

■ Rev. Marie Lucca ■

FCC's New Interim Pastor



FCC welcomes Rev. Marie J. Lucca as our new half-time Interim Minister! Over the last decade, Marie has been a popular substitute preacher and bridge minister for our congregation, and she is excited to serve us once again.

Marie graduated from Harvard University during the Cold War with a focus on Soviet Studies (her senior honors thesis was on Russian espionage and disinformation!). She then went on to law school at Boston University and was a maritime attorney and business executive in NYC and Greenwich, Connecticut for several years before heading back to Massachusetts to attend seminary at Weston Jesuit School of Theology (now part of Boston College).

Besides her theology degree, Marie holds two post-seminary certificates in Interfaith/Ecumenism and Youth/Young Adult Ministry. She also has completed extensive training as a church growth and vitality consultant.

Over the course of her ministry, Marie has pastored in churches from several Protestant denominations; founded a coffee-house style church aimed at younger demographics; served as a chaplain for terminally ill cancer patients and their families, officiated scores of weddings and funerals, and facilitated numerous spiritual enrichment programs and educational retreats throughout New England.

After 20+ years living in Boxford, Marie and her husband Curt moved to Harpswell, Maine in 2020, but they also have a condo in Groveland, Massachusetts. Their son Ford is a video-journalist and documentarian specializing in extremist groups. Ford's wife, Hala is a special education teacher and they live in Virginia just outside of DC. Curt and Marie's daughter Joanna graduated in May from Columbia University Law School. She and her fiancé Will will reside in San Francisco.

June 8 Is Pentecost

Pentecost is the date that the Christian Church commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus' disciples after he ascended into heaven. According to the New Testament book Acts of the Apostles, the disciples were together in Jerusalem celebrating the Jewish Feast of Weeks when a "mighty rushing wind" filled the room and "tongues of fire" appeared over their heads – the Holy Spirit! Suddenly, they realized they could speak a multitude of languages, and at that point, the twelve "disciples" became known as the "apostles," meaning that they were sent off to spread the Good News of the resurrection throughout the world.

Pentecost is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter, and is one of the most festive Sundays of the church year!

This year, that is June 8. We will celebrate with a light-hearted service about recreation and the Spirit-filled life. A playful spiritual life is one that emphasizes joy, delight, freedom, grace, and love! This will also be our monthly communion service.



Be sure to wear something bright and colorful. The liturgical color of the day is **bright red!**

Rev. Marie's Office Hours for June

In-Person – Wednesday, June 11, 9am-noon

Virtual – by appointment

We are working on setting up consistent, virtual office hours.
Stay tuned!

Blessing of the Animals

Our annual blessing of the animals will take place during the worship service on June 15. This is a wonderful event so please distribute the flyer on the next page to your family members, neighbors, and friends.

All animals are welcome, including stuffed animals, so bring along your doggies, kitty cats, reptiles, bunnies, sheep, horses – you name it. Feel free to bring a photo of your living or deceased beloved pets as well. But Rev. Marie is afraid of tarantulas so no bugs please!



Blessing of the Animals



Sunday, June 15, 2025, 10:30 am
First Congregational Church
7 Andover Street, Georgetown

Everyone is invited to bring their pets
for a special blessing during our
regular worship service. Stuffed
animals are also welcome!



If you have more of a "stay-at-home"
pet or if your beloved pet has left
this world, please bring a picture to
the blessing.

All pets are welcome, but we recommend that they
be contained in some way: a leash, carrier, cage,
tank, trailer, etc.



Strawberry Social & Band Concert



**Tuesday, June 24th
6-8 PM**

Enjoy the Beginning of Summer on our Church Lawn!

**Due to increases in prices for strawberries and supplies,
monetary donations will be greatly appreciated.
Checks can be payable to "First Congregational Church"
and note it is for the Strawberry Social
or scan the QR code below.
Raffle items are also needed.**

Any questions contact Emily Knapp, Janice Murphy or Kristen Arsenault





Conversation Cafes Are Coming to FCC!

During July and August, FCC's worship services switch from Sunday mornings to Wednesday evenings. This year, Rev. Marie will be leading her ever-popular "Conversation Cafes." These spiritual experiences are designed to feed the soul with fascinating stories, original videos, snacks(!), and a guided discussion on life issues such as loneliness, regret, angels, natural disasters, life after death, ethical questions, and current events. They are also wonderful evenings for sharing FCC's amazing hospitality, so bring a friend or two. You'll be glad you did!

Help Spread the Word through FCC Social Media!



Did you know that FCC has a Facebook page? Check it out at:
<https://www.facebook.com/fccgeorgetownma>

Please be sure to BOTH "like" and "follow" our page and occasionally post a comment on a post! It would be even better if you would "share" a post to your own profile and invite others to like or follow the page as well. These actions will generate engagement in the cyber world which means more people will learn about our wonderful spiritual community!

June Worship Schedule

- June 1 Alecia Balduf presiding
- June 8 Pentecost Communion Service, Rev. Marie presiding
"The Holiness of Play"
- June 15 Blessing of the Animals Service, Rev. Marie presiding
- June 22 TBA
- June 29 No worship service

Men's Group

Saturday, June 14th
8:00 am, Cafe Sarina

Women's Guild Lunch Outing

**Tues, June 3
Noon**

We'll meet at the Roma Restaurant in Bradford for lunch in the small, private room overlooking the Merrimack River.

Please look through your old photos, and bring us a picture of yourself at an age between baby and five years old. You guessed it! We're engaging everyone in a guessing game of NAME THAT CHILD.

Lunch is on you! The Guild will pay the taxes and gratuities.



BOOK CLUB - JUNE 25

The Museum of Failures
by Thrity Umrigar

As always, check the website for the Zoom link, under 'Ministries'



June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 AM Bells 10:30 AM Worship	2	3 12 Noon Guild 7 PM Band	4	5 7 PM Band	6	7
8 9:30 AM Band 10:30 AM Worship 12 Noon Diaconate	9	10 6 PM Finance 7 PM Band	11 3 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM Missions 7 PM Boy Scouts	12 7 PM Band 7 PM Knitting	13	14 8 AM Men's Group Café Serin
15 BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS  10:30 AM Worship	16	17 6:30 Bell Choir 7 PM Band  Newsletter Deadline	18 3 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM Boy Scouts	19 7 PM Band	20	21  5 PM
22 9:30 AM Bells 10:30 AM Worship	23 7 PM Band	24  Strawberry Social & Band Concert 6-8 PM	25 3 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Council 7 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Book Club	26 7 PM Knitting	27	28
29	30	Note Red=Church Service Black=Church Group Purple=Team Meeting Blue=Outside Group				