

the first church in chestnut hill

[UNITARIAN]

26 SUFFOLK ROAD OFF HAMMOND STREET



October 2022

Rev. Mark J. T. Caggiano, *Minister*

VERITAS, CARITAS, ET RISUS

If I had to choose a favorite month, it would likely be October. I love the change in the seasons. I love the events of autumn. And, back in the day, I liked going back to school. That last statement may strike some of you as odd. Who liked going to school? I did.

Our associations with various times of the year depend upon the circumstances and experiences of our lives. I grew up in an ocean-front town, but I was no fan of sitting on the beach. We also sailed as a childhood activity and I was less than eager to end up floating in Boston Harbor waiting for someone to help right our capsized boat. I know there are some who live for the sun and who still sail over the summer. We differ in our preferences.

Historically in Europe and New England, the summer was for most people a time for hard work, for toiling in the fields. Any leisure time would come after the harvest, after the snows began to fall. Not that everyone could rest. Food needed to be prepared, clothes mended, children cared for – and yes, that was traditionally the work of women. I recently read that one definition for tradition is peer pressure from the grave. We do not need to listen to every voice that calls to us from the past.

Our experiences and our upbringing help guide our preferences, like my preference for autumn “sweater weather” and the turning of the leaves. Like my preference for Halloween decorations (though not in August). And like my preference for gathering for Thanksgiving, a time when we offer gratitude for the blessings of the year.

Of course, others may take joy from the warm growth of spring or the hot sun of summer. However, I and others will take a deep breath of crisp autumn air and look fondly upon the bright colors in the trees. And wondering along with the rest of you why everything tastes like pumpkin spice. I did not say I loved everything about the fall.

God bless,

Mark

OCTOBER SERVICES

<i>October 2:</i>	May 14, 1948
<i>October 9:</i>	August 10, 610
<i>October 16:</i>	December 8, 400 BCE
<i>October 23:</i>	July 4, 1776
<i>October 30:</i>	November 1, 1755 (All Souls)

OUR SCRIPTURES FOR THIS SEASON

<i>October 2:</i>	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 37
<i>October 9:</i>	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66
<i>October 16:</i>	Proverbs 9:1-12, Psalm 100
<i>October 23:</i>	Joel 2:23-32, Psalm 65
<i>October 30:</i>	Luke 6:20-31, Psalm 149

SCRIPTURE READERS

<i>October 2:</i>	Joe Hicks
<i>October 9:</i>	Susan Welch
<i>October 16:</i>	Bert Dane
<i>October 23:</i>	Carol Lohe
<i>October 30:</i>	Mark Chadbourne

USHERS

<i>October 2:</i>	G. West Saltonstall
<i>October 9:</i>	Lisle Baker
<i>October 16:</i>	Bert Dane
<i>October 23:</i>	John Welch
<i>October 30:</i>	David Gabel

COFFEE HOUR

<i>October 2:</i>	Sarah and Andrew Welch
<i>October 9:</i>	Linda and Joe Hicks
<i>October 16:</i>	Deborah and David Brooks
<i>October 23:</i>	Annual Meeting/Luncheon
<i>October 30:</i>	Molly and Sandy Batchelder

OCTOBER FLOWERS

- October 2:* The flowers are given in loving memory of Nan and Walt St. Goar by their family.
- October 9:* The flowers are given in loving memory of William and Irene McCandless by the Welch family.
- October 16:* The flowers are given in loving memory of Franklin Lien and Shwen Dji Yu Ho by their family.
- October 23:* The flowers are given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Endicott P. Saltonstall and Elizabeth Saltonstall by their family.
- October 30:* The flowers are given in loving memory of Lewis Stackpole Dabney by his family.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Our current procedure asks that you be in touch with Dana Flynn to coordinate the delivery of flowers, either from your chosen florist or your own garden. Please contact him (617-680-0702) once your plans have been made, as early in the week as possible. He will meet the florist (or you) at the church on the Saturday prior to your date.

If these options are not practical for you, we have tasteful silk arrangements which can easily be placed on the altar. Again, just let Dana know if this is your preference.

There are currently three “open” dates for anyone who would like to donate flowers: November 13, 2022, January 29, 2023, and April 30, 2023. Please contact Lisa Piel (26suffolk@gmail.com) if you are interested.

ALL SOULS DAY OBSERVANCE

We will observe All Souls on **Sunday, October 30**. During the service, there will be a reflection and reading of names of persons known to us who have died. Please email Rev. Mark any names you would like included in memoriam during the service by **Sunday, October 23**. His email is *mjtcaggiano@gmail.com*.

2022 ANNUAL MEETING and LUNCHEON REMINDER

The Annual Meeting will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 23 at the church, followed by a luncheon. Be sure to RSVP to Lisa Piel (*26suffolk@gmail.com*) by October 14.

Warrant of the Annual Meeting of the First Church in Chestnut Hill

The business of the meeting will be:

- To elect a moderator for the coming year.
- To review and act upon reports of the treasurer, the minister, and several committees of the church.
- To elect a treasurer and a clerk for the coming year.
- To elect two members of the Standing Committee for three years.
- To discuss and approve the budget for the coming year.*
- To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
- There will be a short meeting of the new Standing Committee at the end of the Annual Meeting.

**Those wishing to view the budget may do so by contacting Lisa Piel (26suffolk@gmail.com). The bylaws may be viewed by visiting the Church History page on our website: (www.firstchurchchestnuthill.org)*

AFTER-CHURCH DISCUSSION

On **Sunday, October 16**, we will be having an after-church discussion about our planning for the Welcoming Congregation process. As you may recall, we voted at the 2019 Annual meeting to begin the process of developing a program for welcoming LGBTQ folks to the church, a process that was interrupted by the pandemic.

We should be “welcoming” to everyone, of course, but there are specific matters to explore relating to this diverse group of people. Many of them have often felt excluded from houses of worship, particularly those that are traditional in their ways and setting. The hope is to start to drop any barriers to their inclusion, implicit or otherwise. And we plan to offer resources and information for people already in the church to navigate these issues and to help make us all more aware, and more welcoming, here in the congregation and in our lives.

FCCH IN THE COMMUNITY

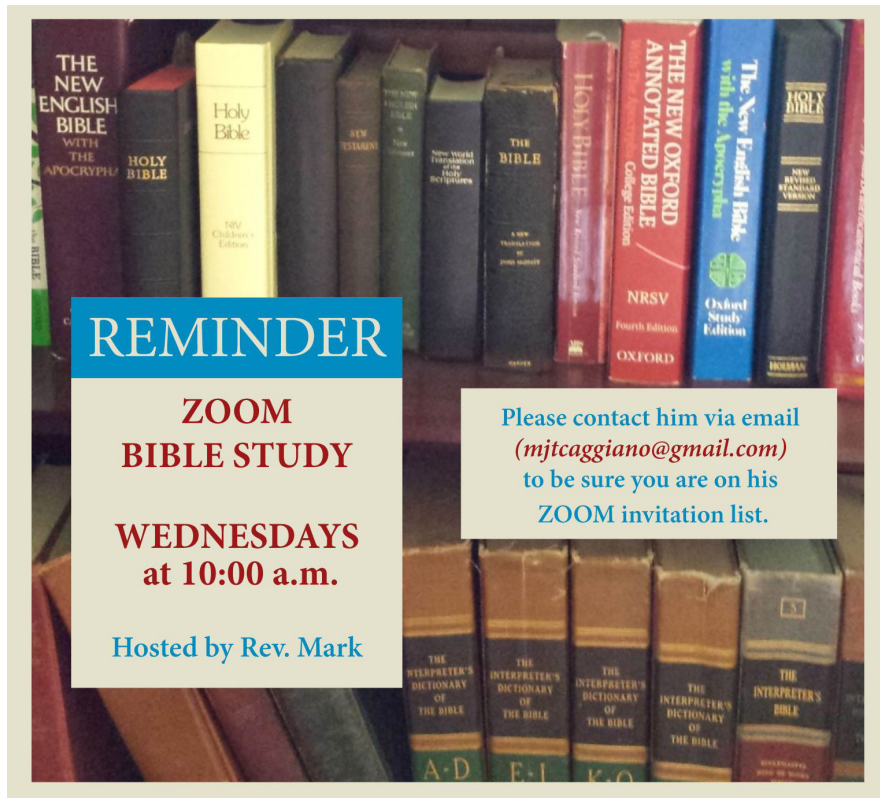
In the past, we've held church picnics in the parking lot behind the church, but our Homecoming Cookout on September 18 featured a new venue: the front lawn! It was a beautiful day in terms of weather, food, and fellowship. Thanks to all who participated, bringing salads and desserts, and to our grill masters, Lisle Baker and Andrew Welch.



In other community news, several members of the congregation attended a recent “*Evening of Arias*” outside the beautiful, historic Meetinghouse at the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry. Our church has been an Outreach partner with UU Urban Ministry for a long time, providing volunteers in their youth program and special events. Most recently we have supported the campaign to renovate the Meetinghouse so that it can serve as a community center for Roxbury and surrounding neighborhoods. The exterior and landscaping are now almost finished, and work on the interior is about to begin. Lighting and other electrical work, reupholstering the pews, and repainting the walls are all needed. The fundraising campaign (supported by grants, individuals, and member congregations) has now reached nearly 80% of its goal. Once the work on the interior is completed, the Meetinghouse will be restored to its original role as a landmark for gathering people together. To learn more, click here:



<https://www.uuum.org/meetinghouse-restoration>



BOOK GROUP

We'll be meeting at **2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 6** at Pauline's (15 Goddard Avenue, Brookline), to discuss Eric Larsen's *The Devil in the White City*. All are welcome. Please contact Molly Batchelder (m.batchelder@comcast.net; 617-232-6213) with any questions.

DONATIONS

Collection will return to its traditional format during the service. If you wish, you may also make your donation via Zelle or mail a check to the church, Attention: Treasurer, 26 Suffolk Road, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467. Many thanks for your anticipated generosity.

SERMONS ON YOUTUBE

Our YouTube channel is active once again, featuring recordings of Rev. Mark's weekly sermons. Click on this link to tune in:

First Church in Chestnut Hill on  YouTube

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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to
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grow spiritually
foster community
serve others

OCTOBER MUSIC

October 2, 2022

Prelude:	<i>Prelude in D minor</i>	Bach
Anthem:	<i>Alleluia</i>	Thompson
Prayer Response:	<i>Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide</i>	Bach
Offertory Anthem:	<i>Avinu Malkeinu</i>	Janowski
Choral Amen:	<i>Twofold Amen</i>	Traditional
Postlude:	<i>Fugue</i>	Seeger

October 9, 2022

Prelude:	<i>Voluntary</i>	Stanley
Anthem:	<i>Et in terra pax hominibus</i>	Vivaldi
Prayer Response:	<i>In God, My Faithful God</i>	Bach
Offertory Anthem:	<i>O Domine Jesu Christe</i>	Anonymous
Choral Amen:	<i>Threefold Amen</i>	Traditional
Postlude:	<i>Nun freuteuch lieben Christen</i>	Bach

October 16, 2022

Prelude:	<i>Da pacem, Domine</i>	Sweelink
Anthem:	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	Rutter
Prayer Response:	<i>All Men Living are but Mortal</i>	Bach
Offertory Anthem:	<i>God is Living, God is Here</i>	Bach
Choral Amen:	<i>Fourfold Amen</i>	Barrow
Postlude:	<i>Toccata</i>	Sweelink

October 23, 2022

Prelude:	<i>Fantasia</i>	de Sancta Maria
Anthem:	<i>O Let My Mouth be Filled with Thy Praise</i>	Zingarelli
Prayer Response:	<i>Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Prince of Peace</i>	Bach
Offertory Anthem:	<i>Let My Prayer</i>	Blow
Choral Amen:	<i>Twofold Amen</i>	Persichetti
Postlude:	<i>Nun lasst uns Gott dem Heren</i>	Pachelbel

October 30, 2022

Prelude:	<i>Pater noster</i>	Foote
Anthem:	<i>Brother James' Air</i>	Jacob
Prayer Response:	<i>From the Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee</i>	Bach
Offertory Anthem:	<i>Ave Verum</i>	Mozart
Choral Amen:	<i>Sevenfold Amen</i>	Stainer
Postlude:	<i>Voluntary</i>	Greene

PROGRAM NOTES

John Blow was an English composer and organist of the Baroque period. Appointed organist of Westminster Abbey in late 1668, his pupils included Jeremiah Clarke and Henry Purcell. In 1685 he was named a private musician to King James II.



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**FOR THOSE IN NEED
THIS MONTH**

Please contact the
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