



September 2026

THE STEEPLE

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Pastor Notes -----

Hello My Dear Church Family and Friends,

As some of you may know my son was laid off back in June. In an effort to try and help him, I started searching on employment sites. About a week into July, I received contact from a hospice organization. My old resume had found its way to them through one of the sites I had been perusing.

They were very interested in talking with me as they were currently searching to fill two hospice chaplain positions. Two interviews and several phone calls later, they offered my choice of position. I accepted the full-time hospice chaplain, to start training on Monday, August 31, 2026.

When I began with the Congregational Christian Church of Somerset, UCC, back on June 1, 2013, we covenanted on a 90-day notice. In trying to keep and honor this covenant, I would like to offer my end date to the Congregational Christian Church of Somerset, UCC, to be Sunday, January 3, 2027. Included on that day's worship will be Communion and Service of Release.

During the time we have together, my availability will change. I will remain available on weekends in person and via phone, text, and email the rest of the week. October 24- 31, I will be taking one week of my two weeks of vacation. The final week will be forfeited. As my hours will be reducing, I expect to cut my hours from 32 to 24 hours a week, beginning in October.

Please know this is something I believe has been God sent. The area minister Rev. Dr. Ruth Shaver is aware and will be available for the church to move forward into your next call and next church pastor. May God bless us during this time of transition.

Peace and Love, *The Reverend Cheryl Rieder*



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ON BEHALF OF

Marilyn and Richard Meyers



Gentle Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall with Pat Fox.

Stop in on Mondays at 9:30am.

Cost is \$5.

Contact Karen R. for info.

Sending Birthday Blessings to

Pamela Glass
Betty Marsden
Susan Reynolds



Social Action & Outreach

SPONSORED CHILDREN

We have received the names and information on the 2 children we are sponsoring this year. They are 2 girls, both 6 years old living at the Family Village Farm in India. Please see the information from Global Ministries Child Sponsorship Program posted on the Social Action and Outreach Board in the church hall.

TOOLS COLLECTION

The Fathers Day collection to provide tools for people to be able to provide food for their families allowed us to provide 6 starter gardens and chicks for 2 families this year.

Neighbors in Need Special Collection

Our Neighbors in Need Collection will be held on Oct. 4. This supports the United Church of Christ's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One third of the funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). The other two thirds support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, direct service projects, and grants that are awarded to UCC Churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities.

CPR Certification

Please let Karen know if you are interested in taking a CPR course this fall. We will need at least 7 people to hold a class, either daytime or evening.

1st Annual **CHURCH RETREAT** **September 11 & 12, 2026** **Cedar Hill Retreat Center in Duxbury, MA**



The focus for this retreat will be

'What is Prayer?'

Any Questions, please speak directly with Pastor Cheryl.

Religious Education Children

Looking forward to the children returning to a wonderful Christ Filled School Year of Sunday School Bible Stories and Crafts. We have so much to look forward to this fall beginning with our Brunch and Bingo Rally Sunday on September 20. This is a great opportunity for our church family to come together and reconnect after summer. Enjoy some great food and kick off the new season with plenty of laughter and fellowship.

We are also excited to introduce a new Sunday school curriculum this year with even more opportunity to explore the Bible, ask questions, make connections to their own lives and most importantly continue growing in their faith. – Toni-Jean

Religious Ed Wish List

Toni-Jean has established a Wish List for the Sunday School children on Amazon.

[LINK to Amazon Wish List](#) (We'd be happy to send this link electronically to any reading this via printed version)



Save the Date

Poss & the Kids
HALLOWEEN
PARTY

October 25th, 2026
5-7pm

We welcome the children back to

Bible Stories & Craft

with Rally Sunday

Bible Stories & Craft is open to all in our community.
You do not need to be a member of the church for your child to attend on Sundays 10-11am. For ages 14 and under.
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. Teachers will bring students to the classroom for lesson.

The Congregational Christian Church
of Somerset

RALLY SUNDAY

BINGO and Brunch!

FAITH ♥ FRIENDS ♥ FUN ♥ FELLOWSHIP
Kick off the new church year together!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
AFTER SERVICE

IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

ALL ARE WELCOME!
Bring your appetite, your lucky charm, and a friend!

Good food. Great friends. God is good!

LET'S GROW TOGETHER IN FAITH THIS YEAR!

Moving Forward...

- On behalf of the church, I have accepted Pastor Cheryl's resignation effective January 3, 2027 (her last official workday). Beginning August 31, 2026, through January 3, 2027, Pastor will work a total of twenty (20) hours per week to ensure the Congregation's ministry duties are met. The week of October 24, 2026, is a planned vacation. – *Carol Caetans, Co-Moderator*
- In the interim of a Search team being established, The Southern New England Conference UCC has a zoom workshop entitled: Committee Gathering: Overview of the Search & Call Journey on Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 7-8:30pm for anyone interested in the search process. All phases of the process will be discussed. Advanced registration is required. Details of the workshop can be found at www.sneucc.org. – *Carol Caetans, Co-Moderator*

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!**

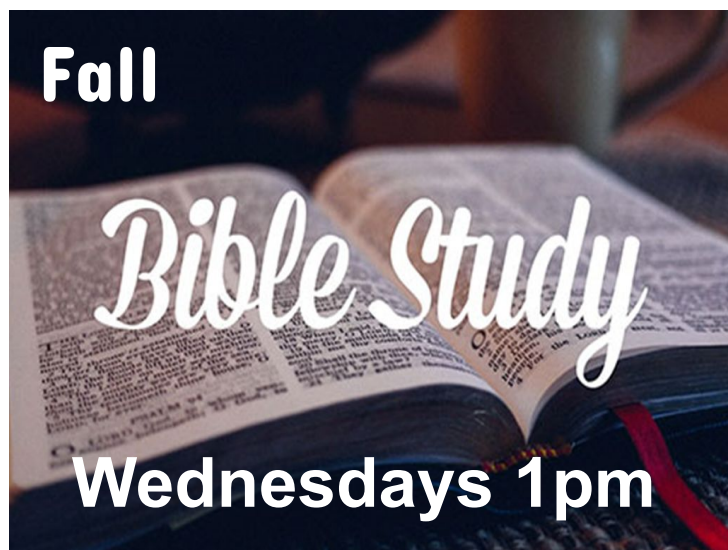
Ways & Means

Join us for our Fall Turkey Supper on Saturday, Sept. 19th at 6pm.

The meal will consist of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, cranberry sauce, beverages and dessert. Requested donation is \$20. This will be an eat in or take out meal.

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

Sign up sheets for helping with the preparation, serving and clean up, to attend the supper or to help with buying food items needed are available in the church hall.



Begins September 9, 2026

– ADULT SERIES –

Series Discussion: The Scriptures

BRING YOUR OWN BIBLE FOR THIS SERIES.

All Are Welcome to attend.

Children We Support through the Birthday Bank



Global Ministries
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
and the United Church of Christ

Case History of Dharshini, V



With Father & Child Line staff



Dharshini on admission

Name : Dharshini, V
Age/Gender : 6 / Female
Date of Birth : No records
Father's Name : Mr. Vetrivel
Mother's Name : Anandhi
Date of Admission : 14-03-2025

Dharshini comes from an impoverished family living in the foothills. She has a younger sister who is 4 years old and a younger brother who is just 1½ years old. Six months ago, Dharshini's mother eloped, and her whereabouts are still unknown. This left their father alone to care for his three small children. Moreover, with no relatives to support them, the father struggled to take care of the children. He is a daily wage labourer and the sole breadwinner of the family. If he doesn't go to work, he cannot provide food for his children. Additionally, he is illiterate and did not keep the children's birth records safe.

The local Christian Mission Hospital's Public Health staff discovered the children and alerted Child Line. Subsequently, the case was referred to the MBKGP Home by the Child Welfare Committee through Child Line.

Dharshini and her siblings were placed in a nursery under the care of a house mother, and she was enrolled in Lower Kindergarten at King's Matric Higher Secondary School, which follows an English medium curriculum. She is gradually adapting to the new environment and enjoys the company of other children.

Case History Of Bhuvaneshwari, D



Bhuvaneshwari with her father and sister on admission



Name : Bhuvaneshwari, D
Age/Gender : 8 years/ Female
Date of Birth : 08.05.2020
Father's Name : Mr. Devaraj
Mother's Name : Mrs. Geethalakshmi
Date of Admission : 25.06.2025

Bhuvaneshwari is an 8-year-old girl from a poor and vulnerable family. Her mother eloped, leaving Bhuvaneshwari and her younger sister, Nandhini, under the care of their father. Her father is illiterate and works as a daily wage construction labourer. Due to his low income and lack of family support, he was unable to provide proper care, food, or education for the children. Moreover, he was travelling to other districts and even states as his work demanded.

Considering these difficult circumstances, both sisters were admitted to **MBKG Pannai, Kasam**, to ensure their safety, protection, and overall development. At the time of admission, Bhuvaneshwari was fearful and anxious; she needed counselling and emotional support. She was placed in one of the cottages under the care of a housemother, while her younger sister was placed in the nursery. The sisters are allowed to spend time together regularly, which helps them feel secure and emotionally supported.

Bhuvaneshwari is now receiving nutritious food, clean clothing, and personal care. She was enrolled in class 4 at King's school. She is gradually adapting to her new home.



*"That which is used develops that which
is not used wasted away."*

The Deacons Invite You to **Coffee & Conversation**

Mondays 10am

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

900 County St, Somerset

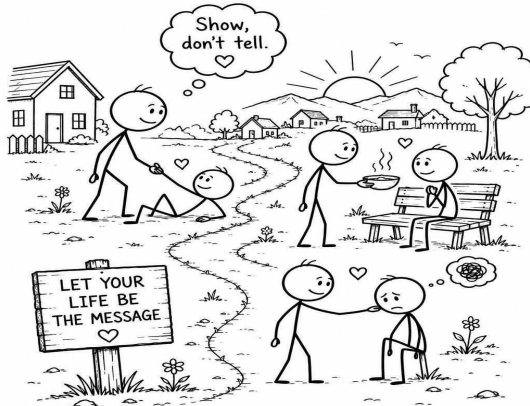
You may enjoy a few laughs. We chat about everything!





Mark & Cheryl Rieder
September 14

Don't just talk
about God.
Be a reflection of Him.



— Stickman Wisdom —

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



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



**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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Join Us !

CHURCH FUNDRAISER

COMMUNITY EVENT

TURKEY SUPPER

Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 6pm

at the

Congregational Christian Church of Somerset

1411 County St (across from town hall), Somerset MA 02726



Roast Turkey with all the Fixins'

EAT IN or TAKE OUT - Donation \$20. per person

RESERVE DINNER

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Bible Sequence

Assign numbers to tell which identify the sequence of occurrence of these bible books, events, and people. See if do it on your own. Then check your answers in the bible

	Leviticus		Exodus		Genesis		Numbers
3	Luke	1	Matthew	4	John	2	Mark
	Colossians		Philippians		Ephesians		Galatians
	James		Philemon		1 Peter		Hebrews
	Abel		Eve		Cain		Adam
	Hosea		Amos		Joel		Jonah
	Acts		James		Hebrews		Revelation
	Levi		Issachar		Reuben		Judah
	Japheth		Ham		Noah		Shem
	Plague of Gnats		Plague of Blood		Plague of Flies		Plague of Frogs
	Plague of Locusts		Plague of Boils		Plague of Hail		Plague of Darkness
	Do not murder		Do not steal		Keep the Sabbath Holy		Do not covet your neighbors goods
	Daniel		Ruth		Joshua		David
	Isaiah		Thomas		Jeremiah		Samuel
	The Magi visit Jesus		Jesus walks on water		Jesus is arrested		Jesus begins to Preach

Save the Date

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**CHRISTMAS
 BAZAAR**

November 14, 2026 • 9am-2pm

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

Bible Word Search: Christ's Salvation Plan

Your lesson is: REMAIN FAITHFUL



Apostles	One accord
Appreciate	Provisions
Be Baptized	Pure Heart
Before Men	Purpose
Comforter	Repent
Command to All	Service
Consecrated	Sovereignty
Gentle in tone	Testimony
Glory	Thirst
Hear the Word	Triad
Holy Spirit	Truth
Hope	Watery grave
Joy	
Judgment Day	
Lean Not	
Love for Lost	
Must	
New Creature	



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“Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.”
Proverbs 13:20

September 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Please Note: office hours time change SECRETARY in OFFICE 7-9am	2 Please Note: office hours day change SECRETARY in OFFICE 4-8pm 11am Grief Support Grp 1pm Bible Study 6pm Line Dancing	3	4
10:00am Worship Communion 11:15am Lift Training with Gil Caetans 4:30-6:30pm Poss & the Kids Practice	7 No Yoga No Rise Café Meet LABOR DAY HOLIDAY	8 10am-2pm SECRETARY in OFFICE 6-7pm Zumba	9 11am Grief Support Grp 1pm Bible Study 6pm Line Dancing	10 SECRETARY in OFFICE 3-8pm 6-7pm Zumba	11 RETREAT Cedar Hill Duxbury	12
10:00am Worship Birthday Bank 11:15am Standing Meeting 4:30-6:30pm Poss & the Kids Practice	14 9:30am Yoga 10am Rise Café Meet 4-8pm SECRETARY in OFFICE	15 Please Note: No OFFICE hours today 6-7pm Zumba	16 11am Grief Support Grp 1pm Bible Study 6pm Line Dancing	17 SECRETARY in OFFICE 3-8pm 6-7pm Zumba	18	19 11:30am Prayer Group 6pm TURKEY SUPPER
10:00am Worship RALLY SUNDAY Join the Kids for Bingo & Brunch 11:15am Deacons Meeting 4:30-6:30pm Poss Kids Practice	21 9:30am Yoga 10am Rise Café Meet 4-8pm SECRETARY in OFFICE 5pm Wt Train Wmn w/Kerry	22 10am-2pm SECRETARY in OFFICE 6-7pm Zumba	23 11am Grief Support Grp 1pm Bible Study 6pm Line Dancing	24 SECRETARY in OFFICE 3-8pm 6-7pm Zumba	25	26
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SECRETARY in OFFICE
SUNDAYS 8am-10am

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