



THE VISITOR

TOWNSEND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

🌿 *At the Heart of the Community - With the Community in Our Hearts* 🌿

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Donations to Hawaii Fire Recovery

As you may have seen on the news Hawaii has suffered a devastating fire. The United Church of Christ has many churches in Hawaii and is in a good position to offer assistance to those in need. We are taking a collection to help the people of Maui. Between now and Sunday, September 17th, you can make a donation to our church and we will, after matching the funds, send the proceeds to the Hawaii Conference of the UCC. As always, 100% of the funds will be used to help those in need. Envelopes will be available in the sanctuary, or you can simply write “Hawaii” on a check. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

September Calendar

- 10 All church meeting
- 11 Council Meeting
- 20 First choir practice at 7:30 pm
- 21 Free Community Dinner
- 24 October Newsletter Deadline
- 30 Supper??



September Church Supper

We are rapidly moving into our Fall season of Community Suppers, church suppers and fairs. Our first buffet style supper is planned for Saturday, September 30; however, we have no one chairing it! Please think and pray about this - there are many in the congregation who have experience running these suppers and are willing to answer your questions. Please contact Carole Gustafson at 978-597-6364 or email me at carolegus@gmail.com.

Carole G.

Calling all TCC Members!
There will be an all-church Meeting on Sunday, September 10, to discern one financial item; a quorum is needed.



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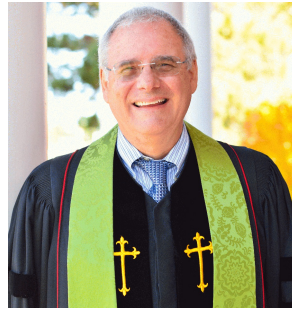
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**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**



Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

I have not been to Hawaii, but seeing the destruction from the fires is heartbreaking. Amidst the devastation there are signs of miracles. There is the tree and the church that somehow the flames did not touch and the stories of the people who survived by standing in pools or jumping into the ocean. Of course Maui is not the only place being ravaged by wildfires. British Columbia in Canada has declared a state of emergency due to the worst fire season in modern history with 150,000 being evacuated. More than 8,000 people have been evacuated from Tenerife as fires rage on Spain's Canary Islands. Nature can be a fickle and deadly force.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find an article about how to help the people of Maui. The United Church of Christ has an important presence in Hawaii and we know that all the money collected will go directly to aid those in need. You can go online to UCC.org and give directly to the Hawaii Conference, but if you contribute through TCC we can know how much our church is able to help. Our collection will run through the middle of September, then we will match the funds and send them to the Hawaii

Conference. Thank you in advance for your donation.

September marks the beginning of Sunday School. Amanda is looking forward to welcoming the children back to class starting the second Sunday (the 10th).

Like last year, Renée will be taking an extended vacation in September so our choir will not begin until the end of September. The Ducketts will also be on vacation which means we may not be able to broadcast our services on Facebook. If anyone is willing to be the tech team for those three Sundays I would be most grateful. Lee has created a step by step guide to using the system and will be glad to help walk you through making it happen. If you are willing to help, please call the church office.

Finally, it is time for our suppers to begin. Once again, as of this writing there is no one to chair the September meals. We are also, presumably, desperately in need of workers. These meals will be the buffets we tried last year which were very successful. If you are willing to be the chair or a worker, please let me, or Judy in the office, know.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. See you in church!

Greg





A Note About Bells!

Anyone interested in playing bells with our Agape Handbell Choir, is invited to join in the fun this fall. The Handbell Choir is for those who are in the eighth grade through 101 years old, who can read music and would like to join others to add to our church services through their love of music!

The Handbell choir meets from October 11 through Christmas, takes the cold winter months off, then plays during Lent and the spring. We meet on Wednesdays in the sanctuary from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. We are always happy to have new members and would love to play some of our 3 octave pieces if we had a few more musicians!

If interested, please contact Wanda Wilson 978-597-6803.

Thank you for your time!

Wanda



Consider joining the senior choir in September. We meet for an hour and a half on Wednesday nights and for a little while before worship on Sunday mornings. It's a whole lot of fun and very rewarding, spiritually. **Give it a try!**

First choir practice will be on September 20 at 7:30 pm.



An Outreach Letter

Dear Townsend Congregational Church Council, Members and Friends,

I have served as the TCC Minister for Outreach for about 2-1/2 years, and after working from 1,000 miles away, I sadly need to resign. I have had many helpers and have enjoyed finding worthy organizations for TCC to assist but most of all, I have been so impressed by the generosity of our little church. I will always miss being a part of the TCC every-day life and being a member of the Council, but I need to move on to my life as it is now.

Please don't let this vital ministry fail! Your generosity has been remarkable and we have also used your pledged outreach funds to match many of the projects we accomplished. The following list is just a reminder of some organizations and people we have helped locally and worldwide over the last few years:

Local:

- ♥ The Restoration Recovery Center, Townsend
- ♥ J.J.'s Helping Hands Network, Fitchburg

- ♥ The Diaper Pantry at Care Central VNA & Hospice Center, Gardner
- ♥ Church members--scholarships for UCC-connected camps and conferences
- ♥ Area families in crisis

Outside Townsend and beyond:

- ♥ Support for a private orphanage in Haiti (run by a Townsend native)
- ♥ Volunteer service in Ghana (by a Townsend resident)
- ♥ Ukraine relief through the organization NUDAY Syria
- ♥ Heifer International
- ♥ Chef Jose Andres' World Central Kitchen
- ♥ SNEUCC and UCC donations for:
 - ♥ Hurricane Disaster Relief
 - ♥ Haiti Assistance
 - ♥ Friends of the Conference
 - ♥ Ukraine Relief
 - ♥ One Great Hour of Sharing
 - ♥ Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal

I am of course always available to help the new Minister. I thank you for all of the support for Outreach and I look forward to my next visit.

With love and best wishes,

Nancy Lee, TCC Minister for Outreach

COMMUNITY DINNERS



Dinner Time!

The churches in the community provide free community dinners once a month during most of the church year. The churches have coordinated their dinners so there is one free dinner provided three weeks of each month in the community. Ours is usually a take away dinner because there are so few people available to help out on a week day.

TCC's first free community dinner will be offered on Thursday, September 21st from 5-6:30 pm. It will be a meatloaf dinner. The menu will include meatloaf, baked potatoes, green beans and cookies for dessert! This year we have decided to provide tables for those who would like to eat their meal at the church. Water will be available for a beverage. Please call 978-597-6803 to preorder your dinner, either take away or eat in! We hope you can join us!

Anyone who would like to donate food or their time on September 21st can contact Wanda Wilson by responding to this email or calling 978-597-6803. Thank you for your help!

Blessings,

Wanda Wilson and June Cloutier

Time to Start Preparing for the Greens Table!

We will be hosting the Greens Table at the Greens and Craft Fair again this year in November. Any donations of picks, decorations or medium baskets are greatly appreciated!

We are also looking for balsam or any greens that could be used for sprays this year, since our supplier for the past few years has closed.

Donations can be dropped off at the church office, and I would love to hear from anyone who knows where we can cut or buy balsam!

Thank you for your help,

Wanda Wilson



The Village Common Children's Center

Hello TCC Friends from VCCC!!

We hope everyone enjoyed the Summer! Even though it seemed to be a very rainy and humid July, our Summer program gave the children lots of opportunities for continued learning and lots of fun!!

Our Infant class had lots of summer "beach & ocean" fun! They created lots of art projects associated with the theme which gave them many opportunities to strengthen their fine motor skills! They also enjoyed a space theme and lots of messy fun painting with ice cubes, finger painting with edible "paint" and splashing in sensory bins with water and rubber duckies!

Our Toddler class had a "Trip Around the World" theme going on all summer where the children "visited" a different country every week! They began their summer adventures by creating passports and a cardboard box airplane!! And then they were off to North & South America, Europe, Asia, Antarctica and Australia! They created fun art projects, which lined the hallway walls, made and tasted different foods from the different countries, read stories and learned new songs and even some new dances!! It was a VERY busy summer for those young learners!!!

Our Preschool/PreK class "went" camping, became pirates, enjoyed "a trip" to the circus and the zoo, blasted off into space and became "artists" where they created masterpieces that rivaled Monet, Matisse, Van Gogh and Michelangelo!

The Summer Program also included lots of science activities as well as cooking and baking up some tasty treats! We took full advantage of the new rail trail (which also allows the children to see the miniature ponies that are often out in a paddock at the start of the trail, they are just so cute!) as well as walking field trips to the town playground, the town common for picnics and the

children's favorite—visiting the animals at the Farmer's Exchange!!

Before we knew it summer was over and it was time for a week of cleaning and sprucing up our classrooms in preparation for the new school year which began on Monday, August 28th! We are looking forward to another great school year filled with lots of fun and learning!! We still have a handful of enrollment spaces in our Preschool/PreK program so please call if you or anyone you know is looking for a great early learning experience for their child or grandchild!

From all the Staff, the VCCC Board of Directors and myself, we wish you all a healthy and happy September!

Carol Ciccolini,
VCCC Director 



Band Concert Update!

A shout-out to all who helped make this year's band concert a big success!

Thank you John D. for cleaning the church grill prior to the event - no easy task. Despite a glitch with said grill, the grill masters did a great job feeding the crowd. Thank you John D., Don K., Dave W., and Lee D. as well as Judy R. manning the

cash box and Renée F. keeping the beverages moving. Moe T. was our faithful popcorn popper - always a crowd favorite. Our bake table was filled with abundant goodies - thank you Beth K., Lee M. and Kathy D. for manning the table and a big shout out to all the bakers! Fruit cups were a big hit once again. Thank you Jody B. and Chris C. for overseeing this table and to all who donated fruit. Fried dough was once again a big seller thanks to the skills of Wanda W., Karen B., and a TCC friend, Sue V. Wanda said it was the most successful night she can remember. June C. and Gretchen C., along with June's daughter-in-law Tara, kept the children entertained with games. Thank you Pastor Greg for helping with set-up/take down and picking up the donated beverages and getting them into the refrigerator in advance so they were cold.

Thank you Carol C. for the donation of 2 cases of water. A special thank you to Wanda, Karen, Renée and Michelle for kitchen clean-up and to Michelle E. for all the behind the scenes organization - checking supplies and making them readily available, shopping, making coffee and helping me finish cleaning up on Friday. I hope I have acknowledged everyone, but please forgive me if I didn't mention you. It takes a village and once again this congregation stepped up to make this happen. I feel grateful and blessed to count you as friends. So hopefully you've read the whole announcement and now I'll tell you the total amount raised: \$952.60!

Thank you so much

Carole G.



The Birthday Fund

This is a fun way to contribute above and beyond your regular giving to the church to something above and beyond our normal operating budget. We appreciate those who have participated so far. Simply make a donation on (or around) your birthday in the amount of your age (Memo: Birthday Fund)! Participate and watch our gifts grow!



2-Christopher Guba; 3-Phil Andexler; 4-Antonella Basso and Sarah Pacheco; 7-Louella Stoner; 8-Melissa Genoter; 9-Emily Bruns; 10-Cynthia Curley; 12-Christopher Bennett and Asa Nixon; 14 Jonathan Vincent; 15-Eric Gruber; 16-Skip Bataitis; 20-Amanda Caprigno and Gini King; 23-Vera Bennett and Carla Carney; 24-Myahliya Carney; 25-Pamela Kelsea and Meghan Woodward; 26-Grace Palange; 28-Sharlene Rourke and Julie Zielenkiewicz; 29-Rebecca Hersey and Michele Merenda.

We haven't seen some of these people in a while. Some have moved away, but want to stay in touch with TCC; reach out and wish them a happy birthday!



Our “Good Shepherd” Stained Glass Window

by Cathy Hill

As you may know, I began looking into the history of our “Good Shepherd” window last month when I found that no one I spoke with really knew much about it. After much digging around in our historical closet, Barbara Goodwin was able to locate the dedication bulletin for this window, which cleared up a couple things for us. We still have not found any records on the actual installation of the window, but it was donated to the church by Mrs. Mary L. Palfreyman and dedicated on Sunday, February 27, 1955 in memory of her husband Frederick S. Palfreyman, and her son Kenneth A. Palfreyman. Their son died in 1913 and Mrs.

Palfreyman commissioned the window upon the death of her husband in 1950. At the time of the dedication, Mrs. Palfreyman had retired to St. Petersburg, FL; when she passed away (date unknown), she was returned to Townsend and buried next to her husband and son in the Hillside Cemetery.

Included in the 1955 dedication bulletin was a list of “Historic Milestones” that included some details I had never heard, so I will wrap up this article with this list.

1734 - October 16 - the church was organized, the original membership consisting of 16 men, and Rev. Phinehas Hemenway was ordained as the minister.

1830 - The present church edifice was completed and dedicated.

1884 - The interior of the church was remodelled.

1900 - The Communion Service now in use was dedicated at a service of Holy Communion, January 7, by Grace Palmer Hyde, granddaughter of the donor, Mrs. Lydia Palmer Hill, in memory of her father who was the third pastor of the church.

1913 - May 18 - Our present church organ was dedicated. It was given by Charles Watson Hildreth in memory of his wife.

1951 - September 20 - Our beautiful Colonial Porch was dedicated. It was given to the church by Mrs. James Doane in memory of her grandfather, Rev. David Palmer, and his descendants who, to the fourth generation, were loyal supporters of the church for 134 years.

1934 - The 200th Anniversary of the church was observed.

1942 - September 13 - A white baptismal font was presented to the church by Elizabeth Ricker, daughter of Mrs. Grace Ricker. It was given by Mrs. Grace Hyde Ricker and Mrs. Maude Hyde in memory of their father and mother.

1953 - October 25 - Dedication of the Maude Hyde Memorial which includes four modern, attractive classrooms for the church school. Miss Maude Hyde, to whom we owe so great a debt, was devoted to this church during her many years here and was a faithful attendant at its services.

1955 - February 27 - Dedication of the Memorial Window “The Good Shepherd” given by Mary L. Palfreyman in memory of her husband Frederick S. Palfreyman and their son, Kenneth.



OUR BLESSINGS:

Prayers of joy that Raymond Cutler and his fiancé had a beautiful and healthy baby girl. The proud grandparents are Ed and Cheryl Cutler.

Don and Beth Klein are joyful for celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in June.

We offer prayers of thanks for Kathy Duckett who led our worship services for two weeks in July.

Cathy Hill gives thanks for the opportunity of attending the annual

music camp on the Cape. It was a fun and moving experience.

Linda Hatch is joyful that her granddaughter, Giovanna, had a fun 6th birthday.

Wedding Anniversaries:

Bill and Debra Reeves,
40 years on September 10

We also give thanks for unexpected summer visitors. We recently had Cy and Gail Kendrick AND Dick and Nancy Lee with us for worship - what a fun surprise. June Cloutier took some pictures to share.



OUR CONCERNS:

Prayers for Corey Lowe who had an unexpected health event in June. He is a former member of the church and son of Ken and Dianne Lowe.

Karen Baer is asking for prayers for her sister-in-law, Barbara, who is dealing with serious medical issues.

We join with Paul Martineau in praying for resolution for some serious marriage issues.

Prayers are needed for Chris Clish's sister in law, Karen, who is recovering from a heart attack.

Karen Baer needs prayers for Roni, a family friend, as she deals with a difficult diagnosis.

Prayers for Renée Fossey's family as they grieve the loss of her cousin, Geneva.

Prayers for the Conway family who lost a 7 year old son in an accident in July.

Linda Hatch is asking for prayers for her daughter who had a medical emergency in July.

Prayers are needed for Chris Clish's sister-in-law, Nancy, as she recovers from surgery in August.

Karen Baer's friend, 17 yr. old Nathan, has been on our prayer list as he bravely endured cancer treatments. Sadly, he passed away on August 8; we offer prayers of consolation for his grieving family and friends.

Chris Clish is asking for prayers as her cousin, Edward, passed away recently.

Moe Tremblay would like prayers for strength and mercy for those struggling with addiction.

Linda Hatch would like prayers for two immediate family members who had operations in August.

Linda Hatch would like prayers for the family of her brother-in law,

Jim Taplin, who passed away recently.

We offer healing prayers for 5-year-old Miles who has been diagnosed with a sarcoma (cancer) in his cheek; we also pray for his family and caregivers as they care for Miles on his treatment journey. (Cathy Hill attends music camp each year with Miles' grandmother.)

Linda Hatch also would like prayers for those who are not a part of a church family and the comfort it can provide.

Hopeful and healing prayers are needed for David and Dede O'Hair's daughter, Debbie. She has finally received a diagnosis after two years of searching. She is facing a serious surgery to correct her condition, and it will be a difficult recovery.

Lorraine Misner would like prayers for the family of Carolyn Pearce, who died on August 12; she was a very dear friend for many years.

We offer prayers of healing and hope for all those in our immediate and extended families who are in the midst of battling cancer, and for all those who care for and support them.





HOLIDAY FAIR

Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023

Our annual fair will be here before you even know it and we always like to make this a welcoming and attractive community event. This can ONLY happen if we all work together as a church community, first. Please reach out to June Cloutier if you can help in any of these areas.

- ★ Coordinator needed for Apple Pie making
- ★ Bistro
- ★ Santa's Helper
- ★ Children's Crafts/Play area
- ★ Raffle Baskets (see the list of basket ideas at the end of the digital edition of this newsletter!)
- ★ Regifting Table
- ★ Greens Tables
- ★ TCC Craft Table

If you have any questions or suggestions, e-mail junecloutier@verizon.net or Cathy Hill chill01469@gmail.com.

*Thank you to all,
The 2023 Holiday Fair Committee*



Hear the
"Still Small Voice"
of God

Lectionary, September 2023

September 3, 2023 -

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First reading and Psalm: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149

Alternate First reading and Psalm: Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40

Second reading: Romans 13:8-14

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

September 10, 2023 -

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First reading and Psalm: Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21

Alternate First reading and Psalm: Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13

Second reading: Romans 14:1-12

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

September 17, 2023 -

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First reading and Psalm: Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Alternate First reading and Psalm:

Jonah 3:10-4:11; Psalm 145:1-8

Second reading: Philippians 1:21-30

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

September 24, 2023 -

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

First reading and Psalm: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Alternate First reading and Psalm: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9

Second reading: Philippians 2:1-13

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32



COMMUNITY NEWS



Truck-A-Palooza at the Townsend Public Library!

Saturday, September 23: Truck-A-Palooza, Craft Fair, and Toy Sale from 10 am to 2 pm.

Fun for everyone. Stop by the library, or go to the events calendar at www.townsendlibrary.org for more details.

William James College INTERFACE Referral Service



INTERFACE is a mental health referral service that is available for all residents in Townsend, Pepperell, and Ashby. Just call 888-244-6843 during normal business hours (M-F, 9-5) and you will be able to speak with a licensed mental health professional, or an advanced level graduate student, who will discuss the situation with you, and then call you back with a referral which meets your therapeutic needs, insurance, schedule availability and immediate openings. This service is funded by the North Middlesex Regional School District. Check out the web site for the WJC INTERFACE Referral Service at interface.williamjames.edu.

Submitted by Pam Snaith



Ballroom Dance Lessons

Leo & Marcia Levesque, dance instructors, are coming to rent our Fellowship Hall; they will be offering ballroom dancing lessons. Their start date is September 29 and classes will run through November 3, 2023. Class time is

6:30-7:30. Join in on the fun; bring a friend - your partner or sweetheart - for fun night. This series will feature the romantic "Rumba" and great for anyone new to dance or needing a refresher.

Pricing: Early Bird Special until September 1st is \$180 per couple, you need to have a partner. Pricing from September 2-29 is \$200 per couple.

To sign up, text 978-870-0737 or email levesques.marcia@gmail.com. Sign up by September 1 for discount!

Please bring payment by cash or check, made payable to Marcia Levesque, the first night of class.

Pick up a flyer in the church office or outside of Fellowship Hall.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWS

Every month, the SNEUCC has learning events, both in person and online. To view these events, go to: www.sneucc.org/events



UCC Has a New President!

Karen Georgia Thompson becomes first woman to lead UCC in historic vote

by Tiffany Vail, published on Jul 3, 2023

The General Synod of the United Church of Christ made history Monday, July 3, when it elected the

Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson as the first woman, and the first Black woman, to lead the denomination as General Minister and President.



Rev. Thompson is the third woman nominated for the post, after the Revs. Yvonne Delk (in 1989) and Barbara Brown Zikmund (in 1999), but the first to be elected. A Jamaican immigrant, Thompson is the third person of African descent to serve as leader of the denomination.

"Today, United Church of Christ, we created a first together," she said after the vote. "It won't be the last first."

She thanked Delk and Brown Zikmund, stating that they "kicked in the doors," paving the way for her election.

"As I stand here before you as your newly and duly elected General Minister and President, I stand here as a Jamaican immigrant woman, a mother and a grandmother, a sister and a friend to many," Thompson said. "... The enormity of this moment will be with me for many years to come."

Her election took place at the UCC's 34th General Synod in Indianapolis, with 626 delegates voting for her election, 43 against and seven abstaining. She will start her new role Aug. 1, taking over from the Rev. John Dorhauer, who has served for the past eight years.

In a prayer after the vote, surrounded by her family, she recalled Synod's theme, quoting Revelation 21:5 — "Behold, I am making everything new."

Locally rooted, globally focused

As the denomination's current Officer for global concerns and interfaith relations, Thompson speaks frequently about building connections on all levels.

"Being church means we are locally rooted and globally focused, connecting the issues we see in ways that allow us to bring justice to the world," she has said.

In speaking to the UCC Board before her nomination, she emphasized that dismantling oppressive systems everywhere is necessary for both communities and congregations, internationally and domestically, to thrive.

"Decolonizing the church on all levels has to be a priority," she said. "Decolonizing the church includes our commitment to racial justice and more. Being antiracist and inclusive requires that we decolonize our institutions in ways that afford all to be present and participate equally. This is a commitment to equity for all."

Looking ahead

In her nomination speech to General Synod on June 30, Rev. Thompson spoke about the hope she sees springing forth within the UCC.

"Here is the place where we have seen the Spirit of God poured forth among us in many ways. Here is the place where we continue to identify the many accomplishments of the ancestors. Here is where we honor the resilience of those who came before us, took risk and oftentimes did more with less than we currently have. And here is the place we identify as now, as we ponder the call of God to be salt and light to the world," she said.

Thompson has been serving as Associate General Minister for Wider Church Ministries and Co-Executive for Global Ministries since 2019. She has served in the National Setting of the United Church of Christ since 2009, previously as minister for racial justice and minister for ecumenical and interfaith relations. Prior to joining National Setting staff, Thompson served on staff of the UCC's Florida Conference, as a church planter in Florida and in family ministries in New York.

Thompson holds a doctorate in ministry, with a dissertation in religious multiplicity among African Caribbean people, from Seattle University; a master of divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary; and a master of public administration degree from North Carolina Central University.

The UCC Board will name an interim Associate General Minister to serve in Thompson's vacated position until the following General Synod 35 in 2025.



SNEUCC 2023 Annual Report Available: Download & Print

8/8/2023

The colorful, 20-page Annual Report of the Southern New England Conference is available for download, and printed copies can be ordered.

The report, which was distributed to Annual Meeting attendees in June, takes a detailed look at the ministries of the Conference, both at the local church and Conference settings. It also includes a map of the Conference, and pie charts showing how the ministries are supported.

To download a copy, go to <https://www.sneucc.org/newsdetail/sneucc-2023-annual-report-available-download-print-17534569>

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QUILT RAFFLE!



72" x 72" Bed Quilt
Made by Beth Klein

First-Place Winner gets to choose either quilt
Second Place Winner gets the remaining quilt

TWO FABULOUS HAND-MADE QUILTS

"TREE OF LIFE" DESIGN

TOWNSEND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

For ticket availability, contact
the church office 978-597-8925 • secretary@tccucc.org
or Beth Klein 978-597-8517 • donald.klein2@verizon.net

**\$1 PER TICKET
OR 6 TICKETS
FOR \$5**

Winner ticket will be drawn at
the TCC Holiday Fair,
November 18, 2023



29" x 29" Wall Hanging Quilt
Made by Beth Klein

RAFFLE BASKETS FOR THE TCC-UCC HOLIDAY CRAFT & GREENS FAIR

Once again, the fair will be having the popular raffle baskets. This has been a very successful part of the fair, thanks to all the wonderful baskets donated by the congregation. I am asking you to participate by picking a theme and filling a basket with items related to that theme. These baskets will be raffled off in a traditional “Chinese Auction” way. Tickets will be purchased and placed in a container that goes with the basket you want to win and a winner will be picked at random.

If you would like to participate, look for the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall after church and add your name or you may email me (Chris Clish) at christineclish@yahoo.com.

To help you get started, here is a list of suggested themes.



SUGGESTED THEMES FOR THE RAFFLE BASKETS

Feel free to come up with your own creative theme!!!

BABY
 BIRTHDAY
 BEACH
 BEANIE BABIES
 BREAD
 BASKET OF BASKETS
 BIRDS
 BLUEBERRY DELIGHT

CAMPING
 CRAFTING
 CHILDREN'S
 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
 CHOCOLATE
 CANDLE
 CAR WASHING
 CHRISTMAS
 COOKING
 COFFEE
 CHINESE FOOD
 COOKIE
 COOKIE JAR
 COMFORT AFGHAN

DAY OF BEAUTY

EUROPEAN VACATION (Plane Ticket Not Included)

EMBROIDERY
 EVERYTHING BUT
 ICE CREAM

FOOD
 FINGERNAILS
 FEED THE BIRDS
 FABRIC
 FLOWERS
 FAMILY FUN NIGHT

GINGERBREAD
 GIFT WRAPPING
 GAMES
 GARDENING

HANDYMAN
 HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD

ITALIAN

JEWELRY

KNITTING
 KITCHEN
 KIDS
 KIDS COOKING

LAVENDER SCENTS
 LOTTERY
 LOBSTER
 LEGOS

MOVIE
 MASSAGE
 MUSIC
 M & Ms
 MARY KAY

NUTCRACKER

OVER THE HILL

PICNIC
 PARTY
 PAMPERING
 POKER

PET
 POPCORN
 PIE
 PHOTO
 PHONE
 PUZZLES

QUILTING

ROMANTIC EVENING

SPORTS
 SCRAPBOOKING
 STATIONERY
 SEWING
 STAMPING
 SOCKS
 SNOWMAN
 STUFFED ANIMALS
 SILK FLOWERS

TEA
 TRAVEL
 THANKSGIVING
 TOOLS
 TASTE OF ITALY

UGLY
 VERA – BABY

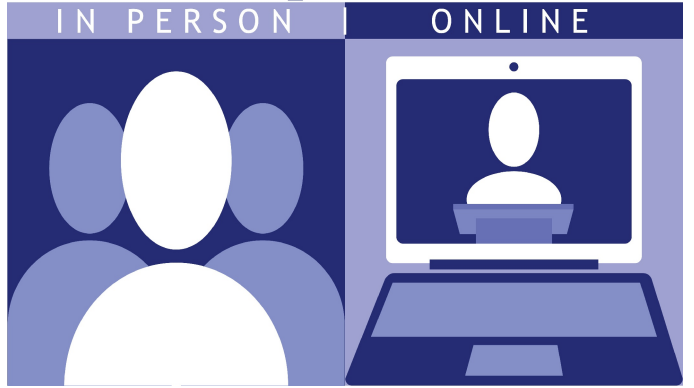
WREATHS



Townsend Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
3 Brookline St., PO Box 487
Townsend MA 01469-0487

Worship/Sunday School at 10 am

Worship With Us



SHARING OUR SPACE WITH THE COMMUNITY AND FRIENDS

Weddings, Child Dedications, Holiday Parties, Baby and Wedding Showers, Family Reunions, Organization Meetings



We are blessed with a beautiful sanctuary and great space within our building for use that we are able to share with others. If you or someone you know is

looking for a location for an event, contact our church secretary at 978-597-8925. This use of our building helps support the maintenance of our facility.



OUR COMMON PURPOSE STATEMENT

Being in an intimate relationship with God in the present, we are an ever-learning, action-oriented, justice-seeking, community-caring church. Our purpose is to use our gifts to make God's love real and alive for everyone.

We are committed to ministering through the use of our gifts, learning to live the Christian way of life, and being together in Christ by seeking to fulfill these three commandments of Christ:

- ❖ *To love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength (Mark 12:30)*
- ❖ *To love our neighbor as ourselves (Mark 12:31)*
- ❖ *To love one another as Christ has loved us (John 13:34)*

