The Congregational Church of Westborough
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
57 West Main, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581

OPEN DOORS – GROWING FAITH!
No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here!

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

Oct. 13, 2019
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! “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 downstairs, through the Vestry and on the right side of the hallway.

We celebrate open communion on the first Sunday of the month, where everyone is welcome.

Children...
- Four and Under: The nursery is available downstairs during the service if needed.
- Pre-K and Up: Will go to Faith Formation after the Time with Children & Youth except on Communion Sundays, they will go after the Lord’s Prayer. Outside the sanctuary are bags filled with crayons to keep little hands busy in pews!

Folks new and returning to worship...
- There are no assigned seats; sit where you feel most comfortable.
- We celebrate the noises of small children; they remind us that we’re alive!
- Generally, we stand for the opening of the service and for singing.
- We sing with joy and Spirit, without fear of judgement.
- We share our prayers vulnerably, and hold them with care.
- We pray with our eyes closed and open, our heads bowed and raised. We pass the peace with hugs and handshakes, with nods and smiles.
- We share communion with all who are willing—especially children
THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WESTBOROUGH
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Oct 13, 2019 10:00 AM

*The Congregation is invited to stand.

INVITING THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  Pete Graham

*GREETING  (Please take the time to greet those around you)

*OPENING HYMN #86  “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”  FAITHFULNESS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (written by Martha Spong)  Wendy Reardon
Leader:  We come together to read the old stories.
People:  We are looking for God’s word to all people, long ago and today.
Leader:  Some of the stories we remember from Faith Formation or Sunday School.
People:  The Lord told Noah, There’s gonna be a floody floody!
Leader:  Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God.
And God made a covenant with Noah.
People:  Get those animals out of the muddy muddy!
Leader:  Children of the Lord, let us worship God together.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Please be seated.) by Moira Laidlaw  Charlotte Bramley
God of storms and rainbows, God of rain and sunshine, God of all creation we gather here to worship You. We gaze in wonder at the beauty of Your creation and marvel at stormy skies transformed with the vibrant colors of a rainbow. Like Noah and his family, we praise You for this everlasting sign of Your love and care for the whole of creation in Your desire to preserve and not destroy life. For all assurances of Your love for us we pray these things in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying...

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts)  Charlotte Bramley
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
Genesis 7:11-16
(Wendy Reardon)

(THE YOUTH’S MESSAGE

ANTHEM
“Skye Boat Song”
Kristina Di Terlizzi, soloist
Scottish Folk Song
arr. Jay Althouse

Sing me a song of a lad that is gone. Say, could that lad be I?
Merry of soul, he sailed on a day over the sea to Skye.
Give me again all that was there, give me the sun that shone.
Give me the eyes, give me the soul, give me the lad that's gone.
Billow and breeze, island and seas, mountains of rain and sun.
All that was good, all that is fair, all that was me is gone.

(Kids and Youth will now go to Faith Formation)

SCRIPTURE LESSON
Genesis 8:1-5
(Pete Graham)

(REFLECTION

“The Ark of Leningrad”
(Pete Graham)

MUSIC RESPONSE # 324 (v. 3) “Your Words to Me Are Life and Health”
Your words to me are full of joy, of beauty, peace, and grace;
From them I learn your blessed will, through them I see your face.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC RESPONSE # 354 “Seek Ye First”
Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and God’s righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!
Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS
Charlotte Bramley
Invitation: Having received so abundantly through the generosity of God and the hope of Christ, let us give thankfully and joyfully that we may be called God’s generous people.
JoySpring Anthem  “Soar”  Meredith Andrews, Mia Fieldes, and Seth Mosley

Here I remind myself what You said over me.
Here I remind my soul who You are.
You said You won’t relent, won’t let go, won’t forget
Ev’ry promise You have whispered to my heart.

As I wait, as I wait on You,
I’m gonna run and not grow weary.
I’m gonna walk and not grow faint,
Rise up on wings like eagles to soar.
I know with ev’rything, You’re with me.
I know You’re working as I wait.
Lift me up on wings like eagles to soar.

This desert holds a song I will sing, on and on.
You’re a river when the ground I walk is dry.
And You will set the crooked straight,
Clear my path, make a way.
You will lead me from the valley to the heights.

Creator, Keeper. Life-breather.
Your name is greater than anything I face.
Sustainer, Savior. Strong-hold-breaker.
Your name is greater than anything I face.

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION(Unison) New Century Hymnal Charlotte Bramley
O God, most merciful and gracious, of Whose bounty we have all received: accept, we pray,
this offering of Your people. Remember in Your love those who have brought it and those for
whom it is given; and so follow it with Your blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill
among all people and advance the work of Your church. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN # 88 “All My Hope on God Is Founded” NEANDER

*BENEDICTION Pete Graham

*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.)
Join us for our fellowship downstairs in the Vestry following the service

The flowers last Sunday were given in loving memory of Chris Bramley, from the Bramley family.

Charlotte Bramley greeted you this morning.
Theresa DiMeo and Karen Gavel are Deacons of the Day.

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**PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS FOR OCT. 13, 2019**

**Bereavement:** Ann Matson and family on the death of her husband John on Oct. 6th.
**New Prayers:** Megan Huber’s mother Fran Kelly; Marie Murphy’s son Craig Jernberg.
**Continued Prayers:** CJ Harris (Marge Butcher’s grandnephew); Dianne Domeij; Nancy Reimann and Judy Kaprelian; Nancy Uhlman; Cathie Achorn’s mother Dee Mumby; Lauren Algelro undergoing cancer treatments; Bob Brown; Gini & Tom Erwin; Wendy Reardon’s mother, Sandy; Anna Gavel, granddaughter/cousin of Karen Gavel and the Oevermanns; Linda Polatka (Cathie Achorn’s sister); Ron and Nancy Clark’s daughter, Melissa Dickinson.

**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.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**APPRECIATION LUNCHEON – OCT. 27th**

There will be a luncheon after worship on Sun. October 27th. We will talk about what we appreciate about our church. It is also to say thank you for your generous pledges. Hope to see you there!

**OCTOBER 19th ~ 8AM – 2PM**

The Women’s Fellowship is sponsoring a Yard Sale in the church vestry next Saturday, Oct. 19th. Proceeds are going to the Mission Trip 2020 fund to help pay for scholarships. We will take almost everything - NO big furniture, couches, tires, etc. We are looking for people to come help set up for the week, as well as workers on Saturday, even if it’s just an hour it helps. **Drop off will start Sunday after church on Oct 13th until 2:00 pm.**

- **Mon, 10/14:** 10AM – 2PM & 7PM – 9PM
- **Tues, 10/15:** 10AM – 2PM & 7PM – 9PM
- **Wed, 10/16:** 7PM – 9PM
- **Thurs, 10/17:** 7PM – 9PM
- **Friday, 10/18:** 10AM - 7PM
SAVE THE DATE! OCTOBER 26th

**Youth Group Haunted House** 5PM-8PM - Join us for our **totally terrifying...or mild & merry tour**...the choice is yours! We will give you the option at the door. Your donation of $10 will get you as many trips through the “house” as you can handle!?! All donations will go to Mission Trip 2020.

**Parish Life pizza and Halloween party** 5:30-7:30PM- Party for the young and young at heart. Pizza, salad, fruit, donuts, beverages etc., activities for the children. For more info, or to help out contact Cathie Achorn at 508-380-8671.

**HABITAT WORK DAY - OCTOBER 26th**

On Saturday, October 26th, we will travel to Holliston, MA to help rehab a 110 year old house. It was donated to Habitat by the Holliston Land Trust after being abandoned for 8 years. Once complete, it will provide a safe and affordable home for a local family. The work day will run from 8:00 a.m. to approx. 4:00 p.m. and lunch will be provided. The build site is located at 172 Concord Street in Holliston. The sign-up sheets (for building or lunch making) are in the vestry on the Missions and opportunities table. If you have any questions, please call Pam Faustine at 978-464-2026 or Doug Wales at 508-870-0086.

**GROCERY CARD PROJECT**

2019 Goal: $8,000  
2019 YTD: $4,422.30  

**Welcome Here!** New to our Church or new to grocery cards? It’s an easy way to support the Operation Budget of our church. We purchase grocery gift cards in bulk from Stop & Shop, Roche Bros. and Price Chopper at a reduced rate. We then sell the cards to you at face value. If you buy a $100 gift card, you can purchase $100 at your grocery store. The Church benefits from the reduced price paid for that card. Cards come in a variety of denominations. You’ll find us in the vestry each Sunday following worship or stop by the Church Office to buy cards. Bring a check, shop locally, and stay healthy. Thanks! Karen Hutchinson at 508.870.1782 or millarhutch@aol.com or Nancy Quimby at 774.249.4431 ornquimby11@gmail.com or Sally Petersen at sbpetersen4@gmail.com and 366.5169.

**DISMAS HOUSE**

Our church goes on the first Thursday of the 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 Thursday, Nov. 7th. **Donations of Stop & Shop cards are greatly appreciated to help with the shopping for the meals! Thank you.**

**CONTACTS AND INFORMATION**

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www.facebook.com/TheCongregationalChurchofWestborough
Oct 13  Communion Sunday
10:00 AM  Worship Service & F. F.
11:15 AM  Kid’s bells & Chimes
5:00 PM   GSA/Vestry

Oct 14  Monday (office closed)
9:00 AM   PCC Board/Kerygma Rm
11:00 & 1:30 PM  PCC/Fannie Forbes Rm.
7:30 PM   AA/Nursery

Oct 15  Tuesday
10:00 AM  Staff Meeting
11:00 AM  PCC/Fannie Forbes Rm
2:00 PM   Worship Planning/Nursery
7:00 PM   Festival Ringers

Oct 16  Wednesday-Evangel Deadline
9:15 AM   Playgroup/Nursery
6:30-7:45 PM  Choir rehearsal
7:00 PM   Cabinet/Kerygma Rm
7:45-8:30 PM  JoySpring rehearsal

Oct 17  Thursday
2:00 PM   PCC/Fannie Forbes
4-6PM     GSA/Kerygma Rm

Oct 18  Friday (no scheduled events)

Oct 19  Saturday
8AM-2PM   W.F Yard Sale/Vestry

Oct 20  Sunday (FIRE DRILL)
10:00 AM  Worship Service & Faith Formation
11:15 AM  Jubilant Chimes & Parkman Bells
11:30 AM  New Members/Chapel
1:00 PM   CROP Walk
2:30 PM   GSA/Vestry