

God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



**No matter who you are or where you are
on life's journey,
you are welcome here!**

**Guilford Community Church is a safe place
for all people to worship regardless of race, creed,
age, cultural background or sexual orientation**

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Administrative Office Hours: Closed Mon

Tues-Fri 9am-3pm

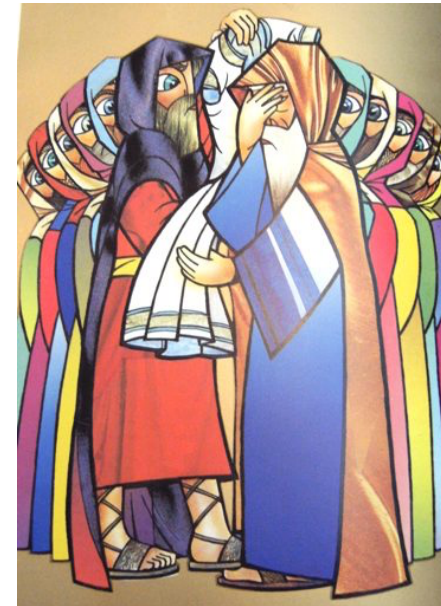
Pastor's Office Hours: By Appointment

Bulletin Notices: Please notify the office by Thursday at
noon if you would like something added to the bulletin.

Hospital Visits: If you or a loved one are in the hospital
and would like a visit from Pastor Lise Sparrow or one of the
Deacons, please leave a message at 257-2776 with the
name and room number of the person. Hospital
confidentiality regulations prevent visits without this
information.

Guilford Community Church United Church of Christ

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
February 24, 2018



("Joseph and his brothers" by He Qi)

"But I say to you that listen,
Love your enemies,
do good to those who hate you,
bless those who curse you,
pray for those who abuse you.
(Luke 6:27)

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
February 24, 2019**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A complete list of announcements can be found in the insert or in our weekly e-news. Please fill out the cards in the pews to be added to our mailings.

Birthday Song:

*Happy Birthday, happy birthday, we love you
Happy Birthday and may all your dreams come true
When you blow out the candles one light stays aglow
It's the love light in your eyes, where'er you go.*

SILENT MEDITATION & THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN: #7 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION: "Abba Prayer"

by Nancy Steeves

Leader: Ground of all being, we honor
the many names for our experience of the sacred.

**All: May we build a community faithful
to the dream of heaven on earth.**

L: May there be food for all who hunger this day.

**A: May we be forgiven for the falseness
of what we have done
as we forgive those who have been untrue to us.**

L: May we not feel abandoned in hard times
but find strength to meet each moment.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**For the light of life, the vitality of being
is within us and beyond us,
now and forever, Amen.**

SERMON

ANTHEM: "There Is No Hatred in Christ"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(It is our custom to join hands for the Lord's Prayer.)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Hymn #278

"Hear our Prayer, Oh Lord..."

THE OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*THE CLOSING HYMN: #502 "Community of Christ"

SENDING FORTH THE LIGHT

BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN: Hymn #291

**invites the congregation to stand*

***RPB=Red Pew Bible ***LPB=Large Print Bible

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Welcome Welcome Welcome
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**We wish you a warm welcome this morning and hope you
will feel very much at home and among friends. Please
plan to stay and join us after the service for a time of
fellowship and refreshment.**

Everyone is welcome!

Today we especially thank the volunteers who make this
worship service & the reception after possible.

Service Coordinator: Fred Breunig

Greeters: Lucy Spahr-Blazej & JoEllen Tarello

Flowers: Bev Langeveld

Coffee Hour: Terry Sylvester & Bob Glennon

ANTHEM: "The Good Samaritan" (Peter Amidon)

CHILDREN'S STORY: "The Job of Shepherds"

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S HYMN: #88

"My Shepherd, You Supply My Need"

CONTEMPORARY READING: "Our True Heritage"

The cosmos is filled with precious gems.
I want to offer a handful of them to you this morning.
Each moment you are alive is a gem,
shining through and containing earth and sky,
water and clouds.

It needs you to breathe gently
for the miracles to be displayed.
Suddenly you hear the birds singing,
the pines chanting,
see the flowers blooming,
the blue sky,
the white clouds,
the smile and the marvelous look
of your beloved.

You, the richest person on Earth,
who have been going around begging for a living,
stop being the destitute child.
Come back and claim your heritage.
We should enjoy our happiness
and offer it to everyone.
Cherish this very moment.
Let go of the stream of distress
and embrace life fully in your arms.

--Thich Nhat Hanh.

SCRIPTURE: (*Bev Langeveld*)

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Luke 6:27-38 ***RPB p.60 ***LPB p.78

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY after worship

AED and Emergency Response Training

(Houghton Room)

Social Outreach Committee (Lise's office)

NEXT WEEK -Sunday, March 3

Transfiguration Sunday

MARDI GRAS!!

Dessert Potluck

Pastoral Transition Information Meeting

after coffee hour



Wednesday, March 6, 5pm

ASH WEDNESDAY

Sunday, March 10

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 16

SUGAR SUPPER

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"Ruth, Naomi and Orpah"

Women's Retreat

8:30-12 noon

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CHURCH CONNECTIONS AND SUPPORT

Need a ride to church? Please call Patty Meyer at 254-0994 by Friday noon.

Want to receive our weekly e-news and quarterly newsletters? Please fill out one of the cards in the pews and place it on the offering plate.

BCTV: Many of our services have been filmed and can be found on BCTV, Channel 8 Wednesday morning at 7am and Sunday mornings at 8am or anytime online at www.brattleborotv.org.

Audio-recordings of services are available through Patty at 257-0994.

Guilford Senior Lunch is offered the first and third Fridays of the month. The next lunch will be Friday, March 7th. For more information, please call Peg Curtiss at 254-9774.

Living Strong strength and balance classes at the church meet on Monday & Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm, Tuesday through Friday mornings from 10-11am. Talk to Lise or Lucy for more information.

AA meets on Tuesdays and Fridays. The Tuesday 6-7pm meeting is a Big Book/Step meeting and is open to alcoholics and families of alcoholics. The meeting on Friday from 5:30-6:30pm is for women only.

Second Sunday Step/ Study – An Al-Anon Family Step Work Group. This group meets the 2nd Sunday of the month, 2-4pm in the Houghton Room. The next meeting is Sunday, March 10th.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

SUGAR SUPPER



Please spread the word to your friends & neighbors!

Menu: Ham, baked beans, potato salad, cole-slaw, deviled eggs, homemade rolls, and *Maple sugar on snow*, with homemade donuts, and dill pickles

Seatings: 4:30, 5:45, and 7:00 PM

Prices: Adults \$12; children (11 and under) \$6; preschoolers \$3

Questions: Fred Breunig 802-254-9019 or fmbreunig@comcast.net

Reservations: 802-254-9019 OR guilfordchurchsupper@gmail.com

We start taking reservations this week!

And do plan on helping!

***Get to know our church community

***It's a great FUN-raiser, too!

***Something for everyone to do.

Opportunities on Thursday evening, plus Friday and Saturday

**Centering Prayer every Wednesday
4:20-5:30pm—everyone welcome**

**OPEN MEDITATION
4:20 - 4:50 pm
DISCUSSION
4:50-5:30pm**

**Stay tuned for a special Introduction
scheduled for March 17 after church**

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



SEASONAL OVERFLOW SHELTER

Our next meal is scheduled for March 10. Rob and Jill Harnish lead the preparation and serve meals the second Sunday of each month. Your help is needed and welcomed in all aspects of the task. Sign up downstairs or let them know if you can provide part of a meal and/or help with serving the meal any month. Rob's number is (508) 808-1373 or email: rharn92636@gmail.com.

OTHER MEALS: The Drop In Center on South Main Street is open every day as a place of warmth and always welcomes food donations to serve people who drop in. Consider this if you have leftover food to share and drop it off at the South Main Street location any day.

DONATIONS FOR MORNINGSIDE SHELTER

The shelter can always use sheets, towels and toiletries. Donations can be left in the basket downstairs and we will be sure to deliver them.

GUILFORD FOOD PANTRY - Donations of peanut butter, tuna fish and breakfast cereal are much needed for the pantry and are always welcome. If you would like more information, or would like to help out on Thursdays, please contact Pat Haine at 257-0626 or email pth1946@yahoo.com. The Food Pantry is open every Thursday from 5-6pm and is located at the Broad Brook Grange 3940 Guilford Center Rd.

DOVE PROJECT - Thanks for anything you can offer to those living with HIV/AIDS in our community. The little white doves on the board downstairs are suggestions of things most needed.

PRAYERS AT GUILFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH

Our faith teaches us that prayer is a unique and powerful force for healing. Within our community, we believe it is also important to respect confidentiality. We trust the people listed below have been consulted and are glad to be included.

If you would like a loved one added to these prayers, please leave a prayer request in the prayer triangle at the back of the Sanctuary, or call the Pastor's phone line (257-2776). They will be included in the list for three weeks unless other requests are made.

Officers & Crew of the John C. Stennis
Aircraft Carrier CVN74
Family & Friends of Michael O'Dell
Family & Friends of Ursula Serkin

Joan Shimer	Angela Daprato	Grace Wahlberg
Lisa Vose	Joan Seymour	Doris Spahr
Mary Grove	Elaine Petrie	Carol Jaenson
Theodore Koehler	Bob Maes	Robbie Harnish
Arlene Hogenmiller	Justin	Tony Barrand
Jay Falk	Diana MacInnes	Joy Hayes
Lois & Chaz Freeman	Alison	Elizabeth Israel
Ruth Ayers	Anne Janeway	Michael Vose
Al Franklin	Kathie Lovell	Kyle Franklin
Doug Hamilton	Herb Meyer	Mary Lila Gregg
Chip Siler	Elizabeth Christie	Joanie McBean
Matt Kent	Desmond Oliver	Laurel Jenkins
Barry Levitt	Bonnie Waker	Jim Peters
Julian Michael Silberman		

Prayer Chain: Should a health emergency arise during the week for which you would like prayers, or if you would be willing to pray for others and would like to join the prayer chain, please call Lucy Spahr-Blazej at (380-3695). If you are leaving a message for Lucy requesting a prayer, please spell the names, or email Lucy at lucysb1@gmail.com.