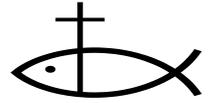




# Community Congregational Church United Church of Christ October



2018 Newsletter



## *Pastor's comments*

It is hard to believe but October is here! When I used to teach at a private school back north, we would set aside two Saturdays in the fall for “Bulb Planting Day”. On this day the older students and their families would cut wood for the following winter and stack it to dry. Being a second- grade teacher, I would gather my students together and we would plant daffodil, tulip and jonquil bulbs all over the property. As we opened up the earth and lovingly placed each bulb inside the small hole we would say, “God Bless”, and cover the bulb with dirt. As we planted our bulbs we had faith that during the long cold dark winter days of a New Hampshire winter, God would take care of the bulbs. We were never disappointed, as each spring our school campus would come alive with hundreds and hundreds of flowers. What a beautiful sight to see after a harsh winter!

October is here and we have begun to plant some bulbs of our own. Our Love A Lunch program is blooming as we welcome more and more people each week to our free lunch program. The choir is back and praising God through the gift of music. The Women’s Fellowship is meeting again and making plans for the fall and winter. The Grief Group is meeting monthly on the last Tuesday of the month from 11:00-noon. I would like all of you to be part of another “Bulb Planting Day”. On Tuesday, October 23 from 10:00am to 2:00pm the Executive Board and I will be holding a petite retreat in the Parish House to plan for our future. This retreat is open to all members of the congregation. Each participant will be invited to bring a lunch pot-luck to share with the group. During this retreat we will be “planting bulbs” for our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, discussion possible goals for our church, creating a mission statement for the Executive Board for the year, and building fellowship. If you would like to participate, please call the office, so that we can make sure that we have enough materials for all.

As people of faith, we know that God helps us to make all the ministries of God's church bloom and grow. Each of us is a member of God's church. I have been told that some of you do not feel that you have been personally invited to participate in the ministries of this church. Please know that you are invited and always encouraged to participate. I hope that this article will serve as your personal invitation to get involved, plant some bulbs, and help this church blossom into the magnificent church, God intends it to be. Hope to see you on Tuesday, October 23, 2018. *Victoria*

### **Church Fall Cookout... Sunday, October 28, 2018 f**

Since we had so much fun with our first after church cook-out, we have decided to have another one!. On [Sunday, October 28, 2018](#) following worship we will gather outside under the tents for a cookout. We will have hamburgers and hotdogs for all and ask each of you to please bring a side dish to share.

At this time, we are looking for volunteers to help us set-up, cook the burgers and hotdogs, clean up and help organize this wonderful event. If you are interested in helping, please sign-up on the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall and/or call the office. All volunteers, and we do me ALL are appreciated.

Mark your calendars and join the fun! See you on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> after church for some food, fun, and fellowship!! --Victoria

**We are all blessed with an Attitude, is yours one of Gratitude?**

#### **Notes from your Editor: Robin Kenna**

**Did you know?** I am traveling from September 25<sup>th</sup> through October 22. While I am away, Pastor Victoria will put the rest of the newsletter together and send it out. My sister, Sydney and I are traveling to Vancouver for a few days then onto a Holland America Ship heading south, stopping in California, Mexico and Central America through the Panama Canal, on to Aruba and the private island of the line, arriving in Ft. Lauderdale. It has been on Lisa and my bucket list for a long time to make this trip. Sadly, she was not able to live long enough for us to take this last cruise together. I will make this trip to honor a commitment to her and spread some of her ashes in the canal. I hope to share some photos when we return.

In the meantime, life here at CCCUCC continues. There are still **Raffle tickets** available for sale and to purchase! What, you don't know what the Raffle is all about??? We have joined with the JCC of West Pasco to try to raise funds for the Church/Synagogue. We had a large hot tub donated along with installation anywhere in Florida, and the printing of the tickets was donated too! This is a win/win for both organizations. So, we must sell these tickets! We have at last count fifty-two prizes to raffle off including the Hot Tub and TV! We have deposited \$2000.00 in to the bank. Of that 2000.00 half belongs to the JCC. Our commitment was to split all proceeds with the JCC 50-50. So that means, we need to really get those tickets sold. Please see any member of the Fund-Raising Committee or a Deacon to purchase tickets or to get tickets to sell! The unsold tickets will be in the church office when I leave for my trip so there are no excuses for not being able to get one or two! By the way 5 for \$50 works very well!

There is an opportunity to help with sales two weekends in October, the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup> are busy Saturdays in Sims Park. We will be setting up a tent on the front lawn of the Church on both Saturdays and on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> to sell tickets. On the 6<sup>th</sup> we will also have a tent set up in the Park! Both areas need to be manned for sales. Please see Faye to sign up. The 6<sup>th</sup> and the weekend of the 12<sup>th</sup> will also have parking opportunities so sign up for parking duty, please see Carolyn Pike. The weekend of the 12<sup>th</sup> is "Bike Fest" a busy weekend in town. Pastor Victoria has agreed to be involved in Blessing the Bikes on Sunday.

**The Deacons** are working on updating the membership again this fall. This is a huge task and is not taken lightly. We pay dues on all members to the UCC, we do not wish to pay dues for members that have left or become inactive. This is another way we are trying to keep our costs down and to streamline our ministry.

**Centennial Planning:** The committee for the Centennial is working on old photographs. You might have noticed photo books in Andrus Hall on Sunday. Please take a moment to look through them and leave messages as to whom is in the picture and give a date or occasion for the photo. We would like to make a slide power point presentation if possible. There is a

suggestion to make a glossy hard cover book that can be sold as well. If you have comments, or wish to get involved, please call the office or contact Kim Hoffman. If you are interested in giving some history or sharing stories, please contact Kim or Robin.

The **UCC of Waterville Maine** has an open and affirming statement that I wish to share with you all. This is verbatim.

“We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, dirt poor, yo no habla Ingles. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds.

We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing." Just woke up or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Catholic than the Pope, or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to the teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion", we've been there too.

If you blew all your offering money at the dog track, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work or can't spell, or because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts... and You!”

Now then, did they miss anyone? I don't think so. I enjoyed it and wanted to share with you all. Thank you to Faye Hartman and Angel Bartley for sharing this.

A further comment just from me to the congregation: The Pastor from the above church took his vacation, **he left on June sixth and returned on September 2<sup>nd</sup>**. No this is not a typo. So, for those folks that think three weeks is too long a vacation for our Pastor, keep this one in mind! Understand that a job with this much stress, needs a week to let go, a week of relaxation and a week to get ready to get back at it! Just say'n ...

**LOVE A LUNCH**, some of you joined in the fun on Labor Day. I heard that it was a fun time for all. I would like to thank you for your fellowship and hope that you feel comfortable to join us any day! Helen made a friend for life in Geoff! I agree with Pastor Victoria that this *IS* one ministry that is getting us involved in a very positive way with our community.

**Pack A Sack** is in full swing already! Can you volunteer an hour to help pack up food with us on Tuesday Mornings? Please see Linda L. for time. Many hands make light work! 70 bags loaded up for delivery in a little over 2 hours on the first day! Whew!

**Game Group** on Thursdays, we had a little help setting up tables now for two weeks as a few of the gents with Love a Lunch jumped in to help Georgia with the tables! Georgia tells me that she was thrilled with the way the Game Group has gotten involved with the elders that can't come to the church. I understand that the Bridge group went on for quite a long time! This ministry is so important to keep minds active of those that can't get around. We are blessed that Georgia and her friends have taken this on.

**It is Fall season once more!** The **Games Group** is looking forward to the return of the many seasonal players who join us each year to take part in the Thursday Game Day activities - and will welcome back many of their group that have been traveling this summer. This community group welcomes anyone interested in a social time of fellowship with others while embracing the challenge of a game of their choice. Call Georgia at 727-232-0537 for more information.

**Just a word**, I would like to ask that if you **hear** that a member is in **hospital, nursing home or is ill at home**. Would you please let the office know, or a Deacon. It is impossible for the Pastor/Deacons to visit someone if we don't know where they are! **We do not get calls from the hospitals unless the patient asks for us to be notified.**

**Something to Ponder**....Gossips are worse than thieves because they steal another person's dignity, honest reputation and credibility- which are challenging to restore. Remember, when your feet slip, you can always recover your balance. But when your tongue slips, you cannot recover your words. [Notsalmon.com](http://Notsalmon.com)

## SAVE THE DATE!

**March 2, 2019**

**10am to 3pm**

**Downtown New Port Richey  
Around the Circle  
(Behind the Congregational Church)**

**Strawberries  
Strawberry Shortcake  
Vendors  
Food  
Kid's Zone  
Raffles  
Dog Agility Course  
Dog Show**



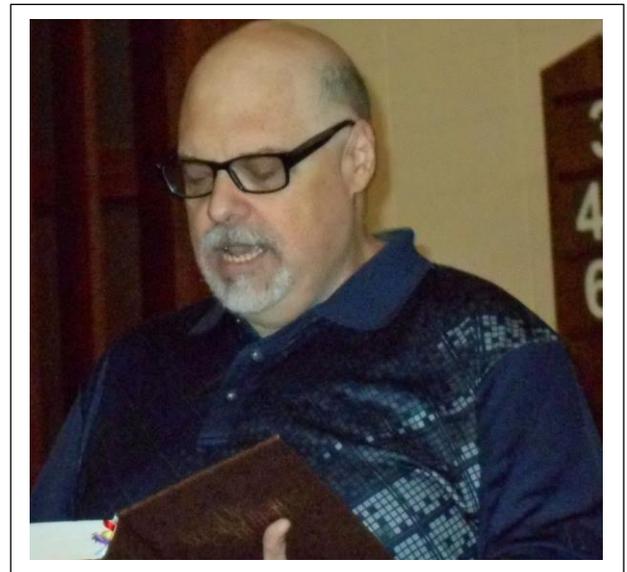
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**New Members:**

Anne



Dino



*Welcome! Both are ready to pitch in and work, Anne has already signed up to be a greeter, usher and has joined the Love a Lunch group. Dino has decided that his place is as a Deacon. We look forward to seeing you grow in our family.*

Riddle me this: What starts with the letter “t”, is filled with “t” and ends with the letter “t”?..Why a teapot of course! Humor is a gift from Kim H.



***Junk in the Trunk*** is back! First of the season, first for Kim and Maureen! They did a great job. Ben was there for help, along with my fur baby Joy to keep them company.

### **Junk N the Trunk**

It's time to get a jump on your holiday shopping. We've got all kinds of gifts for that hard to shop for person on your list.

Need a new look for your home before company arrives? We've got curtains, bedcovers, nick knacks, dishes, everything you need to spruce up your place.

Come stop by and do some shopping with friendly people.

Church parking lot, Saturday October 6th, 8am-2pm

Any questions, please call: Kim 727-857-3970/ Maureen 814-227-7889

**Women's Fellowship** held their first meeting of the year in September, Carolyn Pike had a delightful slide show of her trip to Morocco.

All meetings, starting October 12, will meet in Andrus Hall at 1:00 p.m. Pamela Vasali, our president, will be here for the meeting. All women of the church are urged to bring items for *Junk In The Trunk*, before October 6. We will be manning tables every first Saturday, at least through

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December. Please price your own items. All proceeds go the church. (Think mini This, N That Sale).

**The Women's Fellowship at Trinity UCC in St. Petersburg** is hosting a one-day meeting for all churches in Central West Coast Region. The theme "This Means Love". It will be Saturday, October 20 from 8:30 to 3:30. Anyone wishing to attend please contact Elaine Carter. Plans are underway for Thanksgiving, and the Cookie Walk. All women are invited!



We have had quite a **celebration** this past Month, Pastor Victoria celebrated with her Flock her **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her Ordination!** Her family joined in the fun. We missed all you "snow birds" and travelers! We had Cake (and ate it too!). We wanted to express to her our love and thanks for all she is doing and has done for this church. We are so proud to be members of **your** Community Congregational Church. Special thanks to Faye, Robin, and Women's Fellowship for supporting this endeavor. Thank you to all that contributed.

**Thank You!!** .....I want to thank **everyone** who made my anniversary so special!! I am humbled by your love and so blessed to have been called to be your pastor. Each of you is a precious gift from God and I thank God for giving me the opportunity to walk with you and share your journey. Thank you for the wonderful reception, cake, and gifts. Thank you to those who organized this event and got my parents and family involved! **Thank you to all who have shown your support.** *I truly am blessed to be your pastor!! Thank you, Thank you!! Victoria*

**New Website:** Our new website is up and running. While it is not totally complete, it is open to the public for viewing. I would like to ask each of you to please take pictures of church events and ministries and to share them with me. I would love to have pictures of....1. Choir Rehearsal 2. Women's Fellowship 3. Junk in the Trunk 4. Pack a Sack 5. Bible Studies or discussion groups 5. Bell Choir 6. Fellowship time, etc... I am looking for current pictures of our church and our ministry. Thank you...Victoria

## Daily Lectionary Scripture References October 2018 (Year B)

Mon., Oct. 1 Psalm 140  
Esther 4:1-17 1 Peter 1:3-9

Tues., Oct. 2 Psalm 140  
Esther 5:1-14 1 John 2:18-25

Wed., Oct. 3 Psalm 140  
Esther 8:1-17 Matthew 18:6-9

Thurs., Oct. 4 Psalm 26  
Job 2:11—3:26 Galatians 3:23-29

Fri., Oct. 5 Psalm 26  
Job 4:1-21 Romans 8:1-11

Sat., Oct. 6 Psalm 26  
Job 7:1-21 Luke 16:14-18

Sun., Oct. 7 Job 1:1; 2:1-10  
Psalm 26 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12  
Mark 10:2-16

Mon., Oct. 8 Psalm 55:1-15  
Job 8:1-22 1 Corinthians 7:1-9

Tues., Oct. 9 Psalm 55:1-15  
Job 11:1-20 1 Corinthians 7:10-16

Wed., Oct. 10 Psalm 55:1-15  
Job 15:1-35 Matthew 5:27-36

Thurs., Oct. 11 Psalm 22:1-15  
Job 17:1-16 Hebrews 3:7-1

Fri., Oct. 12 Psalm 22:1-15  
Job 18:1-21 Hebrews 4:1-11

Sat., Oct. 13 Psalm 22:1-15  
Job 20:1-29 Matthew 15:1-9

Sun., Oct. 14 Job 23:1-9, 16-17  
Psalm 22:1-15  
Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

Mon., Oct. 15 Psalm 39 Job  
26:1-14 Revelation 7:9-17  
Tues., Oct. 16 Psalm 39  
Job 28:12-29:10 Revelation  
8:1-5

Wed., Oct. 17 Psalm 39 Job  
32:1-22 Luke 16:19-31

Thurs., Oct. 18 Psalm 104:1-9,  
24, 35b Job 36:1-16 Romans  
15:7-13

Fri., Oct. 19 Psalm 104:1-9, 24,  
35b Job 37:1-24 Revelation  
17:1-18

Sat., Oct. 20 Psalm 104:1-9,  
24, 35b Job 39:1-30 Luke  
22:24-30

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Sun., Oct. 21 Job 38:1-7 [34-41] Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b  
Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45

Mon., Oct. 22 Psalm 75 Job  
40:1-24 Hebrews 6:1-12

Tues., Oct. 23 Psalm 75 Job  
41:1-11 Hebrews 6:13-20

Wed., Oct. 24 Psalm 75 Job  
41:12-34 John 13:1-17

Thurs., Oct. 25 Psalm 34:1-8  
[19-22] 2 Kings 20:12-19  
Hebrews 7:1-10

Fri., Oct. 26 Psalm 34:1-8 [19-22] Nehemiah 1:1-11 Hebrews  
7:11-22

Sat., Oct. 27 Psalm 34:1-8  
[19-22] Job 42:7-9 Mark  
8:22-26

Sun., Oct. 28 Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8 [19-22]  
Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark  
10:46-52

Mon., Oct. 29 Psalm 28  
Isaiah 59:9-19 1 Peter  
2:1-10

Tues., Oct. 30 Psalm 28  
Ezekiel 18:1-32 Acts 9:32-35

Wed., Oct. 31 Psalm 28  
Ezekiel 14:12-23 Matthew  
20:29-34 R

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Please let the church office know of any changes or corrections needed. Thank you.

(\*denotes Choir Room; AH – Andrus Hall; PH – Parish House; PO – Pastor’s Office)

| October 2018  |  |  |  |   |  |   |
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| Sun   | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri  | Sat   |
|   | <b>1</b><br>11am–Love a Lunch-AH<br><br>5:30 – Tai Chi - AH                          | <b>2</b><br>10 am – Bible Study*<br>10 am – Knitters,<br>Crotchetier, Crafters - AH<br>11 am- Fundraising Mtg*<br>11 am- Love a Lunch-AH               | <b>3</b><br><b>11am–Love a Lunch-AH</b><br><br>Noon – NA<br><br>5 pm – Choir Practice*                   | <b>4</b><br>11 am–Love a Lunch-AH<br>12:30-Games Group-AH<br><br>6:30 – NA - AH                         | <b>5</b><br>11am-Love a Lunch-AH<br><br>7 pm – NA - AH   | <b>6</b><br><b>Pride Fest – Sims Park</b><br><br>10:30 – NA *<br>Noon – NA - AH |
| <b>7</b><br>10 am – Worship and<br>Coffee Hour – AH<br>11:30 – Finance Bd *<br><br>7:30 pm – NA AH      | <b>8</b><br>10 am – Outreach - PO<br>11am-Love a Lunch-AH<br><br>5:30 – Tai Chi - AH | <b>9</b><br>10 am – Bible Study*<br>10 am – Deacon’s Mtg – PO<br>11am-Love a Lunch-AH  | <b>10</b><br>11am-Love a Lunch-AH<br><br>Noon – NA<br><br>5 pm – Choir Practice*                         | <b>11</b><br>11am-Love a Lunch-AH<br>12:30-Games Group-AH<br>2:00 – Exec. Bd - PH<br><br>6:30 – NA - AH | <b>12</b><br><b>Bike Fest -Sims Pk</b><br>11am-Love a Lunch-AH<br>1:00 – Women’s Fellowship<br>– AH<br><br>7 pm - NA | <b>13</b><br><b>Bike Fest-Sims Pk</b><br><br>Noon – NA - AH                     |
| <b>14</b><br>10 am – Worship and<br>Coffee Hour –AH<br>Noon – ASC NA - AH<br>7:30 - NA - AH             | <b>15</b><br>11am-Love a Lunch-AH<br><br>5:30 pm – Tai Chi - AH                      | <b>16</b><br>10 am – Bible Study*<br>10 am – Knitters,<br>Crotchetier, Crafters-AH<br>11am-Love a Lunch-AH   | <b>17</b><br>Noon – NA - AH<br>11am-Love a Lunch-AH<br><br>5 pm – Choir Practice*<br>6 pm - I Group - AH | <b>18</b><br>11am-Love a Lunch-AH<br>12:30–Games Group-AH<br><br>6:30 pm – NA - AH                      | <b>19</b><br>11am-Love a Lunch-AH<br>1:00 Women’s Fellowship -<br>AH<br>7 pm - NA                                    | <b>20</b><br>Noon – NA - AH<br><br>7 pm – AA Mtg - AH                           |
| <b>21</b><br>10 am – Worship and Coffee<br>Hour - AH<br><br>7:30 - NA - AH                              | <b>22</b><br>11am-Love a Lunch-AH<br><br>5:30 pm – Tai Chi - AH                      | <b>23</b><br>10 am – Bible Study*<br><b>Petite Retreat: 10:00-2:00pm. (</b><br><b>PH) Pot-luck</b><br><br>11am-Love a Lunch-AH<br><br>6 pm – IAWT - AH | <b>24</b><br>11am-Love a Lunch-AH<br><br>Noon – NA - AH<br><br>5 pm – Choir Practice*                    | <b>25</b><br>11am-Love a Lunch-AH<br><br>12:30–Games Group-AH<br>6:30 – NA - AH                         | <b>26</b><br>11am-Love a Lunch-AH<br><br>7 pm – NA - AH  | <b>27</b><br><br><br><b>12 noon – NA – AH</b>                                   |
| <b>28</b><br>10 am – Worship and Coffee<br>Hour-AH<br><b>Fall Church Cook-out 11:15</b><br>7:30 - NA AH | <b>29</b><br>11am-Love a Lunch-AH<br><br><b>5:30 pm – Tai Chi - AH</b>               | <b>30</b><br><b>10 am – Bible Study*</b><br>11am-Love a Lunch-AH<br><br><b>11 am – Grief Group-PH</b>  | <b>31</b><br>11am-Love a Lunch-AH<br><br><b>Noon – NA – AH</b><br><br><b>5 pm – Choir*</b>               |   |  |   |

