

TOWER NOTES

Centre Congregational Church (United Church of Christ)

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We Welcome Everyone: An "Open and Affirming" Church

September 10, 2014

Dear Friends,

This fall begins an exciting new year of programming at Centre Church. Our church has long supported Heifer International and its efforts to make an impact on ending hunger and poverty. In the 1960's, the Rev. Andy Richards not only encouraged the congregation to support Heifer with monetary donations, he himself traveled several times with Heifer to deliver animals to countries around the world. Some members of our congregation volunteered in these efforts as well. We have put a little display of old newspaper clippings on the bulletin board outside the library for those who are interested.

You will see that we proudly display fourteen ARK awards in the Narthex. Each of these represents a donation of \$5,000.00. We would like to add #15 by the end of this year. The focus in 2014-15 for both Christian Education and Youth Ministry will be centered on Heifer International. Our Church School will continue offering Rotation Sensation and we will be using the rotation curriculum "Feeding 5000" offered by Heifer. The lessons are designed to make a connection between scripture, Heifer's Cornerstones for Just and Sustainable Development, and the animals in Heifer's menagerie.

On Sunday, October 5, we will plan a whole church visit out to the Heifer Farm in Rutland, MA and enjoy their Global Harvest Festival. There will be activities for all ages and the opportunity to visit with the animals, explore the Global Village and learn more about Heifer. Later in October, both the Middle School and High School youth groups will

participate in an overnight experience staying in the Global Village. We are also hoping to plan a week long Alternative Spring Break for our youth to the Heifer Ranch in Arkansas in April.

This year, we hope to help the children, youth and adults of Centre Church see themselves as part of the global family and gain a deeper appreciation of the ways in which Heifer helps people, animals and plants live in harmony as God's good creation.

In the Sanctuary

September 14, 2014

10:00 A.M. Holy Communion

Sermon by the Rev. Jamie R. Howard

Nursery open in Room 11 (up to age 3)

ARK Class – Room 14 (3-6 yrs old)

Rotations for ages 7 and up

September 21, 2014

10:00 A.M. Morning Worship

Sermon by the Rev. Dennis C. Bailey

Nursery open in Room 11 (up to age 3)

ARK Class – Room 14 (3-6 yrs old)

Rotations for ages 7 and up

“As Christians our belief in God, Christ and the Holy Spirit requires each of us to be involved in Christian mission and service to the world. Love of God is linked with love of neighbor, a passion for justice and renewal of the life of the world.”

Yours in Faith,
Barbara Langill
Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry

Sunday Morning With the Children

Nursery

Our Church Nursery is fully staffed and ready to receive infants and children up to age 3 on Sunday mornings during worship time. Pagets are available to ensure Nursery Caregivers can easily communicate with parents. Brenna Curren is our head Nursery Care Provider and will be assisted by experienced high school caregivers.

ARK Class - All Remarkable Kids

Each week children ages 3-6 years will go directly to Room 14 at 10 am to join friends for story time, playtime, and an activity. This class will be using the Spark Story Bible.

Rotation Sensation - Sunday, Sept. 14

Children and youth ages 7 and up will worship briefly with their families before leaving for their workshops. Our focus this year will be “Learn and Serve”. Some weeks we will concentrate on the Bible and learning, while other weeks we will emphasize serving others perhaps in worship, service projects, or outside mission.

Youth Group

All youth in grades 5-12 are invited to attend our opening meeting on Sunday, Sept. 14 at 6 pm in Richards Hall. We will enjoy pizza together and learn about the exciting year ahead.

Parents, please plan to come at 7 pm to attend an informational session, pick up schedules and complete registration forms. Parents should bring along their calendars, as we will be asking you to sign up to chaperone and provide a meal or two throughout the year.

News From Around the Parish

We extend our love and sympathy to the family and friends of Rose Giunta who died on September 4. Details of a service are incomplete at this time.

Shareholder’s Dinner

The Shareholder’s Dinner will be held, Sunday, Sept. 21 at 6 pm in Richards Hall. Come enjoy a delicious dinner (with McKinstry’s Sweet Corn) and hear about our two summer Mission Trips, one to Project H.O.M.E in Orland, ME and the other to Lawrence, MA, working with Habitat for Humanity. The participants of the trips will be your hosts. All are invited to attend.

North Shore Music Theater Ticket Raffle

We have 2 pairs of tickets to the North Shore Music Theater which were generously donated to use as a church fundraiser. There will be two drawings; one for the performance of *Chicago*, Saturday, Oct 4 at 2 pm and the other for *Les Miserables* on Saturday, Nov 8 at 2 pm. The face value of the tickets is \$44.00 each.

Tickets will be sold Sunday, Sept 14, Sept 21, and 28. The drawing will be held Sunday, Sept. 28 before the church Annual Meeting. Tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Here is your chance to win tickets to attend these wonderful performances at a minimal cost. Proceeds will be split between the Church and upcoming mission trips.

Yankee Candle Fundraiser

Our Yankee Candle Fundraiser begins September 14 and runs until October 5. Catalogues and order forms will be available in the narthex on Sunday mornings and in the church office during the week. Treat yourself to some of the Yankee Candle fall scents like Autumn Wreath or Spiced Pumpkin. Stock up on holiday scents like Home for the Holidays or White Christmas. The Yankee Candle catalogue contains some great gift ideas as well as a lovely selection of gift wrap.

Please support Centre Church by placing an order and be sure to share the catalogue with family and friends. You can order on line by going to www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and entering our group number: 990016890. We will receive all orders before Thanksgiving.

For more information, call Debbie Cotting at 781-593-3120.

People Book

The new *People Book* (directory of members and friends) will be available on September 21. Be sure to pick up your copy after church on the 21st or in the church office during the week.

You will want to know the address changes since last September, including: Annabel Aldrich, Elva Batchelder, Ann Bishop, Seavey Bowdoin, Lee Clarke, Ginny Davis, Wendy Hollett, Parker Holloway, John and Marcia Imbrescia, Stephen and Lola Leggett, Mike and Barbara Nickerson, Mark and Nancy Strickland, and the VanTwyver family



Annual Golf Tournament

Save the date of **Friday, September 19th** for the 11th Annual Centre Church Golf Tournament. The net proceeds

go to our Operating Budget. This will be a **best ball** tournament with a tee time of **12:00 PM** at The Thomson Country Club in North Reading.

The cost is \$115 per player. This covers the cost of greens fees, cart, goody bags and prizes. All sorts of prizes and the chance to have your winning team's names engraved on "*The Unholy Grail*" are but a few of the benefits of playing in this tournament. Players of all skill levels welcomed.

Please invite your friends to play, too.

Sign up with Chuck Cotting (chuck@thecottings.com or 781-593-3120), Phil Johnson (pcjohnson@meei.harvard.edu) or Bruce Weaver (bruce@newenglandlab.com) no later than **Friday September 12th**.

Checks should be made payable to:

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5 Summer Street Lynnfield, MA 01940

Thanks to Our Volunteers

Lights Out beginning September 12: Bill Seelig
Lights Out beginning September 19: Al Johnson
Lights Out beginning September 26: John Walsh

Field Trip to Heifer Farm Sunday, October 5, 2014



Everyone is invited to join in the fun for a church-wide excursion to the Global Harvest Festival at Heifer Farm in Rutland, MA on Sunday, October 5.

We will plan to have a bus meet us after worship at 11:30 am and travel together to the farm. Bring a picnic lunch or plan to purchase farm-to-table food at the farm.

We can meet the farm animals, tour Heifer's Global Village, take a hay ride to the pumpkin patch and much more. Hands on activities are offered such as coffee roasting and making beeswax candles. Workshops include goat milking and cheese making.

Please sign up in the narthex or call the church office so we will be sure to have sufficient seats on the bus.

Barbara Langill

CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the church will be held on Sunday, September 28, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. to discuss the following items:

1. Reports of Officers and Ministry Teams
2. Presentation and Approval of the 2014 to 2015 Budget
3. Election of Officers, Ministry Team Chairs, and Other Positions
4. Remembrance of Deceased Members
5. Recognition of 50 Year Members

Bruce Weaver
Moderator

Our Opportunities

Sun. Sept 14	10:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 6:00 pm	Holy Communion - Sanctuary Nursery (up to age 3) - Room 11 ARK Class (age 3-6) – Room 14 Rotations – age 7 and older Youth Group
Mon. Sept. 15	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Girl Scout Sign Up - Richards Boy Scout Troop #48 – Todd Hall Alanon/Alateen – Fireside & Libr.
Tues. Sept. 16	7:00 pm	Membership – Pastor’s Ofc.
Wed. Sept. 17	7:00 pm	Women’s 12 Step Mtg. – Fireside
Thur. Sept. 18	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Cub Pack – Todd Hall Sr. Choir – Choir Room
Fri. Sept. 19	10:30 am 12 Noon	Bible Study – 2 nd Floor Office Golf Tournament – Thomson Club
Sun. Sept. 21	10:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 6:00 pm	Morning Worship - Sanctuary Nursery (up to age 3) – Room 11 ARK Class (age 3-6) – Rm. 14 Rotations – age 7 and older Shareholders’ Dinner - Richards
Mon. Sept. 22	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #48 – Todd Hall Alanon/Alateen – Fireside & Libr.
Tues. Sept. 23	7:00 pm	Council – Pastor’s Office
Wed. Sept. 24	7:00 pm	Women’s 12 Step Mtg – Fireside
Thur. Sept. 25	7:30 pm	Sr. Choir – Choir Room
Fri. Sept. 26	10:30 am	Bible Study – 2 nd Floor Office

The next *Tower Notes* will be the week of September 22.

Church Office Hours are 9 am – 3 pm Monday-Friday.

Our prayers are with Jean Card in hospice care at Rosewood; Elaine Pyburn at Aviv Center for Living #311, 240 Lynnfield St., Peabody 01960; Annabel Aldrich, Peter Brown, Doug Hodgkins, Marion Barnes, Helen Butcher, Harvey Card, Marge Cole, Ginny Davis, Marion Edkins, Parker Holloway, Roger Lauzon, Stephen Mitchell, Eddie Richard and Arlene Thorn.

We remember in our prayers Michael Bruce in Bahrain and Johnathan McCarthy who is in training with the US Marines.
