



Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. - 1 Thessalonians. 5:11

Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. -Psalm 127:1

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"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. - Matthew 7: 24-25

Dear Friends,

Our Time To Build

June 2019

Grace and peace. I invite you to join in the excitement for the ground breaking ceremony for the **Our Time To Build** addition for our beloved church building on June 23rd at both the 9am and the 10:45am Crossroads Service. **I am amazed that the building will be a reality after many years of dreaming, planning, and praying.** Great thanks to all who have given and pledged their support for this new addition that will be a blessing for generations to come. If you haven't made a pledge it is not too late because we will be having an estimated \$400,000 mortgage and we would like it to be lessened through more pledges and gifts. The \$2.6 million project will be a blessing for many reasons but the top two will be making our church completely handicap accessible with an elevator to all the floors and a new fellowship/hospitality space that will bring people together before and after church and during the week.

The approximate time to complete the new addition will be 7-11 months. During this time there will be a lot of changes made to the entire building that you will notice- including a ramp to the chancel- where the sacristy was- and a new ramp into Webb Hall. **You will also see some spaces made within the sanctuary that will accommodate people in wheel chairs.** Though this is mandatory due to building codes we celebrate that this modification to our beloved sanctuary sends a message that we will make changes to help all feel welcomed and loved.

I believe that the Our Time To Build project is timed perfectly for our church and for the greater United Methodist Church so we can emphasize that we are a **loving and welcoming church for all people.** The physical new addition will be coupled with a renewed spiritual emphasis to be inclusive of all people. **We want all people to physically have access to every area of our church building and we feel the same spiritually.** Pastor Adam Hamilton has always been a hero of mine and he continues to be so as he leads a group called **UMC Next** that is determined to help us move forward as we reform within the UMC.

Just as we can be inconvenienced, made uncomfortable, and challenged to see our beloved church building be physically renovated- walls taken down, pews cut, etc. we will also be challenged and made uncomfortable to see that our spiritual church needs renovation to be more inclusive of people who often feel left out and forgotten. I am passionate about this because I believe we are being led by the Holy Spirit. Our New England Conference- and the vast majority of American UMC people- are open and welcoming to LGBTQ people yet the world wide UMC voted at the General Conference to continue discriminating against LGBTQ people. I do not believe this to be compatible with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I see our new physical building as an out stretched arm of welcome to all people. Please pray for the UMC family and how we can move forward as a global family. First UMC can be a bright light for Jesus as we seek to be a church that welcomes all people. **Please listen to and read about the UMC NEXT conference held at the Church of the Resurrection in Leawood Kansas from May 20-23rd. The link is at the end of my pastoral letter.**

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June 2

Acts 1: 1-11
Psalm 47
Ephesians 1: 15-23
Luke 24: 44-53



June 23

1 Kings 19: 1-15
Psalm 42
Galatians 4: 23-29
Luke 8: 26-39

June 30

2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77
Galatians 5: 1, 13-25
Luke 9: 52-62

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June 9

Acts 2: 1-12
Psalm 104
Romans 8: 14-17
John 14: 8-17

June 16

Proverbs 8: 1-4
Psalm 8
Romans 5: 1-5
John 16: 12-15

Please send all
prayer requests to
wfumcprays@gmail.com

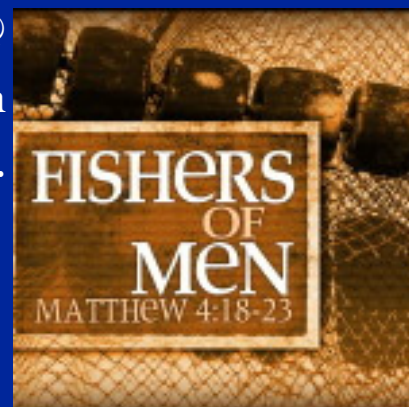


Please contact
an usher for
hearing devices
during both
worship services.

Men's Fellowship

All men are invited to come to McDonald's on Rtes. 9 and 30 *every Wednesday* at 6:00am for fellowship and prayer. Additionally, you may join for the Men's Fellowship Luncheon on the 3rd Thursday of each month @ Masonic Lodge, Church Street. All men of any age are welcome to attend. Questions?

Contact Paul Graves: 508-366-1521



A Legacy of Faith, Life Statement

Leaving a legacy of faith is just another way to sum up the words written in Deuteronomy 6:4-9 which says, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and

with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates." Think about the people closest to you and all that you mean to one another. What are the words, wishes and hopes which reflect how you want to be remembered by those loved ones? Leave them with the gift of your words that they will treasure forever and pass along to future generations; a timeless gift.

- 1.) My greatest joys in life:
- 2.) The wisdom and advice I would like to impart to others:
- 3.) Why my faith is so important to me:
- 4.) This is what I believe:
- 5.) Some of my favorite scripture :
- 6.) Some lessons that I have learned in life:
- 7.) I would like to express my thanks and gratitude:
- 8.) Here are some words of love for my family:
- 9.) Here are some words of forgiveness and reconciliation:
- 10.) My passions in life:
- 11.) Some of my favorite things to do:
- 12.) My prayers for those whom I love:
- 13.) I have been inspired by:
- 14.) Some wonderful memories that I cherish:
- 15.) Why it is important to have faith in Jesus as your Lord and Savior:
- 16.) Things in life that have meant the most to me:
- 17.) Things that have given me great joy:
- 18.) What I would like others to take from the life I lived:
- 19.) It is important to be part of a church family because:
- 20.) My hopes and prayers for particular family members and friends:

Hard copies of this form are available in the church office.



Secret Prayer Pal Ministry What a blessing it is to be a part of a church family whose members pray for one another daily. You will receive a name of a prayer partner and pray for them and send them (2) unsigned cards. Then, at a later date, we will have the 'big reveal in church'. We hope that everyone will take part in our Prayer Pal Ministry! More details will follow!



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Music during Worship: June/July

June 2	9 am: Sanctuary Choir Crossroads: Good News Ringers & Crossroads Bands
June 9	9 am: Sanctuary Choir Crossroads: Crossroads Band
June 16	9 am: Children's Sunday Crossroads: Crossroads Band
June 23	9 am: Good News Ringers & Sanctuary Choir Crossroads: Crossroads Band
June 30	9 am: Sanctuary Choir Crossroads: Crossroads Band
July	To Be Announced



Handbell Notes:

Thanks to all our handbell ringers for another year of inspiring music. We are all thankful for your contributions to our worship.

On June 27-30, the **Good News Ringers** will once again be attending the biennial Festival/Conference sponsored by the **Handbell Musicians of America, Area 1**.

It will be held at the **University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT**, and is a time for learning and sharing with other handbell ringers.

The event traditionally closes with a final concert open to the public. It will be **Sunday, June 30, at 3 PM**. It is an amazing opportunity to see and hear 400+ ringers playing together under the direction of nationally known conductors. We'd love to see some of you in the audience. All are welcome.





Appalachia Service Project 2019



This is the summer messenger, and summer is when the ASP youth summer program gets under way. This summer ASP is expecting over 15,000 summer volunteers in 30 summer facilities, and ASP's summer staff members (including our own Mike Reh!) are getting ready. After spending the second half of May in training, the staffs headed out to their counties at the end of the month, and are now getting set up to expect their first volunteers the second week of June.

Which brings us to our summer volunteer group! As previously reported in this space, we are planning to take 168 volunteers to Leslie and Breathitt Counties in Kentucky from July 13 -21. We've been planning for this moment since September of last year, which means we only have a couple of thousand things left to do! The group spent a weekend at Camp Aldersgate in May training, learning, and doing service projects around the camp to get ready. It will be so great to finally do all the things we've been training for!

So, what's left? We still haven't quite closed our budget. We are thrilled to have recently discovered a cheaper source for our 23 rental vans, saving over \$4000 in the process, and reducing our budget to \$118,358. As of this writing (May 31) we have raised \$105,977, so we're getting close, but still have a little ways to go. We have a car wash and a can drive coming up still (see below), but are at the point now of asking people to help us close that final gap. Youth speakers will present specific needs and ways that people can help at services on June 2nd. Thank you to everyone who has helped us get this far, and thank you in advance to those of you who will help us get over the top.

Our volunteers will be commissioned at services at FUMC and St Luke's on Sunday, June 30. Everyone is invited to see us off at 6 am on Saturday, July 13. We're currently expecting to be loading and leaving from the FUMC parking lot, but it's possible that the construction equipment for the church construction project will prevent that -- if that happens, we'll make sure to announce it! After spending a week doing our best to serve the people of east Kentucky through home repair, we will return home on the afternoon of Sunday, July 21, and report back to the congregation on Sunday, July 28. Please pray for our entire group for safe travel and effective service.

Also, while summer is a time to focus on the youth team, don't forget that we have an adult team traveling to ASP in October! Members of that team have started training by commencing the church construction project -- removing cabinets from the sacristy and kitchenette off the narthex, and removing the wall between the sacristy and the chancel. They'll be continuing with projects in June, along with youth who still have training requirements outstanding -- framing wheelchair ramps in the sanctuary and Webb hall, replacing stair treads, and anything else we can find that is appropriate for volunteer labor. ASP has helped to build our church in a number of ways, but now we're actually building the church!

ASP Car Wash

Our youth ASP team will be holding our second car wash of 2019 (weather permitting, of course), in the FUMC parking lot from 9 am - noon on Saturday, June 8. We will both wash and vacuum your car, and get all that stuff from the winter out from under your seats. So, bring your car down! We would also greatly appreciate everyone's help in getting the word out -- so, please invite a friend!

ASP Can Drive

The ASP youth team will be holding its 5th and final deposit can and bottle drive of the 2018-2019 school year on Saturday, June 22, from 8 am - 1 pm. This has been a record-breaking year for us -- the first 4 can drives have netted \$3402.55, which means we've sorted well over 68,000 cans and bottles this year. Don't let anyone tell you those nickels don't add up! We're looking to finish strong, so please bring your (and your friends' and your neighbors' and your friends' neighbors' and your neighbors' friends') MA deposit cans and bottles down to the Redemption Shed in the FUMC parking lot on or before the 22nd. We do ask that you separate glass from plastic and aluminum, and box it -- we don't want any broken bottles. Boxes are available in the shed if you need them. You can bring them down any time; the shed is always there and always open. And we'll take the after the 22nd, if you can't get them there by then -- a September can drive will be the first youth ASP 2020 fundraiser. Watch this space for more!



Starting on **Sunday, June 23**, we are moving the 10:30 service to a new start time of **10:45am**.



Stephen Ministry News



"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours." Teresa of Avila

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At a recent Stephen Ministry meeting, Avis Cox offered an insightful overview of The Compassionate Connection - The Healing Power of Empathy and Mindful Listening by Dr. David Raket. She shared an example the author gives in his book of how treating a patient's symptoms rather than the whole person can provide a less than satisfactory result for both doctor and patient. Martha, a patient whom Dr. Raket had been treating for various serious medical issues over many years, kept getting worse with new symptoms occurring with each visit. The doctor felt frustrated at his inability to help her, despite all his knowledge and training. He started rethinking the way he delivered patient care, choosing to move away from the emotional detachment model he had been taught, and moving instead toward a model of care that involved a more compassionate human connection. The book provides many examples of studies that have documented how patients who receive this human connection fare much better than those who do not. The experience of pain is notably lessened, and the speed of healing is significantly improved.

Avis explained how this human connection is important not just in the doctor-patient relationship, but also in all our interactions with one another. When our relationships include elements of hope, trust, wisdom, caring, gratitude, and mutual respect, even if we have very little to offer beyond reassurance, sympathy, and hand-holding, we can still make each other feel better. Avis drew a parallel to the Stephen Ministry caring relationship. As caregivers, we provide an empathetic, nonjudgmental, listening ear to our care receivers, walking with them through whatever challenges they are facing. In this way, we are the hands and feet of Christ, showing His love to others in need.

The Stephen Ministry Team is specifically trained to provide one-to-one care to people who are hurting. If you have any questions about Stephen Ministry, or would like to request care from a Stephen Minister, please contact one of our Stephen Leaders, Rev. Elizabeth Kubota, Kathy Ng, or Andrea Machnik.





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Let us remember that the foundation of our faith is the Word of God and when we face the storms of life- not if we face storms- our house will stand firm. We cannot build without the foundation of Jesus as the rock. His saving grace is what draws us together to love each other and grow in this grace. John Wesley called it a sanctifying grace.

Our Crossroads Service will change from 10:30am to 10:45am on June 23rd which will enable us to have more time to fellowship in between each service and for the praise band to set up. During the summer we will be seeking to make the service less than one hour. Our desire for the Crossroads Service is to reach out to people who have no history of church attendance and are drawn in by the more contemporary Christian music. Please plan to visit the Crossroads 10:45am service to support this new ministry. I would appreciate any 9am worshippers willing to worship at 9am and then stay for the Crossroads Service. **We need to have people who will welcome new people with open hearts and smiling faces. Come and visit and be part of this new and exciting worship experience.**

You are a blessing to me as we will celebrate the groundbreaking of our new addition on June 23rd. It is symbolic to how God is bringing a revival to our area where people are hearing the Word of God and being made new. First UMC is a beacon of light- the light of Jesus- that will help people outside of the church know they can be part of our church family and rejoice in knowing the saving grace of Jesus. Jesus says- love each other as I have loved you. Amen!

In Christian Love, Pastor John

<https://www.facebook.com/UMCNext/videos/1125784610957928/>

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Legacy of Faith forms are available in the office and all of the topic questions are on page 3 of this newsletter.

THANK YOU

Dear First Methodist Church,

Good afternoon, this is CPT Sherrick-Lopez who wrote the request on AnySoldier asking for your help with the soldiers in my unit. I wanted to let you know how appreciative we are for all your care packages. Everything you placed in the boxes are all goodies that we can use. I also wanted to let you know that if there is anything that cannot be used by a soldier I collect everything and take it to the Red Cross and other units. I passed a few of the boxes out and forwarded 6 of them to Iraq to my other Soldiers to enjoy. It always feel like Christmas when opening the care packages because we never know what is going to be inside. The boxes that we opens were wonderful and W just want you to know how appreciative we are. I can definitely tell that they were made with a loving heart and caring hands. The picture to the right is me in my office.

Again we appreciate all your hard work you put into the packages

Thank you,


CPT Deby Sherrick-Lopez



2019 Westborough Ecumenical Vacation Bible School

Congregational Church of Westborough, First United Methodist Church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Saint Luke's Roman Catholic Church, Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church



ROAR: Life is wild, God is good!

This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Roar, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

July 22nd – 26th 2019

BIBLE STORIES

MONDAY: Israelites are slaves for the Egyptians.

TUESDAY: God sends plagues on Egypt.

WEDNESDAY: The Israelites enter the wilderness.

THURSDAY: Jesus dies and comes back to life.

FRIDAY: The Israelites build a memorial to remember God's goodness.



A week of fun and memorable Bible truths where we'll learn that:



- When life is unfair...God is good!
- When life is scary...God is good!
- When life changes...God is good!
- When life is sad...God is good!
- When life is good...God is good!

LOCATION:

9am-12pm

Saint Luke's Parish Center
1 Ruggles St., Westborough

(Age 3-6th Grade)

RETURN REGISTRATION FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

VBS

183 West Main Street
Westborough, MA 01581



Before June 17th, 2019

\$30/child
\$60 max. per family

After June 17th, 2019

\$35/child
No Family Max



No charge for children of full-time volunteers. No registrations accepted after July 1st. Since materials must be ordered by 7/12, NO WALK-INS can be accepted.

Make Checks Payable to "Ecumenical VBS"

Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The number of students is limited in order to be able to plan crafts and snacks accurately and to obtain an appropriate number of counselors to create a safe and fun experience for everyone.

QUESTIONS?

Coordinator: Dianne Patrick

(508) 366-8509

Registration: Suzanne Gillam

(508) 366-7095 x105

Email: VBSwestboro@aol.com



PLEASE NOTE TIMES AND LOCATIONS – NO FURTHER CONFIRMATION WILL BE PROVIDED
Keep a copy for your records.

2019 Westborough Ecumenical Vacation Bible School

Volunteer Registration *** Please Print

It takes 1 volunteer for every 3 registered children to make VBS happen. Teenagers are also welcome.

Volunteer: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____ Are you a returning volunteer: ☐ yes ☐ no

ON-SITE (week of VBS) Roles	OFF-SITE Roles
Days Available: All Week (fulltime) or M T W Th F Not Sure Volunteer Age: Adult High School 9/2019 GR__ Middle School 9/2019 GR__ <input type="checkbox"/> Site Leaders (circle choices) Openings & Closings, Imagination Station, Wild Bible Adventures, KidVid Cinema, Stampede Sports, C.I.T.'s Little Paws Preschool: Director Exploration Station Craft & Play Games Bible Adventures & Missions KidVid Cinema <input type="checkbox"/> Site Aides – assist Site Leaders <input type="checkbox"/> Music – add your voice or instrumental talent to our Music Troupe <input type="checkbox"/> PreSchool or <input type="checkbox"/> School-age group preferred for jobs below: <input type="checkbox"/> Crew Leaders – lead family group of children each morning <input type="checkbox"/> Crew Assistants – co-lead family group each morning <input type="checkbox"/> Snack Crew – Buyer Prep Clean-up <input type="checkbox"/> Registration – cover daily arrivals and departures <input type="checkbox"/> Nurse – handle any medical concerns M T W Th F	<input type="checkbox"/> Decorators <input type="checkbox"/> Set-Up on Sunday <input type="checkbox"/> Clean-Up on Friday <input type="checkbox"/> No Preference <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Student Registration *** Please Print CLEARLY Thank You

Child's Name	Grade Fall 2019	Age as of July 22, 2019	Gender circle	Allergies, Dietary Restrictions, Special Needs
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			M F	
			M F	
Parent's Name				
Address/Town/Zip				
Phones	(cell)	(home or work)		
Email Address				
Church Affiliation				
Secondary Emergency Contact	Name	Phone		
Physician or Preferred Medical Clinic	Name	Phone		

A C.I.T. program (counselor-in-training) is available for 5th & 6th graders. If registering a 5th or 6th grader, check here to indicate your child's interest in being a C.I.T. - ☐ no ☐ yes - Tee Shirt Size ____ circle: Youth or Adult

☐ **Sound Wave Music CD** – (only available if pre-ordered) include \$7.00 if you would like one.

Photographs may be taken of my child for the purpose of promoting Westborough VBS ☐ yes ☐ no

I give permission for my child to attend Westborough Ecumenical Vacation Bible School and participate in all activities:

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____



Third Monday
Book Group,
Monday,
June 17@ 6:30pm

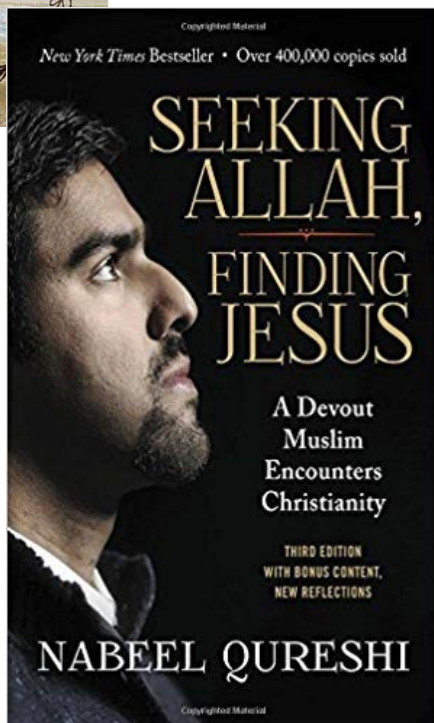
Available in the church office!

CHURCH LIBRARY

"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



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In *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus*, now expanded with new bonus content, Nabeel Qureshi describes his dramatic journey from Islam to Christianity, complete with friendships, investigations, and supernatural dreams along the way.

Providing an intimate window into a loving Muslim home, Qureshi shares how he developed a passion for Islam before discovering, almost against his will, evidence that Jesus rose from the dead and claimed to be God. Unable to deny the arguments but not wanting to deny his family, Qureshi struggled with an inner turmoil that will challenge Christians, Muslims, and all those who are interested in the world's greatest religions.

Engaging and thought-provoking, *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus* tells a powerful story of the clash between Islam and Christianity in one man's heart--and of the peace he eventually found in Jesus.



OUR TIME TO BUILD CAMPAIGN

First United Methodist Church
Westborough, MA

Demolition in Progress; Groundbreaking Activities and Commissioning June 23

You can now visibly see signs of our efforts to make the church handicapped accessible. On May 18, church volunteers removed the cabinets and walls within the Sacristy to make room for a handicapped ramp. Other volunteers removed the cabinets and sink within the kitchenette at the back of the narthex to make way for the larger entrance to the sanctuary. Next, volunteers will create cutouts of the pews to make room for wheelchairs and build the frame for a handicapped ramp in Webb Hall.

There will be a commissioning for the building project at both the 9 and 10:45 services on Sunday, June 23, with groundbreaking activities in between. Church members will be able to sign a beam that will be part of the addition and a professional photographer will take pictures of members with the ceremonial shovel. We will be joined by our construction partners ACS Group Inc. (<http://www.acsgroupinc.com>). The senior staff of ACS is looking forward to receiving our blessing on behalf of their team and to meeting the extended FUMC family.

Additional Pledges Welcomed

It's not too late to volunteer or make a pledge! We only need \$40,000 in additional pledges to reach our goal of \$2,200,000. All new and past support is appreciated.

Check the building committee link on the church homepage for continued updates.



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Order of Deacon
Leading and Equipping the Church in Servant Ministry
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As I write this the date is May 15. I am almost 3 weeks post total knee replacement surgery. It is my third and I hope final total joint replacement surgery. I am preparing to return to work at church this coming Saturday, May 18. I would like to thank those of you who kept the service music going while I was incapacitated. I would also like to thank all of you who sent me such thoughtful e-mail, cards and gifts as well as calling and visiting me. It has greatly cheered me as I have struggled with stretching that knee muscle *as far as it will go* (ouch!) with exercises and physical therapy. Although this is the ministry of the deacon article I have felt you have ministered to me more than I to you this past month. Thank you!

My thoughts turn to my music ministry now as I invite you to please sing in Sanctuary Choir in September. We have lost a few members to chronic illness and moves. We currently have one tenor. If he is ill or unable to sing with us we have no tenor. I know all choir members join me in the plea for more singers in every section. We have a very talented choir but are praying and asking ***your*** help to add more choir members. We will begin rehearsals at 7:30 pm the first Thursday after Labor Day in September. The choir has an interesting and varied repertoire of music. They will learn 4 new pieces for our Advent program and do a Palm Sunday program. They are a fun, caring group of people who enjoy making music together. Please join us.

My thoughts turn to my Bible study ministry now as I invite you to consider joining one of these two Bible studies in September. One meets from 9:15-11 am on Monday; the other 12:30-2 pm Tuesday. These groups are always ready for a Bible study adventure and enjoy each other's company as well. Please watch the August/September Messenger for more details and join us in September.

My thoughts turn to Stephen Ministry as I seek more Care Receivers for our Stephen Ministers. As I am the Stephen Leader charged with referrals I also seek more Care Receivers for our well-trained Stephen Ministers. At some times we have had so many requests for Stephen Ministers we have had to form a waiting list. Right now we have Stephen Ministers who are willing to serve and have no Care Receiver. Please contact me if you know of someone who might wish to have a Stephen Minister.

I look forward to seeing you all in church very soon! Thank you !

Rev. Elizabeth Kubota



ENTRUSTED! God has entrusted us to take care of and appreciate His earth.

It's summer! (almost) Time for we New Englanders to kick off our shoes, feel the cool grass on our feet, and enjoy the delights of a New England summer. What better time than to get outside and APPRECIATE all that God has created? With that in mind, our youth group would like to invite you to join our...

Savor the Summer Scavenger Hunt!

This is how it works (no need to sign up): Be on the lookout for the following items. When



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you find one:

- SAVOR it (maybe whisper (or shout) "Thank you, God!")
- Snap a picture (even better if you're in it)
- Send the pic to Gina (opsmanager@firstumchurch.com) and/or post it on Facebook or Instagram and tag FUMC_Westborough

For each picture that you share, you will be entered into an on-going raffle.

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| • spider web | • robin |
| • sun dial | • waterfall |
| • deer | • turtle |
| • biking or hiking trail map | • lake |
| • sunrise | • rainbow |
| • wild animal | • frog next to flower |
| • someone kayaking | • someone fishing |
| • flower | • cool insect |
| • recently planted tree | • mountaintop view |

Some great spots to find these items:

Tower Hill Botanic Garden (free on Thursdays from 3-9pm in June-August); Hopkinton State Park; Mass Audubon Broad Meadow Brook (Worcester); Garden in the Woods (Framingham); local trails; or your backyard.

Entrusted: Where to next? Meeting on June 10, 6:00 pm to brainstorm. Since we kicked off the Entrusted ministry in February, our church and our congregation has taken many steps to appreciate God's earth and to recycle, reuse and reduce our use of limited resources, and be more green and more appreciative of the earth that God created. While we won't stop recycling, we're wondering what would be meaningful to our congregation to focus on next... Carbon footprint? Endangered animals? Butterfly garden? If you're interested in sharing ideas and brainstorming, please join us on June 10, 5:45pm-7pm to discuss.

Do you have recycling questions? Massachusetts recently standardized its recycling guidelines and created a tool called Recyclopedia that allows you to search for instructions on how to properly recycle or dispose of hundreds of common materials. And if you're still not sure, your town's recycling provider is a great resource, too.



CHRISTIAN ED NOTES....

By Stephanie Shepardson

Sunday School:

Come celebrate our children and youth on Sunday June 16th at the 9am service! We have several 2nd graders receiving Bibles and we will also celebrate our teachers and graduates. There will be a reception to follow the service!

Please email the church with all graduate information to include:

name/school/degree or diploma received/future plans.

Next school year will be a time of change for our church as we work on becoming physically more accessible. It will also be a time of change for the Sunday School. We are even brainstorming new names to call it! For our preschool – 5th graders, we will be providing a curriculum that teaches the bible and faith through a rotation model of storytelling, drama, movies, cooking, and science. It's going to be an exciting year! If you have an interest in either teaching or helping our Sunday School program, please email me at christianed@firsttunchurch.com

Youth Group:

June 2nd – regular youth group
6:30-8:30pm

June 9th – regular youth group
6:30-8:30pm

June 16th – end of the year party!!!
Time to be announced soon!



Vacation Bible School

ROAR: Life is Wild, God is good!! July 22nd – 26th at St. Luke's in Westborough.

Register before June 17th for a discount! No registrations accepted after July 1st.

Registration forms can be found outside Stephanie's office. We need volunteers so let Stephanie know if you're interested!!



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Outreach News



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Suit Up for Summer! The Salvation Army of Worcester is sending 55 kids to Camp Wonderland this summer, where the kids will be enjoying all the fun activities of a traditional summer camp. Let's help send the kids off with some of the gear they'll need! Please take a tag from

the display at church to donate a swimsuit, towel or sunscreen. Donations are due back at FUMC by Sunday, June 2. Thank you! Any questions, please contact Christine Coffman (cddcoffman@comcast.net).



Directly Prior to Outreach meeting: Entrusted: Where to next? Meeting on June 10, 6:00 pm to brainstorm. Since we kicked off the Entrusted ministry in February, our church and our congregation have taken many steps to appreciate God's earth and to recycle, reuse and reduce our use of limited resources, and be more green and more appreciative of the earth that God created. If you're interested in sharing ideas and brainstorming, please join us on June 10, 5:45pm-7pm to discuss.

Help us to donate **2019**
pairs of socks for the
homeless in **2019**



Gift Card Sunday!

June 16

Clean out your wallet for a good cause!

Do you have various gift cards in your wallet with odd or small amounts left on them? On **Sunday, June 16**, bring them to church and your Outreach team will take them off your hands and put them into the hands of someone who can use them. A Dunkin Donuts gift card worth \$2 buys a homeless person a hot cup of coffee and the chance to sit in a warm place with access to a clean bathroom. We also appreciate any gift cards you purchase for this collection. Thank you for your support!



As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:10-11



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Panzi Hospital and The Smith Family African Medical Educational Fund

Panzi Hospital is an important destination on the Ubumwe Mission trips. Founded by Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Denis Mukwege, Panzi Hospital has become known as a beacon of hope for women, girls and even babies who have been violently assaulted. Sadly, Dr. Mukwege has become an expert in repairing traumatic injuries and lives in a virtual prison because he speaks boldly against gender violence. Despite his constant exposure to violence and danger, Dr. Mukwege - who is also a pastor - keeps his faith and his hope in God. He has integrity, speaking out even though doing so puts his own life in peril.

February, 2018, Dr. Jeff Smith and his son Ben joined the Ubumwe 2018 mission trip where they met Drs. Mukwege and James Bisimwa Kaliri, another dedicated physician and man of God. Jeff was so moved that he and his wife Karen decided to use the gifts that God has given them to partner with the work being done at Panzi Hospital. So, in February of 2019, Jeff again joined the Ubumwe trip - this time traveling all the way from the Smith's new home in Los Angeles, California - to discuss with Dr. Mukwege the newly established **Smith Family Medical Education Fund** which supports additional training of Panzi physicians. What a tremendous gift! Additional training will help not only the physicians, but potentially thousands of people who receive help from them!! Additionally, Dr. Jeff was able to arrange for Dr. James to fly to Los Angeles to visit Cedars-Sinai Medical Center to see the work being done there. None of this could have happened without 1) God allowing it, 2) God touching hearts and 3) The Smith family following God's call. We give thanks for the Smith family and for all who are open to God's calling - whatever that might be - and don't let fears or worries interfere.

If you would like to contribute to the Smith Family Medical Education Fund:

Please make **checks** payable to **FUMC Westborough** with *Medical Education Fund* in the memo line or you may **donate on-line** at firstumchurch.com

For more information about the Ubumwe Mission Trips:

Facebook: FUMC Westborough in Africa

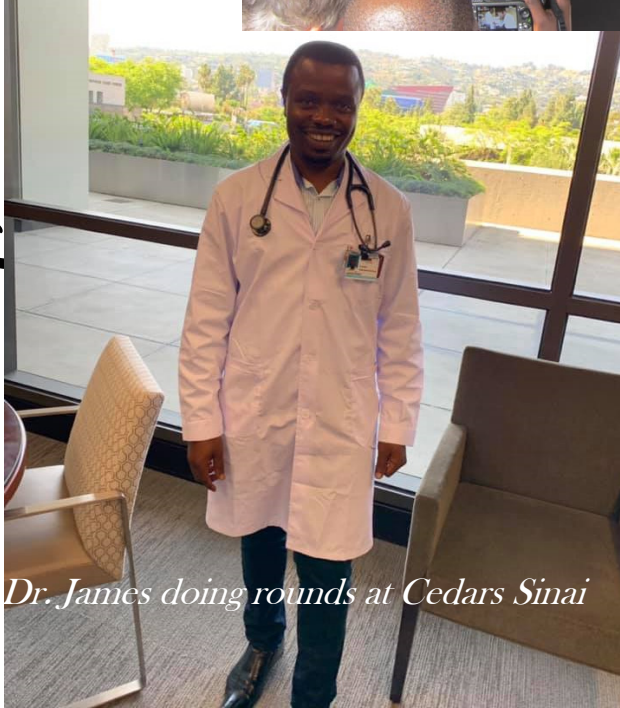
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Dr. Mukwege holding up orthopedic supports donated by an FUMC member. Thank you!



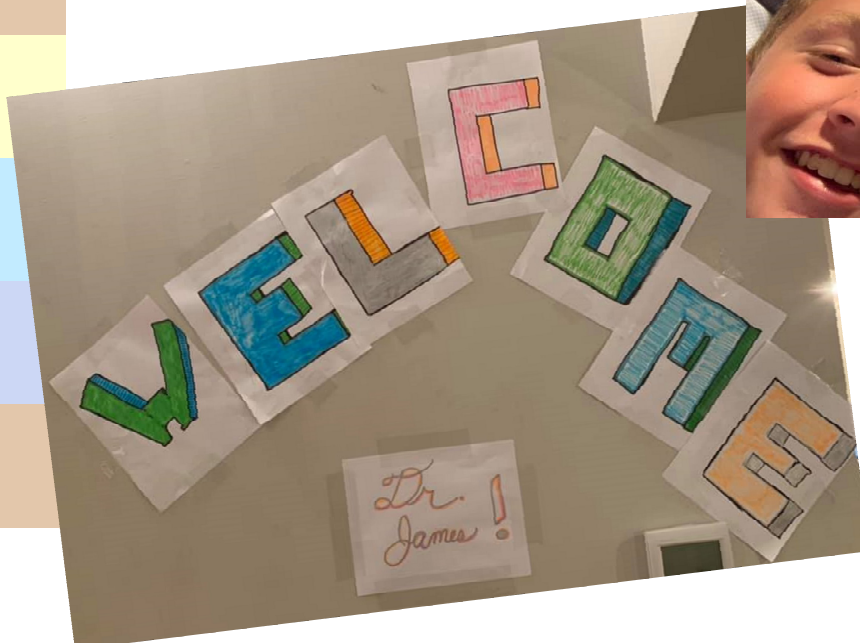
Dr. James doing rounds at Cedars Sinai



Drs. Mukwege and James going through trunks of supplies donated by FUMC



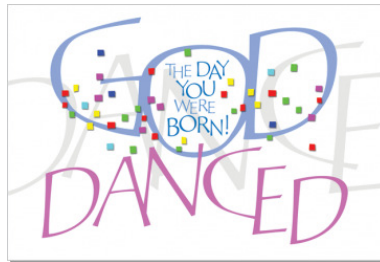
Dr. James with the Smith family



BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS
LOVE, JOY, PEACE,
PATIENCE, KINDNESS,
GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS,
GENTLENESS AND SELF-CONTROL.
AGAINST SUCH THINGS
THERE IS NO LAW.

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June Birthdays

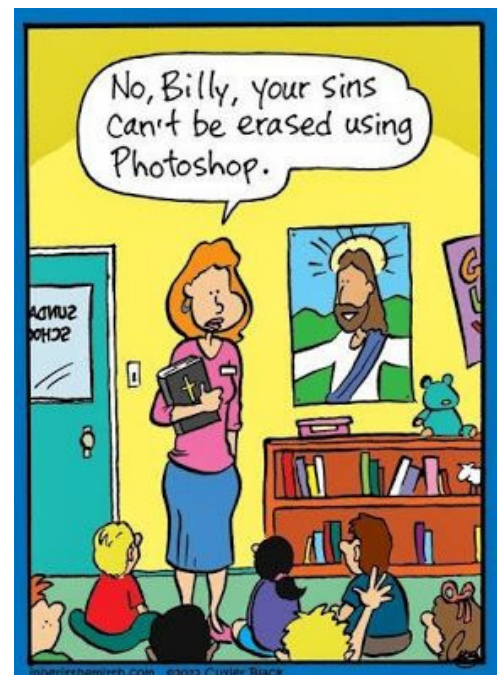
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Alisa Hilfinger	1
Jamie Martin	2
Jim Niedzolkowski	2
Tessa Cacciapouti	3
Caden Cacciapouti	3
Matthew Evans	4
Logan James	5
David Estella	5
Andrew Philbrook	6
Patrick Philbrook	6
Jenn Murphy	11
Betsy Goodhue	12
Michael Messier, Sr.	12
Michael Messier, Jr.	12
Karl Erickson	14
Sheri Workman	14
Maria Dupree	17
Tarry Barton	18
Emily Skaff	18
June Hudnall	20
Jill Dupree	21
Amanda Morin	22
Joy Parker	24
Taylor Bruce	25
Kristine Owen	29
Judy Draper	30
Jacob Schmidt	30
Lisa Madaio	30
Blake Cooke	30



Anniversaries

Adam and Sue Couture	8
Lori and Michael Messier	8
Tim and Susanna Estella	11
Bill and Jill Dupree	14
Earl and Connie Hutt	16
Renate and Don Heaton	16
Dave and Sheri Workman	19
Paul and Norma Nordstrom	19
Sarah and Chris Cooke	21
John and Lisa Shufflebarger	21
Naomi and Dick Howarth	22
Marion and Paul Mugford	28
Karen and Elliot Brown	29





July Birthdays

Ashley Taylor 1

Sue Couture 1

Avis Cox 2

Veronica DeLisle 4

Catharine Layton 5

Judy Brown 5

Matthew Brownell 8

Kevin Flagg 8

Judy Montague 10

Ella Hilfinger 10

Sarah Cooke 10

Susan Taranto 12

Brooklyn Bruce 13

Brian Skaff 14

Al Araya 14

Hunter Cooke 14

Kendra Sauer 16

Daniel Almy 17

Karin Bleakney 18

Kathy Cavaliere 19

Melissa Evans 20

Chris MacKenzie 21

Dave Workman 23

Aiden Murphy 26

Gregory Kashmanian III 26

Bradley Brownell 30

Anniversaries

Kevin and Lynda Schmidt 8

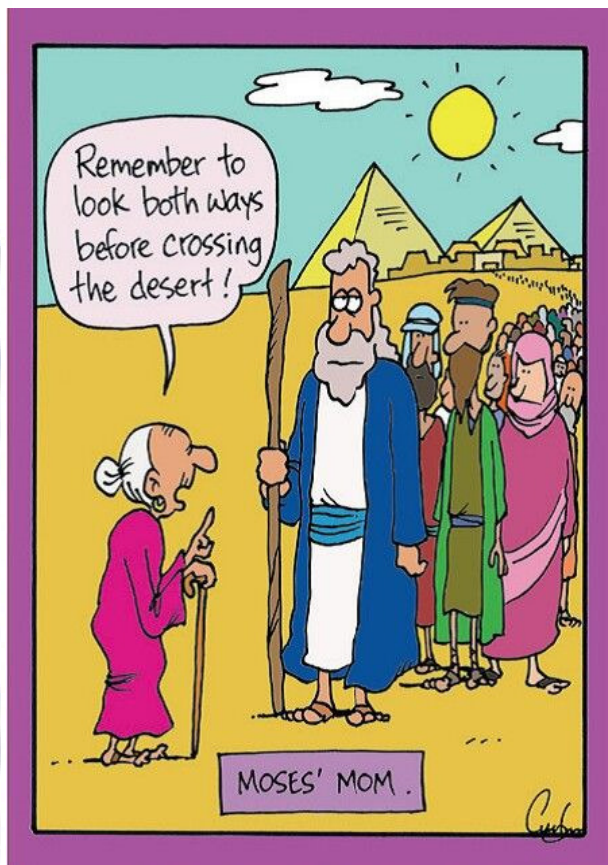
Nancy and Bob Benson 19

Dean and Kristi Corbin 22

Curt and Kelly Annis 22

Terry and Terry Mate 29

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10:00 am Band Practice
2 6:30pm Youth Group	3 9:15am Bible Study	4 12:30 Bible Study 7:00pm ASP Prep Retreat Makeup	5 7:00pm Good News Ringers	6 7:00pm ASP Prep Retreat Makeup 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir/8:15pm Jubilate Deo/Men's Choir	7	8 7:00am ASP Ramp Project 9am– 12noon ASP Car Wash 10:00 am Band Practice
9 6:30pm Youth Group	10 9:15am Bible Study 6:00pm Entrusted Recycling Group 7:00pm Outreach	11 12:30 Bible Study 7:00pm Design Build	12 7:00pm Good News Ringers 6:30pm Stephen Ministers	13 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir/8:15pm Jubilate Deo/Men's Choir	14	15 10:00 am Band Practice
16	17 9:15am Bible Study	18 12:30 Bible Study	19 7:00pm Good News Ringers	20 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir/8:15pm Jubilate Deo/Men's Choir	21	22 10:00 am Band Practice
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Dates to Note in July:

ASP Youth Trip: July 13– 21

Vacation Bible School: July 22– 26 @ St. Luke's Parish





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