

THE EAST WIND

The Quarterly Newsletter of East Congregational Church/United Church of Christ

Fall 2022

Reflections From Our Pastor

by the Rev. Shelly Davis

Greetings!:

NOURISH

It's new, it will be fabulous, and *you* are invited!

One week from today, **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21** we launch our new mid-week collaborative evening event with First Congregational Church of Milton:

A time to grow community and deepen friendships for all ages, including our new kids' program *Wacky Wednesday*, a time of fun, silliness, and the chance to make a big mess at church.

Adults will have the opportunity to engage with each other in wide ranging conversations about faith and life.

Come one, come all (and bring your friends and neighbors too!)

Dinner at 6:00PM **Program** 6:45–7:30PM
Suggested donation of \$5–10/person
with a \$20 max per family for dinner.
(More if you can; less if you can't.)

*First and Third Wednesdays at
First Congregational Church
(9/21, 10/5, 10/19, 11/2, and 11/16)*

*Second and Fourth Wednesdays at
East Congregational Church*

East Congregational Church United Church of Christ

OUR VISION

*Drawn together
in the mystery of God
and led by Christ,
we will grow in the Spirit
by engaging faith,
embracing change,
and seeking justice for all.*

OUR MISSION

*Building and serving community
in Christ's name.*

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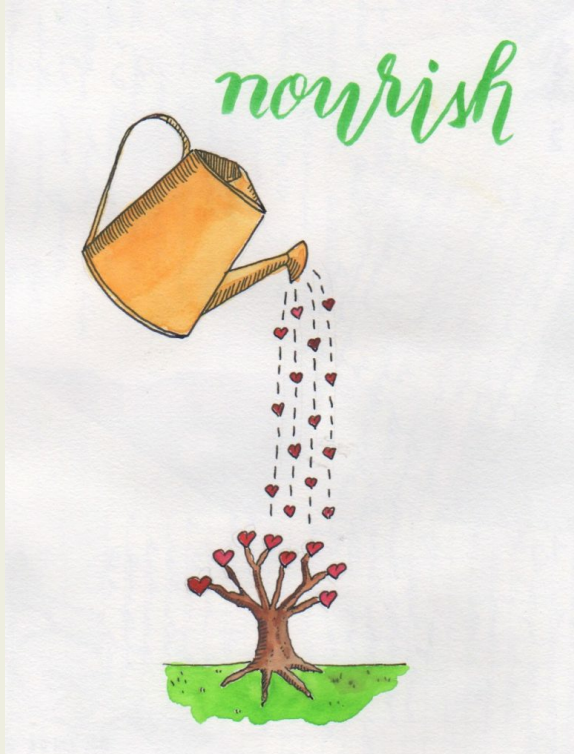
(9/28, 10/12, 10/26, 11/9)

*Collaborative Volunteer Crews
(to work together at each church)
are forming now! See Pastor Shelly, CE
Director Beth or Dwight or Janice
to jump in and lend a hand!*

Click [HERE](#) to Sign Up

Peace,

Pastor Shelly



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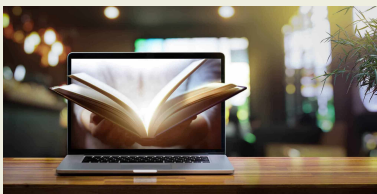
Pastor's Office Hours

Connection Info for Virtual Office

Hours Emailed Weekly



SPRING EASTWIND
SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE
FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023

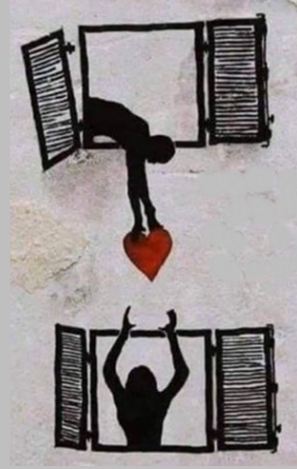


**PASTOR SHELLEY'S VIRTUAL
OFFICE HOURS
ARE TUESDAYS AT 9AM.**

Peace and Prayers

Captured in both in the sanctuary of our Virtual Chat Room and in the sanctuary of our building during Sunday worship and as the week continues to unfold.

[READ MORE](#)



the Lectionary

Click on the word Lectionary to see the upcoming scripture lessons for each week.

What's Happening at East Church



Click the image to access the church calendar.

Please email office@eastchurch.org to have the church calendar updated with your usage.

PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES

Sunday, Sept. 25:
AWE (All Ages Worship Experience) SUNDAY

Saturday, Oct. 1:
Annual BLOCK PARTY with Friends of Crane Field
and *The Full Turn Band*

Sunday, Oct. 16:
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (immediately following worship) to receive and act upon a new, provisional governance structure.

Saturday, Oct. 29
TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR BOOKS

Sunday, Nov. 6:
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (immediately following worship) to elect new congregational leaders, and receive additional FFP (Faithful Future Planning) Focus Area Updates.





COFFEE HOUR SIGNUPS

*Volunteer for a Sunday now to help
us keep coffee hour brewing*

COFFEE HOUR WILL BE POSSIBLE WHEN...

Beginning **Sunday, Sept 18**, coffee and a little bite will be available in the Narthex following worship.

On October 16, we will return to Fellowship Hall and expand the selection of tasty nibbles.

For this to work, there must be volunteers to cleanup.
A sign-up sheet is available.

PLEASE NOTE: In the event any week is *not* covered for clean-up *ahead of time*, coffee will *not* be available that week.

While coffee is in the Narthex, at least one person is necessary for cleanup. On the return to Fellowship Hall, a minimum of two people is required to cleanup.

THANKS IN ADVANCE for all who will make this possible!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Donations Welcome!

There are many upcoming opportunities to share what you have! Please consider any or all of the following:

- Donate new t-shirts for kids (white or solid light color) to use during Nourish's evening activities for kids ("Wacky Wednesday"). All sizes welcome.



**Donations
Welcome**

- Donate used men's shirts for the kids to use as smocks during Nourish's evening activities for kids ("Wacky Wednesday").
- Donate new children's books for "Trick-or-Treat for Books" on October 29.
- Donate gently used children's books for our baskets in the back of the sanctuary and for Nourish's evening activities for kids.
- Donate coloring supplies (crayons, coloring sheets, coloring books) for Nourish's evening activities for kids.
- There will be more information about food donations as part of the Crane Field Block Party on October 1.

Have Fun with the Kids in Sunday School!

We are eager to be with our children/youth in person this fall, and you are welcome to join us! Please see Beth to let her know when you are willing to join us and be part of our "Each One Teach One" program that invites all adults to consider volunteering one Sunday during the year to provide teaching support during Sunday School. (Of course you can volunteer more than once if you want!)



We need volunteers to be

- assistant teachers,
- shepherds and with with our children/youth in their special pews on AWE (All-Ages Worship Experience) Sundays,
- and lead teachers (when a teacher needs to be away).

Please talk with Beth and/or fill out the clipboard on Sunday! Thank you!

Wacky Wednesdays

Please read the information elsewhere about our new mid-week gatherings called Nourish! If you are interested in volunteering to be with the kids during their activity after the meal, please let Beth know. You can sign up to help one time (or more), you can suggest an activity, or you can sponsor an activity or art project. Come get messy with us!



Summer 2022 FFP Updates: Focus Group Updates

FOCUS AREA ONE: GOVERNANCE

To review, restructure and simplify our governance to better Build and Serve Community in Christ's name. Review and implement changes to our governance and committees to address several concerns that were



identified in the FFP surveys.

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Reading Changes Lives Literacy Mission at "The Roosevelt" K-8 School



After being away from the Roosevelt School in Hyde Park since March of 2020, we are preparing to return this fall. It is an exciting time! The students who were in the second grade will be meeting with us as fifth graders! The students who were in third, fourth and fifth grades have all moved on. All the rest of the students we will meet will be new to us.

A small group of dedicated volunteers have been working hard for more than a month to bring order to the library, reshelving books in the correct places, repairing aging books and restoring order to this multipurpose room. We have met with the Principal and the Assistant Principal, and we are on their schedule, every other Wednesday, beginning on October 5. The schedule will be as previously, beginning with the first class at 8:30 and ending at 1:00. We will once again be in place helping students select a book to read, collecting and shelving returned books, and reading stories to each class.

This is a wonderful opportunity for people of all ages to bring the exciting experience of reading to young people. Any time you can join us is appreciated. Some volunteers like to come early for a few hours; some come later and stay until 1:00. Others stay for the entire morning. It's completely flexible.

If you feel you have a few hours a month to join us, please email me. You will be asked to complete a CORI form which is required for any employee or volunteer working with children.

Thanks,
Janice

East Church Small Group Ministries



HEALING PRAYER SERVICE NOW VIRTUAL

Our Healing Prayer Ministry continues to grow and support us all in these days and is choosing to continue its ministry through its beautiful, powerful, ongoing email group sharing and praying.

If you are not already part of this group and would like to join in this Healing Prayer Ministry, or if you have a prayer request to share with this group, please contact Linda P by [email](#) or phone.

Linda recently closed one of our recent Healing Prayer emails with this prayer: "Let us be mindful of the prayer requests we have received as we go about our days. Great places to pray are doctor's waiting rooms, long wait lines at the grocery store, and red lights. Bring to mind a person's name or a difficult circumstance you know someone is dealing with and give it to God's ever attentive presence with you. As we all know, prayer does not require words, only the full attention of our hearts. May God continue to bless this ministry and all for whom we pray. Amen."

PINE STREET INN MINISTRY

Pine Street Inn is now accepting volunteers again! Pine Street Inn ministry normally meets on the 2nd Friday of every month when a group of us serves dinner for the homeless at the Pine Street Inn. We leave the side church parking lot at 4:15PM to serve food from 5PM-6PM, and arrive back in Milton about 6:45PM. It is a very rewarding experience and great fellowship. We need no fewer than 7 people. Please contact Jan Fiske at (828) 238-2124 or fiskejof@aol.com.



Spring/Summer Photo Album



A short play was presented on Children's Sunday



Jesse Auger Book Award presented



Church School teachers were

to Helen D on Children's Sunday



Bill, Mike and Dwight fill in for summer worship music while Jenna keeps the service on track.

thanked and given plants on Children's Sunday



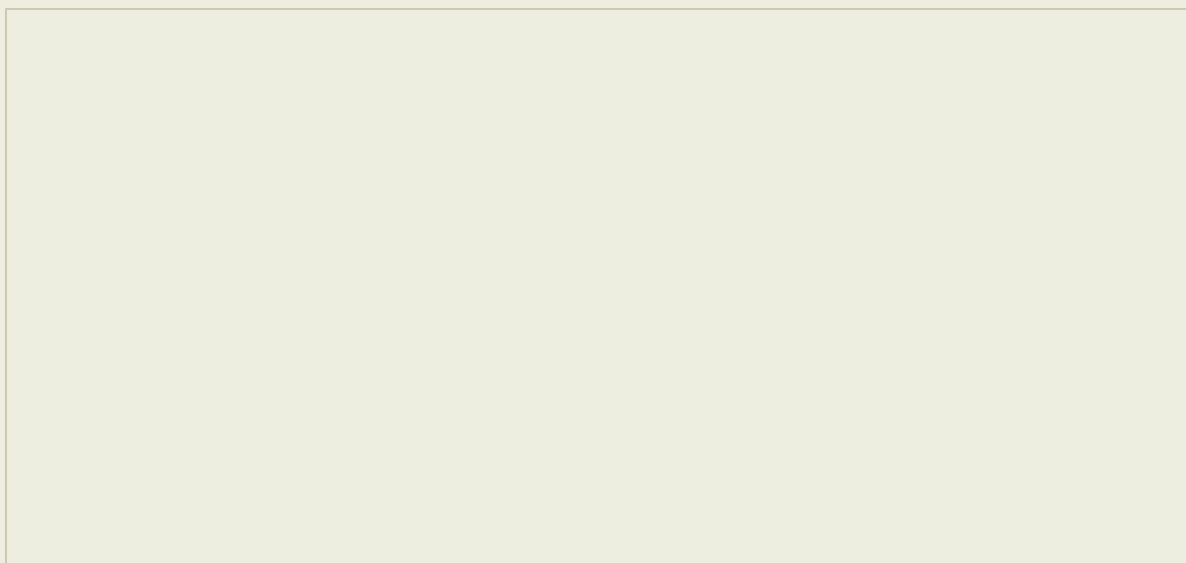
East Church volunteers are getting the Roosevelt School library organized and ready for a new school year. Thank you, Janice, for sharing these great images!

FALL/WINTER 2022 Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all members and friends born in the months of September, October, November and December
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What's Happening in the Wider Community





Ken Burns Explores America's Inaction During the Holocaust

Culture's Fall Preview 2022 "The U.S. and the Holocaust," coming to PBS Sept. 18, examines the reasons behind the country's inadequate response to Germany's persecution of Jews. Send any friend a story As a subscriber, you have 10 gift articles...

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www.nytimes.com



Courageous Conversations

TOWARDS RACIAL JUSTICE

September and October Events CCTRJ

Sociologists and psychologists claim guilt can be a motivator while shame leads to withdrawal and negation. Applying this, the conclusion can be made that my guilt is stronger than my shame.

Read more
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THE RAINBOW YOUTH ALLIANCE OF MILTON

*A welcoming and secure place for LGBTQ Teens and
their Teen Allies in Milton and Surrounding Communities*



Dinner, discussions, movies and games in a non-partisan, secular and safe environment. Middle and high school youth (or those of a compatible age who may not be enrolled in school) are welcome, regardless of their gender orientation, sexuality, race, ethnicity, disability or religious affiliation.

Fall Meetings

Sundays, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 11, Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 23,

Nov. 6, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 11

Youth meet at FCC of Milton Youth Room, 495 Canton Ave

Parent support group meets at First Parish UU, 535 Canton Ave

MILTON CHANGE MAKERS & MOVEMENT VOTER PROJECT

BACKYARD BLUES

FOR DEMOCRACY

Saturday, September 24

6:30-9:30PM

5 Verndale Road, Milton

[Registration & Event Info Here](#)



FEATURING THE WILLIE J. LAWS BAND

DONATION: \$30-\$100 (PER PERSON)

<https://movement.vote/>

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