



THE SPIRE

SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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*Great to see so many of you on Sunday One—
Start of an exciting year here at SCC!!*

October Schedule:

- 1 World Communion Sunday
Neighbors in Need Offering
Message: Rev. Judith Brain
Lay Reader: Lauren Swiniuch
- 8 Message: Rev. Brain
Lay Reader: Becky Stephenson
- 10 Church Boards 7pm
- 11 Knitting Ministry 1-3pm
CE Board 6:30pm
- 15 Message: Rev. Brain
Lay Reader: Kathy Taylor
- 19 Pizza/Prayer 5-6pm
- 21 Community Bean Supper 5-6pm
- 22 Stewardship 2018 Message
Lay Reader: Lois McKay Hall
- 29 Stewardship 2018 Pledge/Family
Dedication
Lay Reader: Maeve Dineen



THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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During October the Church Spire will be illumined In Loving Memory of **Wilbur Andrews** by his daughter Judy Eramo. It is also being lit in loving memory of **Virginia Swanson** by her sons Dana & David Swanson. And, the Tablet on the Cabot side of the building continues to be illumined in remembrance of **Marian & Bill Tannebring** by their children.

Tree of Life



Christian Love & Sympathy is extended to the family of **Marjorie Harwood** (wife to d. Richard), who died September 10.

Congratulations are extended to former Associate Minister at Second Church, the **Rev. Donald H. Remick**, who has assumed the position of Transitional Interim Minister & President of the Massachusetts Conference of the UCC.

WITH LOVE AND THANKSGIVING

Thank you so much for the scholarship. Your continuous support of my academic goals fills me with great thanks and love. The scholarship will go to good use, paying for my books and other costs. I cannot say thank you enough. Love, Rebecca Drown.

REFORMATION

Very soon we will be celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation – a huge change in the church. There is a saying popularized by Karl Barth that the church is “reformed and always reforming.” Contemporary theologian, Phyllis Tickle puts it more humorously. She says, “Every 500 years, the church has a gigantic rummage sale.”

The 21st century post-Christian era is definitely motivating another church rummage sale. As a church, we can no longer sit back and wait for people to come through the doors. Church membership is not a societal norm. In fact, there is a backlash against religion; something that punches you in the gut if you spend any time on social media.

UCC as a denomination has been having its own rummage sale as we change our way of doing ministry. We take reforming very seriously with our defining motto: “*God is still speaking.*” We are recognizing that we need to take our faith to the people not hope that they will come to us.

SECOND CHURCH’S REFORMATION

Thanks to Alan and Tara and the church leadership, Second Church is right at the forefront of this movement! You are living into one of the foundational meanings of the church – we exist to serve others. Under the “Food and Family” umbrella, you are reaching out to provide sustenance and community beyond the doors of the church. **I have walked into a church that is engaged with the world in an amazing way.** It’s thrilling to see this happening.

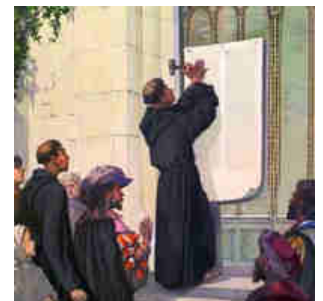
GROUNDING OUR MISSION

My main purpose here is to support you as you go about your ministries. I am doing that by getting together with leaders and attending meetings as much as possible. But **the biggest way the congregation can be supported is in worship.** Charles and Nancy and I have committed ourselves to being with you every Sunday in a deep and nurturing way so that we can be fed for our work. We need to be together. Let’s make worship both safe haven and spiritual generator!

WHAT’S AHEAD IN WORSHIP?

Our overall theme for the fall is “Practicing Our Faith.” What does it mean to be a Christian in our daily lives? How do we exhibit our faith wherever we are? How do we strengthen our relationship with God? Here’s what we can expect in the next 7 weeks.

Oct. 01	World Communion Sunday	Baptism of Bonnie and David Jr. Molino
	Two Sacraments ~ Baptism and Communion, What do they mean?	
Oct. 08	Practicing our faith ~ Trust in God	Reflections on a favorite ~ Psalm 23
Oct. 15	Practicing our faith ~ Generosity	Give to God what is God’s
Oct. 22	Practicing our faith ~ Prayer	
Oct. 29	Practicing our faith ~ Courage/change	Reformation Sunday
Nov. 05	Practicing our faith ~ Living the Beatitudes	Communion
Nov. 12	Practicing our faith ~ Hospitality	



Grace and Peace to you, *Judy*

Disaster Relief

THE UCC DISASTER MINISTRIES is engaged in responding to recent epic hurricanes that have created devastation for many. Giving to our UCC Hurricane appeal ensures that **100% of your support** will be used for disaster relief and rehabilitation targeting the unique needs of vulnerable individuals and families. You are invited to make a financial donation--checks payable to: Second Congregational Church, earmarked: **2017 Disaster Relief** and your donation will be sent to the UCC national office. [Checks may be placed in offering plate at Sunday worship or sent to the 2nd Church office \(35 Conant Street, Beverly MA 01915\).](#)



Walk With Family Promise!

Join us for a 5k (3.1 mile) stroll through historic Beverly!

Bring a smile to the families experiencing homelessness. Enjoy a walk with your family, friends and neighbors on a scenic New England morning. The walk begins and ends at Beverly's seaside Lynch Park.

Helping families who experience homelessness has never been so easy or enjoyable! Please come and show your support!

Together we'll end homelessness, one family at a time.

2 Saturday, October 21, 2017

LYNCH PARK, BEVERLY

8:00AM-12:00PM

For more information: see Cheri Marquart or
go to the Family Promise website: familypromisensb.org





The Deacons have had to take on additional duties during this interim period and you can expect to see some changes taking place in worship, music programs and pastoral responsibilities.

There will be opportunities for members of the congregation to help, for example:

1. Pastoral visitations

Currently, the Deacons are available for pastoral visitations, but we know there are special people in our congregation with such talents. Please come forward.

In the meantime, if you know of anyone in need of a visit, please contact the church office until a specific group leader is identified.

2. Fellowship

Coffee hour is a nice way to catch up with current parishioners and get to know new people, so if you are willing to be a host, let us know.

“We are a welcoming church” and would love to have people for greeting, sending follow-up notes and overseeing nametags on Sunday morning.

3. Worship

In September you may see some changes in the worship service ; (i.e. having announcements at the beginning of the service (so come in early), special music selections.

Henry’s Market prepares flower arrangements for the communion table. We are looking for volunteers to pick up the flowers on a Saturday or Sunday morning.

4. Music Support

As there no longer is a Music Committee to support the Music Directors, the Deacons would like to know of people willing to serve in this capacity.

As you can see, Second Church is in a period of reorganization and we need your help. Contact any member of the Board of Deacons for more information, to volunteer or to share your ideas.

Board of Deacons: Chair Suzanne Munroe, Secretary Gail Goodell, Jim Black, Bonnie Fleming, Elsie Jacobson, George Jacobson, Nancy Koch, Bonnie Molino, Ruth Moran, Bob Munroe, Lauren Swiniuch.

Admission if Free!

An evening with **Lisa Fenn**

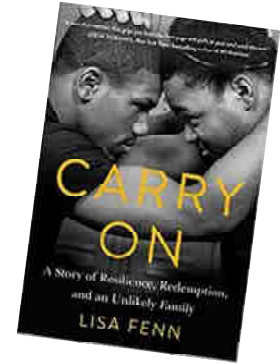
Author of *“Carry On”*

Thursday, November 2nd—7:00pm

Second Congregational Church,

35 Conant Street

Admission is Free!



“ A profoundly moving memoir about two boys who become men in the face of life’s toughest challenges: disability, poverty, and torn families. We see the many ways in which one person can carry another, and we are inspired to do the same.”

- Tim Howard, author of the New York Times bestseller *The Keeper*

The Fair is Coming!

November 18 - 9-2pm

The fair is growing and leaps and bounds! We will be two floors this year.

We are in need of volunteers to help with the following:

- ◆ Crafters **Saturday October 14** at Lauren Swinich's home ([63 Ellsworth Ave Beverly](#)) We hope to be painting, varnishing and staining.
- ◆ Friday night with set up
- ◆ Saturday workers and Saturday clean up.
- ◆ If anyone would be interested in creating a "Santa Workshop" space, we would love to have one.
- ◆ Items for Grandmother's attic (no furniture, books or electronics)
- ◆ We will be having a silent Auction once again and if anyone would like to donate a gift certificate or item please speak with Cheri, Dale Miller Boutin or Kathy Taylor.
- ◆ Details on a pie making night are coming

PIZZA & prayer

Thursday October 19th @ 6:00 PM

As part of living into our new church mission, we will be offering a Pizza and Prayer service once every other month. We will be worshipping around the table, providing a feast for your body and your spirit! The service will be no more than an hour and is for all ages.

Bean Supper

*Musical
Entertainment!*



Saturday, October 21

5:00-6:00pm

2nd Congregational Church

35 Conant St, Beverly

Adults—\$7.00, Seniors \$6.00

Children \$3.50

Pie— \$1.50

Menu: Home baked pea & kidney beans, coleslaw, brown bread, coffee, tea, milk and rolls.

Knitting Notes:

Can you believe that we are into the month of October? The Church received a thank you note from Care Dimension (Hospice) for the many prayer shawls and baby blankets that we delivered to them. They are very appreciative of our work and contributions. A big thank you to all who contribute to this ministry. We will be meeting, Wednesday, October 11 at 1 pm in the Church parlor. Come and join the conversation and work on your knitting project.
Ruth Moran



Sign up to receive the Newsletter and Church Messages

by E-mail



**For those who have not been added onto our list,
please send me your e-mail address to be added.**

**Helps to save money on postage and you receive
Information quicker.**

Theresa Dickson E-CommunicationsAdmin@beverlysecond.com



October 1: church school

October 8: no church school (holiday weekend)

October 15: church school

October 22: church school

October 29: church school

Thanks for a great Sunday One. If you weren't able to attend, but want to be a part of our church school program, you are welcome each and every Sunday.

If you have a child that like to sing or play an instrument, let the church office know. Our new music directors are eager to work with your children and have them be a part of our music program here at Second Church.



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Happy 350th!

Our sister church, First Parish Church in Beverly, UU marked its 350th anniversary at a celebratory service this month. John Soderblom, our former seminarian brought greetings on behalf of Second Church. Congratulations, First Church!

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Fun Fact: Of course, this is the "First" that we are the "Second" to. In the great Unitarian vs. Trinitarian split the Unitarians usually got the buildings and the Trinitarians had to go off to forge their own way. A friend has noted this is mostly true in the near suburbs of Boston. As you go farther west, the more conservative folk won the in theological conflicts and the First Churches are Congregational/UCC.

