



Vestry News

SEPTEMBER 2024

Welcome Sunday

So much happening on Sunday, Sept. 8!

- Choir Resumes and the Children's Option commences
- Congregation asked to bring food for Food Pantry
- Blessing of Backpacks
- Two Congregational votes*
- Ice Cream!!!



Vote

*one vote to approve the Local Church Profile and the other to approve the Pastoral Search Team.



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FreeBee with a Harvest Fair Vibe

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 10:30—12

FreeBee's next community market is coming up soon! Come to the petting zoo and hear the Nashoba Band play! Enjoy free hotdogs from the Boxborough church and browse through the community booths to find out what's happening in the area. And as harvest season peeks, so has the free gleaned produce at FreeBee! Come and join your neighbors for free food and fun on Saturday September 7 on the UCC Boxborough side lawn at 30 Middle Road. Saturday, 10:30am-12:00pm

don't forget you can help behind the scenes by emailing mary.j.pavlik@gmail.com or freebeecommunity@gmail.com



Harvest themed Freebee Market, Hotdogs, Petting Zoo, Live Music and Bouncy House this Saturday at the Freebee Market!

New children's program and "Blessing of the Backpacks" on Sunday!



What a weekend awaits us! This Saturday we will enjoy a festive morning at the harvest themed Freebee Market where we will welcome our community with free hot dogs and a bouncy house for kids. There will be a band and a petting zoo, and of course the harvest bounty of Freebee Market! Join us between 10am and noon for fun and fellowship at UCCB. Bring a friend!



On Sunday the welcome continues with the beginning of our new children's program during the sermon portion of Sunday worship. We will have a "Blessing of the Backpacks" at the Word for All Ages.

Directly following worship there will be a congregational meeting to approve the ministerial profile and the search committee that will launch our search for a new settled minister. What a great moment to celebrate an enormously productive summer at UCCB with ice cream following the meeting!

Reach out to a neighbor or friend and bring them to one of the weekend activities at UCCB. Children will enjoy the bouncy house and petting zoo and who doesn't love ice cream?

Welcome UCCB and friends!
Jill and Richard Edens



September Worship



- Sept 1** **15th Sunday after Pentecost - Communion Sunday**
Labor Day weekend
- Sept 8** **16th Sunday after Pentecost – WELCOME Sunday!**
Choir Resumes and the Children's Option commences
Congregation asked to bring food for Food Pantry
Blessing of Backpacks
Short Congregational Meeting
Ice cream
- Sept. 15** **17th Sunday after Pentecost** Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38.
- Sept 22** **18th Sunday after Pentecost** Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3,7-8a; Mark 9:30-37.
- Sept 29** **19th Sunday after Pentecost** Esther 7:1-6,9-10; 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50.
WORSHIP IN ACTION: Rise Against Hunger

SERMON SHAPING or TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY RESUMES September 10

On Tuesdays at 10am, you are invited to a lively and far-ranging conversation with the Pastors on the scripture for the coming Sunday.

On Tuesday, Sept 10, we will discuss the lessons for Sunday, September 15
17th Sunday after Pentecost: **Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38.**

On Tuesday, Sept 17, we will discuss the lessons for Sunday, September 22
18th Sunday after Pentecost: **Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3,7-8a; Mark 9:30-37.**

On Tuesday, Sept 24, we will discuss the lessons for Sunday, September 29
19th Sunday after Pentecost: **Esther 7:1-6,9-10; 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50.**

On Tuesday, Oct 01, we will discuss the lessons for Sunday, October 6
20th Sunday after Pentecost: **Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16**

The meeting opens at 9:45 for visiting. **Please join us.** The Zoom link is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81402428901>
Passcode: 7387



Ornament Table—Merrie Christmas Fair 2024

Crafters have been busy making ornaments and/or decorations at home over this past summer. We so appreciate. We are still looking to add to our collection of ornaments and/or decorations to sell at the Fair. If you have projects/ideas, please share them with us. We have a few kits and supplies available if you need a items like bells, ribbon, felt, etc. We look forward to offering a variety of ornaments for this year's Merrie Christmas Fair.



For more information, contact co-chairs: Gloria Roe, gloria.roe@comcast.net or 978-502-9625, Linda More 978-266-2836 or Kcmorse@verizon.net or Connie Brown at 978-391-4854 or Conniebcmc@comcast.net

Are you Whiling away your evenings(or days)?

Shame on you! Just kidding. If you are into sewing, quilting, knitting, crocheting, taking pictures, decoupage, making cards, creating doll clothes, painting, macrame, cross stitch, embroidery, candle making..... The KNITS AND GIFTS table needs your talents. I'm hoping that many of you will contribute items to the table for the Merry Christmas Fair. In past years this table has offered a large variety of beautiful homemade items. Pricing of items will take into account the cost of materials, but recouping your time can be difficult. It's truly a labor of love. Shoppers are looking for unique, one of a kind items at a reasonable price. If you have any questions please give me a call or send a message.

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Sit and Sew at UCCB

September 4, 2024

9:00 – 3:00

Fall is here! Well, not officially, but close enough. It's time to start working on holiday gifts, or just settling in for the fall or winter. If you have sewing bring your sewing machine and project. Knitting, needlepoint, card-making? Any kind of handwork or sewing is fun to do in good company. Come spend some creative time in the company of friends in the Gathering Room at UCCB. We continue to meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 9:00 to 3:00. You are welcome to join us for all or any part of the day. Bring your sewing/craft for the Ornament and Gifts and Knits table, it's a great place and time for people to get things done for the fair. Hope to see you there! Happy stitching.

Message from Sr. Choir director

Hi everyone!

Hope you are enjoying the summer, singing in the car with the windows open, out on your deck or in your yard, and having a great time!

If you'd like to join the choir this year, we always welcome new members. Don't worry if you're not an operatic singer or Taylor Swift—keeping in the ballpark of the pitch works for us 😊

We meet every Tuesday, September through early June from 7:30-8:30 to rehearse our music and have a great time together.

If you love to sing—please reach out to me at capetoyork@hotmail.com

Take care



The Silent Auction Needs *Your* Donations!

You can help the Silent Auction at the 2024 Merrie Christmas Fair by donating an item, a gift card, a service you provide, or a monetary contribution. We welcome donations of all kinds, such as:

- items you make
- items you buy
- tickets to movies, concerts, plays, or sports events
- paintings, prints, or photographs
- delicious homemade food (food-of-the-month or one-time treats)
- Christmas-themed items
- gift cards to restaurants or your favorite stores
- skills you can share (cooking, knitting, hiking, cross-country skiing, singing, decorating, pie-crust making, gardening, etc.)
- services you provide (dinner for 6, tutoring, ride to the airport, planting bulbs, and more)
- something you really like – others will, too!



Can't decide what to donate? We gladly accept money to buy articles for the Auction from local businesses. Mail a check to the church, or bring your check to the church office between 9 and 2 PM weekdays. Make the check out to "UCCB" and write "Silent Auction" in the memo line.

You can also donate money online using the church website (www.boxboroughucc.org). Click on the blue DONATE button at the top of the homepage to bring up the Donations form. Near the bottom of the form, next to "Special Collections" enter the amount you would like to give *and* type "Silent Auction" in the box next to the amount. Click Continue at the bottom of the page to finish the donation by entering your name and credit card information.

The Silent Auction needs *everyone's* participation to be successful! Please let us know what you can donate by contacting Mary Anne Vogel at 978-263-8957 (home), 978-852-9637 (cell), or voglfmly@gmail.com as soon as you can. Thank you very much!



You are enthusiastically invited ...

... to join the team working on the 2024 Silent Auction, which will run online from November 13th through November 23rd. Preparations for this year's Auction are already underway, and we need your help. Both first-timers and experienced Silent Auction volunteers are welcome. There are many jobs that need to be done, and several that can be done at home in your spare time. We need people to write descriptions of the items for sale, make phone calls to donors, ask local merchants to donate goods or gift certificates, type gift certificates for services contributed, set up the Auction display at the Merrie Christmas Fair, distribute Auction items to winning bidders, and write thank-you notes -- to name just a few of the jobs that need to be done. Spreading the work among many volunteers gives lots of people a chance to contribute doing tasks they enjoy. Please contact Mary Anne Vogel at 978-263-8957 (home), 978-852-9637 (cell) or voglfmly@gmail.com to let her know you'll help. Working together, we can have fun, make some new friends, and carry on one of our church's treasured holiday traditions!



Children's Programming

Beginning September 8, children may go with two adult volunteers following the Word for All Ages to the Gathering Room for a program. During the Offering the children will return to their Sanctuary to sit with their parents. The programming is intended to reflect the scripture from worship. Some Sundays there will be other activities. For example, on September 8, the children and youth will learn about the Little Free Pantry from volunteers, Anne Chandler and Kellie Senghas. Please bring gifts of canned fish/meat, peanut butter and canned vegetables for the Little Free Pantry as one of the activities will be sorting and shelving the food inside and replenishing Little Free Pantry outside.



Register Now for Rise Against Hunger

Worship in Action

Sunday September 29, 2024



The upbeat music! The assembly line! The stylish hair nets! We're excited to bring back [Rise Against Hunger](#). All ages are invited to this Worship in Action service - there are roles for everyone! We'll gather in the Community Center for a short worship service, then work together to assemble meal packets that will be distributed globally to those most in need. Just one way that we put our faith into action by caring for the world and demonstrating our love for neighbors, near and far. Have friends who are equally motivated – invite them to join!

All participants are required to register and agree to a liability waiver and release. It would be helpful for people to register ahead of time, freeing up time during the event for us to package as many meals as possible. On the [registration page](#) click the "Register" button. Where it says "Choose the time best for you to end world hunger" check "Volunteer Shift #01" (note that we've reserved two hours for the event, but any amount of time you can give will be appreciated). Don't forget to hit "Submit" at the bottom of the page. Questions? Contact ktsenghas@gmail.com. Most Sundays in September, Kellie will be available during fellowship time after church to register you if easier. See you on September 29!



Easy Apple Crisp from Lily Ernst

This easy apple crisp recipe is a crowd-pleaser, combining tender, cinnamon-spiced apples with a crispy, buttery oat topping.

PREP TIME: 15 MIN COOK TIME: 35 MIN YIELD: 6-8SERVINGS

Ingredients

FILLING

5 cups (580g) sliced and peeled apples (about 4–5 apples)
 2–4 tbsp granulated sugar
 1 tsp (5ml) ground cinnamon

TOPPING

3/4 cup (70g) rolled oats
 3/4 cup (94 g) all-purpose flour
 1/2 cup (75g) brown sugar, lightly packed
 1/2 cup (114g) unsalted butter, melted

Instructions

Preheat oven to 375F.

In a 9" square or round baking dish, toss together all the filling ingredients.

In a medium bowl, mix together the oats, flour and brown sugar. Add in the melted butter and stir until all is moistened. Sprinkle the streusel evenly over the filling.

Bake for 35-40 minutes until the apples are tender and bubbling.

Generosity



Thank you to all who contribute financially and otherwise to keep the lights on and programs strong here at UCCB. Contributions arrive in many forms and all are welcome!

Your financial support has made possible:

- Providing resources to relaunch our youth spiritual nurture programming
- Paying our staff competitive and fair wages
- Accessing resources that are guiding our lay leaders through this period of transition
- Utilizing our indoor and outdoor spaces to support the FreeBee Market
- Ongoing support for World Central Kitchen and Earthjustice as we broaden our field of vision to global efforts as well as local support for the Acton Food Pantry and through the Community Support Fund
- Providing welcome to new and existing members and worship attendees, in-person and via Zoom

Whether participants are church members or not, we open our doors, provide our resources, and welcome all. We know that these actions help us build community and grow God's love in the world. Thank you for making all this possible.

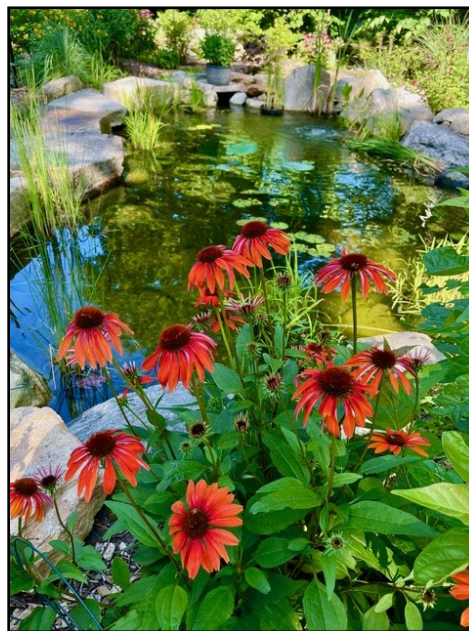
Have you not contributed financially to help us keep our lights on in this corner of the world and would like to? Check out the Giving section on the church's website to provide a one-time gift or to establish a recurring contribution. Or, simply reach to a member of the Generosity Team, Kellie Senghas (ktsenghas@gmail.com) or Jeff Glidden (Jeffrey.glidden50@gmail.com) to learn more.

Thank you for your generosity – on so many levels.

Because of YOU our church changes lives.

Birthday Blessings Message

In order to protect members of our Church family from having their private information end up in the wrong hands, the Church Council has decided that it would be best to end the sharing birthdays in the Vestry News.



OUR SERVICES ARE SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30 IN PERSON OR ON ZOOM

To worship via Zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88306753408?pwd=VlIgwZUtYl05JeVU2WklHWGtUWExGdz09>

Meeting ID: 883 0675 3408
Passcode: 7387

Please note: our worship services are streamed live via Zoom, and recorded for posting on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChIayswOH7Ta7LYK-BcAyA>). Zoom offers closed captioning subtitles) for those who find that helpful.



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