



**We thank the following people for their generous donation of funds, time and talent for the wonderful Celebration of the Friendly Society following Worship today.**

*In Celebration of the Friendly Society - Christine & Frank Arren*

*In Honor of all members past and present.*

*In Honor of all of the Friendly Members - John & Susan Kirk*

*In Honor of Doris Cook and Margie Daganhardt - Jean Andrews*

*In Honor of Jan Davis - Jean Veigas*

*In Honor of Joanne Seiden - Joan Dimond*

*In Honor of Joanne Seiden - Betty Blume*

*In Honor of Joanne Seiden - Heike Werder*

*In Honor of the Friendly Society - Priscilla Lazuk*

*In Memory of Barbara Case - Betty Peterson*

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*In Memory of Esther Smith and In Honor of Doris Cook  
The Oberle Family*

*In Memory of Frida Boyd - MaryLou Hughes*

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*In Memory of Sandra Thomas Stalvey - Amanda Allgood*

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Eileen Thompson

Susan & Scott Lively

Lynn & Keith McClelland

Blair & Debbie Wentworth

Joan Dimond

Special Thank you to Eaton's and Roche Brothers for generously donating to our celebration today!



10:00 a.m. – 5

**Parish and Pastoral Relations Committee**

Committee Members: Tom Mollerus, Fred Moder and Diana Conroy  
The Parish and Pastoral Relations Committee is a standing committee chosen by the Board and Deacons that seeks to support and maintain an open and healthy relationship between the pastor/s and members of the congregation. The committee does not seek to take the place of communications between the congregation and the pastoral staff. Congregants who wish to communicate with this committee may send an email to [pprc@needhamucc.org](mailto:pprc@needhamucc.org). **Please do not use email to discuss sensitive or confidential matters; just use the email to set up an appointment for a telephone or in-person meeting.**

**Board Members**

Moderator - Jackie Allen, Clerk - Keith McClelland  
Term Ends 2018 Michael Normile, Blair Wentworth, Sharmon Prialux  
Term Ends 2019 Jim Conroy, Diane Rees, Kristin Mollerus  
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**Deacons**

Term Ends 2018 Lee McNally, Charlie Baker, Claudia Darmofal, Susan Lively, Kirby Salerno  
Term Ends 2019 Rick Devereux, Dibby Moder, Scott Stewart, Carol Miller, Jean Veigas  
Term Ends 2020 Kevin Blume, Paul Brown, Jane Clayton- Matthews, Sue Cotton, Lucy Slosser

**Rev. Jim Mitulski's Office Hours**

Please contact the church office to schedule an appointment during his office hours of Tuesday & Wednesday 2-6pm; Thursday 2-5pm

Evening hours are also available by appointment.

\*If these times do not work for you please contact the office for alternate availability.

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The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus

10:00 a.m. – 6



**The Congregational  
Church of Needham**

*An open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ*

**May 21, 2017 10:00 a.m.**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Celebrating 93 Years of the Friendly Society**

*Childcare for infants, toddlers, & preschoolers is available in the preschool room downstairs during the service. After Children's Time, students are dismissed to their classrooms for Bible Village.*

*"I, everything that I understand, I understand only because I love."  
Lev Nikolayevich (Leo) Tolstoy, War and Peace.*

**PRELUDE**

Prelude in C Major, BWV 846  
Johann Sebastian Bach

**Introit**

Ave Verum  
W.A Mozart arr Llyod Larsen  
Friendly Chimers  
Crosby Goshgarian - Conductor

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Jim and Rev. Heike

**CONGREGATIONAL GREETING**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Leader: We long for community and the Presence of God.  
**People: In whom we live and move and have our being.**  
Leader : Let us pray together:

**This day Christ tells us that we will never be alone.  
An Advocate will share our journey.  
With whom we will live and create community and celebrate being.**

**May the ever present love of God be with you.  
And may the joy of Christ surround you.**

**May we know the presence of the Advocate  
as we gather in this community of peace,  
continuing to share the cost of discipleship  
with deeds of bold mercy and courageous justice.**

**OPENING HYMN #12 (Black Hymnal)**

**I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

**TIME FOR CHILDREN**

Ms. Maddie Downer  
*Children leave for Bible Village after Time for Children*

**CHILDREN’S HYMN #327** (*Black Hymnal*)

**Jesus Loves Me**

**ANTHEM**

Jubilate Deo  
*Johan Roman*

**An Appreciation of the Friendly Society**

Rev. Heike Werder

**Selected Readings**

For the Epistle  
Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, the one who is Sovereign of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is this one served by human hands, as though God needed anything, since it is God alone who gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor God made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and God allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for God and find God—though indeed God is not far from each one of us. For ‘In this one we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are God’s offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now God commands all people everywhere to repent, because God has fixed a day on which God will have the world judged in righteousness by one whom God has appointed, and of this one has given assurance to all by raising this one from the dead.”

Gospel  
John 14:15-21

”If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask God our Mother and Father, and God will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees this nor knows this one. You know this one, because this one abides with you, and will be in you.

”I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Parent, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by the One who sent me, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

**HYMN #294** (*Black Hymnal*)

**There’s A Spirit in the Air**

**SERMON**

“Advocate and Ares Rock “

The Reverend Jill Small  
*Interim Senior Minister*  
*Park Ave Congregational Church, Arlington, MA*

10:00 a.m.– 2

**HYMN #249** (*Black Hymnal*)

**Peace I Leave with You, My Friends**

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**Rev. Heike**

*Concerns and Celebrations*

*Prayers for Our Friends and Families, Our Church, Our Community, and the World.*

*Lord’s Prayer (please pray whatever form is familiar to you; many choose to pray Our Father, Our Mother, Our Father and Mother, Our Creator, or Our Maker, or Father/Mother God...debts/debtors or trespasses/those who trespass...)*

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

*In each of our pews today is a black friendship book which we encourage you to fill out and pass to the person next to you during the offering. If you have been with us before, just put down your name, but if you are new today, please let us know who you are. Thanks!*

Offertory Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth  
*arr. Lloyd Larsen*  
Friendly Chimers

**\*Doxology**

tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication*

**\*CLOSING HYMN #4** (*Black Hymnal*)

**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You**

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jim & Rev. Heike

***Congregational Response: Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen!***

**POSTLUDE**

How Great Thou Art  
*arr. Lloyd Larsen*  
Friendly Chimers

*The Rev. Jill Small currently serves the Park Avenue Congregational Church UCC, in Arlington, MA, as its interim pastor. Her primary academic expertise is in Hebrew exegesis – the critical understanding and interpretation of a text.*

*If you’d like to know more about that, or about Jill, her website is:*

*www.exegete.com*

*Worship Assistant:* Teresa Blume

*Deacons:* Jane Clayton Matthews, Susan Lively

*Altar Guild:* Jean Veigas

*Ushers:* Jim Conroy, Mike Normile, Janet Jankowiak, Bob Everts

*Flowers:* Gail Browne

*Flower Delivery:* Caryl Johnson

10:00 a.m.– 3

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carloyn and Jack Prizer and Barbara and Rick Devereux by Dana and Rick Devereux*

**We would like to thank the Friendly Chimers for their beautiful gift of music this morning!**

**Covenant**

We strive to be a joyful, welcoming Christian Community.

We seek to be faithful in a world torn by suffering, injustice, oppression, and war.

We are inspired by God, Christ’s Ministry, and the examples of other faithful people.

We join together in worship and song, fellowship, study, and mission to embrace the risks and challenges of continuing Christ’s ministry.

We struggle to live out our faith in the world by furthering justice and peace, witnessing to the truth, and proclaiming God’s love and mercy for all people.

**Open and Affirming Statement**

As a covenant community we are committed to the belief that all people are created equal before God.

In affirmation of the inclusive love of Christ Jesus, we welcome persons of any race, gender, age, sexual orientation, ability and economic circumstance to full participation in our community life and ministry.

We strive to reflect these beliefs in the language and content of our worship and in our lives together.

*(This statement adopted in 2000, reflects the welcome of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender people and their friends and families.)*

10:00 a.m.– 4

## Vacation Bible School | August 2017

### SUPERHERO CENTRAL

Have you always wanted super powers? Wouldn't it be fun if you could save the world?



At VBS: Superhero Central, we'll learn about all the super powers we already have! Love, Friendship, Hope, and Faith all work together to make the world a better place! Our days will be filled with lots of fun arts and crafts, games and playground time, cooking class and snack time.

Students will bring brown bag lunches. Gluten-free snacks will be provided.

**August 21 - 25, 2017**

**NEW TIME: Drop-off at 9:00 AM; Pick-up at 2:00 PM**

Rates:

Get one day free when you sign up for the whole week!

\$30/day or \$120/week for the first child

Family discount:

\$20/day or \$80/week for additional children

Registration is open!

VBS: Superhero Central is open to children ages 3-6.

Children must be toilet trained.

Have a student age 7 - 14? Check out Sensational Summer

Singing program offered at the Congregational Church of

Needham at the same time!

If this program is cost-prohibitive for your family, please reach out to Maddie Downer, our youth director, regarding scholarships at [youth@needhamucc.org](mailto:youth@needhamucc.org). Please put "VBS Scholarship" in the subject line.



Sunday May 21st	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am  11:45 am 5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Friendly Lunch, <i>Fellowship Hall</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Youth Committee Meeting Junior High Youth Group Senior High Youth Group
Monday May 22nd	9:00 am 6:00 pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>1154 Reception</i> Confirmation Class, <i>Library</i>
Tuesday May 23rd	7:00 pm	Outreach Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i>
Sunday May 28th <b>Memorial Day</b>	8:30 am 10:00am 11:30 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i>
Monday May 29th		Memorial Day, <i>Office Closed</i>
Thursday June 1st	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Lunch w/ Heike, <i>1180 GPA</i> Choir Practice, <i>Linden AB</i>
Saturday June 3rd	2:30 pm	Youth Sunday Practice
Sunday June 4th <b>Confirmation &amp; Youth Sunday</b>	8:30 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 11:30 am  7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Youth Band Practice Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Membership Meeting Meditation Group w/ Sue Findlay Movie – "Documented", <i>Linden Hall</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Guatemala Partnership Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Monday June 5th	9:00 am 7:15 pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>1154 Reception</i> EMT Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Tuesday June 5th	6:00 pm	Baby Basics Community Dinner, <i>Linden Hall</i>
Thursday June 8th	7:00 pm	CE Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i>
Sunday June 11th <b>Communion Sunday</b>	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Congregational Update and All Church BBQ

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

May 21, 2017



The Congregational  
Church of Needham

### Events & Announcements

#### TODAY! Celebrating 93 years of the Friendly Society

Join us following Worship for a lovely luncheon and program with delicious Strawberry Short Cake to celebrate the Friendly Society! Everyone is welcome!

#### Partner-Family Letters Due June 4!

Partner-family letters (and scholarship donor letters) are due by Sunday, June 4, in order to get them all translated and ready for the August delegation to deliver. Please mail them to: [davebjohnson77@gmail.com](mailto:davebjohnson77@gmail.com)

#### Save the Date! June 11th Congregational Update and Barbeque.

Please RSVP to the office at [office@needhamucc.org](mailto:office@needhamucc.org) or 781-444-2510 so we can plan for food and seating.

**Altar Flowers - June 11th** - There is an opportunity on June 11th to provide altar flowers in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special occasion. Please contact the church office at [office@needhamucc.org](mailto:office@needhamucc.org) or 781-444-2510 for more information.

#### Bible Study Group Sundays at 11:30 a.m., Conference Room

We are currently reading the book of Genesis a few chapters at a time. We will continue meeting until the end of June, then start up again after Labor Day with another section of the Bible. We love having new people come try us out!

#### New Directory 2017

We will be issuing a new member directory this year. Please send your family pictures and any updated contact information into the church office so they can be used in the directory.

#### Volunteer Opportunities for Baby Basics

Back up Driver(s) needed to pick up/drop off diapers

**When:** Pick up diapers first Monday of every month and have them delivered into South Boston by 5 pm as needed.

**Where:** Pick up at a warehouse in Needham and deliver them to the South Boston Community Health Center in South Boston.

**How often:** Once a month (may be alternate months for back up drivers depending on # of diapers needed that month)

**What's needed:** A car/truck/van large enough to fit 15+ of cases of diapers. (If you're not sure how many you can fit, reach out and we can talk about it.) The staff @ the warehouse and the SBCHC usually help w/ loading/unloading of diapers but volunteers should be able to move them independently if needed.

**Why:** We rely on our diaper drivers to pick up/deliver the diapers so that we can provide these free diapers to our working, low-income families.

**Interested in helping?** Contact Baby Basics at [info@babybasicsinc.org](mailto:info@babybasicsinc.org) for more details. For more information on our program, visit [www.babybasicsinc.org](http://www.babybasicsinc.org). Thanks!

PS – We are also looking for help with pr/social media, database management & more. Not sure how you can help? Take your skills + diapers. Email us and let's talk. Thanks!

## Music

### Chancel Choir

Please come sing with us! Chancel choir rehearsals for the months of May & June will be at 8:30 on Sunday morning in the sanctuary. We would love to have you be part of our choir!

### Sensational Summer Singing!

Opportunities to learn and perform outstanding choral music all in the span of one week don't come along very often but they will this summer in Needham. What better way to end an enjoyable summer than by spending time with other kids who also enjoy making music?

This choir which is open to children ages 7 – 14 will run from 9am – 2pm from August 21 – 25. The program will include choral singing, music literacy, movement and percussion. Please contact Valerie Becker, Program Director, at [musicdirector@needhamucc.org](mailto:musicdirector@needhamucc.org) if you're interested!

To register go to <http://needhamucc.org/nss/>

### Bible Village Sings in Church

Sunday, June 4, we will celebrate the children, youth and Confirmation class. Our Bible Village students will lead the congregation in singing, "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing".

## Christian Education & Youth Ministries

### CE and Family Ministries Calendar:

Sunday, May 21	Bible Village Sunday School
Sunday, May 28	Bible Village Camp Sunday
Sunday, June 4	Celebration of Children, Youth & Confirmation

Sunday, June 11	Bible Village Camp Sunday, All Church BBQ
Sunday, June 18	Bible Village Camp Sunday

**Junior High Youth Group** meets most Sundays from 5:00 - 6:30 PM.  
**Senior High Youth Group** meetings are Sunday night.  
Please join us from 6:30 - 8:00 PM

### August Vacation Bible School: Super Hero Central

August VBS will be offered to students in Pre-K and Kindergarten. We will learn how Jesus is a super power. Lots of games, crafts, and other fun activities. Students will bring brown bag lunches, snacks will be served. Please register online at [www.needhamucc.org/VBS](http://www.needhamucc.org/VBS).

Dates: Monday August 21– Monday August 25

Times: Drop Off at 9am / Pick Up at 2pm

Welcome to all who are new or here for the first time! If you are

## New or Visiting Our Church

interested in learning more about our church, please email Rev. Jim at [revjim@needhamucc.org](mailto:revjim@needhamucc.org), Rev Heike at [revheike@needhamucc.org](mailto:revheike@needhamucc.org) or call the office at 781-444-2510 to set up a conversation.

For updates on church life, our family ministries, Christian Education and Youth Ministries follow us at: **@NeedhamUCC on Instagram**  
**Congregational Church of Needham UCC on Facebook**  
**@needhamucc on Twitter** [www.needhamucc.org](http://www.needhamucc.org)

Please silence your cell phone before attending the service. You can Check In on Facebook and let people know you are here. Feel free to Tweet or Instagram during the service. If you would like or need a hearing device an usher will be able to assist you. Children's Childcare is offered for infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers in the Nursery located downstairs during the service. After Time For Children, students are dismissed to their classrooms for Bible Village. On Communion Sundays, students attend Bible Village first and then join the Worship Service for Communion.

## Stewardship & Attendance

5/14/2017 Collections\* = \$2,869

5/14/2017 Worship Attendance = 108 people

April Electronic Pledge Amount: \$12,992.15

Please contact the church office 781-444-2510 or [office@needhamucc.org](mailto:office@needhamucc.org) to find out how you can give electronically.

\*Collection amount does not include additional pledges received electronically.

Our current pledge amount for 2017 is \$367,804.00. This represents a budget shortfall of \$56,459.00 for the year.

## Sensational Summer Singing | August 2017

### NEEDHAM SUMMER SINGERS!



# Add Your Voice

Opportunities to learn and perform outstanding choral music all in the span of one week don't come along very often, but they will this summer in Needham. What better way to end an enjoyable summer than by spending time with other kids who also like to make music? That's what the newly formed Needham Summer Singers is all about. The group, which will hold rehearsals and a performance at the Congregational Church of Needham, is a community program offered by the church.

**August 21 - 25, 2017**

**TIME: Drop-off at 9:00 AM; Pick-up at 2:00 PM**

Needham Summer Singers is open to children ages 7 – 14 from Needham and communities in the Boston area. The program will include choral singing, music literacy, movement and percussion. The deadline for registration is June 2, 2017. The cost is \$300 and registration forms are available from the church office or on [www.needhamucc.com/nss](http://www.needhamucc.com/nss). To learn more about this program please contact the office at [office@needhamucc.org](mailto:office@needhamucc.org) or 781-444-2510.

Directing the program is Valerie J. Becker, A lifelong musician, Ms. Becker has worked closely with some of the world's finest singers and instrumentalists, including singer Kathleen Battle, cellist Yo Yo Ma and violinist Midori. Ms. Becker is looking forward to this week of music making because it will bring children together who have a common goal and foster new friendships. "I want children to love singing and know that they can accomplish anything they want to," Becker says, "The bar is always going to be high because the more that they can do, the better they're going to feel about what they can accomplish."

