

# First Congregational Church of Fall River



Parish Guide



**From the Music Minister:**

The next monthly organ recital at First Congregational Church will be Friday November 25th at noon; it will feature a guest from Brazil, Handel Cecilio, and eminent concert organist and composer who will be visiting the USA for a couple of weeks and expressed interest in our organ.

I know November 25th is the day after Thanksgiving, and everybody says that is a terrible time to give an organ concert. But it's when he's going to be in the country, so I don't have other options. And thinking about it, it might not be so bad!

Struggle out of bed the morning after Thanksgiving, putter around cleaning a few things up, come to church, listen to an hour of beautiful music and get fed lunch, get to compare notes with everybody about how their thanksgiving dinners went.

OR

Get up at 6 AM, go shopping. While you're shopping for Christmas presents, pick up a few things for the homeless and the poor for our deacon's projects. Some warm hats and gloves, some socks, a stuffed animal or two. By noon you're going to be exhausted. So come to church, drop off those things you bought, listen to an hour of beautiful music, get fed lunch. Seems to me like a win-win situation. Free to all, donations will be collected for Partners in Health.

Born in Brazil, Dr. Cecilio holds a master's degree and a doctorate from the State University of Campinas - UNICAMP and the University of Coimbra in Portugal. In addition to his work as a concert organist, he was a professor at the State University of Minas Gerais UEMG and at the Baptist Theological Seminary of Minas Gerais (liturgy and music) and is a composer and musicologist. Dr. Handel was organist in some churches in Brazil and Portugal and is currently organist at the First Presbyterian Church of Belo Horizonte. As a concert performer, he has performed throughout Brazil, Europe and the USA. In Belo Horizonte, he performed with the Minas Gerais Symphony Orchestra and the Lyric Choir of Palácio das Artes, and also with the Minas Gerais Philharmonic Orchestra, with which he played Symphony n° 3, in C minor, Op. 78, by Camille Saint-Saëns, last December. [www.handelcecilio.com](http://www.handelcecilio.com)



Judith Conrad, Music Minister



**FCC Stewardship  
Sunday November 20, 2022**

**Pledge cards are being mailed.  
Bring completed cards to church for  
Stewardship offering.**

**Additional Pledge Cards  
available in the Narthex**

Free to all

*Lunchtime Organ Recital*

Friday, November 25, 2022 at Noon



**Handel Cecilio** (Brazilian Organist)

**Guest Musician**

**Judith Conrad** -Music Minister



**First Congregational Church**

**282 Rock St. Fall River**

**performed on our 1911 Ernest Skinner  
organ with 3 manuals and 1555 pipes**

Free, contributions to Partners in Health accepted

**ADMIT ONE**

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**MACCC WOMEN'S RETREAT**

**SAVE THE DATE  
APRIL 29, 2023**

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF CANTON  
1541 Washington Street, Canton MA**

**Gathering: 9:30 AM**  
**Worship: 10:00 AM**  
**Keynote Speaker: 11:00 AM Trish Kendall-Speaker**  
**Luncheon: 12:45 PM**  
*Sharing, Small Group Discussions*  
**Closing: 2:30 PM**

If you are interested in helping with the retreat, please contact Rev. Deidre Scott at [cedirector@cc-cantonma.org](mailto:cedirector@cc-cantonma.org). We will plan to get together this fall. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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