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WE WELCOME VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS!
We are an “Open and Affirming” Church

January 26, 2020
Third Sunday after Epiphany
STATEMENT OF INCLUSION

We, the people of The Congregational Church of Westborough, United Church of Christ, believe that all people are created equal, in God’s image. “We are all God’s children.” In our journey of faith, we strive for justice and equality for all.

We invite and welcome into our community and into the full life and Christian ministry of this church, persons of every race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, family structure, faith background, economic circumstance, mental and physical ability. We say, and mean, “No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.”

We declare ourselves an Open and Affirming Christian community, actively expressing our belief in diversity and inclusion. We seek to be a faith community centered in Christ, ready to proclaim the Gospel and seek to grow through the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. We offer to each person acceptance and the responsibilities and blessings of participation in this congregation.

WELCOME!

Are you visiting with us today? We are glad you are here!

We celebrate “OPEN DOORS and GROWING FAITH”

“No matter who you are or where you are on your journey, you are welcome here.”

If you are here for a brief visit or are searching, let us be of help. Speak to an usher or the pastor and we will gladly be of service.

Our restrooms are located beyond the vestry on the first floor. There is a handicapped elevator located in the back of the sanctuary and a deacon will be glad to assist you. We have a handicapped bathroom next to the main office near the parking lot on the first floor.

Should there be a need to leave the service, there are exits to either side of the pulpit in front, or the stairs on either side in the back.

We celebrate open communion on the first Sunday of the month, where everyone is welcome to partake. Children are invited as well.

We welcome children to remain in worship today however we also offer a children’s program each Sunday in the nursery for children in grades 3 or younger and faith formation for older children most Sundays. We offer crayons and coloring pages for those who wish to keep their fingers moving during the service and we are comfortable with children being children! If your children need to move about, please feel free to stand in the back or go downstairs where the service can be heard over our speaker system.

WE HOPE YOU WILL BE INSPIRED AND PRAYERFULLY FILLED IN OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP and that YOU WILL FEEL WELCOMED, AS ONE WHO BELONGS!
**THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WESTBOROUGH**
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

January 26, 2020  
10:00 AM

*The Congregation is invited to stand.*

**INVITING THE WORD**

PRELUDE

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
Rev. Sue O. Remick

*GREETING*  
Rev. Remick

*OPENING SONG #3*  
“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”  
JoySpring book

*CALL TO WORSHIP*  
Wendy Reardon

**Leader:** Why are we here?

**People:** We are here to receive God’s Spirit, to see visions with the eagerness of youth, to dream dreams with the confidence of age, to hear the word of the Lord through all the people of God.

**Leader:** Come, then, expecting the wind of the Spirit to open closed windows, to make fresh breezes blow. Seek, and you will find. Listen, and you will hear.

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (Please be seated.)  
Wendy Reardon

We are welcomed into Your presence this day by Your gracious hospitality, O God. Grant that we will lay aside our cares and anxieties to concentrate our thoughts on You alone. Open us to the teaching and guidance for living which we receive, that we will be strengthened to walk with You and follow wherever You lead us. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior. Amen.

**THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts)**  
Wendy Reardon

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.

**RECEIVING THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**  
1 Corinthians 12:12-26  
(Pew Bible page 933)  
Pete Graham
CHILDREN AND YOUTH MESSAGE
(Children and Youth will go to Faith Formation)

Pete Graham

HYMN #490
“Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant”

THE SERVANT SONG

SCRIPTURE LESSON
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
(Pew Bible page 932)

Rev. Remick

SERMON
“Where Have All the Silos Gone?”

Rev. Remick

CHORAL RESPONSE #523
“Live in Charity”

Live in charity and steadfast love,
Live in charity; God will dwell with you. (sung twice)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pete Graham

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS
Karen Gavel

Invitation: Just as the waters of the earth are abundant and full of life, so are the blessings God pours upon us daily. Let us now joyfully offer our tithes, pledges, and offerings with the hope that they may enable others to feel immersed in God’s love.

Chancel Choir Anthem
"Feed My Lambs"

by Natalie Sleeth, arr. by Tom Fettke

Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep;
In My name lead them forth gently as a shepherd.

When they wander, when they stray, their protector be.
As ye do unto My flock, thus ye do to Me.

Unto all who lose the way Hope and comfort be.
As ye do unto My flock, thus ye do to Me.

Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep;
In My name lead them forth gently, gently as a loving shepherd of the Lord.

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)  Karen Gavel
Source of life, may the words of our mouths bring You joy. May the works of our hands bring You honor. May the life we live reflect the risen Word of life and may the service and gifts we offer be blessed by the Breath of life. Amen.
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*CLOSING HYMN #453  “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”  BEECHER

*BENEDICTION  Rev. Remick

*POSTLUDE  (You are invited to sit for the Postlude if you wish. Let the worship service settle in your heart. If you wish to exit, please do so quietly.)

Karen Gavel greeted you this morning and served as liturgists. Elaine Moore and Theresa DiMeo are Deacons of the day.

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS FOR JANUARY 19, 2020

Continued Prayers: Dorothy Collins; Kristy Kocou; Megan Huber’s mother Fran Kelly; Marie Murphy’s son Craig Jernberg and her daughter Lisa Jernberg; Cathie Achorn’s friend Julie Noble and her preemie baby Kosmas Andrew Melitas; Nancy Reimann; Cathie Achorn’s mother Dee Mumby; Bob Brown; Gini & Tom Erwin; Anna Gavel, granddaughter/cousin of Karen Gavel and the Oevermanns; Linda Polatka (Cathie Achorn’s sister).

Prayer requests: You can place prayer concerns on the church’s email distribution list at eprayers@uccwestboro.org. If you would like a prayer request included in today’s service, please let a Deacon know prior to the start of worship. Prayers will remain listed for 8 weeks. If you would like a prayer renewed, please call the church office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEARCH COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!
The Pastoral Search Committee needs your help! Over the next few weeks, we will be seeking your response to some questions as we create our local church profile used in the search. Please forward your answer in 7 days. You may mail your answer to the church office at 57 Church Street, or reply by emailing your answer to attention Linda Borglund (lborglund53@gmail.com) and Kathy Todd (lightsong60@gmail.com)

Thanks, and here’s this week’s question: Please provide a brief paragraph.

Describe the ministry goals you envision our next minister co-collaborating with the congregation to achieve.
PARISH LIFE PANCAKE BRUNCH – TODAY!
Join us today right after the service downstairs for our annual pancake brunch!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING – FEB. 2ND
The Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 with a simple prayer said by Reverend Brad Smith of Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina:
“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat.” 22 churches raised $5,700 in the first year.

The Souper Bowl of Caring utilizes Super Bowl weekend in America to mobilize young people to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities. Its vision is to transform Super Bowl weekend into America's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving. Young people collect monetary and food donations during the week leading up to Super Bowl Sunday. 100% of the money and food is then given directly to local charities of the group’s choice. Started at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina, the Souper Bowl of Caring has branched out to include schools, businesses and congregations of all faiths.

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR 8TH ANNUAL TAILGATE PARTY – NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, donate a non-perishable food item or make a monetary donation. Enjoy the party and know that you are helping us to...TACKLE HUNGER! ~ Thank you! YOU ARE INVITED TO WEAR YOUR COLORS! What team would you like to cheer for?

WOMENS FELLOWSHIP – FEB 3rd
Join us next Monday, Feb. 3, 2020 at 6pm for our next Women’s Fellowship program. We will be having a Pot Luck Supper at 6pm, followed by Annie Wales who will teach simple folding of origami hearts. Last names, A-L Bring a salad, M-Z Bring a main dish, Program Committee will bring dessert.

Monthly Mission: Valentine Boxes for College students.

VALENTINE’S DAY PACKAGES
Attention: Parents of College Students & Active Duty Military

♥ Again this year, the Women’s Fellowship is going to send Valentine’s Day packages to our college students, and those in the military away from home. All who have a family member who grew up in our church and is currently either a scholar attending an institution of higher learning, or is on active duty, please be sure to let me know their current mailing address* or APO/FPO address. If you put it in writing...it helps reduce mistakes. * If they live in an apartment/house rather than on campus, it would be helpful to know. Also, if they are commuters and/or have any known allergies, please let us know. We can customize!

♥ Please email Donna Morgan at DKMNM@aol.com as soon as possible

♥ If you have a relative (niece, nephew, grandchild, etc.) who is not a member of our church family, we’d be glad to send them a package but will need to ask for a donation to cover the postage (approximately $10 if they are attending a school in New England).

♥ Please let me know as soon as possible...we need to plan and shop. Sunday, Feb. 2nd will be the absolute deadline.
NEW DATE FOR DISMAS HOUSE DINNERS!

Our church goes once a month to cook and serve a meal with the people of Dismas House, a home for ex-prisoners. If you would like to help, be in touch with Karen Hutchinson at millarhutch@aol.com. The next dinner will be this Tuesday, Jan 28th. **Donations of Stop & Shop cards are greatly appreciated to help with the shopping for the meals! Thank you.**

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SURVEY COMING IN FEBRUARY

Cabinet and the Pastoral Search Committee have agreed to offer an opportunity for the congregation to take a short survey following worship on a yet to be announced Sunday in February. The purpose of the survey will be to take a “snapshot” of the folk who come that Sunday. It is meant to be a random sampling so the date is known only by the Committee and Pastor. That way the people who come are not just coming for the survey or staying away to avoid it. Worship will be shortened by 15 minutes to allow time for the survey to be filled out. It will produce very helpful information for the church and the search committee. Once taken, the results will be tabulated offsite and we will receive a detailed report that compares us with other congregations and tells us more about the makeup of our congregation. If you have any questions, please speak with Rev. Sue who has led this in other congregations. No personal identifying information is asked for in this survey. It will be an interesting experience and a bit fun (according to Rev. Sue). You of course, always have the right to refuse to fill it out, though we will encourage everyone to try it.

THE G.I.F.T. PROGRAM POSTPONED

The G.I.F.T. program that was to be held on Wednesday evenings has been postponed until the Lenten Season.

GROCERY CARD PROJECT

**2020 Goal**  $7,000  **YTD:** $314.50

**NEW YEAR, NEW GOAL!** We are stocked up and ready to go. Please help us to start strong and always keep a grocery card in your pocket for all your shopping, or those quick stops. We are thankful for your support. If you need cards delivered contact Karen Hutchinson at 508.870.1782 or millarhutch@aol.com or Nancy Quimby at 774.249.4431 or nquimby11@gmail.com or Sally Petersen at sbpetersen4@gmail.com and 366.5169.

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www.facebook.com/TheCongregationalChurchofWestborough
CALENDAR  Jan 26th – Feb 2nd

Jan 26  Sunday
10:00 AM  Worship Service & FF
Pancake Brunch after church
2:30 PM  GSA/Vestry

Jan 27  Monday (office closed)
11AM & 1:30PM  PCC/Fannie Forbes
6:00-8:00 PM  Search Committee/Kerygma Rm
6:30 PM  BSA Pack/Vestry
7:30 PM  AA/Nursery

Jan 28  Tuesday
11:00 AM  PCC/Fannie Forbes
7:00 PM  Festival Ringers
Dismas House Dinner

Jan 29  Wednesday
9:15 AM  Playgroup/Nursery
6:30-7:30 PM  Choir Rehearsal
7:30-8:30 PM  JoySpring Rehearsal

Jan 30  Thursday
4:30-6PM  GSA/Kerygma Rm

Jan 31  Friday (no events)

Feb 1  Saturday (no events)

Feb 2  Communion Sunday
10:00 AM  Worship Service & FF
11:30 AM  Souper Bowl of Caring Tailgate Party
2:30 PM  GSA/Vestry