



The Congregational  
Church of Needham

# FOCUS

MARCH 2017

## UPDATE FROM THE BOARD

Fellow Congregants,

At our retreat on February 11, the board identified the following priorities for itself for the coming year:

**1180 Great Plain Avenue.** We are continuing our efforts to lease this building to a suitable tenant who will, in effect, help us pay for it. We continue to believe that 1180 GPA can be a valuable asset to the church, both as a financial asset and as a home for expanded church programming. But if our efforts to lease the building are not successful, we may, in the second half of the year, seriously consider selling it.



**Personnel Team, Employee Handbook/Personnel Policy.** The Board is forming a personnel team to bring the church's very outdated personnel handbook up-to-date. Board member

Barbra Morton will be leading this effort.

**Property Team, Major Maintenance Budget.** The Board would like to expand the current Property Team, and to have the team prepare a long-term major maintenance plan and

budget. The Board would then use this plan to determine an appropriate major maintenance budget line item for the church's 2018 budget and beyond.

### **Congregational Participation.**

The Board invites all members of the congregation to consider joining either the Personnel or Property teams. Members with experience in personnel matters or property management are especially needed, but we also need a cross-section of the entire congregation. If you are interested or need additional information, send an email to [board@needhamucc.org](mailto:board@needhamucc.org).

### **Parish Pastoral Relations Committee (PPRC).**

The PPRC was formed by the Board and Deacons in 2015 as a pilot, with a mandate to support and maintain an open and healthy relationship between the pastoral staff and members of the congregation. Given the importance of this role to our congregation, we now believe the PPRC should be made permanent. Over the next several months, the board will be working to refine the responsibilities and operating guidelines for the PPRC. We welcome your feedback as we form these guidelines. Should you have any questions about the PPRC or suggestions regarding how to maximize its usefulness for our congregation, please speak with any Deacon or member of the Board.

**Mid-Year Report.** The Board plans to hold an informal congregation meeting in late May or early June to bring you up-to-date on all of our activities, and especially financial matters.

Yours in Christ,  
The Board

Start your day during this Lenten season with a short reflection offered by one of our members! This season for reflection has rarely seemed more universally important to us.

<https://www.facebook.com/Lent2017Needhamucc/>

## MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 5th - 10am Communion Sunday  
The First Sunday in Lent  
Rev. Jim preaching on Matthew 4:1-11

March 12th - 10am  
The Second Sunday in Lent  
Rev. Jim preaching on John 3:1-17

March 19th - 10am  
The Third Sunday in Lent  
Rev. Heike preaching on John 4:5-42

March 26th - 10am  
The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Rev. Irene Monroe preaching on John 9:1-14

April 2nd - 10am Communion Sunday  
The Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Rev. Jim preaching on John 11:1-45

April 9th - 10am  
Palm Sunday  
Rev. Heike preaching on Matthew 21:1-11

April 13th - 6pm Maundy Thursday  
Supper in the Fellowship Hall at 6 pm and Commemoration of the Lord's Supper led by the Deacons in the Sanctuary at 7 pm

April 14th - 7pm Good Friday  
Worship Service at 7pm

April 16th - 10am Easter Sunday  
Celebration of the Resurrection  
Rev. Jim preaching  
11:15am - Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn

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Contributions are welcome.  
Please submit materials by  
e-mail to [office@needhamucc.org](mailto:office@needhamucc.org).

April issue deadline:  
**Thursday, March 23rd**

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To provide feedback about any  
aspect of the church, email  
[feedback@needhamucc.org](mailto:feedback@needhamucc.org)

## SUPPORT GROUP & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP  
9:00am, Mondays - March 6,  
13, 20, 27 & April 3, 10, 24

Our Cancer Support Group will meet every Monday morning, except on holiday Mondays or school vacations. Come, if you need an extra hug or prayer said for yourself or a family member.

COMMUNITY DINNERS  
6-7pm, March 7, April 4,  
Linden Hall

Dinners coincide with monthly Baby Basics distribution. Volunteers are welcome to join in our effort to provide a healthy dinner for our guests and members of the church.

Volunteers are welcome to help set up, serve, visit and eat with our Baby Basics families, and clean up. Please contact Rev. Heike or Diana Conroy.

LENTEN LUNCH WITH REV.  
HEIKE  
Noon-1pm, March 2, 9, 16, 23,  
30 & April 6  
1180 Great Plain Ave.

Lent is will be upon us sooner than you think! We are gathering once again for a weekly Lenten soup lunch on Thursdays at noon. Most soups are vegetarian based and they are always nut and lactose free! Everyone is welcome.

## ADULT ED OPPORTUNITIES

DIVERSITY BOOK READ -  
MARCH Bk 2  
7pm - March 21st at First  
Parish in Needham UU

You are invited to join the Congregational Church of Needham, UCC, First Baptist Church in Needham, and First Parish of Needham Unitarian Universalist for a joint book reading of **March**, by Representative John Lewis. This schedule is as follows:  
-- **Book Two, 3/21 at 7 pm** (First Parish in Needham);  
-- **Book Three, 4/25 at 7 pm** (Congregational Church of Needham)

March is the story of the Civil Rights Movement in three parts, and each Book will be discussed at a different congregation.

Youth and adults are welcome to attend the discussions. **March: Books One, Two, & Three** can be ordered through Amazon.com, or your local bookstore, New England Mobile Book Fair. Any and all perspectives and voices are invited to participate in respectful dialogue. Diverse readership makes for rich discussion.

NEXT RACIAL DIVERSITY  
BOOK STUDY

In addition to finishing the **March** trilogy by John Lewis, We'll read **Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America** by Professor Michael Eric Dyson. See Rev. Jim if interested for more

information.

MINDFULNESS WITH SUE  
FINDLAY-WALTERS  
11:30am - March 19, Linden  
Hall

Sue Findlay-Walters will lead us in meditation exercises. After a brief introduction to mindfulness, we'll explore several different meditations including: loving kindness, sitting meditation, and walking meditation. In addition, we'll explore guided imagery and its use in meditation.

ONA INTERVIEW  
11:30am - March 26th, Linden  
Hall

ONA celebrates our 27th anniversary in March.

The Rev. Irene Monroe will be our guest preacher on 3/26. She was described in O Magazine as "a phenomenal woman who has succeeded *against all odds.*" *An African-American lesbian feminist public theologian, she is known nationwide. She does a weekly Monday segment, "All Revved Up!" on WGBH (89.7 FM), on Boston Public Radio and a weekly Friday segment "What's Up?" on New England Channel NEWS (NECN). She's a Huffington Post blogger and writes a weekly column in the Boston LGBTQ newspaper Baywindows. After worship, she and Rev. Jim will share an in-depth interview.*



# March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p><b>5</b> 8:30am - Choir Practice            10am - Worship - Rev. Jim            11:30am - Let's Talk, Let's Listen                Friendly Chimers                Youth Committee Meeting                Bible Study            5pm - Jr. High Youth Group            6:15pm - Youth Band Practice            6:45pm - Sr. High Youth Group            7pm - Guatemala Meeting</p>	<p><b>6</b>            9am - Cancer Support Group            6pm - Confirmation Class</p>	<p><b>7</b>            10am - Prayer Shawl Knitters            6pm - Community Dinner</p>
<p><b>12</b> 8:30am - Choir Practice            10am Worship - Rev. Jim            11:30am - Guatemala Report Back                Friendly Chimers                Bible Study            3pm - Islam Workshop @ Old Cambridge Baptist Church            6:30pm - Youth Band</p>	<p><b>13</b>            9am - Cancer Support Grp            7pm - Finance Team Mtg</p>	<p><b>14</b>            7pm - Board Meeting</p>
<p><b>19</b> 8:15am - Men's Breakfast            8:30am - Choir Practice            10am - Worship - Rev. Heike - Musical                Guests Willie &amp; Zoe            11:30am - Mindfulness with Sue                Findlay-Walters                Friendly Chimers                Bible Study            1pm - Youth Band            1:30pm - Youth Matinee Movie</p>	<p><b>20</b>            9am - Cancer Support Grp</p>	<p><b>21</b>            7pm - Book Discussion - MARCH Book 2</p>
<p><b>26</b> 8:30am - Choir Practice            10am - Worship - Rev. Irene Monroe            11:30am - ONA Anniversary &amp; Interview                Friendly Chimers                Bible Study            5pm - Jr. High Youth Group            6:15pm - Youth Band Practice            6:45pm - Sr. High Youth Group</p>	<p><b>27</b>            9am - Cancer Support Grp            6pm - Confirmation Class</p>	<p><b>28</b>            7pm - Outreach</p>

# 2017

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 7am - Ashes at the church 7pm - Ash Wednesday Svc	<b>2</b> Noon - Lenten Lunch 7:15pm - EMT Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Junior High Retreat
	<b>8</b> 7pm - Lenten Vespers Deacon's Mtg	<b>9</b> 10:30am - Faith Circle Book Grp Noon - Lenten Lunch 6:30pm - Music Team Meeting 7:00pm - CE Meeting 7:30pm - Choir Practice	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
	<b>15</b> 7pm - Lenten Vespers	<b>16</b> Noon - Lenten Lunch	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
	<b>22</b> 7pm - Lenten Vespers	<b>23</b> Noon - Lenten Lunch 7:30pm - Choir Practice	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> One Voice/One Vision All Church Retreat and Kids Mini Camp
	<b>29</b> 7pm - Lenten Vespers	<b>30</b> Noon - Lenten Lunch	<b>31</b>	<b>APRIL 1</b> 5pm - 2nd Annual GREAT CHILI COOK-OFF

# CALLING ALL SOUP MAKERS!



Calling all soup Makers for Maundy Thursday, April 13, 2017. We are gathering for a simple soup dinner before the Maundy Thursday service. If you would like to make a soup for the dinner, please contact Rev. Heike. All kinds of soups are welcome!

## FAMILY PROMISE

April will be a busy month for our church and Family Promise.

**Youth Training**-Our Youth will participate in a training Sunday, April 2. Maddie will post details soon.

### Family Promise Walkathon, Saturday, April 8

Family Promise's largest fundraiser of the year. To register to walk with our 'Needham Congregational Church' team or to donate go to SERVE on our church website or <http://www.familypromisemetrowest.org>.

Last year, our team, as one of Family Promise's TOP 10 fund raisers, raised over \$2000! This year we have a goal of \$2,500. Please visit our coffee hour table during the month of March for more information.

### Support Week

First Congregational Church Natick, April 30-May 7. There will be a Training at The Dover Church, Tuesday, March 7 for those interested but have not yet attended a training.

## FAITH EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITIES

### BIBLE STUDY

11:30am - Sundays, Reception Room

Interested in joining a small group which will support your own faith journey? Join us for weekly Bible Study immediately after church from 11:30-12:30 in the Reception Room. For more information or to be on the mailing list to receive weekly summaries, please contact Sunu Yeh at [dormouse99@gmail.com](mailto:dormouse99@gmail.com).

### CONFIRMATION EXPERIENCE

6pm - Mar 6, 13, 20, 27, Apr 3, 10, 24 - Linden Hall

If you have a 9th grader who wishes to participate in confirmation class, please contact Rev. Heike.

If you would like to explore becoming a confirmation mentor, also contact Rev. Heike. Confirmation mentors are the "heart beat" of the experience. Passing on one's faith is one of the most important gifts we can make to a young person in search of a meaningful faith.

# MAY 19-20

**save THE DATE!**

Women's  
Retreat  
@ Craigville  
Conference Center

**All women are welcome to attend. Reserve your spot with Rev. Heike.**

We have reserved a beautiful space at Craigville Conference Center. This year we will go on retreat the weekend of May 19-20th. We hope you can join us! Rev. Heike has some wonderful things planned and we will have plenty to share about in a wonderful setting by the ocean.

For more info, email [revheike@needhamucc.org](mailto:revheike@needhamucc.org)

## ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTRIES TEAM NEWS ... EARTH STEWARDSHIP FOR OUR LIVES TODAY...



Sunday, March 12, 2017  
3 pm

First Parish in Needham, Unitarian Universalist  
23 Dedham Ave

How can we, as individuals, address the climate crisis? On Sunday March 12, at 3 p.m., the powerful 90-minute climate change film, *Time to Choose* will be shown at First Parish in Needham, 23 Dedham Ave. "With footage from five continents, *Time to Choose* explores the scope of the climate change crisis and

the power of solutions already available." The film will be followed by a discussion of concrete steps to address climate change. Attendees can also enjoy refreshments and a chance to browse informational tables from local groups. This free event is sponsored by First Parish in Needham and Green Needham Collaborative, as well as 8 Metro West environmental groups, local League of Women Voters groups, and houses of worship. For more information, see [greenneedham.org](http://greenneedham.org).



### 30 Ways to Celebrate our 30-Year Anniversary!

**Reportback Presentation. Sunday, March 12, 11:30 am in Linden Hall.** - The February delegation started the Guatemala Partnership's 30th year in our sister village. Come listen to Clark and Kay Taylor with other February delegation members report on their travels to Santa Maria Tzeja. Light refreshments provided.

### **Chocolate Making Workshop. Saturday, May 6, 4:00 - 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.**

Learn how the Mayan's make amazing chocolate while you sample different types and flavors from around the world including Guatemala. Then roll up your sleeves and join in the fun as we create a unique chocolate product that pays tribute to our 30th celebration.

## Pastoral Review Committee

The members of the Pastoral Review Committee (a sub-committee of the Board of Deacons) has been actively working with the interim senior minister and the associate minister to establish an annual review process as part of the ongoing management of the church. Having formalized individual goals with the two ministers in September, the committee will conduct assessments of the ministers this spring, which will include a survey in April of approximately 40 members of the church (20 for each minister) representing a variety of interests (e.g. new members, long-term members, members with young children, worship team members, etc.). The results of the surveys, which will focus on the goals and

effectiveness of each minister, will be incorporated into a report that will be discussed with each minister and that will also be shared with the deacons.

The 40 members of the church selected to be surveyed will be hearing from the committee shortly. If you are not asked to complete a survey but would like to participate in the assessment process, you may request a survey from Danielle Jurdan in the church office in April. Participants will be asked to sign their surveys but their names will not be used in the reports.

If anyone has any questions regarding the annual review process of our ministers, please contact any of our committee members: Charlie Baker, Sue Cotton, Claudia Darmofal, Susan Lively, Carol Miller, Kristin Mollerus (Board Member), and Scott Stewart.

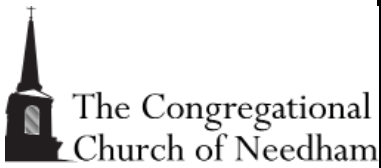
## Easter Plant Donations

Please consider making a donation this Easter season to the Flower Fund in honor of loved ones. We are grateful for the flowers/plants that decorate our church and will acknowledge your generous offering in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. Unless you indicate otherwise, the flowers/plants that are used will be offered to our chancel choir to take home after the service.



Please return the Flower Offering envelope or contact the office at

[office@needhamucc.org](mailto:office@needhamucc.org).



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of Needham UCC

## Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Sunday, March 19th

On Sunday, 3/19, the Men's Fellowship Breakfast will welcome all church men to breakfast.

The Men's Breakfast brings men of all ages and persuasions together in the Library on the 3rd Sunday of the month before worship in honest and lively discussion touching our faith and our lives in today's complex world. We welcome men of all ages and accommodate those with scheduling challenges. Arrive at 8:15 AM for fellowship and breakfast or by 9:00 AM for the discussion.

Contact: John Baldwin ([jsbaldwin@comcast.net](mailto:jsbaldwin@comcast.net)) or Rob Dunlavey ([rob@rob.com](mailto:rob@rob.com)) for more information.

**2nd Annual  
Great Chili Cook-off!**  
**Sat. April 1st  
5 PM**



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# SPRING VBS

Tues., April 18 - Fri., April 21

8:30 AM - Noon

Lunch Bunch - extended  
program, pick up by 1:00 PM

Got questions? Email [youth@needhamucc.org](mailto:youth@needhamucc.org)  
or call (781) 444-2510.

Our storybook-themed VBS will offer kids the chance to be brave princesses, adventurous knights, and to explore the continuing story of God's people through arts and crafts, theater, singing, and games. Vacation Bible School is open to students in Pre-K (toilet trained) through grade 5.

VBS DATES are Tuesday, April 18 - Friday, April 21 from 8:30 AM - Noon; Lunch Bunch extended program, pick up by 1:00 PM. Registrations will be accepted until Sunday, March 12, 2017.

Payment is due by April 1, 2017. Students may be wait-listed if program capacity is reached. The cost is \$25 for your first child, \$15 per additional sibling and \$5 for lunch bunch. Scholarships are available. If cost would prevent your student from participating in VBS, please reach out to Maddie at [youth@needhamucc.org](mailto:youth@needhamucc.org).

April VBS Registration Form: Please fill out one per child.

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday:(mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

Requested friend(s)/sibling(s) in same class: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size (All sizes are Youth sizes): S M L XL

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name & Number (other than parent(s) listed above) : \_\_\_\_\_

Special needs/medications/allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all of the sessions you would like your child to attend.

Tuesday April 18  
 VBS 8:30am-noon  
 Lunch: noon-1pm

Wednesday April 19  
 VBS 8:30am-noon  
 Lunch: noon-1pm

Thursday April 20  
 VBS 8:30am-noon  
 Lunch: noon-1pm

Friday April 21  
 VBS 8:30am-noon  
 Lunch: noon-1pm

Forms and fees can be dropped off at or mailed to:  
 The Congregational Church of Needham, attn: VBS  
 1154 Great Plain Ave, Needham, MA 02492

# Youth News

March 2017

@ the Congregational Church of Needham  
Maddie Downer, CE & Youth Director

## LENT IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

On Wednesday, March 1, we begin our journey through Lent.

During this season, our children will be working together to create elements for our worship spaces. If you came to the Ash Wednesday service, our altar was adorned with altar cloths that our K-5 students made in Sunday School. On Good Friday and in Holy Week, you will be invited to reflect on stained glass inspired Stations of the Cross which will have been colored by our kids. Our Communion bread this month is again made by students in our youth ministries. We made both whole

wheat and gluten free options (note that while the ingredients were all gluten free and the equipment had been washed prior to use - it was made in a kitchen that is not gluten free).

Throughout Lent, our students will be challenged to memorize verses tied to the Lenten story. Children who can recite the verse back during Sunday School the following week will earn prizes to help remind us of the Easter story.

On Maundy Thursday we will offer a worship service for K-5 students while parents and caregivers are worshipping in the sanctuary after supper. Our worship will use multi-sensory prayer stations and singing.

### FIRST FORMAL COMMUNION: SUN., MAY 7



If your child is interested in participating in the First Formal Communion workshop, please email Maddie by March 12. We will find an April date that works for the families of our Communion class by doodle poll.

### BIBLE SUNDAY IS MAY 14

Our Kindergarten and 4th grade students will receive their Bibles during worship on Mother's Day.

Judi Stewart and Sue Turner will teach our 4th graders about how to navigate their Bibles in a

3 week class series during Sunday School on April 2, 9, and 30. Please email Maddie by March 26th if your fourth grader will be participating in these classes so we can plan appropriately for materials.

Our kindergarten students will learn about their Spark story Bibles during Sunday School on April 30.

### Muslim Justice Teach-In

On Sunday, March 12 our high school youth group will be headed to Old Cambridge Baptist Church for the Muslim Justice Teach-In presented by the Muslim Justice League.

We will carpool to the Newton Highlands T station and T over to the church. We will need carpool drivers to drop us off at the T and pick us up between 6 and 6:30.

Carpool 1:30 - 6:30; workshop 3:00 - 5:00  
If you are interested in going, please talk to Maddie by March 5 and I will register you!

### Easter Egg Hunt Candy Needed!

- We are
- collecting nut
- free candy for
- our Easter Egg
- Hunt, Sunday,
- April 16.
- Contributions
- can be placed
- in the Easter
- basket in the
- narthex.



### YOUTH BAND

- Youth band will
- practice at every
- youth group
- meeting from
- 6:15-6:45. Both
- JR and SR High
- are invited to
- participate.

## Maddie's Community Office Hours - March

Community office hours are drop-in hours for students and families. If school is cancelled or let out early due to inclement weather, office hours will also be cancelled. Afternoon community office hours are directed toward high school students, while evening community office hours are aimed at K-8 students and families.

Wednesday, March 8: 2:45-4:00, at the Dunkin Donuts across from the High School

Thursday, March 16: 7:00 - 8:00 at the McDonald's on Chestnut Street

Wednesday, March 22: 2:45-4:00 at the Dunkin Donuts across from the High School

Tuesday, March 28: 7:00 - 8:00 at the McDonald's on Chestnut Street

## Youth Ministries Calendar

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IrM3V1gUSYsL07Oo8Dj\\_jda49ur\\_Kh9vRF12yf1J19s/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IrM3V1gUSYsL07Oo8Dj_jda49ur_Kh9vRF12yf1J19s/edit?usp=sharing)

Date	Jr High	Sr High	
Saturday March 4th	Junior High Retreat Little Women at the Ocean State Theatre in Warwick at 7:30pm. Contact Maddie at youth@needhamucc.org if you would like to go.		
Sunday March 5th	5:00-6:15 Jr High Youth Group	6:15-6:45pm Youth Band Practice	6:45-8:00pm Sr High Youth Group Holy Homework & Fellowship
Sunday March 12	No Junior High Youth Group	Youth Band 6:30-7:00	SR High is invited to participate in the Muslim Justice Teach-In Please see article on other side. Carpool drivers needed. RSVP by 3/5
Saturday March 18	Tubing @ Nashoba 9am-3pm RSVP by 3/12		
Sunday March 19	Youth Band practice 1:00 PM  Matinee Movie at Dedham Showcase 1:30 PM Carpool from church or meet us there. Exact time & movie TBA Wed.3/15.		
Saturday March 25	Community Building Retreat at Needham UCC! Workshops & Camp Day for kids of attendees - High school students to serve as counselors		
Sunday March 26	5:00-6:15 Jr High Youth Group	6:15-6:45pm Youth Band	6:45-8:00pm Sr High Youth Group
Saturday April 1	Join the wider congregation for the Great Chili Cookoff! If you like to cook, submit a chili and you could win a fabulous prize - like a giant, stuffed chili pepper.		

# ALL OUR VOICES... ALL OUR VISIONS

Come together with your church family for a day of spiritual renewal and community building with facilitator Suzanne Ehly. We will be hosting a kids camp (registration on back) to run simultaneously for any parents who wish to attend,

## SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH FROM 9AM-5PM



Suzanne Ehly, Artist-in-Residence, and Faculty in Voice, Body, and Culture at Episcopal Divinity School, is also a professional performer, an experienced teacher, workshop and retreat leader – a hybrid scholar/performer/activist. At EDS she teaches the course *Unleashing Our Voices: Voice, Identity and Leadership*; co-teaches the *Foundations and Preaching* courses, and has been invited by faculty colleagues to guest teach in *Liturgical Practicum, Spirituality, and Theological Writing* courses.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Church Member Y N I attend Worship \_\_\_\_\_ a month I attend church events \_\_\_\_\_ a month

Allergies or dietary restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

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**Contact Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Allergies or dietary restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

# KIDS CAMP!

SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH

9AM-5PM

## Community Building Weekend at Needham UCC!

Workshops & Camp Day for kids of attendees

Register kids ages Pre-K (potty trained please) through 5th grade.

If a current Registration is not on file for your child, we will email you for additional information.

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday:(mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday:(mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

# THE 2ND ANNUAL



Congregational Church of Needham's

**GREAT**  
**SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 1ST**  
**5 PM**

**ARE YOU CHEF  
OR TASTER?**



It's the showdown of the century!

Is the best chili made with 100% grass-fed beef or a good, old-fashioned mixture of beans and spices? Is it slowly simmered for 8 hours or cooked on high for 45 minutes?

*Be the judge or a chef at our Great Chili Cook-off!*

Tickets on sale in Fellowship Hall beginning in mid-March.

Do you make a mean pot of chili and want to join the contest?

Call the office, email [office@needhamucc.org](mailto:office@needhamucc.org) or speak with Rev. Heike!