

# THE BELL

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
MARSHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

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Vision Statement

Growing in faith by...worshipping God, loving all, joyfully serving others

*Covenant – We covenant one with another to seek and respond to the word and the will of God. We purpose to walk together in the ways of the Lord, made known and to be made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of the church to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in all the world, while worshipping God, and striving for the truth, justice and peace. As did those who came before, we depend on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us. We pray for the coming of the kingdom of God, and we look with faith toward the triumph of righteousness and eternal life.*

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## NEW NORMALS

What does it mean to be normal? Don't we all kind of have our quirks? Perhaps we often think of the things which are familiar to us as being normal, like heading off to work, the school day, or even an appointment at the dentist. Or maybe, it is what others around us agree to all name "normal" that helps add clarity. Well, as is probably clear to all of us, nearly none of the above are as they used to be. We now live in a world where several new normals are called for in order to adapt safely to the circumstances in which we live and serve as the church. You'll start noticing more and more of this reflected in our mutual ministries. In this Bell issue we have several new announcements that highlight how FCCM will approach the new normals with faith in our Savior. I pray that God may continue to bless our ministries at FCCM as we adapt to love as Jesus taught us.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Joel

## ONLINE LECTIO DIVINA

- New Dates! Oct. 2 & Nov. 6

Get your coffee and kickoff your weekend with meditative reflection on Scripture. Join us for our upcoming lectio divina online sessions on Friday mornings (8am) on Oct. 2 and Nov. 6. Lectio divina is a contemplative way of reading the Bible. A centuries-old ecumenical spiritual practice, it dates back to the early church and was a monastic practice in the 6th Century. Lectio divina is a way of praying Scripture that leads us deeper into God's Word. Our online lectio divina will be in a multimedia format, accessible via Zoom video call. Click [here](#) to sign up for Oct. 2, and click [here](#) to sign up for Nov. 6.

## FALL CLEAN-UP DAY

- Sat., Oct. 17th at 9am

Grab a rake and/or rags, bring your mask, and come join your FCCM friends for a special Fall Clean-Up day around the Parish Hall and Meeting House. We'll be gathering around 9am, with opportunities to help indoors and outdoors. Please come and help beautify God's House and grounds. Thank you!

## FCCM CONTACT INFORMATION

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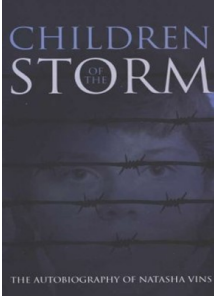
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**Church Office Hours (Note Updated Schedule; by appointment only):** Monday 9:00am-3:00pm; Tuesday 9:30am-12:30pm; Wednesday 9:00am-3:00pm; Thursday 9:00am-1pm

**Pastoral Office Hours:** Tue. 9:30am-12:30pm, Wed. and Thur. 9am to noon (Mondays are Pastor's day off).

**Cancelations due to storms:** Please watch FOX25 and [www.myfoxboston.com](http://www.myfoxboston.com). Also you can listen on WATD radio.



## HEAVENLY BOOKWORMS' OCTOBER 2020 SELECTION

### Children of the Storm: The Autobiography of Natasha Vins

Natasha's father is a leader in the underground church of the Soviet Union. When Georgi Vins is forced to spend time in hiding and in prison, Natasha looks to her beloved grandmother for spiritual guidance, but in her teens Natasha reaches a spiritual crossroads. In a homeland that demands that she embrace communistic ideals and deny the existence of God, will she follow Christ into a life of poverty and hardship, or will she renounce her parents' Christ for the opportunities and open doors which higher education has to offer? This book is an eye opener to the lives of Christian people in a communist country. We must never take our freedom for granted.

The discussion for October's book will be Friday 10/23 (7p) if deemed safe at the Chrisman's (13 Mountain Ash Dr., Kingston), or Zoom otherwise - call Georgia for directions or Zoom instructions - 781-361-1290. Book is \$3 (see Georgia) or order from Christianbook.com.

### Are You a Couch-Potato who likes to Read?

Then...become part of the exclusive group of Couch Potato Book-worms! Skip those discussions! Books are about real people... inspiring, interesting and informative. These books will take you all over the world, introduce you to amazing people, and broaden your horizons. Former selections are available in our church library. Borrow some!



### FROM YOUR DEACONS

FINALLY! The Meeting House has been opened for in person worship! On September 6th Thirty Four parishioners flocked to our 1st indoor meeting together. It was WONDERFUL, but very different. Every other pew was restricted, there was no organist and no singing. Music was recorded with accompanying video on the monitors, the worship assistant was distanced in the portable pulpit and, of course, we were all wearing masks. But WELCOME BACK! We can safely fit approximately 50 people in the Meeting House with the current restrictions, but please sign up first as this is extremely helpful to your hard-working ushers. If you cannot attend in person, watch the service on Facebook Live or afterwards on our Facebook page. Leave us a comment so we know you were there.

At this writing we are finalizing the details for Pastor Joel's long-awaited Vicinage. We have secured our 7-church quorum and have assembled a 25 FCCM member quorum to accept the vote of the council to Ordain and Install Pastor Joel. A special THANK YOU to Audrey Taylor and the Christian Fellowship Committee for organizing and supplying the Gerard's celebratory socially distanced Outdoor luncheon.

Our next step is to Ordain and Install Pastor Joel as our 31st minister! The Ordination ceremony will take place on Sunday October 18th at 3 pm. The congregation is invited and encouraged to attend the ceremony but sign up is essential. If we are still under Covid 19 restrictions, we will only have enough room in the meeting house for the first 25 FCCM members to sign up. We will try to offer the ceremony on FB live for those who cannot attend. Sadly, the Covid 19 restrictions have forced us to postpone the celebratory dinner. We will reschedule an appropriate celebration when it is safe to do so.

We have a lot of work left to do. But the Deacons are very grateful to Pastor Joel for his leadership and guidance during this difficult time. None of the above would have been possible without him. CONGRATULATIONS Pastor Joel and THANK YOU from a grateful congregation.

To God be the Glory,

Your Deacons, Michael Rydberg, Judy Johnson, Rick Taylor, Lisa Brown, Frank Wilkins and Alyssa Titus.

### SENDING IN OFFERINGS

#### - Supporting our Ministries

As we continue to live into this unprecedented time of social distancing, we encourage all members and friends of FCCM to submit offerings to support our ongoing ministries. Offerings may be mailed to the church at First Congregational Church of Marshfield, P.O. Box 826, Marshfield, MA 02050. You may also opt to submit your offering through your bank or financial institution. God's grace is abundant, and He will sustain us through this COVID-19 crisis. Please contact the Church Office or a Trustee with any questions. Thank you for your generous support!

### LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY (LBS)

We are having ZOOM meetings every Tuesday at 10 am. We have been working on projects at home for our Christmas Fair. Thank you -Phyllis

### FALL PLANT SALE & THRIFT AND GIFT SIDEWALK SALE

Thank you to all who came out in support of last month's Thrift & Gift Sidewalk Sale and our Fall Plant Sale. Whether you donated plants, helped with setup, or came by to make some purchases, you made a difference and have blessed our church. Happy Fall!

### A NOTE FROM YOUR CARING MINISTRY TEAM

The role of the Caring Ministry Team is to assist the minister in meeting the needs of the congregation. The Team consists of 8 members: Lisa Brown, Pam Drouin, Mary Ellingson, Jennifer Fields, Judy Johnson, Donna McCue, Michael Rydberg and Gisele Coville. Each parishioner has been assigned to a Caring Ministry Team member. If you don't know who your Caring Minister is, please contact Michael Rydberg (508-246-3037), Gisele Coville or Jennifer Fields. Our primary mission is to pray for the needs of our assigned parishioners. Please also let us know if a spiritual or practical need should arise.

### NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

- *Articles due by Thursday, October. 15*

Please submit any articles/submissions for the October issue of The Bell newsletter to the church office by Oct. 15. You may also submit your article via email to [secretaryfccm@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryfccm@gmail.com). Thank you!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL RESTART

Our 2020-2021 IN PERSON Sunday School year started on September 20th in the Parish Hall!

Parents need to escort their child(ren) into the Parish Hall via the downstairs doorway, stay for a brief health screening, and then come back inside after class so that your child(ren) may be returned directly to you.

Please Exit through the Front Door of the Parish Hall. Washable/Reusable Masks will be provided at the time of arrival and a limited supply of single use masks will be available upon check-in moving forward. We will be practicing Safe-distancing and Every child will be provided with Dedicated, new supplies. I will be sanitizing Sunday School space and supplies following each class. (Nursery Care will resume sometime after Massachusetts moves into Stage 4 of COVID-19 recovery.)

### To the Angels who cleared and Prepped our Sunday School Office Room ~

I went into the Parish Hall this past Sunday afternoon to begin to set up for Sunday School. As I walked into the renovated Sunday School office/room ~ my eyes were filled with loveliness and amazement my heart was filled with wonder and thanksgiving. Truly, my cup runneth over! Whoever you are – please know that all your efforts are treasured and appreciated beyond the hills, as are you! - *Pam Drouin*

### YOUTH FELLOWSHIP THIS FALL

- Sundays at 4pm

Youth Group is gearing up and getting excited for the new school year! Before we've even had our first meeting, we've got a busy Fall planned. Things will look a little different this year, but we will be meeting in person (with safety measures in place!). Meetings will be held outside (weather permitting) and will include social distancing, hand sanitizer, and wearing of masks. Students will need to have rides to and from the meetings as the Leaders will not be able to give rides. We are continuing to build the Group and are looking for new active members.

- Scott Rogers, Carrie Sylvester, Josselyn Sullivan and Pastor Joel Boyd

### CALLING ALL BUSINESSES and INDIVIDUALS

The Trustees are offering sponsoring space in The Bell newsletter. This initiative will help bring in additional revenue as well as defray the costs associated with The Bell. In this Bell, we are offering free ads to individuals and businesses affiliated with our church while we test the layout. This could be either a sponsorship or even a personal message. If interested, please contact the church office or speak to/email a Trustee.



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**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

Thanksgiving/Joy: Christ's faithfulness to FCC Marshfield for 388 years, the gift of engaging in both in-person and online Worship, Engagement of Sarah Fuller and her fiancé Bruno Marcolino, Engagement of Alex Hamberger (Heidi Boyd's brother) and Tara LiAna We give thanks to God for the birth of babies Caleb Gregory Rydberg and Van Everett Rydberg (Michael Rydberg's grandsons), Wedding of Russell Ellingson and Lori Romero on July 21 in California, We give thanks to God for our brother Ernie Chandler as he celebrates his 95th birthday on Aug. 26 and congratulate Ernie on his retirement as FCCM organist these many years, Churches in MACCC and NACCC.

Healing: Those impacted by the COVID-19 crisis, including the medical teams and officials working to keep us safe. Edna Robie, Kim Callendar, Carol Spooner, Carol Gesner, John Coombs, Chris Lord, John Ritucci, Jack Pattison, Danny Sheehan, Katrina, Kendall Smith, Gloria Chrisman (Georgia's sister-in-law), Charlie Sylvester, Dave McGrath Sr, Joan Morrissey, Mercedes (Eliana Kimball's mother), Dave Chrisman, Alberta Bezanson, Joan Jordan, Susie Bonnel (Jayne Bowman's sister), Sarah Fuller's grandparents, and Krista Gottschlich.

Comfort: those impacted by Hurricanes Isaias and Laura; families of Bob MacDonald, Jean Crane, Herb L. Brown (Lisa Brown's father), Barbara Winokur, Betty Dubois, Elizabeth Gledhill, Jordan Phinney, Velna Roberts, Virginia Smith (Liz Vaillancourt's mother), and Jayne Bowman

Homebound Church Family: Roz Novinsky, Marie King, Kathy Bryan, Alberta Bezanson, and Mary Ellingson.

Guidance & Protection: Men and Women in the military and our first responders, families struggling with addictions, stigma of mental illness, all refugees, George Irvin and Barbara Irvin Stovold (Pam Drouin's parents), John Coombs, leaders of our nation, for unhoused youth in Marshfield, the people impacted by the explosion in Beirut, Jacob Blake and his family and all those impacted by the unrest in Kenosha, WI, families, students and teachers returning to school year of new normals, all those devastated by recent hurricanes.



**PRAYER PALS**

Prayer PALS ... Did you know that they are praying for you, our church, community, nation and our world? We gather on Monday evenings 6:00pm, either at the church picnic tables or via Zoom. If interested, please call Georgia (781-361-1290) for the most current details or to help you get connected to Zoom. One may place a prayer request in the offering plate/box, email Pastor Joel at Pastorfccm@gmail.com, or call 781-361-1290. "And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us. (1 John 5:14 | KJV)

**NEED TO TALK? HAVING TROUBLE DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS?**

We are living through an especially stressful and challenging time amid the COVID-19 crisis. While some may be juggling the obligations of career and home schooling children, others may be experiencing a sudden shift in employment, loss of career, or loneliness and isolation. Of course, there is also the fact that some may contract the virus, making it difficult for loved ones to see them. If you feel like you need to speak with someone about these concerns, please know that you can always contact the Pastor. In the event of an emergency, you should call 911. [Click here](#) or contact your Town Board of Health for available resources.

**FROM YOUR TRUSTEES**

We are pleased to let you know the handoff of the bookkeeping, financial secretary and website have occurred. We are up to date with our Quick book entries of pledges and Steve Spooner was able to run the Q3 budget vs actual report and we are doing fairly well.

Please make an effort to bring your pledges up to date as we are heading into the cooler weather and will need the funds for the bump in heating and other expenses, as we reopen our parish hall offices.

Fall Cleanup Day Sat. Oct 17th 9-noon – please mark your calendars to set aside a couple hours to help us spruce up our Sanctuary and Parish Hall prior to Pastor Joel's Ordination on Sunday Oct 18th at 3PM.



### **ERNIE CHANDLER'S RETIREMENT**

As many have by now heard, Ernie Chandler has announced his retirement as the organist for FCC Marshfield. This August, Bonnie mentioned that her Dad has been considering a time when he might step down from his position for some time. Ernie has expressed that now is that time. He will not be returning as our organist this fall. Likely, you have many wonderful memories of how Ernie has blessed this church over the years. You are in good company. Ernie has blessed our congregation with music since the 1970s, playing on both the organ and piano. He has provided accompaniment for congregational hymns, our choir, children's choir, and for soloists, in addition to solo preludes and postludes. Ernie has played weddings, funerals, and baptisms. He has played for special Christmas services, the dedication of our new Steeple, and the annual Hour of Peace benefit concert in support of the Good Neighbor Fund. On Aug. 26th, Ernie celebrated his 95th birthday. It is a vast understatement to say that Ernie is and has been a blessing to us all and to the Church.

But many will say, "Well, who will replace Ernie now?" For starters, certainly, we can agree that there truly is no replacing Ernie. His shoes are simply too large to fill, and that's ok. Rather than to be worried about this, perhaps we may dwell on celebrating him for a while. Then, in time, we can prayerfully consider the future of our music program and where we feel the Spirit guiding us to be.

While we will soon find a time when we may more formally recognize and celebrate Ernie for his music ministry and many accomplishments at FCCM, all are encouraged to join in extending thanks for the many ways he has given to our congregation and church family.

God bless you, Ernie! Thank you for all you have done for FCCM.  
- *Pastor Joel*

### **ADULT EDUCATION: INTERACTIVE ONLINE SERIES ON THE CONGREGATIONAL WAY**

— *New Date!*

The Board of Christian Education invites you to mark your calendars and plan on joining us for a special, online interactive adult education series on The Congregational Way in 2020 (Sessions will be offered via Zoom). Help us live into our celebration of the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims by participating in this engaging series facilitated by Pastor Joel. Using the NACCC's [The Art & Practice of The Congregational Way: A Church Guide](#), we will make our way through some great exploration and discussion as we renew our commitment to love and serve as a free, covenant people in Jesus. Since we had to postpone our series over the last several months, we held a special refresher session on Faith and Freedom (Sept. 29) before proceeding to session 3 on Fellowship. Click [here](#) to sign up for Oct. 27.

**Tue., Oct. 27 (7pm)** (Fellowship)

### **OFFICE HOUR APPOINTMENTS**

As you know, Pastor Joel and Sarah have been working remotely throughout these months of the COVID-19 pandemic. Starting on Mon., Sept. 21, our Parish Hall offices will be re-opening for in-person meetings with our staff by appointment only. Kindly contact Pastor Joel or Sarah to set a time during our published office hours and call the office from the parking lot and you will be given access to the Parish Hall. All visitors to the Parish Hall offices must wear a mask, sanitize hands before entry, make sure they do not have a temperature or any COVID-19 symptoms ahead of time, confirm that they have not recently travelled to an area that requires quarantining, and maintain 6-foot social distancing while in the Parish Hall. Please note that while the bathrooms are accessible, with the exception of the offices and front parlor, all other rooms are restricted at this time. For your information, our staff will be cleaning their work area each day, using supplies which meet state guidelines. Published office hours are: M - 9am-3pm, T - 9:30am-12:30pm, W - 9am-3pm, Th - 9am-1pm. Pastoral office hours are: T - 9:30am-12:30pm, W - 9am-noon, Th - 9am-noon. (Mondays are the Pastor's day off). In addition to any in-person appointments made, note that the staff remain fully accessible via phone, email or video conferencing (Zoom) as well. You can reach the office at: [secretaryfccm@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryfccm@gmail.com) , [pastorfccm@gmail.com](mailto:pastorfccm@gmail.com), 781-834-7664. Thank you.

**October 2020**



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**MISSION PROJECTS FOR OCTOBER**

Seeing, understanding, showing compassion, and helping all people is part of our responsibility to God. Please continue to share in our mission to give support to everyone here and around the world.

**Helping our on-going Marshfield Missions**

Food Pantry - Please send a donation to the Food Pantry or to a group that is helping to feed the tremendous number of food-insecure families in the United States at this time.

Sowing Seeds - Please donate new socks, good Fall clothing and sleepwear.

Good Neighbor Fund - Continue to buy your Grocery and Gift Cards through the Good Neighbor Fund. Our neighbors need help year-round.

Helping the Homeless - Please support this on-going project with the Youth Fellowship and donate travel sized toiletries or new clean socks.

**Helping our Family and Friends around the World**

Please continue to pray for our families and friends around the world. We made a donation to Church World Services for tools to honor of our Dads on Father's Day.

**Opportunities**

The Missions Committee has received a donation to be used for Mission trips through a vetted organization. This is open to anyone in the church who might be interested. Please talk to members of the committee for more information. The NACCC has a list of some opportunities on their website.

**INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT FCCM?**

Have you or someone you know been prayerfully considering joining our congregation? Are you interested to learn more about our church and what it means to be a "Congregationalist"? Contact Pastor Joel or a member of the Diaconate to see about participating in our New Member Class and Intro to Congregationalism. This class is open to anyone who wishes to learn more about membership at FCCM. Thank you.

**FAIRLESS FAIR THANK YOU**

A heartfelt thank you to ALL of our FAIRLESS FAIR DONORS, those known, and those anonymous. We came close to, or slightly surpassed, \$9,000! What a tremendous effort by all. Thanks to you, we came almost met the budgeted line-item for this year's fair and other fund raisers have made up the difference. A remarkable feat in this age of Covid.

Your support has truly blessed FCCM.



**October 2020**

**ORDINATION & INSTALLATION SERVICE  
FOR PASTOR JOEL**

*Sun., Oct. 18 (3pm)*

Join us online or in-person to help celebrate Pastor Joel's Ordination & Installation service on Oct. 18 at 3pm in the Meeting House. Note that the service will be livestreamed on Facebook Live. [Click here](#) to signup online or contact the church office. Due to the guidelines, only the first 25 people to signup will be able to attend in-person. Thank you.

**MEETING HOUSE IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM WORSHIP SERVICE**

*-Sundays at 9:30am*

On August 11, the Council ratified the Diaconate vote to resume with in-person Worship in the Meeting House beginning on Sun., Sept. 6 at 9:30am. We will continue to livestream Worship via Facebook Live. While we are very excited about this transition, we are also fully aware of the safety guidelines that will need to be observed and are diligently making preparations to ensure the health and safety of all who attend. As with our outdoor Worship services we will continue to encourage online sign-ups. All are asked to sign up in advance. **Note that our capacity will be limited as per state guidelines, and that masks and 6-foot social distancing will be required (members of the same immediate household may be seated together).** Please bring your own cushion for seating. There will be no fellowship time following service. Childcare will not be provided at this time. All over the age of 5 are asked to wear a mask. Washing stations and restrooms will continue to be made available on the lower level of the Parish Hall. Look forward to joining you in Worship!

**BIBLE STUDY ONLINE**

- Starting Wed., Sept. 23 (1pm)

We're happy to pick up our Wed. Bible Study, meeting online via Zoom at 1pm starting on Sept. 23. Join us to explore Jesus in our Bible Studies of the Gospel of Matthew in conversation with N.T. Wright's For Everyone series. Study guides are available at a discounted rate of \$2.99/ea (Let BCE know if you'd like a copy). Click [here](#) to signup and join us as we explore God's Word in Matthew!

**FALL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

Join us this November as our annual Stewardship Campaign kicks off. Look for more details to follow soon and mark your calendar. We have much to celebrate and be grateful for at FCCM.



First Congregational Church of Marshfield, Inc.  
**CHURCH OFFICERS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

2020 – 2021

Revised September 21, 2020

*Note: All committees must meet in June to elect chairpersons. Once elected, chairpersons are to contact the Nominating Committee Chair to report new leadership. The Nominating Committee needs the name of a contact person for each committee in order to effectively do its job.*

Note: The number after a name designates 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> term. The letter (a) designates filling an unexpired term. The letter (b) designates remaining on the committee after 2 terms to fill a vacancy. A name in *italics* indicates that the position was filled after the 2020-2021 election. Those individuals were presented to and ratified by the Church Council. Names in **bold** are beginning new terms or filling unexpired terms.

**CHURCH OFFICERS (3-yr Non-Expiring Terms):**

Clerk	Bonnie Conant	2023
Assistant Clerk	Georgia Chrisman	2022
Treasurer	Steve Spooner	2023
Assistant Treasurer	<i>Bonnie Conant</i>	2021
Financial Secretary	<i>Doreen Taylor</i>	2023
Assistant Financial Secretary	<i>Donna McCue</i>	2021
Moderator	Steve Hight	2023
Alternate Moderator	Ron Jordan	2022

**BOARD OF DEACONS 6/13**

2023	Mike Rydberg (b)	2023	Lisa Brown (2)
2023	Rick Taylor (2)	2023	
2021	Judith Johnson (2)	2021	Alyssa Titus (1)
2021		2021	
2022	Frank Wilkins (1)	2022	
2022		2022	
2022			

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES 3/5**

2023	Greg Prendergast (1)	2022	
2023	<del>Susan Taylor (1)</del>	2022	Doreen Taylor (1)
2021	<i>Donna McCue (a)</i>		

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 5/9**

2023	Liz Drouin (2)	2021	Scott Rogers (2)
2023	Jean Hight (1)	2022	
2022		2021	David McGrath (1)
2022	Frank Wilkins (1)	2022	
2022			

**CRADLE ROLL/NURSERY COORDINATOR 1/1**

2022	Georgia Chrisman (1)		
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MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE 8/9

2023	Kathy Doherty (1)	2022	Jon Chandler (2)
2021	Chris Prendergast (a)	2022	
2021	Eunice Chandler (2)	2021	Carolyn Hight (a)
2021	Amy Minns (2)	2022	Bonnie Conant (a)
2021	Joan Morrissey (a)		

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE (2-year Term) 2/4

2021	Faith Jean (1)	Financial Secretary	<i>Doreen Taylor</i>
2021	Albert Kimball (2)	Trustees	<i>Susan Taylor</i>
2021		Diaconate	<i>Judith Johnson</i>
2022		Missions	TBD

Note: Per By-laws, Ex-Officio members include the Financial Secretary, and the Chairperson of Trustees, Diaconate and the Missions Committee.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE 4/5

2023	Nancy Berberick (b)	2021	Mike Lux (1)
2021	Josselyn Sullivan (1)	2021	Cheryl Strazdes (1)
2021	<del>Susan Taylor (1)</del>		

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE 5/7

2021	Audrey Taylor (2)	2022	Liz Vaillancourt (1)
2021	Carol Gesner (1)	2021	Nancy Berberick (1)
2021	Joan Morrissey (1)	2022	<del>Doraine Porter (1)</del>
2022			

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE 4/5

2023	Charles Balkam (1)	2021	Barbara Murray (1)
2023	Gisele Coville (1)	2021	John Bennett (b)
2023			

PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE: 0/2

2022	<del>Susan Taylor (1)</del>	Diaconate	<i>Judith Johnson</i>
2023		Trustees	<i>Doreen Taylor</i>
		BCE	<i>Jean Hight</i>
		Missions	TBD

Pastor plus representatives from Trustees, Diaconate, BCE and Missions to be elected by Boards/Committees Appointed annually by Church Council

FLOWER COMMITTEE 7/7

2023	Cindy Riley (1)	2021	Georgia Chrisman (a)
2023	Carol Gesner (2)	2022	Chris Prendergast (1)
2021	Kathy Pattison (a)	2022	Liz Vaillancourt (1)
2021	Barbara Stutzman (1)		

NOMINATING COMMITTEE 4/7 members-at-large

2023	Barbara Murray (1)	Diaconate	<i>Lisa Brown</i>
2023	Bonnie Conant (1)	Trustees	<i>Greg Prendergast</i>
2021	Jennifer Fields (2)		
2022	Nancy Berberick (a)		

Note: According to our By-Laws there should be a member on this committee from Trustees and one from Diaconate.

HISTORIANS 2/3

2021	Roger Dashner (2)	2023	
2022	Judith Johnson (1)		

Clerk is Ex-Officio member

CHURCH COUNCIL AT LARGE (2-yr Term)

2023	Jennifer Fields (2)	2021	Barbara Murray (a)
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GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND COMMITTEE 5/9

2023	Helen Burgess (2)	2022	
2023	Warren Goshine (1)	2022	
2021	Steve Flynn (b)	2022	
2021	Mal Gale (b)	2022	
2021	Audrey Titus (b)		

LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY - group recognized by Bylaws

Phyllis Willis, Pres.	<i>Barbara Carney</i> , Vice Pres.	Mary Barry, Sec.	Becky Bates-McArthur, Treas.
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LAY DELEGATE: Joel Boyd (1)

ALTERNATE DELEGATE: Judith Johnson (1)

**October 2020**

## **CELEBRATING CONGREGATIONAL HERITAGE**

2020 marks the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrim landing at Plymouth. As a Pilgrim church ourselves, here at FCCM we will be celebrating this momentous occasion in many ways throughout the year. Two Sundays each month we will be featuring a highlighted history of a Congregationalist who has contributed to blessing God's world.

## **CELEBRATING 400 YEARS OF AMERICAN CONGREGATIONALISM**

**Learn more about our Congregational History at [naccc.org](http://naccc.org)**

### **Did you know Ray Palmer...**

Ray Palmer's early life was spent at Boston, where he joined the Park Street Congregational Church, then under the pastoral care of Dr. S. E. Dwight.

He attended Phillips Andover Academy, where he and Oliver Wendell Holmes were classmates. He continued his education at Yale University where he graduated in 1830, and was ordained a Congregational minister in 1835. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Union College in 1852.

On December 10, 1850, Ray was installed as the first pastor of the newly-formed First Congregational Church of Albany, New York. Here he continued for fifteen most fruitful years of labor, until April 18, 1866, when he was dismissed to accept the secretaryship of the American Congregational Union, in New York City. Here he served the churches for twelve years, or until May 1, 1878, during which time more than 600 churches were elected by the aid of this society.

He was also pastor of other churches and wrote extensively for the quarterlies, and for the literary and religious press generally. He published six or seven volumes in prose, besides numerous discourses, and three or four volumes of hymns and other poems. Probably the best known of his hymns was "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

He wrote these words while employed as a teacher at a private girls' school in New York. He had experienced a difficult year of illness and loneliness and was inspired to write this verse one night after meditating on a German poem that depicted a sinner kneeling before the cross of Christ.

### **...was a Congregationalist?**

Historical story by: Rev. Garry Fisher

### **Did you know Anne Bradstreet...**

"The finest bread hath the least bran; the purest honey the least wax; and the sincerest Christian the least self-love." This devotional lyric was written by Anne Bradstreet, early Puritan wife, mother, and America's first published female poet.

She was born into an upper class Puritan family that afforded her the opportunity to receive an excellent education in history, literature and language. Anne married Simon Bradstreet in 1628. Her father, Thomas Dudley, worked closely with John Winthrop to form the Massachusetts Bay Company and organize the first Great Puritan Migration to New England. In 1630 Anne sailed with Simon and her family on the Arbella to the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Anne's father and her husband served as its governor. Anne and Simon had eight children.

In the midst of her many household duties she made time to journal her thoughts in a book she always kept at hand. In it she wrote letters to herself, to her husband, to her children, or poems about her love for God and her family. Her writings show her to be a loving wife and mother. Anne also wrote poems that expressed her religious beliefs, her thoughts on life in the Colony, and her opinions about the role of women in Puritan society. A collection of her poems was published in London under the title, *The Tenth Muse Lately Sprung Up in America*, (1650).

Today Anne Bradstreet is appreciated as colonial America's first published female poet.

### **...was a Congregationalist?**

Historical story by: Rev. Norm Erlendson



*Fall Plant Sale and  
Thrift & Gift Sidewalk Sale*



*Welcome Back to  
Youth Group!*





## THE GREEN SHEET

(A monthly message from our youth team)

Let it Shine!



Greetings from the FCCM Youth Group!

Well, the Summer is over, and Youth Group is gearing up and getting excited for the new school year! We've got a busy Fall planned.

Things will look a little different this year, but we will be meeting in person (with safety measures in place!) Here's what's coming up:

### October's Schedule:

Sun., Oct. 4 - Regular Meeting – at Parish Hall (outside) - 4-5:30pm

Sun., Oct. 11 - Regular Meeting – at Parish Hall (outside) - 4-5:30pm

Sun., Oct. 18 – Meet at Parish Hall for Pastor Joel's Ordination – time to be announced

Sun., Oct. 25 – Halloween Party (more info to follow !)

Sat. Oct. 31 – Can Drive – 10am – 1pm – Accepting new cans (and returning “Quarantined” cans)

Meetings will be held outside (weather permitting) and will include social distancing, hand sanitizer, and wearing of masks. Students will need to have rides to and from the meetings as the Leaders will not be able to give rides.

### Looking Ahead:

We are currently saving cans and bottles throughout the weeks. We will be holding a Can Drive on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month. You can drop your cans off at the Parish Hall or bring them to us on those Saturdays. We thank you for your support! These funds allow us to reduce the costs of our retreats and fund our weekly Youth Ministry program.

**To start this year, we will be collecting cans and “quarantining” them in the Can Box to be counted later (about one week later)**

### Further Ahead:

During the fall, we are continuing to build the Group and are looking for new active members of the Youth Group. We are trying to re-implement our Leaders-in-Training Program which allows High School students to act more as mentors and Junior Leaders. It looks good on a college resume!

Thank you and God Bless!

Your Youth Group Advisors,  
Scott Rogers, Carrie Sylvester, Josselyn Sullivan and Pastor Joel Boyd