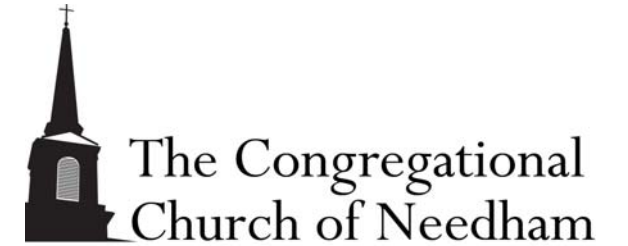


Welcome to all who are new or here for the first time! If you are interested in learning more about our church, please email Rev. Jim at [revjim@needhamucc.org](mailto:revjim@needhamucc.org), Rev Heike at [revheike@needhamucc.org](mailto:revheike@needhamucc.org) or call the office at 781-444-2510 to 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.



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

**June 18, 2017**  
**Father's Day**  
**Juneteenth**  
**Service of Holy Communion**

Rev. Heike will be on Sabbatical from June 18<sup>th</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> and on vacation from July 1<sup>st</sup> - July 31<sup>st</sup>. For any pastoral care needs, please contact Rev. Jim at [revjim@needhamucc.org](mailto:revjim@needhamucc.org) or 781-444-2510. You can also contact the office at [office@needhamucc.org](mailto:office@needhamucc.org) or 781-444-2510.

**PRELUDE**

O Mio Babbino Caro  
*Giacomo Puccini(1858 - 1924)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Jim

**CONGREGATIONAL GREETING**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
**Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Let us pray  
**God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN #485 (Red, Pilgrim Hymnal) This Is My Father's World**

**ANTHEM**

He Shall Feed His Flock  
*John Ness Beck (1930 - 1987)*

**SELECTION OF READINGS**

Reflections on Fatherhood Kirby Salerno and Liam Salerno

Matthew 28:16-20  
 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Creator and of the Beloved and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

**HYMN (see insert) I Choose Love**

**Mark Miller**

**SERMON**

Jim Mitulski

**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.

**Staff**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Interim Senior Minister<br>The Rev. Jim Mitulski<br><a href="mailto:RevJim@needhamucc.org">RevJim@needhamucc.org</a><br>781-444-2510, ext. 106        | Church Administrator<br>Danielle Jurdan<br><a href="mailto:Office@needhamucc.org">Office@needhamucc.org</a><br>781-444-2510, ext. 101           |
| Associate Minister<br>The Rev. Heike Werder<br><a href="mailto:RevHeike@needhamucc.org">RevHeike@needhamucc.org</a><br>781-444-2510, ext. 105         | Office Assistant & Bookkeeper<br>Cindy Sullivan<br><a href="mailto:Office2@needhamucc.org">Office2@needhamucc.org</a><br>781-444-2510, ext. 100 |
| Director of Children & Youth Ministries<br>Madelyn Downer<br><a href="mailto:Youth@needhamucc.org">Youth@needhamucc.org</a><br>781-444-2510, ext. 104 | Music Director<br>Valerie Becker<br><a href="mailto:musicdirector@needhamucc.org">musicdirector@needhamucc.org</a>                              |
| Organist/Accompanist<br>Sangyoung Kim   | Handyman<br>Bill Donovan  |
| Housekeeper<br>Sanira Alchaar   |   |

**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 Priaulx  
Term Ends 2019 Jim Conroy, Diane Rees, Kristin Mollerus  
Term Ends 2020 Howard Sesso, Kenneth Allen, Barbra Morton, Amanda Angel

**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

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 The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus

10:00 a.m. – 6

10:00 a.m. – 5



## 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 3-8.

Children must be toilet trained.

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.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS**

**June 18, 2017**



The Congregational  
Church of Needham

### **Events & Announcements**

#### **Once in a While Choir**

Our intergenerational choir (all ages are welcome) has been invited to sing on June 25th for Music Sunday. It would be great to have as many of you who might be interested and available to join in the fun. Even if you haven't sung with us in the past, please join us if you'd like. It's a guaranteed winner, and you will enjoy it. I promise.

We will sing a song we sang two years ago, "Raise Your Voices." This is the one the children begin and the adults join in on the second verse. It's easy, joyous, and easy again.

It will be grand if you can join us.

Two rehearsals:

Sunday, June 18th, 9:15 -9:45 (if you can make it)

Sunday, June 25th, 9:15 - and sing at 10:00 service

Please let me know if you're interested. -Cici Hunt

#### **Book Study - June 28 @ 7:00 pm**

Join us on Wednesday night June 28 at 7 pm for a discussion of When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi , a memoir about a young doctor and his battle with cancer. It is thoughtful, spiritual, concise and beautifully written. Here is a link to the Boston Globe review <https://www.bostonglobe.com/arts/books/2016/01/12/young-doctor-husband-father-traces-his-losing-cancer-fight-memoir/CKzcOvnlP5A76lMSNGjMsI/story.html> See Jim if you have Questions. Copies are available at church outside the chapel .

#### **Sing! Prayer and Praise**

Join us Wednesday nights in the Chapel during the summer for a short Service of Fellowship, Praise and Singing! We will be using the UCC Songbooks, Sing! Prayer and Praise which were a gift to the church from Kathy Carpenter and Barbra Morton. It's a wonderful way to stay in touch and centered during the summer months!

#### **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.

**Be a part of summer Worship!**

If you would like to sing or play an instrument as part of the service either solo or in a group, please see Valerie Becker or send her an email at [musicdirector@needhamucc.org](mailto:musicdirector@needhamucc.org). We are looking to expand our Worship musically to include more variety for the summer months!

**August Vacation Bible School: Super Hero Central Ages 3-8**

August VBS will be offered to students ages 3-8. 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

**Bylaws Review**

A team of Deacons and Board Members has initiated a review of our Church’s bylaws to identify areas where updates would be helpful. The intent is to have any proposed changes ready for Congregational review in the late fall and for a vote at next January’s Annual Meeting.

The team is not contemplating changing the Church’s governing structure. An example of a helpful change we are considering is that in the case a board/deacons/committee member resigns, at the next Annual Meeting a new member will be elected to serve only the remaining years of the resigned members term, and not the standard 3-year term. This will prevent too many members of a committee all being on the same 3-year cycle. We are also evaluating how to make the Parish and Pastoral Relations Committee (PPRC) a permanent Committee of the Congregation. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for the team, feel free to contact any one of its members: Susan Lively, Mike Normile, Sharmon Priaulx, Howie Sesso, and Scott Stewart.

You can find a copy of the current Bylaws on the church web site.

<http://needhamucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/BYLAWS-revision-2011.pdf>. Or, from the Church home page ([needhamucc.org](http://needhamucc.org)) mouse over “Come” in the upper left. A pop-up menu will appear, click on “Who We Are”. The “Who We Are” page will appear. Click on “Our Church Bylaws” near the top.

**Calendar June 18th—July 9th**

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| Sunday<br>June 18th<br><b>Father’s Day<br/>Communion<br/>Sunday</b> | 8:15 am<br>8:30 am<br>9:15 am<br>10:00am<br>11:30 am | Men’s Breakfast, <i>Library</i><br>Chancel Choir, <i>Sanctuary</i><br>Once in a While Choir Rehearsal, <i>Chapel</i><br>Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i><br>Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> |
| Tuesday<br>June 20th  | 7:30 pm  | Rev. Jim Ecclesiastic Council, <i>Chapel</i>   |
| Wednesday<br>June 21st  | 7:00 pm  | Board Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i>   |
| Sunday<br>June 25th   | 8:30 am<br>9:15 am<br>10:00am<br>11:30 am            | Chancel Choir Breakfast, <i>Linden Hall</i><br>Once in a While Choir Rehearsal, <i>Chapel</i><br>Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i><br>Meditation Group w/ Sue Findlay, <i>Chapel</i>             |
| Tuesday<br>June 27th  | 7:00 pm  | Outreach Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i>  |
| Wednesday<br>June 28th  | 7:00 pm  | “When Breath Becomes Air”<br>Book Discussion w/ Rev Jim, <i>1180 GPA</i>   |
| Friday<br>June 30th   |  | Office Closed  |
| Sunday<br>July 2nd  | 10:00am  | Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i>   |
| Monday<br>July 3rd  |  | Office Closed  |
| Tuesday<br>July 4th   |  | Office Closed—Independence Day   |
| Wednesday<br>July 5th   | 6:00 pm<br>7:00 pm                                   | Bible Study –Book of Acts<br>Sing! Prayer and Praise, <i>Chapel</i>  |
| Friday<br>July 7th  |  | Office Closed  |
| Sunday<br>July 9th  | 10:00am<br>11:30 am                                  | Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i><br>Deacon and Board Gathering, <i>Linden Hall</i>   |

6/11/2017 Collections\* = \$4,624  
6/11/2017 Worship Attendance = 93 people  
May Electronic Pledge Amount: \$12,639.82

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.