

Our Ongoing Prayer List:

Dottie Bartlett	Chris Laursen	Karen Sands
Megan Bettison	Joe Marchesani	Rudi Schmid
Peg Elwood	Jan Miller	Diane Thorne
Ellen Hargraves	Helen Misselhorn	Edie Tompkins
Scott Joyce	Bill Moeller	Karen and Marc Vandenbulcke
Frank Kanour	Myrtle Murphy	Laurie Wade
Julie Kenyon	Betty Rettig	Betty and Liz Waggoner

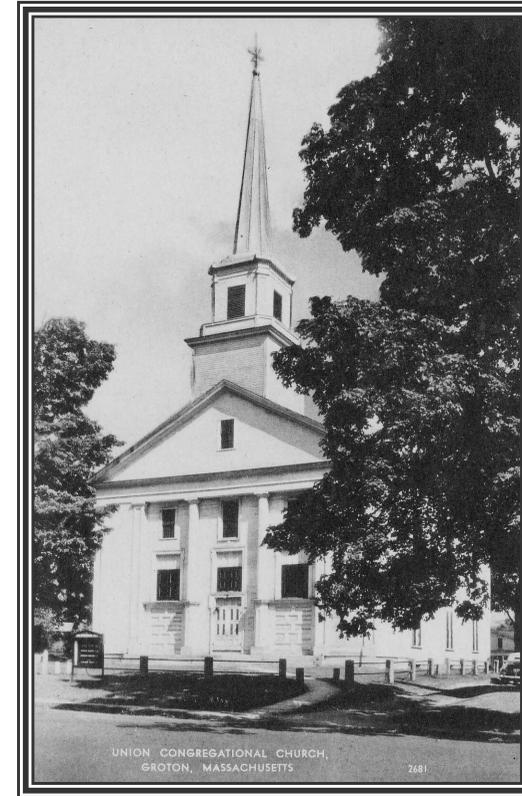
This list is refreshed in January and June. If there is a name you would like to put back on this list or one you would like to add, please let Gail Miller or Carol Zaiatz (978-448-2091 or unioncc@uccgroton.org) know.

Need prayer and need it now? Simply email prayer@uccgroton.org and your request will go to the confidential pray-ers; or call Carol or Gail in the Church Office (978-448-2091) and they will put your prayer request in motion for you. Prayer requests are held in confidence among those who are praying for you, and you may request that your name be withheld.

Welcome Guests and Newer Folk

Please fill out the beige cards found in the pew racks before you. This is a good way to let us know a little bit about you, and (if desired) to begin to receive information from us (weekly email, monthly newsletter). You may place the card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or the Pastor, Gail Miller. We are glad you are here!

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The Union Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Groton, Massachusetts

The Reverend Gail L. Miller, Pastor
Gary Gumuchian, Pastoral Intern
Bernard Crane, Music Director

January 20, 2019 10:00 a.m.
Second Sunday after Epiphany

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Welcome! We are glad you are worshiping with us today. Large print bulletins are available at the back of the Sanctuary or from an Usher. There is a comfortable rocker by the right-side exit door for those who need a more comfortable seat. If your baby or children become restless during worship, feel free to walk with them in the back of the Sanctuary or use the rocker. If you desire childcare, our nursery for infants and toddlers is in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. Children (pre-school through 7th grade) are usually released from worship after the *Time with the Children* to Sunday School in the Parish House. Feel free to approach an Usher or the Pastor with any questions.

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Prelude *Lord, You Have Come Down To The Lakeshore* —J. Rowland-Raybould

Introit *To God Be The Glory* —F. Crosby/W. Doane

***Call to Worship** (based on 1 Corinthians 12:1-11) Kristina Hnath

Leader: My sisters and brothers, I want you to know the truths about gifts of the Holy Spirit.

People: Tell us, for we are ready.

Leader: There are different spiritual gifts.

People: But the same Spirit gives them.

Leader: There are different ways of serving.

People: But the same God is served.

Leader: God created each of us with gifts and talents.

People: Let us worship our Creator.

***Hymn #43** *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

God, You have blessed us with various gifts; our skills, our talents, our purpose all originate in Your Spirit. Each of us has been given something to do that glorifies You and builds Your kingdom. We try to honor these blessings, but Lord, there are times we come up short. Rather than trust in You, we heed our doubts. Rather than focus on You, we get distracted. God, speak to us more clearly. Let Your voice overwhelm the obstacles impeding our response to Your holy call. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray together the prayer he taught us saying,

***Our Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us, this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Our God is a merciful God. Know that God's grace is more than enough to overcome our shortcomings. **Glory be to God.**

***The Gloria Patri, #623** (A song of praise Christians have sung together for 1900 years.)

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.***

***The Passing of the Peace**

(As a sign of reconciliation with God and each other, you are invited to share the peace.)

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Please Rise

Announcements

Time with the Children

(Children are dismissed to Sunday School in the Parish House.)

Ministry of the Word

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 62:1-5 (p. 604, pew Bible)

John 2:1-11 (p. 863)

Sermon

Are You Ready?

Gary Gumuchian

**The Apostles' Creed* (blue insert)

***Hymn #444** *I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go*

Ministry of Response

Offering of Gifts and Prayer Requests

Offertory Anthem

Endless Mercies

—D. Forrest/R. Snyder

***The Doxology, #625** (A Christian song of praise from the 16th century.)

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Loving God, we dedicate these gifts to your kingdom. Send us out seeking ways to use our gifts, our talents, our blessings to help make your kingdom here. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Offering of Prayers

Song of Preparation (inside Hymnal front cover) *In The Stillness*

—E. Tompkins

In the stillness, Savior, draw me near. In the stillness, teach my heart to hear.

Like a little child I come to Thee, and pray that in the stillness I may rest in

Thee; and know that in the stillness You will speak to me.

Pastoral Prayer, Lifting Names into God's Light, Silent Prayer

Prayer Response

Fourfold Amen

—K. Barker

***Hymn #454**

Glorious Is Thy Name Most Holy

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Unto Him That Loved Us

—R. Vaughn Williams

Postlude

Lord With Glowing Heart I Praise Thee

—Mason/Crane

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Following the *Benediction Response*, feel free to leave immediately or remain in the Sanctuary to listen to the *Postlude*.

Ministry of Fellowship

A special welcome to all who are visiting this morning. We're glad to have you sharing in our celebration of worship. Please join us for refreshments downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for serving today: Holly Haase and Kim Burgess (Deacons); Terri Cappucci and Juliet Silveri (Ushers); Wendy Jones/Bob and Myra Lockett (Fellowship Hour)

*Please Rise