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. 20, 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

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Oct 20, 2019  10:00 AM

*The Congregation is invited to stand.

INVITING THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*OPENING HYMN #453  “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:  Come all you people for the story of God is unfolding.
People:  It is the story of Abraham and Sarah, of Moses and the Exodus.
Leader:  It is the story of the prophets and the kings.
People:  It is the story of Jesus and his followers.
Leader:  It is heard all over the world.
People:  In Bethlehem and Jerusalem, Egypt and Rome, and today in Westborough.
Leader:  A story of hope, love, joy, and belonging.
People:  Of courage and redemption, faith and good news.
Leader:  This is God’s story.
People:  This is our story.
All:  Come and listen, for the story of God is unfolding.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Please be seated.)

Living God, we thank You for Your love that You have so abundantly poured out for us. Be with us in this time of worship, renewing us and preparing us to bring Your love out to a world thirsting for You. May we become fountains of Your love in every word we say and every deed we do. We pray all of this in the name of Jesus Christ who taught us to pray saying...

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts)

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
Exodus 2:5-10
(Wendy Reardon
(Bible page 43)

THE YOUTH’S MESSAGE
Pete Graham

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM
“Gloria Canon”
Franz Joseph Haydn
arr. Donald Moore

Glory in the highest.
And on earth peace among men.
O God We praise you. We thank you.

(Kids and Youth will now go to Faith Formation)

SCRIPTURE LESSON
Acts 2: 43-47
(Pete Graham
(Bible page 885)

TESTIMONY
Joe Harrington

MUSIC RESPONSE # 289
“What Is This Place”
What is this place where we are meeting? Only a house, the earth its floor, walls and a roof sheltering people, windows for light, an open door. Yet it becomes a body that lives when we are gathered here, and know our God is near.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Pete Graham

MUSIC RESPONSE # 566
“Be Still, My Soul”
Be still, my soul: for God will undertake to guide the future surely as the past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still my soul: the waves and winds still know the voice that calmed them in this world below.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS
Megan Huber
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.
Bell Choir Anthem “Spirit Song” John Wimber
Festival Ringers, dir. by Sue Menzel setting by, Cynthia Dobrinski

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison) Megan Huber
As You share Your blessings with us, Gracious God, You show great faith that we will use them wisely and offer them generously to others. So, by faith, may our gifts bring healing to the broken, hope to the despairing, and laughter to those who mourn. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN # 272 “The Church’s One Foundation” AURELIA

*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

Megan Huber greeted you this morning.
Steve Achorn and Linda Birch are Deacons of the Day.

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS FOR OCT. 20, 2019

Continued Prayers: Megan Huber’s mother Fran Kelly; Marie Murphy’s son Craig Jernberg; Nancy Uhlman; Cathie Achorn’s friend Julie Noble and her preemie baby Kosmas Andrew Melitas; CJ Harris (Marge Butcher’s grandnephew); Dianne Domeij; Nancy Reimann and Judy Kaprelian; 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.

If you are interested in joining the church, speak to Rev. Sue
ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIFT PROGRAM POSTPONED
The G.I.F.T. Program which was scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 23rd at 7pm will be postponed until November.

APPRECIATION LUNCHEON – OCT. 27th
Join us next Sunday October 27th after worship, for a luncheon for gratitude and reflection: to be thankful for the gifts we’ve received and reflect on the vision of the church. Hope to see you there!

RUMMAGE SALE
Donations can be brought to church starting today, Oct 20th. Winter clothing is really appreciated. During the week, the hours to drop-off your goodies are as follows: (no items accepted after Noon on Thursday)

| Oct 21 MON 10-2 | Oct 22 TUES 12-2 & 6-8:30pm | Oct 23 WED 10-2 & 3-9pm | Oct 25 THURS 9-12 |

Hours for the Rummage Sale are:
FRIDAY, 10/25 from 4-8PM & SATURDAY, 10/26 from 9-11AM. ($2-a-bag sale on Sat.)

Please remember your items should be clean and wearable--no rips, tears or missing buttons. We welcome all who would like to help setting up during the week. If you need items picked up or if you have any questions please call me at 508-341-8239. Sue Menzel

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 and a special Halloween story. 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: $4,506.80

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 or nquimby11@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

Rev. Sue Remick, Interim Minister – revsuerem@gmail.com
Peter Graham, Student Minister – petegrahamiam@icloud.com
Wendy Reardon, Director of Children’s and Youth Ministries - wendysreardon@yahoo.com
Joseph Stillitano, Interim Minister of Music – josephmstillitano@gmail.com
Sue Menzel, Director of Bells – westcongmusic@gmail.com
Office hours: closed Mon; Tues & Wed 9am-2pm, Thurs 10am-2pm, Fri 9am-1pm
Church office phone 508/366-2000
General Church email – westboroucc@verizon.net, Church website www.uccwestboro.org
www.facebook.com/TheCongregationalChurchofWestborough

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