- 17 David Blank  
Karen Hyvonen
- 18 Janis Sokop
- 19 Yvette Clarke
- 22 Sandy Calkins  
Jared Waite  
Logan Waite
- 26 Drew Alley
- 27 Alison Smith
- 28 Patrick Sabbs
- 30 Barbara Hatch



**CHAPIN AUDITORIUM**  
**SATURDAY MARCH 2nd • 2PM & 7:30PM**  
 SOUTH HADLEY, MA | SNOW DATE: MARCH 3rd

**1940s Radio Show**

**IT'S THE Big Broadcast!**

**THE JAZZ ENSEMBLES OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE**

**STARRING BRIAN LAPIS AS EMCEE FRED KELLEY**  
**MARK GIONFRIDDO, CREATOR AND DIRECTOR**

For tickets: UMass Fine Arts Box Office in Amherst, The Odyssey Book Shop in South Hadley, and at the door subject to availability. Call 413-545-2511 or 800-999-UMASS.

Did you purchase mustard, jam or chocolate sauce at the Bazaar?

We can **reuse those jars (and any others you could donate)** which cost about \$1.00 each. Bring them to the church when you're done with them and help us keep our costs down next year.



AND if you have any plastic pots we will take them for the Plant Sale!

**Thanks!!**

**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



**Food Pantry Ministry**

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!**

## South Hadley Dog Park

South Hadley is trying to build a dog park in town on a 2+ acre location on Mulligan Drive. The Stanton Foundation in Cambridge is working with the town to design and construct the park. Once the park opens, the finances and operation of the park will be the responsibility of The Friends of South Hadley Dog Park, Inc., a tax-exempt 501(c)3 charity separate from the Town and registered with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the IRS.

If you are interested in finding out more about this effort and, perhaps, to make a donation in whatever amount whether large or small, go to our web site at [www.southhadleydogpark.org](http://www.southhadleydogpark.org). Any and all donations are appreciated.



## SOUTH HADLEY CHORALE

### Johann Sebastian Bach: *Magnificat in D*

and music by New England composers:

Kaeza Fearn: *Hang on: Life's Callin'*

Geoffrey Hudson: *Whither, o whither?*

Joshua Hummel: *In This Is Love*

Clifton J. Noble, Jr: *Go Down Moses*

**Alexandra Ludwig, Conductor**

Junko Watanabe, soprano; Justina Golden, alto;

Aidan Talbot, tenor; Peter Shea, baritone

with 75 voice mixed Chorus and Orchestra; also featuring

The South Hadley Michael E. Smith Middle School

*Opus Singers*

**Patricia Murawski, Director**



Admission \$20.00 Senior Citizens \$15.00 Students/Children 12 and under \$5.00  
(Preconcert and online: \$16; \$11; \$5)



Tickets at door, at Odyssey Bookstore-South Hadley, or online at:  
[www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)

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a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency*

**Sunday, March 10, 2019 - 3 p.m.**  
**Abbey Memorial Chapel**  
**Mount Holyoke College**

### Church Administrator – First Church Amherst (First Congregational in Amherst), UCC, Amherst, MA

**What:** An interesting, engaging, challenging, and fun part-time job with flexible hours and benefits (vacation, health insurance premium support, holidays), working with a dynamite staff, active members and a variety of renters of a congregation that is actively engaged in making the world a better place. A great job for someone equally at home with supervision, volunteers, computers, words, numbers, and the ineffable.

**Who You Are:** Someone who knows their way around churches, is great with people, can juggle varying responsibilities and multiple deadlines, maintain confidentiality, work closely with the pastor, and answer to any number of people in person, by email, and phone. Must be both a self-starter and good at taking direction; comfortable with software and office equipment; have an eye and ear for editing; take pride in producing typo-free materials; and be relatively unflappable. Understanding of, and ease with, social media and graphics a plus. LGBTQIA and minorities especially encouraged to apply.

**Who We Are:** See [www.firstchurchamherst.org](http://www.firstchurchamherst.org) and First Church Amherst on Facebook and Twitter

**When:** 20 hours/week for most of the year; 12 hours/week in July and August. There is some flexibility in the daily schedule.

**How much:** \$15 to \$17 per hour depending on experience.

**How to apply:** Send cover letter, resume, and the names and contact details for three references to:  
Church administrator search committee  
First Congregational Church, UCC  
165 Main Street, Amherst, MA 01002  
[firstchurch\\_amherst@comcast.net](mailto:firstchurch_amherst@comcast.net)

We will contact your references only with your permission.  
Application screening begins on March 15 and continue until the position is filled

**Daily Lectionary Scripture References**  
**March 2019 (Year C)**

**Fri., Mar. 1**

Psalm 99  
 Deuteronomy 9:6-14  
 Acts 10:1-8

**Sat., Mar. 2**

Psalm 99  
 Deuteronomy 9:15-24  
 Luke 10:21-24

**Sun., Mar. 3**

*Transfiguration of the Lord*  
 Exodus 34:29-35  
 Psalm 99  
 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2  
 Luke 9:28-36 [37-43]

**Mon., Mar. 4**

Psalm 35:11-28  
 Exodus 35:1-29  
 Acts 10:9-23a

**Tues., Mar. 5**

Psalm 35:11-28  
 Ezekiel 1:1-2:1  
 Acts 10:23b-33

**Wed., Mar. 6**

*Ash Wednesday*  
 Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12  
 Psalm 51:1-17  
 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10  
 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**Thurs., Mar. 7**

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16  
 Exodus 5:10-23  
 Acts 7:30-34

**Fri., Mar. 8**

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16  
 Exodus 6:1-13  
 Acts 7:35-42

**Sat., Mar. 9**

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16  
 Ecclesiastes 3:1-8  
 John 12:27-36

**Sun., Mar. 10**

*First Sunday in Lent*  
 Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16  
 Romans 10:8b-13  
 Luke 4:1-13

**Mon., Mar. 11**

Psalm 17  
 1 Chronicles 21:1-17  
 1 John 2:1-6

**Tues., Mar. 12**

Psalm 17  
 Zechariah 3:1-10  
 2 Peter 2:4-21

**Wed., Mar. 13**

Psalm 17  
 Job 1:1-22  
 Luke 21:34-22:6

**Thurs., Mar. 14**

Psalm 27  
 Genesis 13:1-7, 14-18  
 Philippians 3:2-12

**Fri., Mar. 15**

Psalm 27  
 Genesis 14:17-24  
 Philippians 3:17-20

**Sat., Mar. 16**

Psalm 27  
 Psalm 118:26-29  
 Matthew 23:37-39

**Sun., Mar. 17**

*Second Sunday in Lent*  
 Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18  
 Psalm 27  
 Philippians 3:17-4:1  
 Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36

**Mon., Mar. 18**

Psalm 105:1-15 [16-41] 42  
 Exodus 33:1-6  
 Romans 4:1-12

**Tues., Mar. 19**

Psalm 105:1-15 [16-41] 42  
 Numbers 14:10b-24  
 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

**Wed., Mar. 20**

Psalm 105:1-15 [16-41] 42  
 2 Chronicles 20:1-22  
 Luke 13:22-31

**Thurs., Mar. 21**

Psalm 63:1-8  
 Daniel 3:19-30  
 Revelation 2:8-11

**Fri., Mar. 22**

Psalm 63:1-8  
 Daniel 12:1-4  
 Revelation 3:1-6

**Sat., Mar. 23**

Psalm 63:1-8  
 Isaiah 5:1-7  
 Luke 6:43-45

**Sun., Mar. 24**

*Third Sunday in Lent*  
 Isaiah 55:1-9  
 Psalm 63:1-8  
 1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
 Luke 13:1-9

**Mon., Mar. 25**

Psalm 39  
 Jeremiah 11:1-17  
 Romans 2:1-11

**Tues., Mar. 26**

Psalm 39  
 Ezekiel 17:1-10  
 Romans 2:12-16

**Wed., Mar. 27**

Psalm 39  
 Numbers 13:17-27  
 Luke 13:18-21

**Thurs., Mar. 28**

Psalm 32  
 Joshua 4:1-13  
 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5

**Fri., Mar. 29**

Psalm 32  
 Joshua 4:14-24  
 2 Corinthians 5:6-15

**Sat., Mar. 30**

Psalm 32  
 Exodus 32:7-14  
 Luke 15:1-10

**Sun., Mar. 31**

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*  
 Joshua 5:9-12  
 Psalm 32  
 2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



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**THE MINISTRY AT CENTER CHURCH**



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 Senior Minister: Rev. Lori J. Souder



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Children: Martha Guild, Simone Jacob  
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