



Church of Christ, Congregational, UCC
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An Open and Affirming Congregation

Church of Christ Vision Statement:
Worship God, serve our neighbors, share God's love.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year. I find it hard to believe it is 2020 and we still don't all have jetpacks. I was really looking forward to that mode of transportation.

The reality of life now is pretty astounding. We have instant communication with texting or mobil phones and smart phones give us access to much of the world's knowledge at our fingertips. We can stream movies, pause live television for snack breaks and video chat with family and friends all over the globe.

Technology, however does not fully replace the benefits of live community. While on-line community has a place, so too does a community of people who gather in one location for a specific purpose. The church remains one of the last fully inter-generational gathering places. Here, the babies of the church toddle over to a grandparent that is not related to them. Here, a dad will toss a baby into the air for the giggles while another dad goes to get the diaper changing stuff. Here, a young adult chats with kids and seniors over coffee and cookies. We sit side by side to worship God, pray together and for one another and enjoy each other's company. In 2020, relationships matter more than ever.

I invite and encourage you to commit to being present at church events as often as possible. Your presence really matters and makes a difference. Perhaps this can be a part of your resolution for 2020. To be a part of building and enhancing community in the world.

You are vital. You are needed and wanted. You are a beloved child of God and there is a place for you at the table.

May peace prevail in 2020.

With you on the journey,
Rev. Jen

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL

**Sunday, February 2, 2020
10:00am in the Sanctuary**

The meeting will be conducted as a part of the morning worship service.

The meeting is open to all, however, voting is restricted to members of the Church of Christ, Congregational, Millis. This is an important event in the ongoing business and life of our congregation and reflects our responsibility of membership and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.

PLEASE NOTE: 2019 Annual Reports from Leadership Council and other groups are due Monday, January 6. Please put them in the folder marked "Annual Reports" on the desk in the church office or email them to: millisucc@msn.com



RECEPTION FOR THE BULLIONS

Sunday, January 12 at 11:00am



Please join us after worship for a reception to say farewell to Jim and Ellen Bullion as they leave to head north to new opportunities. They have served on just about every committee in the church (some multiple times!), worked with the youth programs, mission events, and for many years organized our participation in the Holiday Helper Program. They will be greatly missed.

We Welcome New Members on January 26



During our 10:00am Sunday worship service on January 26, we will be welcoming new members to the Church of Christ, Congregational. Anyone who is interested in joining our church on that date, and hasn't yet spoken to Rev. Jen about it, please contact her by January 19.

PIPS



**Next Dates:
January 9 & 23**

Parents of Infants and Preschoolers Social Group

The PIPS group was formed to provide a shared and supportive space for parents to visit, exchange ideas, and connect. The group meets in the church parlor from **9:30-10:30am on the second and fourth Thursday of the month**. Visit millisucc.org for details.

Visitors' Group News

Happy New Year!

The Visitors' Group's next meeting is Thursday, January 16, at 10:00am in the Church Parlor.

You are welcome to join us if you are interested in bringing good cheer to members who are no longer able to attend church on a regular basis. We enjoy the visits as much as those we visit. We meet each month on the third Thursday of the month.

We hope that 2020 is a good year for everyone!

My command is this. Love each other as I have loved you. (John 15:12)

The Visitors:

Judie Ackerman, Ellie Costa, Ginny Demery, Pam Johansson, Linda Jones, Shirley Rowley, Pat Spearing, Kathy Stevens. Rev. Jen Munroe Nathans

A Special Thank You to the Church of Christ, Congregational

We would like to express our deepest appreciation for your generosity. We are truly grateful to be part of such a caring and thoughtful congregation.

Sincerely,
Kerry Sullivan & Eileen Yates

Jolly Holly Fair Candy Table Thanks

“Sweet Thanks” to all the “Candy Elves” who contributed to the Jolly Holly Fair Candy Table this year. Perhaps you saved jars, toilet paper rolls, donated candy, made fudge, worked filling jars at the Candy Workshop, or worked the day of the fair? All of your efforts were greatly appreciated!

“Candy Kisses”!
Linda Jones



Recipe for Happiness

(taken from *Feeding the Flock* cookbook)



2 heaping cups of patience
2 handfuls of generosity
1 heart full of love
2 dashes of laughter
1 head full of understanding

Sprinkle with kindness, add plenty of faith and mix well. Spread over a lifetime and serve to everyone you meet.

The Super Bowl needs Super Chili!

February 2, 2020

**Enjoy the game while dining on the best
Chili made by the youth of the Church of Christ!**

The chili will be made fresh earlier in the weekend and then given some time to let the flavors meld together. YUM!

Proceeds benefit Youth Service Trips of the
Church of Christ Congregational, Millis.

Orders due by Wednesday, January 29, 2020

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email : _____

Corn Bread \$2 (1 order = 4 servings): _____

Small Chili \$6: _____

Large Chili \$12: _____

Total owed: _____

Please attach payment. Checks can be made out to Church of Christ, Congregational
-Youth Super Bowl Chili, in the memo line

You can return the form and money to the church or by mail:
Church of Christ, attn: Super Bowl Chili, 142 Exchange St., Millis, MA 02054

***Please pick up your chili in Fellowship Hall following 10:00am worship
on Sunday, February 2nd.***





Youth Group is open to anyone in grades 7-12. We have a ton of fun, so come join us and invite your friends! You don't have to be a member of the church to participate.

Next Youth Group Meeting

Date: January 5

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Description: We will gather for dinner and connections, and games. We will start to make some plans for our mission trip this summer!

What do you need to bring?: Just bring yourself, and any dates that you know that you are busy this summer.

Mark Your Calendars for January!

1/26 Meeting 6:30pm

1/31 Chili Making 6:30pm (New Date!)

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