

TOWER NOTES

Centre Congregational Church (United Church of Christ)

5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts 01940 Phone: 781-334-3050 Fax: 781-334-6463
Email: Office@Centre-Church.org Web Site: www.Centre-Church.org

The Rev. Nancy Rottman, Pastor

The Rev. Mark Freeman Strickland, Pastor Emeritus

Laraine Wilson, Director of Faith Formation

Douglas W. Hodgkins, Organist/Choir Director

Leah O'Brien, Director of Tower Day School

Susan Spear, Secretary

We Welcome Everyone: An "Open and Affirming" Church

May 21, 2018

All The Things

For all the transitions and celebrations and endings that will be happening over the next month, we give thanks and praise to God. Congratulations to all the graduates, successful students, newlyweds. Blessings be upon all of the family reunions, picnics, beach days, end-of-year parties, and barbecues. Know that even as you go about all of these, church is here, worship continues, and your pastor is available as you have need.

Cheers,

Rev. Nancy

In the Sanctuary

May 27, 2018

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Flower Planting

Nursery

Faith Formation for Children

June 3, 2018

10:00 am Holy Communion

Sacrament of Baptism

Nursery

Faith Formation for Children

CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The Special Meeting of the church will be held
on Sunday, June 10, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.
to discuss the following items:

1. Presentation and Approval of the 2018 to 2019 Temporary Operating Budget
2. Term extension of Officers, Ministry Team Chairs, and Other Positions
until the Annual Meeting in September

Bruce Weaver, Moderator

Open Dates to donate Altar Flowers

There are 2 Sundays in June available for those who would like to donate altar flowers. Sunday, June 3 and Father's Day, June 17 are both available. If you would like to donate flowers on either of these dates, please contact Margaret Waugh at 781-334-4031 or email

mcwaugh@aol.com

Missions Update:

Farm volunteers needed: On the morning of Saturday June 9th, we'll be volunteering at The Food Project farm in Lincoln. This event is for ages 14 and up. TFP's goal is to engage young people in personal and social change through sustainable agriculture. Food from TFP farms is distributed through community supported agriculture programs and farmers' markets, and also donated to local hunger relief organizations. Email events@centre-church.org for more information.

Donation of the Month:



You're invited to our Summer Kickoff BBQ/Potluck Supper on **Saturday, June 16 at 4:00 PM.** Bring your beach/lawn chairs, favorite pasta salads, potato salads or sandwiches and enjoy some heavenly food and fellowship. Tables and chairs will be available. Looking forward to seeing everyone. Signup sheets are in the Narthex.

News From Around the Parish

We extend our love and sympathy to the family and friends of Nella Mitkus who died on May 12. A memorial service is being planned for Saturday, June 23

From the Mailbox:

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers for me and Roger. They were so nice and brightened our hearts.

The kindness and friendship at Centre Church is so heart warming and healing. Thank you all again. I am so blessed.

Nancy Lauzon and Roger too!



Please join us on Sunday, July 8th for our Christmas in July Service –Pajama/Toy Drive. This is your chance to not only sing your favorite Christmas carols but to also help the Cradles to Crayons Foundation. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy or pajamas that Sunday to put under the tree. Hope you can all join us.

Why Celebrate Christmas in July?

Some questions to ponder:

- Do I reflect on the birth of Christ only in December?
- How might my life change if I celebrated the birth of Christ year round?

Read [Luke 1](#). Consider how you can celebrate Christmas throughout the year.

Dear Lord, help me to remember to celebrate You throughout the year. Grant me innovative ways to weave the story of Your life throughout my ordinary day-to-day routines. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Flea Market and Bake Sale THANK YOU!

We had a very successful Flea Market and Bake Sale – we made around \$1,200 and still have a table saw to sell!

This was truly a full congregation event. Lots of people donated wonderful baked goods to the Bake Sale and brought in lots of treasures for the Flea Market. We had people coming in all day to buy things and received some very positive feedback on our event!

Lots of people volunteered to help set up for the event and worked during the day to sell!

Many people stayed on Sunday after church to clean up Richards Hall to donate left overs to Mission of Deeds and the Salvation Army.

A HUGE Thank You to Membership for hosting this event and to everyone who donated, worked, bought and helped!

Faith Formation:

Something for EVERYONE at Centre Church on June 9th!

- **CPR:** We will be hosting a CPR Class for Parents and Caregivers with the Lynnfield Moms Group on June 9th from 11:30 - 2:30. Please let us know if you are interested in this important class! See Lauren Donadio with questions.
- **Boston Pride Parade and Festival:** June 9th. The festival starts at 11 on City Hall Plaza. Streets are closed, so plan ahead and get into the city early for parking! See Larainne if you are interested in going! She's happy to pick up folks from the church on her way or meet you there!
- **Giv2 & Mission and Outreach:** Volunteering on June 9th at The Food Project's Farm in Lincoln 9-12, meet at the church at 8. Ages 14 and up are welcome (including adults!), as this is an intergenerational event! We'd love to see some of our graduates/college-aged young adults join us if they are home!

Young Families Group:

We will take a hike to "Harold Parker" after church on Sunday, June 3rd. Please come celebrate and enjoy a social time with your child's church school friends! Let's meet at the playground after church for directions. If it is raining, we will postpone. See Jill with questions or to sign-up!

Safety at Centre Church:

We have been practicing evacuating the building with our Church School Classes. It has been going well and we are learning a lot in the process! Please see the email from Larainne with the plans and the social story we are using with the children. The remaining drills are: **Nursery: 5/27 (Memorial Day Weekend) and Godly Play: 6/10.**

Church School:

- All Ages Church School on **5/27** (Flower Planting) and **6/3** (Practice for Celebration Sunday)
- Last Official Day for Church School Classes is Sunday, June 10th
- **Church School Celebration Sunday** is June 17th. The Faith Formation Team will be in touch with parents regarding roles. We need ushers (bulletins/offering), readers and singers, as Joyful Noise will share a song!
- **Joyful Noise** Practices are 6/3 (During All Ages Church School), 6/10 @ 9:45 and 6/17 @ 9:30
- All Ages Church School for the summer: June 24, 2018 - September 9, 2018. We will have programming **ALL** summer for PreK-Grade 5 and the nursery is open every week! We are using the Whole People of God Curriculum and the theme of our unit is "Recognizing and Responding".
- Welcome Back Sunday is September 16, 2018.

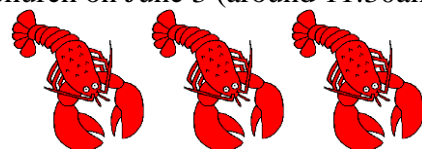
Faith Formation Ministry Team

Membership:

If you are interested in joining our team for the fall, let us know. This year we've met once a month (usually on the 2nd Tuesday) at 7 p.m. We are exploring meeting by Skype/Facetime when folks aren't able to make it in person.

"Lobsta" Roll Sunday June 3, 2018

Pre-order lobster rolls- just \$12 each.
Call the church office to reserve yours today!
Lobsta Rolls will be available for pick up after church on June 3 (around 11:30am)



Our Opportunities

Sun. May 27	10:00am	Sunday Worship-Sanctuary Nursery – Library/Nursery Faith Formation-Flower Planting
Mon. May 28	-----	Church office closed
Tues. May 29	7 pm	Parish council- Pastor’s Outer Office
Thurs. May 31	1-2pm 7:30 pm	Bible Study-Fireside Room Choir Rehearsal-Choir room
Sun. June 3	10:00am	Holy Communion –Sanctuary Sacrament of Baptism Nursery – Library/Nursery Faith Formation –large group
Wed. June 6	8:30 am	Bread & Roses- kitchen
Thurs. June 7	1-2pm 7:30 pm	Bible Study-Fireside Room Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

In addition to our scheduled church activities, Centre Church hosts Boy Scout Troop #48, Cub Pack #48, Girl Scouts, Alanon, Alateen, Women’s AA, BKP Book Packing Group, Essex Society of Genealogists and the New England Pastoral Institute Counseling Center.

Please call the church office if you would like more information about any of these groups.
(781-334-3050)

Church Office Hours – 9am-3pm Mon-Fri

The office will be closed on Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day

The next issue of Tower Notes – Week of June 4