

First Congregational Church

18 Andover Road, Billerica, MA 01821 — www.fccbillerica.org

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| Pastoral Emergencies | To reach the pastor on call: | 978-647-7873 |
| Church Office | office@fccbillerica.org | 978-663-8433 |
| Office Hours | Tuesday through Friday, 9:30-5:30 | |
| Sunday Services | 10 am and 5 pm | |
| Pilgrim Fellowship Youth Group (PF) | Sundays 7-8:30 pm | |

CHURCH STAFF

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| Pastor, Rev Katherine Adams | pastor@fccbillerica.org | cell: 508-245-5094 home: 508-697-8489 |
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CHURCH OFFICERS

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| Moderator/ Church Council | Ed Reinecker | 978-667-5336 |
| Clerk/ Church Council | Sue Hagel | 978 987-0880 |
| Treasurer | JP Durand | 978-667-4239 |
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| Financial Secretary | Sandra Raworth | 978-663-0136 |
| Asst Financial Secretary | Don Lovegrove | 978-667-3596 |
| Auditor | Betty Rice | 978-262-2298 |
| Trustees | Phyllis Jennings | 978-663-8193 |
| Diaconate | Donna Ricarte | 978-663-4043 |

MINISTRY CHAIRS

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| Acolytes | Angela Hiott | 978-667-3274 |
| Aim Hi | Gerry Healey | 978-658-8871 |
| Congregational Relations | Jenny Carmichael | 978-987-1146 |
| Flowers | Jackie Phippen | 978-663-6264 |
| Lay Shepherds | Glenda Lovegrove | 978-667-3596 |
| Music | Ellen Killam | 978-670-6037 |
| Junior Choir | April Goss-Baker | 978 670-8993 |
| Outreach | Carol Young | 978-663-5658 |
| | Bob Miner | 978-667-2961 |
| Youth Ministry | Dawn Salter | 978-262-9927 |
| | Katie Verrocchio | 603-305-6290 |
| Ushers | Ruthie Elliott | 978-667-9914 |
| Stewardship | Laura Bosworth | 978-663-8433 |

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

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 pastors, Rev. Katherine Adams and Rev. Seth Robinson, 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 6 at 10 am
- Let’s Talk Bible** 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, Donna Ricarte and Sandy Galvin

Readers: Bob Slack and Sandy Galvin

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.

Don't forget!

- ◆ **Vacation and Sabbath Time** Rev. Katherine will be away on vacation from Tuesday, December 25 through Saturday, January 5. Rev. Seth will be available during this time for pastoral care. The church office will be closed on Wednesday, December 26 for post-Christmas sabbath rest.
- ◆ **In Case of Emergencies** Rev. Katherine and Rev. Seth have set up a one-number/one-call system for responding to pastoral needs. Going forward, one of the pastors will be on call at any given time. If you have an urgent concern and would like to speak with a pastor, please call the **Pastoral Emergency Line at 978-647-7873**. You will automatically be routed to speak with the pastor on call. If the call goes to voicemail, you can leave a message and the pastor on call will get back to you as soon as they can.
- ◆ **Do you like trivia?** The Billerica Scholarship Foundation has their 24th annual trivia night on Friday February 8th at 7pm. Teams of 4 compete for the bragging rights of being the top team and having a scholarship named for them. We'd like to have a team from FCCB this year. A \$35 donation is suggested per person. MaryAnne Durand and Taryn Gillis have both participated for many years and can tell you more about it. Please talk to MaryAnne or Taryn by December 28 if you think you might be interested.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Billerica Community Pantry** is switching to the last Monday of each month in 2019. We are always accepting new participants. We also need volunteers to do a few things:
 1. Volunteer to set up or help at distribution, for a few hours or all day.
 2. Drive a truck into Boston early in the morning. A CDL is suggested but not required if you have experience driving trucks in the city. We also need someone to go into Boston with the truck and oversee the loading of the truck.All of these can be occasional, we don't expect anyone to volunteer every month, although we appreciate when they do. For more information or to register, please contact Taryn in the church office or at billericapantry@gmail.com

First Congregational Church Prayer List

Prayers for Eddie Thompson, Matthew Ahern and Kevin Corkery as they serve our country . Let us pray for protection and safety of all those who serve in the Military and all First Responders.

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| Bob Allard | Lindsay Ferraro | Rick McLay |
| Charlie Antonelli | Dave Furlani | Diane Morrison |
| Edna Battcock | Myrtle Garrett | Kim |
| Doris Beaudoin | Maryann Giardina | Gloria Norman |
| Christopher Berard | Jim Hamilton | Rosemary Oeckl |
| Melissa Bockmann | Patricia Hamilton | Rocky Orso |
| Barbara Bourdon | Millie Hazen | Arlene Orso |
| Ruth Boutilier | Gerry Healey | The Pantano Family |
| Julie Brown | Al Heard | Florine Rogers |
| Gyanna Brown-Tello | Pat Hefler | Keara Schmidt |
| Arthur Bruno | Clara | Artin Shoukas |
| Paul Cavanagh | Barbara Keesler | Colette Shoukas |
| Mark Cole | Johnny & Jen | Sandra Silver |
| Lisa D'Aoust | Jane LaBua | Cindy Tomlin |
| Angie Dubois | Bobby Lockett | Collette Westphal |
| Cathy Barrett Errickson | | Joshua Young |

Prayers for all God's children all over the world.

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 the pastors 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.

FCCB by the Numbers

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| Dec. 9 | Worship 169 | Sunday School 44 | |
| Dec. 16 | Worship 176 | Sunday School 39 | |
| Finance: | General Fund | Outreach | Deacon's fund |
| October | \$13,805 | \$1,590 | \$585 |
| November | \$15,630 | \$1,123 | \$587 |

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.