

CHURCH AT THE CENTER ,

JUNE 2017



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH "CENTER CHURCH"

United Church of Christ

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

If I don't exercise, how can I expect to be healthy? If I don't pray, read scripture, witness to what is just, or act with compassion, how can I expect to grow my faith? And so it is with church life.

If we don't have a direction and act on it, how can we grow? On June 6th the Council will be discussing 1-3 concrete goals for Center Church from June 2017-June 2018. Studies show that if we just maintain church as it is, it will lose momentum and eventually die. If you have specific goals for Center Church to consider, let me or Council Members know (John Anz, Bobbie Ayers, Eliot Chartrand, Kate and John Hoffman, David Morrell, Joyce Tomlinson, June Harris). Gretchen LaBonte from the Deacons is the Moderator of the Month who will lead us in this discussion.

Each Team has been asked to develop their own goals for the year; for example, one of the Trustees goals is to increase outside income for use of the building; for Outreach, two of their goals are: communicate the ministries we do out on the front yard and even do some ministries out front and work with immigrants/refugees. One of the goals for CE is to pair a Promise Land open house before a concert on The Common one Thursday evening. Other teams have their goals as well.

How may Center Church continue to be a vibrant, caring, and justice seeking church?

The first step we can take is to wear red on June 4th!

Joyfully, *Lori*

On Children's Sunday we paid tribute to our beloved Sunday School Superintendent **Roland "Red" Roberts**. Red passed away in February but will live on in all the children – many now adults – whose lives he touched. The following remembrance was read during worship on May 21st. Thank You Red!

"Mr. Roberts knew more about what was going on in the Sunday School than anybody else. He was there every Sunday. All week long he was thinking about us young people. He was our friend. He took attendance but never got mad at us for not being in Sunday School. He understood family life. What was important to everybody was his friendly face. Even as a church elder he was a Sunday School student at heart. So we wanted to remember Mr. Roberts today during this Children's Sunday service. Someday we may meet again in heaven where he will be waiting for us, taking attendance and smiling, happy to know that he made a difference in our lives. Thank you, Mr. Roberts."



Kudos to Karen Anderson and David Morrell for a wonderful and financially successful Plant Sale! The plants were plentiful and beautifully displayed. Jennett Teece joined them in spending many hours digging and transplanting perennials in individual pots. An added attraction this year were sun catchers for the garden made by Corinne Chartrand and Nancy Perman. They turned out to be quite a "hit". Eliot Chartrand ran the coffee and muffin table, which also proved successful. Thanks to all of you who donated muffins, perennials, who purchased plants, and those of you who helped with the set-up, take down and sale in general.

We don't have the final figures yet, but we know the gross was just over \$1,800 and we anticipate the net to be around \$1,700.

June 4th is Pentecost...Show your "Spirit" by wearing **RED**. Among Christians, Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus. For this reason, Pentecost is sometimes described as the "Birthday of the Church". But why do we wear red? Scripture describes the descent of the Holy Spirit as like "tongues as of fire." We wear red to symbolize these tongues of fire that represent the Holy Spirit. See you in red this Sunday.

On June 9th "Dateline" may be airing the interview I (Lori) had with them seven months ago. They interviewed me regarding a Center Church friend, Cara Rintalla, who was convicted of murdering her spouse. I explained to the interviewer that while I have an opinion by no means does it necessarily reflect the members and friends of Center Church. I am deeply committed to supporting all members and friends of Center Church, as Jesus has taught us.



Bible Study At Loomis Village 10:30am

June 1: Acts 2: 1-21 Pentecost
Acts 5:1-29-Ananias and Sapphira lying to their community

June 15: Acts 9:1-25-Paul's conversion

June 22: Acts 12:1-18 Peter's escape from Prison
Acts 20:7-12 Eutychus falls from the window

Please call the church office if you would like to meet Lori in the Church parking lot to ride with her to Loomis.

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Situational:

Ruby Carver

Betsy Bergen following a hospital stay

Lesley Dunbar, Betsy Bergen's sister

Judy Hemingway

Kate Hoffman

Eunice Howes son

Lucinda Kidder's son in law with cancer

Peter Kovalsky following surgery

David Ryder Barbara Hubbard's brother with cancer



Continual:

Emily Bangs-Orsini (at Mt. St. Vincent)

Chuck Blakney

Luke Bradley

Marjorie and Carl Buschner

Wayne Cowan

Daniel Dempsey

Tim Garrett's friends **David Drummond & Sterling McAndrew**

Muriel Graham

Lou Hamilton

Jane Hazen

Phyllis Lacoste

Bob Merritt

Hector Reyes

Anita Sarro's son Michael in need of a transplant

Jill Therrien, Linda Wolf's niece

The Tipton family

We keep all those serving in the military in our prayers



Coffee Fellowship

Thank you, Deacons, for being such wonderful hosts during our May coffee hours.

During June, the Human Resource Team will be our hosts. This team oversees and coordinates terms and conditions of engagement and termination for all paid positions at the church, with the exception of the senior pastor. They make recommendations to the Trustees on compensation, benefits and periodic adjustments for staff. Human resource members work with the Pastor- Congregation Relations team for pastoral job performance evaluations as needed. The team is also responsible for

the employee handbook, relative to the descriptions, conditions and the like. Members of this team are: Karen Anderson, Matt Francis, Anita Sarro, Kiki Tipton, and Nancy Towne.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



...to the newest members of Center Church who joined by Confirmation on June 4th: Teagan Anz, Jonas Clarke and Henry Strand.

We invite you to introduce yourself to the youth after the worship service and share why Center Church is important to you.



Greetings Families and Friends of the Promised Land Sunday School,

Sunday, June 11, will be our last class this school year. What a journey of faith this school year has been! Thank you to everyone who has taken this journey with me in the Promised Land! A special thanks to Julie Burke, who is an amazingly patient, confident, kind and resourceful co-teacher this year with our pre-school students. Also, many thanks to Kate Hoffman, the chair of our Christian Education Team, who persevered and lead us through a fantastic year! Soon, school will be out and summer is just around the bend. Speaking of summer, the Children's Christian Education Team is planning on hosting a potluck in August for our current church families and friends. Yes, we'd like to cast a wider net and ask families to invite a new family to come along and check out our vibrant church school community. Afterwards, we can all enjoy a summer concert at the Commons! More details to follow.....stay tuned!

In Faith, Martha Guild ~ Christian Education Director



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Promised Land's Birthday Wishes gift drive! We collected dozens of toddler toys and books, and for the teens, we collected several sports balls, water bottles, and drawstring bags, some lovely wooden puzzles and games, and a huge collection of cosmetics and grooming products. All were delivered to the South Hadley Birthday Wishes office, and they will brighten the birthday parties of area homeless children and youth.

Youth Group



CONGRATULATIONS to Youth Group Leader Claire Houston on receiving the MHC **Golden Lyon Award – A student leadership award.**

This award is given in recognition of students who have positively influenced a program or organization from behind the scenes with a positive attitude, a willingness to help in whatever capacity necessary and a commitment to excellence. Claire was one of six recipients - the only sophomore with five graduating seniors. GO CLAIRE!

News from the Trustees for June 2017

Our financial good news is that we are right about where we should be for the end of April and our expenses were actually less than our income. Many thanks to all of you who are keeping pledges current or those who have even paid a little ahead. It is much appreciated. And we are pleased to report that we have received several gifts toward the new lavatory which have "covered" the actual cost so we will be moving forward with that construction in the weeks to come. Sincere thanks to those folks!! We are also thrilled that the church was the beneficiary of a substantial gift from the estate of Gwen Glass. We have gratefully accepted the gift and placed it in the endowment as requested. It also turns out that April was another good month for our investments and we thank our investment team for keeping close watch on those, along with our Wells Fargo agents.

Our subcommittees are hard at work. Our Fellowship Hall exterior window contractor is ready to put back shortly the concrete slabs on the outside of the big south windows, and will work on the north side windows this summer. We continue to work on other small projects (removing the outside shed, fixing the hole in wall by choir room – thanks Randy!, repairing the drinking fountain bubbler, finding a new monitor to enable the chimes programs to function, and new levers for cold/hot in the handicapped lavatory sink). You may have also noticed the new bulletin board in the entryway against the office wall and if you go into the choir room, you will see a new blackboard and repositioned bulletin board. If you were in church on May 21, you may have noticed that there were parking spots available in spite of the MHC Commencement – huge thanks to parking "cops" Al Duffy and Tom Waller! Many folks honored our parking signs across Church St. and moved elsewhere. We are continuing to work out a contract "form" which we will use whenever use of alcohol is requested. As the official church year winds down for the summer, we always remind folks that expenses do not take a vacation. We will be at Center Church for the rest of June and all of July, but in August we move to Granby. Know that you can still put checks for us in their collection plates and they will reach us. Or you can send your checks directly to Thia in the church office.

Cindy Morrell, secretary

Notes from Church Council

The May 2 meeting was moderated by Kate Hoffman, chair of CE. Rev. Lori Souder reported that the Confirmands will be confirmed on Sunday June 4. Our participation in Cathedral in the Night in Northampton will be on June 25 and Lori is looking for volunteers. Lori's time with the Center for Progressive Renewal is coming to conclusion. She has developed goals and is asking Council for its input/take about the goals. There will be discussion at the June Council meeting. CE has been notified that Julie Burke is stepping down as a Sunday School teacher. An Open House for the Sunday School is being scheduled for a Thursday evening in August. Membership has begun its new "program" of welcoming newcomers to Center Church by presenting them with a packet of popcorn and a note attached, "Glad you popped in." The response has been positive! Outreach has chosen June as "Strengthen the Church" month. Stewardship will be sponsoring future "appreciation events." Trustees received a generous monetary donation which will be enough to start and complete the new lavatory in the Church Street foyer! Construction is to start this summer. "Non-pledge" projects are being reviewed.

Lori has asked the Council to consider who our "partners" are pertaining to Center Church's community outreach. What should be our intentional goal/priority for the next year? Where do we want to "grow?"

David C. Morrell, clerk

Outreach Partners of the Month

"Hearts to Hands to Hope"

THREE REFUGEE FAMILIES LEFT HOMELESS BY FIRE

On Friday, May 5th a fire destroyed a building in Westfield housing three refugee families. The multi-family apartment house was completely destroyed along with a vehicle parked in the driveway. Fifteen people were left homeless including nine children. Fortunately no one was seriously injured.

Having fled war in Syria and Iraq several years ago, these three families now face starting over again. A decision was made at our May Outreach Team meeting to send \$500 to Jewish Family Service, one of our Mission Partners, to assist families with housing and other needs.

The Center Outreach Team

On behalf of Center Church and in honor of Pentecost Sunday, the Outreach Team is donating \$150 to the **UCC Strengthen the Church** drive. Where does the money go?

- To seed brand new churches that bring hope to people on the margins who wouldn't set foot in church otherwise
- To help established churches begin projects working with refugees and immigrants
- To fund creative ideas experimenting with new way Christian millennials are gathering

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May 24, 2017

First Congregational Church
1 Church St #1
South Hadley, MA 01075

Dear Friends of JFS,

Because of your generosity, refugee families will continue to receive hope, strength and healing. We are grateful for your recent gift of \$500 to Jewish Family Service of Western Massachusetts Refugee Resettlement Program to help refugees find a new home.

It is clear that in this very challenging time, you stand firm with us in our commitment to welcome the stranger and protect the refugee. Your support helps us offer essential programs and services that assist our New Americans to transition to their new home.

*"JFS picked us up from the airport and brought us home- I mean here to Springfield. Life was strange here because we didn't know how to use the gas, electricity and manage a house but we were really happy here. I believed my wife will deliver a good, healthy baby here. I thank JFS for helping me find my first job and inspiring my wife and I to go to community college."
-Tappa family from Bhutan*

You have helped us make the world a better place. You have helped us take a stand for community and compassion. You have made a difference.

With appreciation and best wishes for a sunny summer!

Maxine
Maxine J. Stein, MSW
President and CEO

many thanks!

P.S. If you would like to speak with me personally about your gift, please let me know either by email m.stein@jfswm.org or by phone (413) 737-2601. I would be delighted to meet with you.

For your tax records, please be informed that the entire amount of your gift represents a charitable contribution since no goods or services were provided in return for this donation.

Jewish Family Service of Western Massachusetts www.jfswm.org

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Columbus Day Fair - 2017

Please don't forget us!! This major fundraiser depends on you! Of course we need your help in October for a myriad of tasks during the sale itself....and we need your support in the purchase of the many emporium items....HOWEVER, we also need your help now to supply those items you no longer want; but that someone else will think is a "find"! Items can be dropped off in Fellowship Hall anytime that the church office is open. Most Tuesday mornings there will be folks there to help you bring the items in from your car. If you would like to drop items off at a time when the church is not open, please just call the office and we will arrange a time convenient for you.

Thanks...

SPRING HOUSECLEANING....

Remember the Columbus Day Fair Emporium....



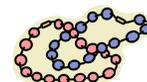
Bring your items to Fellowship Hall....



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

WHAT DOES SELL....

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



Dishes Glassware Knick knacks Jewelry Lamps Linens
Artificial flowers Decorative pillows Vases Pots and pans Baskets
Small appliances in good condition Pictures Frames Hardware
Purses & bags Paperback books Hard cover books Toys Games
Puzzles Stuffed animals Outdoor children's toys
Decorations (indoor or outdoor) for any holiday EXCEPT CHRISTMAS
(save those for the Holiday Bazaar!)



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

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

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

Getting to Know You – June 2017

Gretchen LaBonte



Gretchen Nadine Streiff LaBonte grew up in the Cleveland OH area, graduating from Mentor High School. Her parents are both United Methodist pastors. She has three siblings: brother Fritz and family live in the Cleveland area; sister Beth and family also there, and newly married brother Peter and wife Kelly live in Atlanta. Gretchen was very active in both her UM church and the community. She has always been involved with music - both as a singer and harpist, continuing those passions now as an adult by playing with various community orchestras throughout the last few years. She is also an alto in our choir but is not playing with any specific orchestras presently. Gretchen graduated from Otterbein College (OH) with a psychology major and music minor. She also has a Masters (Student Affairs in Higher Education) from Colorado State Univ., and since then has worked at three others: Roger Williams Univ.- RI; Wesleyan Univ. - CT; and now Hampshire College. Her work has primarily been in student activities, leadership development, new student orientation programs, but has most recently included working with students in crisis, and student conduct. An overarching theme for all of her work "has been a passion and focus on social justice education and integrating that into all parts of my work."

Gretchen's husband, **Dan**, comes from Holyoke and his one sister Stacy and family live in Chicopee. His parents live in Southampton. Dan graduated from Holyoke High School, received a B.S. from Roger Williams Univ. (marine biology), and a Masters degree from Northeastern Univ. (Higher Education Administration). Dan has worked in higher education for nine years at Roger Williams, Wesleyan Univ., and now at UMass Amherst. He worked at Berkshire Hills Music Academy for a year when they first moved to South Hadley, about two years ago. Before all of that, Dan worked in fisheries management in Turners Falls, as well as on large fishing vessels in Alaska as an observer! He is currently a training & development specialist in Residential Life-Human Resources at UMass.

Gretchen and Dan came to the area originally for her work at Hampshire but it also gave them a chance to be near his family here in the Pioneer Valley. Gretchen joined Center Church last December. Here's why: "I am looking for a church community that is loving, compassionate, and seeks ways to engage in meaningful and important conversations not only about God and Jesus, but about our role as Jesus' followers to do the work of loving others in many different ways (through missions, feeding others, creating community by supporting each other in good times and in hard times, and by challenging each other to learn about what it means to be like Jesus). I am also looking for a church that is inter-generational and that values the opportunity to be in community with folks from across all stages of life. I have been an active member of my churches throughout my life and look forward to continuing that with my participating at Center Church."

Gretchen loves to travel to places nearby and abroad, go to museums, learn new things, watch movies, sew, bake, downhill ski, hike, and do indoor rock climbing. In addition to choir, she is currently serving as a new Deacon. Dan likes to read, talk about social justice topics and education, listen to music, rock climb, be outside hiking or biking, and has enjoyed working in the yard and doing projects on their house. Dan has also been taking cello lessons for about a year and a half.



Cindy Morrell (and Gretchen)

From the Historian – June 2017

BISSELL ALDERMAN - ARCHTECT 1912-1999



Bissell Alderman
1912-1999

It's been said "If there be one human activity that combines to the fullest the distinctions of art and science, it is the practice of architecture." The late Bissell Alderman fit that statement perfectly!

While researching various historical facts about Center Church for our proposed National Historic Register application, I was asked to submit information about the architect who designed our 1956 "education" building which is named the Lancaster Wing. Our own former church member, Bissell Alderman, was awarded the contract.

Mr. Alderman was born in Holyoke on September 17, 1912. He was the son of architect George Perkins Bissell Alderman and Hortense (Goslee). Bissell was educated in the local Holyoke schools and was a high school classmate of my father-in-law James P. White. Mr. Alderman received his B.A. in Architecture from M.I.T. in 1935, and married Mary Compton that same year. The couple had three daughters: Jean Hazen (our church member), Mary Lord, and Holly Alderman (a renowned professional artist/photographer). His brother Wayne Alderman and sister Hortense Cooke were active members of our church and the surrounding community. His niece

Dorrie Alderman Blakney is married to our Minister Emeritus Charles P. (Chuck) Blakney.

Bissell Alderman went back to M.I.T. and obtained a Masters in Architecture in 1937. He then taught Architecture there from 1938-39. At the University of Washington (Seattle) he taught Architecture and Planning from 1939-41. He returned to M.I.T. where he was Assistant Professor of Architecture from 1941-43. From 1943-45 he was a Colonel in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He served with the 8th Air Force Division in England during WWII where he was involved with "damage assessment" meaning what size bombs would cause the most damage, etc. After the War, he received the USAF Medal of Freedom!

During his college undergrad years (1930-34) he worked as a draftsman in his father's Holyoke architectural firm. His father designed many public and private buildings in Holyoke. Bissell worked with his father on the design of the Holyoke Post Office on Dwight Street in Holyoke. In the summer of 1938 he worked on the design for the new Mass General Hospital in Boston and in 1938 he received honorable mention for the design of the Smithsonian Art Gallery in Washington, DC. He also won 5th prize for his design of the School of Fine Arts and Theatre for the College of William and Mary. He became a registered architect in 1942 and helped design the power plant for South Portland, ME. From late 1945 to August 1946 he was designer-in-charge of the \$12,000,000 DuPont Research Laboratory! In 1946 he became the senior partner in Alderman and Alderman of Holyoke.

Bissell carried on the professional work of his father who had died in 1944. The firm represented three generations of Alderman architects. Besides numerous industrial and retail buildings, the firm designed five UMass dormitories! He later formed a partnership with engineer Archibald S. McNeish in 1950 that became Alderman and McNeish of Holyoke. This was the firm that designed our Lancaster Wing! He continued designing buildings throughout Western Mass and Southern NH even after retirement! Mr. Alderman was an active member of many architectural societies and local civic organizations. He was president for two term of the Western Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and vice president of the Massachusetts State Association of

Architects. In 1978, he and Mary transferred their church membership to a church in Jaffrey NH. They became a well-known active couple in that community. In 1994 the residents even created what is known as "Alderman Park" in recognition of Bissell Alderman's generosity and beautification projects for the Town!

Bissell Alderman died in Jaffrey NH on April 30, 1999. He will always be known as a "complete architect who combined art and science in order to create for his clients a blending of harmonious design for them and the environment." Center Church is grateful and proud to have been associated with such a man and architect!

David Morrell, Center Church historian

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## Peterson Scholarship Fund



**2017 MHC Graduate:** Simo was a recipient of our Peterson Scholarship Fund. She came to MHC from Zimbabwe through a special program targeting academically gifted and economically disadvantaged program. Simo said that the Peterson Scholarship helped financially.... yes.... but more importantly it meant that someone believed in her and believed that she could graduate from college. Her major was Biology and her minor Chemistry. Simo now is headed for Johns Hopkins with hopes of fulfilling her goal working in public health in her native country of Zimbabwe.

The Peterson Scholarship Committee feels blessed to have known Simo. We are confident that her intelligence, enthusiasm and determination to succeed combined with a most gracious personality will allow her to be successful in the years ahead.

### Important Reminder:

The next edition of **Church at the Center** will come out **June 22nd** and **will include information for July *and* August**. There is no August edition. Please think ahead to any team/group summer activity that will need to be "advertised" and plan to submit it to Thia **BY JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>!** **With summer hours and Thia away - time is limited!**

***Thanks! And have a wonderful summer!!***



## Tell Me the Stories – June 2017

We have four hymns to talk about this month - one from each hymnal and two which are in both of them. The first, *Jesus, Sovereign, Savior* (NCH 255) is not one that we have sung very much. The text, written by Patrick Kirkland, was published after his death in 1961 in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church hymnal. Below the hymn, it says that he was a Presbyterian pastor in Cheshire, England for 40 years. The tune, "King's Weston" was composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams and was originally composed for *At the Name of Jesus* in 1925. Its title references the country home where he spent many weekends. Vaughan Williams composed operas, symphonies, ballets, church music, and film scores and was a leading 20<sup>th</sup> century English composer. Williams, the son of an Anglican vicar, edited three books of hymns and carols during his lifetime.

The second hymn is *This is My Father's World* (PH 485). It is one of the hymns which many of us grew up singing. It came from a 16-verse poem by Maltbie Babcock, published in 1901 after his death. Each stanza began with "This is my Father's world." Born in Syracuse, NY, Babcock graduated from Auburn Theological Seminary and became "one of the outstanding Presbyterian ministers of his generation." He served in a number of churches during his lifetime. He was an excellent athlete, a skilled musician on the organ, piano, and violin and someone who dearly loved nature. In this hymn he encourages us to appreciate this earth which God created for us. The tune "Terra Beata" (happy or blessed earth) is listed as being a traditional English melody which was arranged in 1915 by Franklin Sheppard. There is some question about whether he actually composed it. Born in Philadelphia, a businessman by vocation, he was also a musician, editor of a Sunday school songbook, and director of Sunday school music.

*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* (NCH 295, PH 481) was written by Lesbia Scott. She actually did not write it to be published, but just to be sung on saints' days by her children. Her Everyday Hymns for Little Children included "words, music, and illustrations" which she had done for her own children. She was born in London and wrote this song in 1929. Also interested in amateur theatrical productions, she actually wrote several religious dramas. "Grand Isle" was composed by John Hopkins, a Vermonter by birth, and named after a town along Lake Champlain where he lived in retirement. He composed the tune specifically for this hymn. He was ordained in the Episcopal church and served several churches in the Midwest until his retirement.

*O God of Earth and Altar* (PH 436, NCH 582) is the final selection for this month. Written by G.K. Chesterton originally as a poem in 1906, it was updated by Jane P. Huber in 1985 for the NCH version. Chesterton is listed as author in the PH version for the entire hymn, while he is credited with the first two stanzas and Huber with an alternate stanza two and three for the NCH version. Chesterton is most known for his stories, novels, plays, biographies and verse than for hymns. Jane Huber has nine hymns in the NCH and is the author of four collections of original hymns. She was a very active member of the Presbyterian church, who grew up singing as a child in her home, in church, and then throughout her life. She attended Northfield School for Girls here in western MA, Wellesley College, and received her B.A. from Hanover College, where her father was president. "Llangloffan," the hymn tune, is a traditional Welsh melody which first appeared in 1872. It may have actually come from England to Wales in the 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> century and it may refer to the "Church of St. Gloffan." The harmonization this time is attributed to David Evans, a Welsh hymnbook editor and composer.

Cindy Morrell, Associate in Music

Resources used: Jane Parker Huber's A Singing Faith (1987); Kenneth W. Osbeck's 101 Hymn Stories (1982) and Amazing Grace (1990); Robert McCutchan's Our Hymnody (1937); Cecilia M. Rudin's, Stories of Hymns We Love (1934); Ronald E. Thomson's Who's Who of Hymn Writers (1967); and The New Century Hymnal Companion, ed. Kristen Forman (1998).

# Happy Birthday

- 01 Marjorie Buschner  
Cory Rundle  
Pam Thornton
- 04 Laura Jubinville
- 05 Brian Irish  
Tim Pietras
- 07 Emily Pietras  
Chad Irish
- 09 Kristina Constant
- 10 Chelsea Narey
- 11 Becky McArthur
- 12 David Morrell
- 14 Joyce Roberts
- 18 Gregg Rundle
- 22 John Hoffman
- 24 Lucy Hough
- 27 Estelle Anderson



## Summer Office Hours

**Tuesday - Thursday**

**9am - 4pm**

Thia Vacation time

July 5-6      July 19 - 21 (tentative)

August 16-18 (tentative)

The Church Office will be open from  
9am-noon when Thia is away.

*Thank You Karen Sabbs for office-sitting.*



## **Joint Summer Services**

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

**Center Church 10am**

August 6, 13, 20, 27

**Church of Christ Granby 10am**

235 State Street

*Please remember **to keep your pledges up to date over the summer months.** Although we are not always worshipping in our building, the bills continue to arrive daily. Be assured that if you put your envelope or check in the collection plate at the Granby church, it will be picked up and delivered to Center Church. Or, if you prefer, you can mail your check directly to the church at One Church Street. Pledge statements will be sent out the middle of July.*

*Thanks, and have a great summer!*

## **THE MINISTRY AT CENTER CHURCH**

Ministers:  
Senior Minister  
Minister Emeritus:

All Church Members  
Rev. Lori J. Souder  
Rev. Charles P. Blakney

### Christian Education Program

Children: Stephanie Strand  
Youth: Claire Houston  
Adult: Randy Purinton and  
Betsy Bergen, Team Chairs

### Music Program

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

Office Administrator: Cynthia H. Jubinville  
Sexton: Robert Farman

## WANTED: NAMES OF GRADUATING STUDENTS

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

WE HOPE TO HAVE AN ACCURATE LISTING  
FOR OUR BULLETINS IN JUNE.

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE 532-2262 WITH THE INFO!



**OPEN  
HOUSE**  
Sunday

May 21, 2017 2-4 p.m.

SUMMER 2017  
CONFERENCE DATES:

PreCamp: June 18-24

Week 1: June 25-July 1

Week 2: July 2-8

Week 3: July 9-15

Week 4: July 16-22

Week 5: July 23-29

Week 6: July 30-Aug. 5

Week 7: Aug. 6-12

Check us out!  
Bring a friend!

Silver Lake staff counselors, and  
deans are ready to introduce you  
to camp! A visit to Silver Lake  
before camp is the best way for  
a first-time conferee to know  
what to expect. We'll provide  
the cookies, you bring your  
questions. See you there!

RSVP for Open House  
to [jenn@ctucc.org](mailto:jenn@ctucc.org).



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[@silverlakeconfcenter](https://www.instagram.com/silverlakeconfcenter)

Summer Camp for grades 4 through 12; register online at

**silverlakect.org**

Friendship Leadership Independence Deepening of Faith

## FELLOWSHIP HALL STORE

**OPEN YEAR ROUND  
FOR YOUR  
SHOPPING CONVENIENCE**

**CHECK OUT  
OUR GENTLY USED ITEMS  
FOR SALE**

**WE HAVE AN ASSORTMENT OF  
TREASURES  
AWAITING YOU NOW.**



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

Canned vegetables

Canned fruits

Cereals

Soups

Dried Pastas

Rice

Canned beans

Tuna Fish

Peanut Butter

Jam/Jelly

Juices

Crackers

Spaghetti sauce

Meals in a can



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

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

**Thank you for your compassionate response!**

## Annual Interfaith Iftar Celebration



The Islamic Society of Western Massachusetts  
Cordially invites members of all faith communities  
to join us to celebrate IFTAR  
on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

### Our celebration includes:

7:00 p.m. Welcome

7:15 p.m. Reflections

8:27 p.m. IFTAR (Breaking of Fast)

Followed by Maghrib Prayer and Dinner

All are welcome! Join us at 377 Amostown Road, West Springfield, MA 01089  
For more information and to RSVP, please call (413) 788-7546 or e-mail  
masjidma@gmail.com or msbajwa@hotmail.com. Please pre-register and let  
us know if your attending - Thank you!

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MONTAGUE  
ON THE GREEN IN MONTAGUE CENTER, 4 NORTH ST

3:00 - SPACE TRAIN  
4:45 - BAD NEWS JAZZ & BLUES ORCHESTRA  
6:30 - DOUG HEWITT GROUP  
7:45 - JAM SESSION! ALL ARE INVITED TO STAY AND PLAY!

4th Annual  
**MONTAGUE JAZZ FESTIVAL**  
June 3, 2017

## BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment. Care for the poor.  
Forgive often. **Reject racism.**  
**Fight for the powerless.**  
Share earthly and spiritual resources.  
Embrace diversity. Love God. Enjoy this life.



### TOWN EVENT FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



Don't miss the 9th Annual Children's Summer Concert Series sponsored by the South Hadley Family Center and the Friends of Buttery Brook Park. The outdoor concerts are held at the stage in Buttery Brook Park (Rain Location: South Hadley Town Hall). Light concessions will be available and baskets for family fun will be raffled. Bring a blanket and enjoy the great children's entertainment. Donations gladly appreciated!

### DATES OF PERFORMANCES:

Roger Tincknell- 7/12

John O'Neill-7/19

In the Nick of Time-7/26