

TOWER NOTES

Centre Congregational Church (United Church of Christ)

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We Welcome Everyone: An "Open and Affirming" Church

January 19, 2016

The Last Word: Good-bye

Good-bye. It's such a hard thing to say. Some of us say, "*I never say good-bye.*" And yet, I feel it is important to acknowledge that a relationship is ending, a time of being together in a certain way has come to an end, and that the journey we have been on together is ending now.

I feel it is important to say "good-bye" because unless we do, it's hard to start something new. It is important because if we don't, we live in an artificial reality that no longer exists.

I am grateful that we can part in loving and caring ways. I am grateful for all the ways that you have welcomed me into your lives, homes, and your special and sacred moments. I am grateful for all of the ways that we have worshiped God, served the Lord, and experienced God's presence. I am grateful for all the ways we have laughed together, worked together, prayed together, loved each other, and been with each other in times of sorrow and times of celebration.

Yes, my heart breaks to leave you, the loving people of faith in Centre Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. A part of me and my heart remains with you. My heart breaks to leave all of the people that I have had the honor and pleasure of connecting with in the community of Lynnfield and beyond. I will miss you all very much, but I will always love you!

On Sunday, January 31, 2016, we will worship together for the last time with me as your pastor, preacher, and worship leader. In that service we will say "vows of release." You will release me from my duties as your Pastor and Teacher. I will release you from turning to me and depending upon

me. I will no longer be available to visit and serve as your Pastor after January 31st, as per the ethical code of the United Church of Christ.

You will have a new Pastor and Teacher to whom you will turn, Rev. Estelle Margarones, your Interim Minister. I pray God's blessing upon her ministry with you. I hope and pray that you will welcome her as your new Pastor as you have welcomed and loved me. I want the ministry at Centre Church to continue to thrive, because that will make me very happy and proud.

You are a wonderful congregation! You have a wonderful staff, and leadership, some of the best I have ever known in any church, anywhere.

May God be with us as we bid each other farewell, and start new journeys of faith.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Dr. Dennis C. Bailey

In the Sanctuary

January 24, 2016

10:00 Morning Worship

Confirmation and Bible Presentation

Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Dennis C. Bailey

Nursery & Godly Play

Grades 5-12 in Church

January 31, 2016

10:00 Morning Worship

Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Dennis C. Bailey

Nursery (up to age 5)

Older Children & Youth in Church

Followed by Retirement Celebration for Dennis

Retirement Celebration

Join Us for the Retirement Celebration
for Rev. Dr. Dennis C. Bailey

January 31, 2016
Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.

Luncheon Reception Following Worship
RSVP - Centre Church - 781-334-3050
or office@centre-church.org

Wear Something Red

Sunday Morning With the Children

Nursery

Our Nursery, located in Room 11, is open each week for infants through age 3. Experienced staff and volunteers are on hand to welcome children for story time and play. Pagers are available for all parents.

Godly Play

Sunday, January 24- children in PreK- 4th grade will leave after the Bible presentation to attend Godly Play.

Sunday, January 31- children of all ages are invited to remain in Worship for Rev. Bailey's special worship service.

Breakfast Club

Sunday, January 24- Confirmation Sunday. Youth in grades 5 and up will remain in worship.

Sunday, January 31- youth will remain in worship for Rev. Bailey's farewell service.

Youth Group

Sunday, January 24 Snow Tubing. The middle school and High school youth will head to Nashoba Valley for an evening of snow tubing with leaders John and Heather Sievers.

Please plan to meet at the church at 5pm. The group will return at 9pm.



Pancake Supper

Join us Tuesday, February 9 at 5:30 p.m. for a church-wide Pancake Supper. In addition to a delicious Pancake Supper, we will be playing Bingo with caller Chris Lambe. There will be awesome prizes! Come join in the fun. All proceeds will go toward this year's trip to the UCC National Youth Event.

Bread and Roses Day of Service

On Monday, Jan. 18, our youth group decided to make Martin Luther King Jr Day, a day of service rather than a day off. Seven youth and 2 adults volunteered at Bread and Roses in Lawrence.

They sorted items that will be given out in care packages at Easter. One group sorted and packed almost 200 bundles of socks while the other group packed toothbrushes, diapers and toilet paper for care packages either for regular guests at Bread & Roses or the care packages that they take to people who live under the bridges in Lawrence.

Many thanks to Kathy Delaney and Linda Ladd who were the leaders for this trip.

Giv2 Group Events

Sunday, January 31

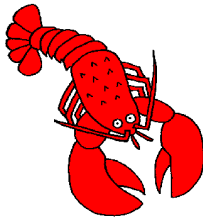
Empty Bowl Painting from 4-6 pm

Youth from Giv2 will be meeting at St. Paul's Episcopal Church to hand paint bowls for the Empty Bowl Project, an international grassroots effort to raise money and awareness in the fight against hunger.

News From Around the Parish

We extend our love and prayers to Susan Spear and her family upon the recent death of her sister, Marjorie 'Margie' Elliott of Belleville, IL. Her memorial service was January 16, 2016.

We rejoice with the Shannon and Leslie Rigali upon the baptism of their children, Joshua, Michael, and Lydia on January 10, 2016.



"Lobsta" Roll Super Sunday
Sunday February 7th, 2016

Only \$12.00 Each
Please make checks payable to:
Centre Congregational Church

Lobsta Rolls will be available for pick up
after Sunday Services, around 11 AM.

Lobsta Roll Order Form

**Pre-order lobster rolls
by Noon on Monday February 1st**

Check to Centre Congregational Church
with form.

*(Return order form to the church office
during the week)*

LOBSTER ROLL ORDER: (\$12 each)

Pick Up Sunday February 7th!

Name:

How Many? _____

Without Mayo? _____

Check here if no mayo

I have enclosed \$12.00 per roll. _____

Save the Date!
February 27
Trivia/Silent Auction

Trivia question:

What event provides fun, multi-generational fellowship, delicious food, and possibly a vacation home?

Answer: Trivia/Silent Auction!

We are revving up for our fourth annual Trivia/Silent Auction on Saturday, February 27 at 6:30 pm. Get your team together! Jason Cotting will be our trivia master. We will be serving hors d'oeuvres, sandwiches, desserts, and beverages.

There will be great items to bid on!

******In fact, we are looking for
items/services to bid on!**

Contact Dotty Whittier with your ideas.

Questions? Call Dotty Whittier at 781-635-6225 or the church office @ 781-334-3050.



Help Tower Day School with their Box Tops for Education Project. Look for and clip the bright pink box tops from many popular food, apparel, food storage and paper products packages. There is a basket on the table in the Narthex to put those you have collected. Each one means 10 cents for Tower Day School.

Thanks to Our Volunteers

Sunday, January 24: Ushers-Dwight Decker, Dom Donadio, Randy Russell, Judith Doe. Reader-Harlee Priestley. Lights Out beginning January 22-Roger Batchelder.

Sunday, January 31: Ushers-Doreen DiFillippo, Margaret Waugh, Gage Whittier, Dwight Decker. Reader-Linda Ladd. Lights Out beginning January 29-Bill Seelig.

Our Opportunities

Sun. Jan. 24 Confirmation Sunday	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Morning Worship - Sanctuary Nursery (up to age 5) Godly Play (age 4 – grade 4) Grades 5-12 in Church Youth - Snow Tubing
Mon. Jan. 25	7:30 pm 7:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop 48 – Todd Hall Alanon/Alateen– Fireside & Libr.
Tues. Jan. 26	12:30 pm	Get-Together Wheel - Fireside
Wed. Jan. 27	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Women’s 12 Step Mtg. – Fireside Council – Pastor’s Office
Thurs. Jan. 28	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Cub Pack 48 – Todd Hall Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
Fri. Jan. 29	10:30 pm	Bible Study – 2 nd Floor Office
Sun. Jan. 31 Rev. Bailey Celebration	10:00 am	Morning Worship - Sanctuary Nursery (up to age 5) Older children & youth in Church Retirement Celebration - Richards
Mon. Feb. 1	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop 48 – Todd Hall Alanon/Alateen– Fireside & Libr.
Wed. Feb. 3	8:30 am 7:00 pm	Bread and Roses - Kitchen Women’s 12 Step Mtg. – Fireside
Thurs. Feb. 4	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
Fri. Feb. 5	10:30 pm	Bible Study – 2nd Floor Office
Sun. Feb. 7	10:00 am	Holy Communion - Sanctuary Nursery (up to age 5)

Our thoughts and prayers are with Irene Allyn at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital, Paula Fowlie (Carmine and Phyllis Ciampa’s daughter), Annabel Aldrich, Helen Butcher, Marguerite Burns, Marge Cole, Marion Edkins, Bob Hanson, Parker Holloway, Edie Richard, and Bob Shorey

We remember in our prayers Jamie Stone in Kuwait and Johnathan McCarthy deployed with the Marines.
