

**First Congregational Church**

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# Christmas Blessings and Welcome

**to the First Congregational Church in Billerica,  
an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ!**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ bless you as we worship together on this glorious celebration of our Savior’s birth. We are glad that you are able to join us. Please be at home.

We are covenantal partners in the United Church of Christ, with roots in the New England Congregational Church (think Pilgrims and Puritans.) Our history is old but our thinking is not. We seek to be central to community life in Billerica, caring for members and neighbors alike, while reaching out beyond our boundaries into the world.

The ministries of the church seek to be an outreach of Christ’s hands and heart for an aching world. We encourage the spiritual growth of old and young, through worshipping as a community of the faithful; through learning in Sunday School, Bible studies, and many special programs; and through the experience of caring for the least of these.

Please enter into the life of this faith community as you are ready. The pastor, Rev. Katherine Adams, and the Deacons are available to talk with you about your faith journey. Please let us know how we can walk with you.

**Upcoming events:**

**Epiphany pageant** Sunday, January 7 at 10 am  
**Little Angels Playgroup** Wednesdays from 9:30 – 11:30 am in the nursery  
**Liturgy Bible Study** Tuesdays 6:30 – 7:30 pm in the minister’s office  
**Recovery Bible Study** Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 pm in the minister’s office

**Greeters:** Betty Blanchette, Liz Antoszewski (10am),  
Penne Shea (7pm) and Diana Saunders (9pm)

**Readers:** Bob Slack (10am), Penne Shea (7pm)  
and Lynne Hildreth (9pm)

**Are you interested in:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ a phone call from the pastor?
- \_\_\_\_\_ information on Bible studies and church programs?
- \_\_\_\_\_ information to join the church?
- \_\_\_\_\_ tickets to the Martin Luther King Jr breakfast?

Please enter your contact information below.

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**To submit bulletin announcements: Send to communications@fccbillerica.org  
by Wednesday evening at 5 pm.**

# Don't forget!

• **New Year's Eve Military Whist Card Game** Sunday, December 31 at the home of JP & Maryanne Durand (27 Simonds Farm Rd. Billerica). It's easy to learn and fun to play! Please arrive by 6:30 so we can begin by 7:00 pm. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share and your own beverage. If you have a card table that could be used, please call the hosts. There is a fee of \$3 per person for prizes. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the parlor. Call us if you would like a ride. Last day calls are welcome. Maryanne Durand 978-667-4239/ Lynne Hildreth 978-761-3381

• **Outreach** would like to thank the people who volunteered to purchase, wrap, and deliver gifts to the children of incarcerated people. We had so many volunteers that we didn't call on all of you and we certainly appreciate your willingness to help! Gifts went out from Shirley to Hingham. It was a more involved project than we anticipated. With so many helping hands, it became quite manageable. Thank you for making Christmas a little brighter for innocent children and more tolerable for their parents.

• **Pilgrim Fellowship** would like to thank everyone that took a tag from the Angel Tree this year. With your assistance we were able to help many local families! This can be a difficult time of year and your donations helped make life easier.

## FCCB by the Numbers

Dec. 10	Worship 132	Sunday School 29	
Dec. 17	Worship 195	Sunday School 42	
Finance:	General Fund	Outreach	Deacon's fund
September	\$13,925	\$1,649	\$1,641
October	\$15,793	\$1,810	\$705
November	\$14,982	\$1,254	\$634

We are enjoying a busy church year with new faces and new programs. Please consider supporting the work of the church as you are able. Our budget requires \$25,000 per month to do the things we are called to do. Bring your time, talent, and treasures.

## First Congregational Church Prayer List

Please pray for the family and friends of Bob Guptil, Audrey Schwartz and David Carroll as they mourn their passing from this world to the next. Prayers for Eddie Thompson and Kevin Corkery as they serve our country in Afghanistan. Let us pray for protection and safety of all those who serve in the Military and all First Responders.

Bob Allard	Sareena	Elizabeth Mahoney
Don Beardsley	Lindsay Ferraro	Jim Marsden
Doris Beaudoin	Jim Flynn	Diane Morrison
Lucy Beland	Dave Furlani	Brooke Nagel
Ruth Boutilier	John German	Gloria Norman
Laurie Breen	Mary ann Giardina	Rosemary Oeckl
David Breen	June Gibelli	Sam Offei-addo
Julie Brown	Peter Gillis	The Pantano Family
Daisy Coburn	Jim Hamilton	Arlyn Renkes
Emily Coke	Patricia Hamilton	Florine Rogers
Mark Cole	Millie Hazen	Virginia Rogers
Keith Cummings	Pat Hefler	Daniel Sanchez
C.J. Cummings	Peter Hicks	Keara Schmidt
Judy D'Antonio	Jane LaBua	Maria Scorpio
John DiGiovanni	Gladys Leavitt	Sandra Silver
Ruth DiGiovanni	James Longuemare	Cindy Tomlin
Laura Doerfler	Jane MacIntosh	Joshua Young
Cathy Barrett Errickson		Mitzi Young

*Come to me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. – Mt.11:28*

Please notify the church office or Rev. Katherine when you are hospitalized or in need of pastoral care. Due to HIPAA laws we are not notified by hospitals. You can add or remove a name to the prayer list by notifying the church office. Please have permission from the person you are listing.

## Today's Flowers

- ◆ The flowers today are in loving memory of June Cangiamila and Nana Lewis from Diana, Dana, Donna and the grandchildren.