



THE SPIRE

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sharing life's journey in Christian faith, love, and service.



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Calendar Highlights

Worship each Sunday morning, 10 o'clock, followed by coffee hour

9/2 Sunday – Informal Summer Service, Leah Rumsey preaching, with guests from Eliot Church in Fellowship Hall, preceded by breakfast at 9:30 a.m.

9/3 Monday – Labor Day Holiday

9/5 Wednesday – Deacons Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

9/8 Saturday – Welcoming Fall Fest at Second Church, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

9/9 Sunday – Welcoming Sunday, Carla Bailey preaching

9/12 Wednesday – All-Boards, 7:30 p.m.

9/15 Saturday – Youth Group to Community Servings, Jamaica Plain, 8 a.m.

9/16 Sunday – Climate Talk Forum with Stephen Frail, 11:15 a.m.

9/19 Wednesday – Church Council, 7:30 p.m.

9/23 Sunday – Proclaiming Scripture Workshop with Leah Rumsey, 11:15 a.m.

9/25 & 26 Tuesday and Wednesday – Nursery School Potlucks, 6 p.m.

9/30 Sunday – Blessing of the Animals, on lawn

20/30's Hiking Trip, 11:30 a.m.

Potluck Dinner Church will be held Wednesdays, 6 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Rev. Dr. Carla Jean Bailey, Senior Minister

Barbara Cancellieri, Administrator

Andrus Madsen, Minister of Music

Mary Ayotte, Bookkeeper

Pat Bonnet and Alan Bubba Sooho, Co-moderators

Susan Benes, Nursery School Director

Rev. Leah Rumsey, Minister of Faith Formation

Molly Doris-Pierce, Faith Formation Assistant

Henry Loftus, Marion and Gwen Carter, Sunday Sextons

Frank Neal, Property Manager

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Next Spire Deadline: September 17, 10 a.m.

Next Spire Mailing: September 26, 9 a.m.

From Liz Magill!

Can you believe that September is here already? By the time you are reading this I am in Ireland and Carla is here at last. Transition time is hard and yet exciting.

Thank you for the wonderful opportunity to be with you this summer. Thank you for the hard work you have done to be ready a new pastor. Thanks especially to the Worship and Formation committees for their dedication this summer, and to Leah for keeping Dinner Church happening.

I pray peace for all of you. I pray trust for all of you. I pray that you will find ways to let your love for each other overcome anything that separates you. Best wishes on your next journey!

As you know, I'll be staying away from you on email and Facebook and wherever else we meet--we can say a quick Hi at UCC events of course, but keep turning to Carla to be your pastor. That doesn't mean you can't buy my book when it comes out in March of 2020! <Grin!>

Pastor Liz

My New “Bailiwick”!

Dear Second Church Friends,

Welcome to you! Welcome to us! Welcome fall! September is a month of so many new beginnings and Warren and I are relieved and elated to include ourselves on the list. It feels as if I've been looking for you for a long time, and here you are!

It will be tempting, for both you and me, to jump into everything with both feet on day one. After all, there is so much in our world that needs our loving attention. But we must pace ourselves, lest we grow too weary to notice the beauty in the small and seemingly insignificant ways God works. “Consider the lilies of the field – how they grow” (Matthew 6:28) is a good reminder, isn't it? Consider the leaves, how they fall. Consider the water, how it runs. Consider the music, how it soothes. Consider the friends, how they welcome. All these are worthy of our attention, too.

I look forward to listening to you, singing with you, rejoicing with you as we walk these new steps together. And I'm especially looking forward to our Welcome Weekend, September 8-9. May this journey lead us to joy, peace, and a hope that never fails us.

Love to us all,

Carla

Welcoming Sunday

Welcoming Sunday is September 9. Join with us as the Second Church community comes together for Pastor Carla Bailey's inaugural worship service as our new minister. This will be a very special worship service as we celebrate a new chapter in the life of Second Church.

Death

Marjorie Fairhurst died July 23, 2018 in Marion, MA at the age of 101. The funeral service was held at Second Church on Monday, July 30. Immediately following the interment, friends and family were invited to a reception in Fellowship Hall. The Rev. Dr. Liz Magill officiated.

Wedding

The choir's own Jessica Haggett married David Silverman in July. Best Wishes to you both!

Congratulations

Tracy Carter has earned a PhD from Northeastern University in Chemical Engineering. Congratulations, Tracy!

From the Music Desk of Andrus Madsen

Choir Practice is back in session, and we would love to have you join us. We meet at 7:30 in the Choir room on Thursday nights.

Fall Fest Announcement

Fall Fest is on Saturday, September 8 from 10 to 1. Fun, informative and purposeful activities are being planned to celebrate the beginning of the new church year and the ministry of our new pastor, Rev. Dr. Carla Jean Bailey. Opportunities to meet mission partners, sign up for outreach activities, and help assemble toiletry kits with socks for homeless shelters. Visit a petting zoo, step into a firetruck, ring the steeple bell, play games, and enjoy fresh-made popcorn.

WE NEED YOU. Here is where you can help with your time, talent, and treasure:

- **Volunteer to help at Fall Fest.** Pick one of the three categories of volunteer opportunities listed below, and we will assign you to specific tasks. Email your choice to Jody Mahr at jmahr0713@gmail.com or Joy Paine at jpaine@fessenden.org.
 - Set up and clean up
 - Activities
 - Tables
- **Invite your friends and neighbors.**
- **Donate a pair of new clean socks to be included in the toiletry kits that will be assembled for homeless shelters.**
- **Be a Fall Fest Angel and donate funds.** No gift is too small!

Faith Formation

September Youth Group Schedule

Fall Fest	9/8	10-1	Children, youth, and families are especially invited to this event
Welcome Worship	9/9	10	Youth invited to welcome Pastor Carla and help with the Prayground
Brunch	9/9	11:30	Youth and young adult mentors have brunch together at IHOP after church
Community Servings	9/15	8 am	Carpool from SCN to prepare a meal at Community Servings
Brunch	9/23	12:15	Breakfast at IHOP following the Proclaiming Scripture forum

September 20/30's Schedule

Fall Fest	9/8	10-1	Meet other Newton young adults at this community event
Welcome Worship	9/9	10	Please join in worship with us to welcome Pastor Carla!
Scripture Workshop	9/23	11:15	Join Leah for this active workshop about reading and proclaiming scripture
Hiking	9/30	11:30	Leave from worship to go hiking together. Return by late afternoon.

Proclaiming Scripture Workshop: 9/23

Join Leah for a fun and active workshop about reading and publicly proclaiming scripture. We'll think together about how we can tap into our own experiences to make public scripture reading meaningful to ourselves and our audience and learn about how proclaiming scripture has served as a form of worship in the church throughout history.

Children in Worship

As we transition to worship in our main sanctuary, please remember that children of all ages are invited to join us in worship and have the choice to stay with their parents in the pews or to come forward and be in the supervised Prayground area between the pulpit and the first pew. Unstructured childcare is also available downstairs in Room 110 for children who do not feel ready to be in worship.

Digital Ministry for Kids

Second Church is offering a weekly mailing designed specifically for families with young children! Each Wednesday, you'll receive an email with the coming Sunday's Bible story in an accessible, comic book-style format and a few suggestions for discussion starters or activities. Because this is entirely online, we're able to include friends or family in distant places - all you need is an email address! If you are a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or caregiver and you'd like to be on this list, write Leah: leahrumsey@g.harvard.edu

Potluck Dinner Church - Wednesdays at 6 o'clock

Dinner Church will continue this fall. We'll meet at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays, and instead of signing up to provide dinner, we'll bring food potluck-style. There is no sign up – just bring whatever you wish, ideally enough to feed five or more people – think cookies, veggies from your garden, or a new recipe you've been wanting to try. We know that this may mean there are nights when we do not have a traditional “balanced meal” and we accept this as part of the fun. If you are unable to bring something, don't let this prevent you from joining us. Come anyway! Write Leah with questions:

Leahrumsey@g.harvard.edu

Climate Change Forum, September 16, 11:15 a.m. with Stephen Frail

Join us for a conversation about climate change and practical tips for what we can do about it:

- Current science on climate change, with both global and local impacts, current and forecast
- Current developments in green energy, including long-term trends
- Actions that concerned citizens can consider taking on climate change

Stephen Frail has been personally trained by former US Vice President Al Gore to serve as a volunteer for the Climate Reality Leadership Corps. Stephen speaks regularly on climate change at businesses, private organizations, schools, houses of worship, and private gatherings. The work of the Climate Reality Project is focused on a deep understanding of the latest climate change science and on reaching people in their communities and informing them about the global climate crisis and its solutions.

Verify Picture Directory Information

Please check your online picture directory listing at <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com> You will need to login with your email address and then create a password to access the directory. Notify the church office 617-244-2690 or office@2ndchurch.org if your listing needs to be changed.

Thanks, Shirley and Barbara

Name Tags

The friendly accessory to your wardrobe. Please remember to wear yours. The Board of Parish Life is organizing the box of name tags in Fellowship Hall, and soon we hope to offer a choice of our magnetic tags or another type. (Which would you prefer, name tags with a clip or with a lanyard? Louise Kittredge wants to know. Loukittr43@gmail.com)

Hospice Volunteers Needed

Care Dimensions in Lincoln on the Waltham line is looking for volunteers to help support our hospice patients and families. Come be a part of something truly extraordinary and help us in our mission to make each day a gift for our patients and their families.

Whatever your skills, talents, or motivation, we have a volunteer opportunity for you! Our next training starts soon so please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Heather Merrill at 781-373-6509 or hmerrill@caresdimensions.org for more information.

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The Second Church in Newton is an inclusive community of curious and creative spiritual seekers, committed to learning, teaching, social justice and embodying a progressive practice of Christianity through loving kindness, engagement and joyful worship.

