



October 2026

THE STEEPLE

"We aim to be a loving, caring family of God, with Christ as our head, reaching out amongst ourselves and to the larger community to address spiritual beliefs, social needs and moral issues, guided by the teachings of Jesus."

Congregational Christian Church of Somerset, UCC



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Pastor Notes -----

Dear Church Family & Friends,

Over the years I have written many articles covering many different topics. I had hoped to be sharing with you about the Southern New England United Church of Christ (SNEUCC) Annual Meeting. Unfortunately, due to the weather I was unable to attend. That would be okay as I could attend via Zoom. But God had different plans as I was unable to link on Friday due to some connection problems. Saturday, there was fluctuating power that kept me from joining. As such, I cannot you about the meeting.

Now, as we are entering the fall season of our 14th year serving the Lord together, I am at a bit of a loss. My heart wants to support you all in the changes taking and yet, soon this will no longer be part of my call. For many, this separating is difficult as there are a lot of unknowns ahead. But truth be told, we always have unknown ahead. So, I wish to encourage you to continue moving forward into the call of Christ upon your hearts.

Over the years I have often quoted from scripture and here I will do that again. Ecclesiastes 3: 1- 4 states, "There is a time to weep and a time to laugh...and a time to be apart." From Acts 20: 37-38, Even the early apostles wept freely and hugged one another when saying emotional, physical goodbyes knowing they might not see each other's faces again on earth.

At the same time, we know our spiritual bonds never break! In Romans 8: 38-39 we are reminded by Paul, 'neither death nor life...nor any other created thing' can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus. "Love never ends." 1 Corinthians 13: 8.

So, as we move forward to the coming year, we have much to do. We need to prepare ourselves and the church to continue moving forward in times of change. Let's be honest, when have we not been going through times of change? May the Lord our God bless us as we prepare for future endeavors in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Peace. *Reverend Cheryl Rieder*



Christmas Bazaar Donations Welcome

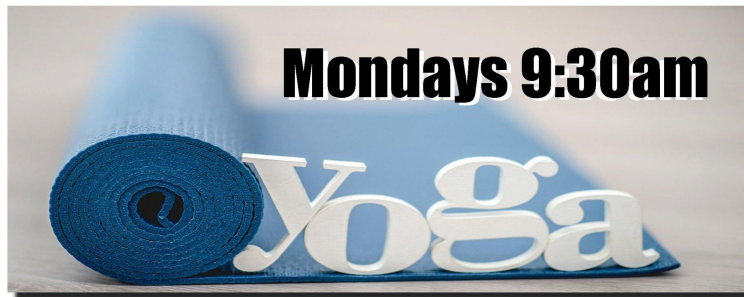
We are currently collecting items that are in good and working condition such as: electronics, household items, holiday items, new or gently used clothing/jackets & quilts/blankets (no bedding please).

We will have a box for **Food Donations** for Church of our Savior and a **Toy Donations** for Toys for Tots. Donations of **Pet Food or Items** (toys, beds, blankets) will be donated to the outreach for Veterans Table that joins us as well as the Swansea Animal Shelter.

Anything that can be used in the Raffle Baskets, including gift cards, is also being collected at this time.

Date: November 14, 2026, 9am-2pm. 2026 Bazaar Coordinator is Tricia Buker.

The email address for contact is CongregationalChurchBazaar2026@gmail.com **Thank You!**



Gentle Chair Yoga with Pat Fox

at the

Congregational Christian Church of Somerset

**1411 County St
Somerset, MA**

**\$5.00
per person**



*THIS GROUP IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Drop by or register at uccsomersetchurch@gmail.com (508) 672-6623*

Sending Birthday Blessings to

Nancy Possinger

Jim Allard

Toni-Jean Gadry



Peer Grief Support Group meets Wednesdays 11am-12pm

Stop in. Support each other as we process the loss of a loved one. Confidential & open to the public.

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Bible Study

- Bible study continues focused on the Lectionary selections for the upcoming Sunday's Scriptural readings. There are 10 participants who engage in lively discussions after reading the targeted selections contained in the bible. Different bibles are used and compared: ESV, RSV, KJV, NIV, CEV, MSG & NRSV.
 - Copies of different bibles are available in the classroom. Handouts of different theologian's offerings are also provided. We have been contacted by Community Connection Inc. as to have members of their day program attend for bible study. We reached out to them to assure them that they will be most welcomed and we look forward to meeting them. Information was forwarded to the coordinator.
- Blessings, Janina and Don

Library

- Four copies of bibles have been purchased, including some large print ones and are in use in classroom 1.
 - A copy of "Life Application Study Bible" NLT has also been purchased to enhance the bible study classes.
- Janina and Nancy

Sign up for CPR Training.

Offered to our Somerset Area
Local Community

Provided by
Social Action & Outreach
Committee



CPR TRAINING

Get trained. Save a life. You'll be glad you did.

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 6pm

at the

Congregational Christian Church of Somerset

1411 County St (Rt. 138), Somerset, MA

Chris Crowther, RN, BSN - CPR and First Aid Courses

CPR CERTIFICATION CLASS First Certification, Certification
Renewal/Refresher, Review use of our church's AED (defibrillator). Cost is \$45.
Class is open to the community. Contact church office to register.



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Ways & Means

We hope you all enjoyed the Turkey Supper in September.

This month we will be having a Baked Ham Supper on Saturday Oct. 17th .

The meal will consist of Baked Ham, delmonico potatoes, vegetables, beverages and dessert.

Requested donation is \$20. This will be an eat in or take out meal.

Reservations are strongly suggested and may be made by calling or emailing the church.

Sign up sheets for attending, helping with the preparation, serving and clean up for the supper will be available in Oct. in the church hall. – *Karen Rousseau*

Bible Stories & Craft for Children

Sundays 10-11am

**BIBLE STORIES IS
OPEN TO ALL IN OUR COMMUNITY.**

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH TO HAVE YOUR CHILD ATTEND.

Children should arrive at church 9:45am.

Meet in the back of church sanctuary. They will light the candles
and ring the bell in preparation for Worship Service at 10am.



Please use the church entrance. Do not bring children directly
classroom. A teacher will escort the children from church to class.
Children will be dismissed to Fellowship Hall after class for pick up.
For all children ages 14 or under.

**Register (508) 672-6623, uccsomensetchurch@gmail.com
or arrive 15 minutes early to complete registration paperwork.**

Deacons

- Meetings have been moved from the 3rd Sunday of the month to the 4th Sunday after discussion.
- The Retreat at Cedar Hill Retreat Center was enjoyed by all who participated. Participants were from 4 different churches and time was provided for conversation, meditation and choice activities. Supper was provided by Nancy and Poss and was delicious.
- Art Fellowship continues on the first Saturday of the month. Personal choices are the norm and include making bookmarks for the sanctuary, puzzles, crossword puzzles, painting, bead work, coloring and of course conversation.
- Old Colony Association meeting is scheduled for September 25th -27th in Worcester, MA.
- Prayer Group continues to meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month and all are invited to attend. Confidentiality is maintained.
- Loren Bryan continues to film the Sunday Service while Don recuperates.
– Blessings, Janina, Don, Lacey and Pam

Coffee & Conversation at the Risé

We continue to meet every Monday at 10am except for holidays. We continue to have between 8 to 12 people attend. We have been contacted by Community Connection Inc. as to have members of their day program attend for socializing. We reached out to them to assure them that they will be most welcomed and we look forward to meeting them. – Janina

Finance Committee

- Third quarter giving statements should be in the mail shortly.
- The church's stewardship drive is coming up. A time to think about your financial commitment for 2027, which includes donating your time and talents in support of church's various committees. – Carol Caetans

Social Action & Outreach Committee

- This year our church will be collecting our Neighbors in Need Offering on Sunday October 11th & 18th. The Neighbors in Need Offering supports ministries of justice and compassion, with one third of the offering given to the Council for American Indian Ministries and the remaining two-thirds supporting UCC justice ministries. In 2025 this offering supported 26 grant recipients across the UCC who were engaged in projects of direct service and advocacy.
- Christopher Crowther, RN from Certified Rescue Courses will be conducting a CPR class this year on Tuesday Oct. 20 at 6pm in the downstairs classroom. This will cover adult, child and infant CPR and use of an AED. Cost is \$45 and can be paid by cash or charge card. Speak with Karen if you have any questions. You may sign up on Sundays after the church service or call the church office.
- An Introduction to Calligraphy Class will be held on Saturday Oct. 10th at 10am.



Can't make it to service this week? *We will miss you!*

But.... you can watch and worship with us via Facebook from your home.
Here's the Link facebook.com/CongregationalChristianChurchSomerset

Join Us !

CHURCH FUNDRAISER
COMMUNITY EVENT

HAM SUPPER



Saturday, October 17, 2026 at 6pm
at the
Congregational Christian Church of Somerset
1411 County St (Rt. 138), Somerset MA 02726

Menu: Ham, Delmonico Potatoes, Vegetables,, Beverage and Dessert

EAT IN or TAKE OUT

Donation \$20.
per person

- RESERVATIONS SUGGESTED -

RESERVE DINNER & PAY AT THE DOOR

Call or email your order in advance.

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Leave your name _____

Phone number _____

Number of dinners _____

Eat in or Take out _____



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"The trick is to grow up without getting old."

Poss & The Kids

It's Halloween time again, and we are doing a Halloween Party on Sunday 10/25. There is a Halloween candy donation box in the sanctuary & top of stairs at the kitchen entrance. We appreciate candy & trinket/toy donations for our party. – *Thank you! Bill Hoy*

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Followed by a:

Poss and the Kids Play: *The House of Thrills and Chills* by Michael Druce



**Congregational Christian Church
Somerset, MA**

Sunday, October 25, 5-7 PM

**All ages welcome! Friends invited!
Freewill Donations would be appreciated.**

Party 5-6pm, Play 6-7pm

Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Denver, Colorado

an introduction to

Calligraphy

Saturday, October 10 2026 at 10am

*Call (508) 672-6623 or email ucsomersetchurch@gmail.com
to register for class*



Are You a Caregiver of a Loved One?

Do you sometimes feel overwhelmed? Don't walk the caregiver path alone. | Join us for our Caregiver Support Group. We provide a safe place to process emotions, have coffee with friends, share ideas in a welcoming environment.

1st and 3rd Thursday of the month 6pm

2nd and 4th Monday of the month 1-pm

at the Somerset Council on Aging (COA) 115 Wood St, Somerset (508) 646-2833

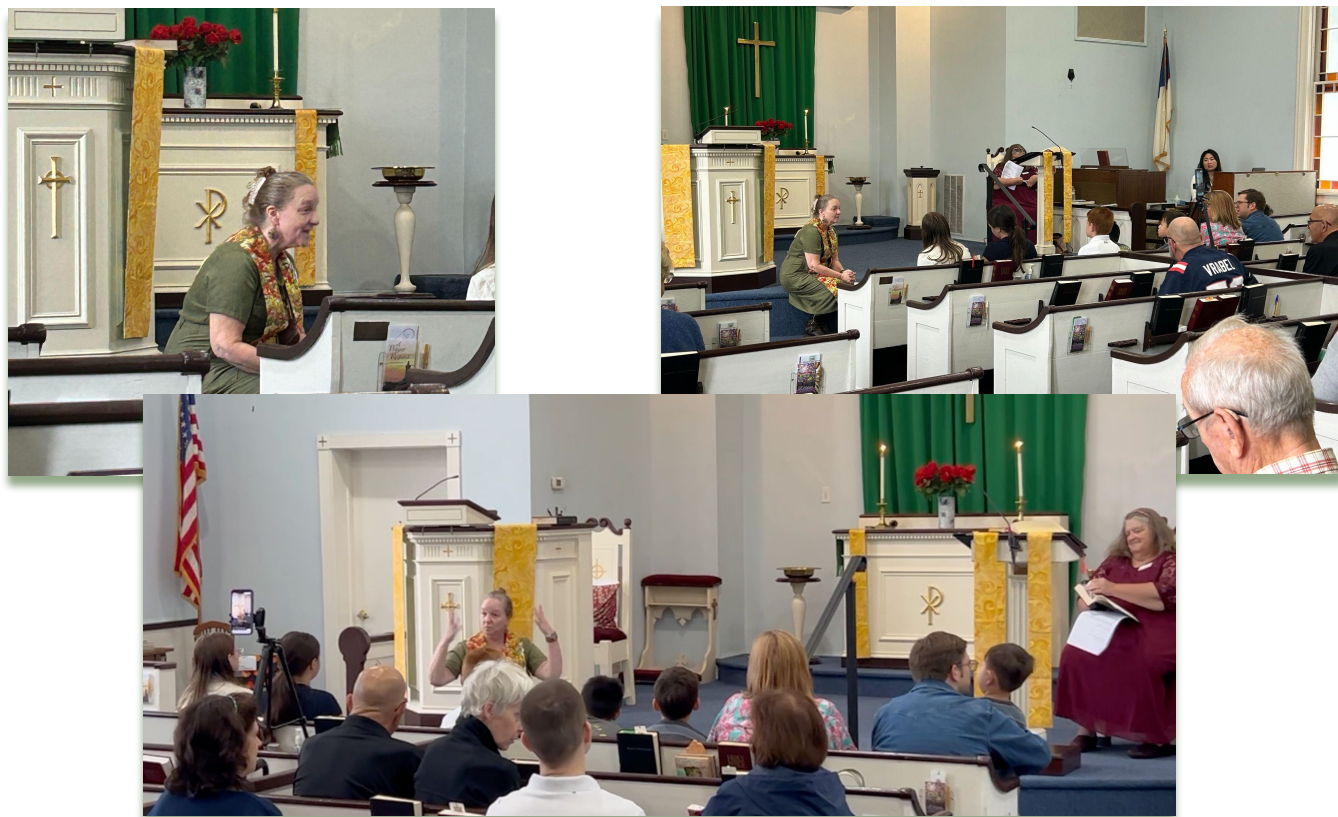
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**CHRISTMAS
BAZAAR**

November 14, 2026 • 9am-2pm

Event Coordinator Tricia B. - CongregationalChurchBazaar2026@gmail.com - (508) 672-6623

Pastor Cheryl chats with the Religious Ed Children on Rally Sunday.



Somerset Council on Aging Computer Assistance Opportunities

OCTOBER DIGITAL NAVIGATOR EVENTS

WORKSHOPS	OFFICE HOURS
10/2 Virtual Meetings	MONDAY: 4pm-7pm Somerset Public Library
10/9 2-Step Verification	TUESDAY: 10am-2pm Somerset Council on Aging
10/16 Email Apps	WEDNESDAY: 12pm-3pm Somerset Public Library
10/23 Sharing Content Across Devices	THURSDAY: 12pm-3pm Somerset Public Library
10/30 MyChart iPhone: 9:30am Android: 11:00am	

Please sign up at the Council on Aging and bring your own device.

Please call 508-646-2829x196 for 1:1s and bring your own device.

MASSACHUSETTS COLLABORATIVE This program is funded by MassTech.

"The Longer you hold on to things, the heavier they get."

Bible Word Search: Seven Bowls of Wrath



Arrayed	Golden	Scarlet
Babylon	Harlot	Six Hundred
Bedecked	Healed	Sixty six,
Bidding	Image	Slain
Blood	Kingdom	War
Conquer	Lamb	Wisdom
Creatures	Linen	Worship
Cursed	Marveled	Wounded
Demonic	Mind	Written
Dragon	Mystery	
Fear	Nations	
Fight	Perdition	
Forehead	Prepare	
Forty two	Prophet	
Fountains	Remain	
Glory	Rivers	

Did you pick up a Little Jesus?

Take One!

...provided by our
"Bible Story & Craft" Children.

2025-26 Session begins Sept 14th.
Sundays at 10am.
All children in the community are welcome.



with Tracy Chasse
BEGINNER-INSTRUCTIONAL
**COUNTRY
LINE
DANCING**

\$7
CASH, CHECK,
OR VENMO

WEDNESDAYS 6-7:30 PM
CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1411 COUNTY ST, SOMERSET
FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT TRACY AT
508 - 415 - 3638

QR code with text: @Tracy-Chasse-1

ZUMBA®
with Tracy + Kelly

Congregational Christian Church
1411 County St, Somerset
Tuesday and Thursday
6:00-7:00pm
\$30/month
To register - contact Tracy at
508-415-3638

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US!

**FIRST SATURDAY
EACH MONTH 10am-1pm**

MAY 2, JUNE 6, NO JULY, AUGUST 1, SEPTEMBER 5,
OCTOBER 3, NOVEMBER 7, DECEMBER 5, 2026

SATURDAY FUN FAITH FELLOWSHIP

ART, PUZZLES, GAMES



*The Deacons
Invite You to*

Coffee & Conversation

Mondays 10am

Stop by the Rise Café for a
relaxed time of conversation.

900 County St, Somerset

*You may enjoy a few laughs. We chat
about everything!*

Fall

Bible Study

Wednesdays 1pm

– ADULT SERIES –

Series Discussion: Sunday's Scriptural Reading

BRING YOUR OWN BIBLE FOR THIS SERIES.

All Are Welcome to attend.

October 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10:00am Worship Communion Children - Meet in Church 9:50am 11:30am Search Comm Meeting 5:30-7:00pm Poss & the Kids Practice	4 NO Yoga 10am Rise Café Meet 3-8pm SECRETARY in OFFICE 5pm Wt Train Winn w/Kerry	5 Please Note: No Office Hours Oct. 6-10 SECRETARY ON VACATION 6-7pm Zumba	6 11am Grief Support Grp 1pm Bible Study 6pm Line Dancing	7 Please Note: No Office Hours Oct. 6-10 SECRETARY ON VACATION 6-7pm Zumba 7pm Search Comm Meeting	8 SECRETARY in OFFICE 3-8pm 6-7pm Zumba	9 10am-1pm Fun, Faith Fellowship
10:00am Worship Birthday Bank Bible Stories for Children -Meet in Church at 9:50am 11:15am Standing Meeting 5:30pm Poss & the Kids Practice	11 NO Yoga No Rise Café Meet <i>HOLIDAY - INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY</i>	12 10:30am-2:30pm SECRETARY in OFFICE 7-8:30pm Info Meeting via ZOOM with R. Shaver 6-7pm Zumba	13 11am Grief Support Grp 1pm Bible Study 6pm Line Dancing	14 SECRETARY in OFFICE 3-8pm 4pm Search Comm Meeting 6-7pm Zumba	15 10am Prayer Group 1pm Deacons Meeting 6pm HAM SUPPER	16
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SECRETARY in OFFICE
SUNDAYS 8am-10am

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