September 19, 2022

Dear Church Family Member,

 Throughout our faith journey, we are extended several invitations. From the invitation to make our confession of faith to the invitation to care for a sick neighbor, to the invitation to bring food to the next church event, to the invitation to Christ’s Table, our life in a community of faith is full of invitations.

 During this Fall, our church family is going to be intentional about how we respond to the variety of invitations we receive and how those invitations spur us along in our faith development. In particular, we will focus about what it means to gather at the sacred table, and how being welcome there calls us to become agents of God’s grace.

 Our faithful financial stewardship is one way we are invited to respond to Christ’s invitation. Our generosity funds the mission and ministry that we are deploying as a sign that God’s Realm is among us. On **October 2, 2022,**we will begin an intentional reflection titled *From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving* as a preparation for determining our investment in the ministry and mission of Central Congregational Church. The time of study and reflection will culminate on Stewardship Sunday as part of worship **October 30, 2022**,and I hope you will be intentional about responding to this important invitation to be with us.

 God has done and continues to do remarkable things through us and with us – things that matter in our community! Your prayers and your participation are keys to helping us advance further on the pathway of discipleship. We know that when the early church gathered to break bread and share with one another, they did so with glad and generous hearts and that there was no need among them (Acts 2). We desire such a spirit of true community to be among us, motivated by the grace we receive at the Table.

 Thank you for walking alongside me as a part of Central Congregational Church.

Blessings,

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