



First Church of Christ, Congregational United Church of Christ

January 2019 Newsletter



Pastor's Message

You will probably be receiving this newsletter around New Years day. Whenever I approach New Years, I think of Psalm 90. It seems to be written by a man who knows what the passing of time is all about. Each New Year's Eve sneaks up so fast, we hardly know what has happened. At one point, even the 10-year markers seem to come quickly.

From one point of view, the passing of time reminds us of change and loss. Time is wasted away and so are we. The Psalmist who wrote Psalm 90 has a sense of weariness about him, as if he wrote it in his 50's or 60's. He knows his days are numbered; he cannot get much more than 70 years out of his decaying body. From this point of view, the only thing that time produces is regret, anxiety, sadness and despair.

Yet we serve a God whose time is completely different. I believe that our God wants us to experience time in a different way. God's time is certainly not our time. As the Psalmist wrote, "A thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past." When I graduated from seminary,

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Faith at Home

Happy Epiphany! This year nurture is focusing the season of Epiphany on being a child of God. At his Baptism, Jesus heard God Say "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." During Epiphany we will remember that we are all children of God with whom God is well pleased.

Youth and the parents will work on this topic during our youth group unit. Children will learn about being a Child of God in Sunday School and the entire congregation will be invited to spend a year praying for one of God's beloved children. The goal is to remind ourselves of our true identity and to remind us to look for the face of God in everyone we meet. This might sound easy. It might sound like something you have heard a million times, but it is a hard message to fully embrace. Neither side is easy. It is hard to hear you are loved. It is even harder to feel fully loved and accepted. It is equally challenging to see the face of God in other people. Especially those people who are different from you or who hurt you. Together we can make a little progress at living into our baptismal call to live as children of God.

~ Kate Byers

Sunday Worship 10:00 am

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a crusty old, Old Testament professor preached on this psalm at our baccalaureate service. With his typical sense of dry humor, he noted that if this is God's measurement of time, the Roman Empire rose at about 6 in the morning and fell around 9:30 at night. The Middle Ages started around 10:00 p.m. and ended somewhere early next morning, and so on. The point, of course, is that while human time is short and decaying, God's time is eternal and full of life.

Genesis tells us that in the beginning, God took 6 days to do the ordinary stuff of creation: the busy work. But God did something special on the 7th day: he rested, he communed with his creation. God took delight in what was happening on earth. Even more, God made this day, the Sabbath, "holy." Although God saw all his creation as good, he never made any "thing" holy, nor did he "hallow" any other day.

This seventh day which we celebrate is "holy" time – God's time. On this day, we are to be taken out of our regular time and into God's "holy" time, to do the same thing that God did with his creation: to rest, to commune and to take delight in our God. Every Sunday we are given the opportunity to live in God's eternal, holy time.

God's life is eternal and in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God offers us eternal life. But that is not just something to comfort us at funerals and help us as we struggle with our mortality. Eternal life is as much about right here and right now as anything else. In this "Eternal Now," we are taken up, out of our ordinary time to see that we are not merely flesh and blood, and that our lives are not just about the daily tasks and the decay that weighs us down. We are spiritual beings as well, who God wants to lift up and offer a glimpse of the love, peace and joy that exists in God's eternity.

In a world where our all-too-human sense of time can cause so much anxiety and depression, let us be thankful that we have a God who can pull us out of this time into a Sabbath time, to taste the "Eternal Now" that is God's promise to all of us.

I wish you all a Happy New Year! ~ **Pastor John**

GivePlus Mobile App – A New Way to Give to First Church

Want a more convenient way to give to First Church? Try the **GivePlus Smartphone app!**

Go to either the Apple Store or Google Play Store and search for "give plus church" and install the app. After a quick registering, find "First Church Bedford" on the app and you will be able to make either one-time or revolving payments to First Church. If you have any questions on how this works, please see either John Guetersloh or Pastor John.

Thank You!

Many thanks to all who have pledged to support the ministries of First Church for the upcoming year! Your generosity will make a huge difference in the lives of so many people in our church, community and world. As we look ahead to even greater ministry and outreach in 2019, all those who give can have the satisfaction of knowing that their gifts are being used to transform the lives of hundreds, even thousands. Thanks to you all for making First Church such a rich, vibrant community of faith! God bless you all!

First Church Generosity Team

Don't Forget to Turn in Your Pledge

Many thanks to everyone who has turned in their pledge card for the 2019 giving year. If you haven't turned one in yet, there is still plenty of time. Feel free to mail them to the church, drop them in an offering plate or hand them into the church office. Blank cards are available in the church office, in the narthex or in the Vestry. Thanks to all for generously supporting our church!

Outreach Board Notes

2019 West Virginia Mission Trip and Mission Festival

We are pleased to announce the 2019 Mission Trip to West Virginia, July 6 - 13, 2019. For the fourth year we will be working with the Appalachian South Folklife Center, the Wade Center for Children and other organizations in the area.

To raise funds for our partner organizations in West Virginia, we will hold our 3rd Mission Festival in March 2019. Planning meetings will be held after worship on 1/20/19, 2/24/19, 3/2/19. Please contact Chris Majoros (cmajor@alum.mit.edu) if you would like to help with the planning.

JFON (Justice for Our Neighbors)

On Nov. 3 at St. John's Korean UMC in Lexington, folks gathered to support New England Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON's) efforts to provide legal services to immigrants and refugees. NE JFON hosted this dinner-auction fundraiser to support their two clinics in Massachusetts: in Springfield and in Woburn. At the gathering, NE JFON Board Chair Rev. Gary Richards announced that plans are in the works for a third clinic in the Lawrence/Lowell area that will focus on serving unaccompanied minors. Minors entering the U.S. alone are often fleeing gang violence, violence within their families, and extreme poverty. Calling the current situation regarding immigrants in the U.S. "a humanitarian crisis," Rev. Richards thanked attendees, saying: "You have been so faithful over the years – filling the house, bringing joy, bringing resources for individuals who feel so forgotten, so lost, so under an incredible cloud of fear." In attendance were Becky and Ryan Mantz, Kathy Register, Allyson and Philippe Printz and Nancy McKinney. Becky Mantz is the volunteer coordinator of the Lawrence/Lowell clinics.

City Mission

Thanks to all our generous First Church donors who provided items for the City Mission Christmas Shop. On December 16 we delivered an overflowing load of gifts to the Winchester collection center. City Mission provides items for homeless and low income Boston residents and works with community partners to distribute. A treasured tradition here at First Church, this offering of gifts makes a real difference for many people of all ages in the city.

Mitten Tree

The Outreach Board is again sponsoring the Mitten Tree. During January we will be collecting mittens, gloves, hats and scarfs. These items will be sent to children and families at the Wade Center in West Virginia. *The tree will be in the Sanctuary through the end of January.*

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House of Hope

Thanks to all who donated gifts and gift cards for our adopted family at the House of Hope shelter. The gifts were very much appreciated!

Many First Church members support our ongoing collection for the House of Hope shelters. Here is a list of Shelter Needs: Bath towels/Hand Towels/Face Cloths, Bed Pillows, Twin/Full Sheets--- Twin/Full Quilts Diapers size 4,5,6 and wipes, Plastic Food Containers (Large size), Silverware utensils- forks, spoons, butter knives, Rectangle laundry baskets, Batteries—AA, AAA and D, Toiletries(full size bottles shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, hair brushes, bar soap, razors, shave cream, lotion, feminine products for men and women), Paper products (tissues, napkins, paper towels, toilet tissue, 7-12oz plastic cups, brown lunch bags, plastic baggies all sizes), Snacks (granola bars, fruit cups, fruit snacks, juice boxes, crackers, cookies etc), Coffee/sugar/nondairy creamer/Splenda/hot chocolate, New adult clothing --- for adults and teens (sweat pants and shirts/pjs/packageged underwear/slippers/sneakers)

Items can be placed in the wicker hamper near the church office and outside the vestry.

Upcoming Outreach dates

1/29/19 Flatbread Fundraiser for the Mission Trip

3/9 or 3/16/19 West Virginia Mission Festival (TBD)

April 2019 Spaghetti Dinner - Fundraiser for JFON

July 6 – 13/19 West Virginia Mission Trip

Women's Fellowship - January **Focus on Fitness As We Age**

Please join the Women's Fellowship/Soul Sisters (WFSS) as we kick off the new year with a program focusing on **Fitness As We Age**, to be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, in the Vestry.

We may not all be "spring chickens" any longer, but we can still stay fit! Brian Smith, owner/trainer of B-Fit Bedford Fitness & Nutrition will lead us in a discussion/demonstration about the variety of fun exercises we can do to grow stronger and maintain fitness as we age. He will also explore the importance of proper nutrition and how making a series of small changes (habits) can help improve our health.

All church women are welcome – feel free to bring a friend!

Allyson Printz (allyson@printzfamily.us)

Kathy Register (registerk11@gmail.com)

Wonderful Wednesday

Join us on Wednesday **January 16th at 6pm** for dinner and conversation about bees. The Card family is returning for a much-anticipated conversation about bees. Glen and Adrienne will share bee knowledge with us as we think about the ways we cultivate God's creation.



First Church Variety Show and Storytelling on January 25

Mark your calendar for the 14th annual in-house, no-stress, family-fun First Church Variety Show in **UFH at 7:30 pm on Friday, January 25, 2019**. In addition to the polished and unpolished talent that we enjoy, we are also encouraging storytellers to take up the microphone. Think “The Moth Radio Hour.” Tell us a 3 to 5 minute story of something that happened to you. It can be funny, sad, inspirational or all of the above (or none of the above).

Contact Allyson Printz (allyson@printzfamily.us) or Alison Weaver (alison_weaver@yahoo.com) to get on the program.

Meditation Group

Meditation, a practice of quieting the mind that can help us achieve greater peace and focus over time, is beneficial for all of us. Meditation reduces stress, improves concentration, increases self-awareness, happiness and acceptance.

It is also a wonderful thing to explore with others.

We meet in the church parlor on the first and third Fridays at 7:30 pm. Come if you want to get started with meditation, if you already have a practice you want to deepen and share, or if you're just curious to learn more about it and what it can mean for you. Drop-ins welcome.

Meditation Group Meets on First and Third Fridays (January 4 and 18) in the Church Parlor

Blessed to be a Blessing Retreat

This winter our 3rd annual All Church Family Retreat will be February 8-10. We will gather at rustic Friendly Crossroads where we will focus on what it means to be blessed and how we can live our blessings out in ways that bless others. It is sure to be a meaningful weekend of fun, community, and spiritual growth. We hope you can join us for the entire weekend. If the entire weekend seems too long consider coming for a day or half a day. Friday evening will focus on family fun and getting generations to play together. Saturday is a day of rest and reflection with programming for people of all ages. Sunday we will learn and worship together as all ages experience one another's gifts. See Kate or anyone on nurture to talk about the ways the retreat can work for you and your family.

Coffee Hour

Is making coffee a Ministry? Absolutely! Coffee hour after church is as important as anything else we do as a church. Where else do you get to check in with your church friends, deepen your relationships and create a stronger sense of “joyful fellowship?” Please sign up to help on the bulletin board in the Vestry or online at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20foe49aaab22a6f49-sunday5>

Flowers for Sunday Worship

Enjoy the beauty of your and others' donations each week as a beautiful part of our worship together. Flowers may be donated in memory of a loved one or just because the Spirit moves you! We will order flowers for you unless you prefer to do it yourself. The cost varies depending on choices but runs \$30-50. There is a signup sheet in the Vestry on the bulletin board, or you may contact Betsy Cogliano at 781-275-9462 or at laxmom5@aol.com or signup online at:

Church School for 2018-2019

Nursery: Children zero through five years old are welcome to join Jacob Mock in the nursery at the beginning of worship. They are also welcome to start worship with their family and go to the nursery following Children's time or to remain in worship for the entire service. Parents, you know your kids best. Please do whatever work best for your family and let us know how we can support you in caring for your children.

PreK-12th Grade: November and December were full of special weeks. From holidays to school vacations every weekend was special in some way or another. January brings a return to routine and typical rhythms. We are back to using Spark House's rotation curriculum looking at one story from Luke in many different ways. We are also back to splitting the children and youth into age groups for Sunday School. We will start together and then break into smaller groups. This will allow our youth to explore more complex questions and our middle ages to refocus on Bible skills. The lower elementary group will get to build confidence as they learn apart from the older kids. During January, I look forward to talking with the children and youth about John the Baptist and the Baptism of Jesus. It is sure to be a meaningful month.

Programs for our youth: Think Outside Sunday Morning

Middle School and High School

This year our older youth will explore questions central to life and faith, in four units organized around a central event with meetings before and after for learning and reflection. Each unit will be a distinctive focus running for about 4 consecutive weeks. The first few weeks we will meet at church for dinner and programming as we prep for a "big activity." The third week will be a more time intensive/exciting activity. Our final week will be a wrap up session where we reflect over food on what we have done and learned. Youth and their families are invited to commit to the units that work for them. Our next unit is:

Finding identity: Who are we?

Youth and their parents will spend a few weeks talking about our identity as children of God. We will try to figure out what it means to be a child of God and how that plays into so many different aspects of our identity. The big event for the unit will be a lock-in in full of learning, games, and fun. This unit will meet mid January to mid February. For the three dinner and programming meetings parents are encouraged to attend with their youth. Some of the unit will involve everyone talking together. There will also be opportunities for parents and youth to meet separately. This unit will meet:

January 13th from 6 to 7:45pm with parents

January 20th from 6 to 7:45pm with parents

January 27th from 6 to 7:45pm with parents

February 1st at 6pm to February 2nd at 10 am (Lock-In) no parents

Faith at Home
Child of God Prayer Partners

In January, the faith at home activity is primarily focused on adults without small children. Research shows that children grow in faith most when they are in relationships with faithful adults who know them, and care about them. We teach them things in Sunday school and kids love youth activities but deep faith formation happens best in an intergenerational context. Nurture strives to create space for intergenerational relationships to grow because we know kids and adults need each other.

In January there are a few intergenerational opportunities. The first is the Epiphany tea. I strongly encourage you to bring your kids. I strongly encourage you to come without kids. Because we need each other. Kids need non-parent adults who know, love, and support them. Adults need kids who bring joy and fresh perspectives. Come to tea, come get to know someone new.

The other relationship building opportunity I am calling Child of God Prayer Partners. The idea is simple, every child will be matched with an adult. The adults will spend the next year praying for their Child of God and watching them grow. This year children just need to know they are being prayed for.

Looking For Kate Byers?

Outside of Sunday morning, this year you can find me in the church office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 2pm. You will also be able to find me at church meetings, nurture programming, and all kinds church events. Please don't hesitate to reach out, in person, by email, or by phone. If you have a quick question or need a quick reply, the best way to reach me is by my cell phone. It is almost always with me. I can almost always answer a phone call or a text message.

My phone number is 617-800-7151.

My email is Kathryn.byers@gmail.com

Epiphany Tea

On **January 6** at 2pm, Nurture is hosting an intergenerational Epiphany Tea. All ages are invited to come see the wonder of Epiphany as we celebrate God bursting forth into our world.



Many Thanks!

We are grateful to Crystal Card for donating greenery for our urns and roping and wreaths for our doors. Thank you!

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteer "Christmas greening elves" who adorned the Sanctuary and church building with the greenery, banners, poinsettias, trees, and window candles.



Music Notes

Many thanks to everyone who made Christmas season music memorable this year: Adult Choir, Jubilee Ringers, John Bridgeman - trombone, Becky Konkle - harp, Roy Kring - trumpet, Shirley Kring - flute and Rich Woessner - cello.

In January, the Adult Choir is singing 3 out of 4 Sundays, a variety of anthem styles. Roy Kring, trumpet, is playing offertory music on January 20. The Jubilee Ringers are beginning their spring repertoire.

January Music Schedule:

Thursday, January 3 - Adult Choir rehearsal 7:30 pm

Sunday, January 6 - Adult Choir mini-rehearsal 9:00 am

Monday, January 7 - Jubilee Ringers rehearsal 7:00 pm

Thursday, January 10 - Adult Choir rehearsal 7:30 pm

Sunday, January 13 - Adult Choir mini-rehearsal 9:00 am

Monday, January 14 - Jubilee Ringers rehearsal 7:00 pm

Thursday, January 17 - Adult Choir, no rehearsal (Wonderful Wednesday week)

Sunday, January 20 - Trumpet/piano mini-rehearsal 9:00 am (no choir)

Monday, January 21 - Jubilee Ringers, no rehearsal (MLK day)

Thursday, January 24 - Adult Choir rehearsal 7:30 pm

Sunday, January 27 - Adult Choir mini-rehearsal 9:00 am

Monday, January 28 - Jubilee Ringers rehearsal 7:00 pm

Thursday, January 31 - Adult Choir rehearsal 7:30 pm

Susan Capestro, Director of Music



Memorial Poinsettias

Thank you to all who donated towards the beautiful poinsettias that filled the Sanctuary. Memorial Poinsettias were given by: *Bruce & Dotty Blake in memory of Earl & Bea Sparks. Lorraine Bonner in memory of Jim Kirk & Jim Bonner. Bob Clark and the Cozzi Family in memory of loved ones. Betsy Cogliano in memory of John & Elizabeth Farr. Phyllis B. Cooke in memory of Richard S. Cooke. Don & Mary Criscione. Jennifer & David Dalrymple in memory of Margaret & George Dalrymple. Steve & Carol Jamison in memory of Nancy V.A. Taylor, Marion Jamison and Carol & John Sprout. Pat & Ken Konkle in memory of our parents. Nancy McKinney in memory of loved ones. The Printz Family in memory of Jon Walters. Donna, Hitesh & Kavita Shroff in memory of Loryne Koebele. Norm & Sally Sutherland in memory of Alice & Alfred Sutherland and Alta & Charles Jobes. Charlie & Holly Webster in memory of our Parents. Michael & Susan Wingfield in memory of our Parents.*

Cabinet Notes

Cabinet Meeting November 6, 2018

Attendees: John Castricum, Ruth Robinson, John Guetersloh, Susan Wingfield, Kelly Woessner, Barbara Byam, Alysson Prinz, Kate Byers, Terry Gerrish

Pastor John thanked Terry Gerrish and Kate Byers for stepping in during his medical emergency. He reported the Giving Campaign was in process. The church will be receiving two new members. He attended a service of solidarity at Temple Emeth Shalom in Burlington. He's also working on advent banners in the visual choir.

Kate Byers reported a positive blessing the animals service. The first unit of Sunday School is going well. She is working on the Nativity Sunday pageant. Part of her "Blessed to be a Blessing" theme this month includes collected canned goods for the food pantry. Plans are underway for the family retreat.

Treasurer John Guetersloh reported that the deficit which is running high. A general discussion followed on how to deal with the deficit, including sending out a letter, developing a more robust giving campaign, etc. The topic will be on next months agenda.

Moderator Terry Gerrish reported that she and others went to a great Super Saturday sponsored by the Mass. Conference, U.C.C. They attended several good workshops and came back with good ideas.

Outreach Representative Allyson Printz noted several outreach distributions and announced the WV Mission Festival will happen in March.

There was a good general discussion of chapter one of the book, Governance and Ministry, Rethinking Board Leadership, with thoughts of how it applied to our church's governance situation.

~ *Ruth Robinson, Scribe*

Bible and Bagels and Luke!

Our "Bible and Bagels – and Luke" Bible Study, continues in January on Thursday Mornings from 8 to 9 a.m. at Bruegger Bagels on Great Road. This year, Bible and Bagels will be coordinated with the "Journey with Luke" sermon series during the year. Each session, will be an opportunity to "talk back" about last week's sermon as well as learning more about the upcoming sermon. We will delve deeper into Luke: his background, his writing style and his faith. This is a drop-in bible study: show up anytime - no prior knowledge of the Bible is necessary. This is a "low stress" Bible Study aimed at those who don't know much about the Bible, but are curious to learn more. So join us and get your day started right, with a good dose of inspiration. And bring a friend, too!

Coffee and Conversation at Bruegger's

Pastor John will be continuing his "Coffee and Conversation" in January. He will be at Brueggers Bagels on Great Road on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. He will be there to talk about anything you want: your faith, an issue you're struggle with, a joy you want to share or whatever is happening in your life. If you've never come, give it a try. He'd love to hear what's on your mind!

Daily Lectionary Scripture References

January 2019 (Year C)

Tues., Jan. 1 Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 Psalm 8 Revelation 21:1-6a Matthew 25:31-46	Sat., Jan. 12 Psalm 29 Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 1 Corinthians 2:11-16	Tues., Jan. 22 Psalm 145 Song of Solomon 4:1-8 1 Corinthians 1:3-17
Wed., Jan. 2 Psalm 147:12-20 Proverbs 1:1-7 James 3:13-18	Sun., Jan. 13 <i>The Baptism of Christ</i> Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	Wed., Jan. 23 Psalm 145 Song of Solomon 4:9—5:1 Luke 5:33-39
Thurs., Jan. 3 Psalm 72 Job 42:10-17 Luke 8:16-21	Mon., Jan. 14 Psalm 106:1-12 Judges 4:1-16 Ephesians 6:10-17	Thurs., Jan. 24 Psalm 19 Isaiah 61:1-7 Romans 7:1-6
Fri., Jan. 4 Psalm 72 Isaiah 6:1-5 Acts 7:44-53	Tues., Jan. 15 Psalm 106:1-12 Judges 5:12-21 1 John 5:13-21	Fri., Jan. 25 Psalm 19 Nehemiah 2:1-10 Romans 12:1-8
Sat., Jan. 5 Psalm 72 Jeremiah 31:7-14 John 1:[1-9] 10-18	Wed., Jan. 16 Psalm 106:1-12 Numbers 27:1-11 Luke 11:33-36	Sat., Jan. 26 Psalm 19 Nehemiah 5:1-13 Luke 2:39-52
Sun., Jan. 6 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i> Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12	Thurs., Jan. 17 Psalm 36:5-10 Jeremiah 3:1-5 Acts 8:18-24	Sun., Jan. 27 <i>Third Sunday after the Epiphany</i> Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21
Mon., Jan. 7 Psalm 72 Daniel 2:1-19 Ephesians 4:17—5:1	Fri., Jan. 18 Psalm 36:5-10 Jeremiah 3:19-25 1 Corinthians 7:1-7	Mon., Jan. 28 Psalm 119:89-96 Jeremiah 36:1-10 1 Corinthians 14:1-12
Tues., Jan. 8 Psalm 72 Daniel 2:24-49 Ephesians 5:15-20	Sat., Jan. 19 Psalm 36:5-10 Jeremiah 4:1-4 Luke 11:14-23	Tues., Jan. 29 Psalm 119:89-96 Jeremiah 36:11-26 2 Corinthians 7:2-12
Wed., Jan. 9 Psalm 72 Numbers 24:15-19 Luke 1:67-79	Sun., Jan. 20 <i>Second Sunday after the Epiphany</i> Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11	Wed., Jan. 30 Psalm 119:89-96 Jeremiah 36:27-32 Luke 4:38-44
Thurs., Jan. 10 Psalm 29 Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Mon., Jan. 21 Psalm 145 Isaiah 54:1-8 Romans 12:9-21	Thurs., Jan. 31 Psalm 71:1-6 2 Chronicles 34:1-7 Acts 10:44-48
Fri., Jan. 11 Psalm 29 Ecclesiastes 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 2:1-10		

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7 February Newsletter Deadline 6a AA (UFH) 7p Jubilee Ringers (Music Room)	8 6a AA (UFH) 7:30a Women's Fellowship Breakfast (Riverview-Billerica) 6:45p AA (12 Step Men) (Room 5) 7p Cabinet (Vestry)	9 6a AA (UFH) 7a Men's Group (Vestry) 7p Outreach (Vestry)	10 6a AA (UFH) 8a Bible and Bagels (Bruegger's Great Road) 9a Coffee and Conversation (Bruegger's Great Road) 7:30p AA (UFH)	11 Pastor John Day Off 6a AA (UFH) 6:30p AA (Beginner Mtg) (UFH)	12 6a AA (UFH)	13 6a AA (UFH) 8:30a Group (Vestry) 10a Worship (Sanctuary) 6:30p Prayer Group (Parlor)
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21 Martin Luther King MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY Office Closed 6a AA (UFH) 7p Jubilee Ringers (Music Room)	22 6a AA (UFH) 6:45p AA (12 Step Men) (Room 5) 7p Women's Fellowship (Vestry)	23 6a AA (UFH) 7a Men's Group (Vestry) 10a Newsletter Folding (Music Room)	24 6a AA (UFH) 8a Bible and Bagels (Bruegger's Great Road) 9a Coffee and Conversation (Bruegger's Great Road) 7:30p AA (UFH)	25 Pastor John Day Off 6a AA (UFH) 6:30p AA (Beginner Mtg) (UFH)	26 6a AA (UFH)	27 6a AA (UFH) 8:30a Group (Vestry) 10a Worship (Sanctuary) 6:30p Prayer Group (Parlor)
28 6a AA (UFH) 7p Jubilee Ringers (Music Room)	29 Flatbread fundraiser (Flatbread Bedford) 6a AA (UFH) 6:45p AA (12 Step Men) (Room 5) 7:30p NAMI (Room 4)	30 6a AA (UFH) 7a Men's Group (Vestry)	31 6a AA (UFH) 8a Bible and Bagels (Bruegger's Great Road) 9a Coffee and Conversation (Bruegger's Great Road) 7:30p AA (UFH)			



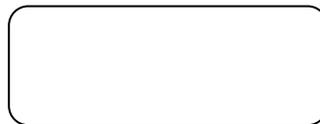
~ January Worship ~



January 6, 2019	10:00 am	<i>“Intermission: A Story from Matthew”</i>	<i>Matthew 2: 1-12</i> Epiphany - Communion Rev. John Castricum, Sr. Pastor
January 13, 2019	10:00 am	<i>“Journey with Luke: Baptism of Fire”</i>	<i>Luke 3: 1-22</i> Rev. John Castricum, Sr. Pastor
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