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. 27, 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

Song books, Bibles, offering envelopes and prayer cards are located on the moving carts for your convenience should you wish to make a donation or are in need of prayers. Again, WELCOME!
INVITING THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*OPENING HYMN #53  “Morning Has Broken”

*CALL TO WORSHIP  Wendy Reardon
Leader:  With steadfast love and growing faith,
People:  We come as the people of Christ.
Leader:  With prayers of hope and songs of joy,
People:  We come to worship God, the eternal and ever-loving.
Leader:  With thankful hearts and humble prayers,
People:  We come to give God glory and praise.
All:  Here we are together as people of faith and hope to celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Please be seated.)  Wendy Reardon

Holy God, in the silence of this moment, call us by name, lift our weary spirits, deepen our questioning faith and give us new eyes to see Your blessings all around us. For You are the giver of peace, the source of joy and a whisper of love in the stillness. Amen.

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  Malachi 3:10  Linda Birch

(Bible page 778)
(Kids and Youth will now go to Faith Formation)

“You Make Me Brave”  
Amanda Cook

I stand before You now, the greatness of Your renown.  
I have heard of the majesty and wonder of You.  
King of Heaven in humility I bow.

As Your love, in wave, after wave, crashes over me, crashes over me.  
For You are for us, You are not against us.  
Champion of Heaven You made a way for all to enter in.

I have heard You calling my name.  
I have heard the song of love that You sing.  
Oh, so I will let You draw me out beyond the shore into Your grace.  
Oh, Your grace.

You make me brave. You make me brave.  
You call me out beyond the shore into the waves.  
You make me brave. You make me brave.  
No fear can hinder now the promises You've made.

Luke 12:13-21  
(Luke 12:13-21)  
(Bible page 847)

“What She Said”  
Rev. Remick

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

COMMISSIONING OF THE SEARCH COMMITTEE  
Rev. Remick

Adam Dapolite, Al Hutchinson, Karen Hutchinson, Dana Crawford, Doug Wales, Kathy Todd  
Linda Borglund, Lori Fox, Marketa Rosecka, Nancy Hubbard, Neil Bock

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
Rev. Remick

MUSIC RESPONSE  # 305  
“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”  
Lord, listen to Your children praying, Lord, send Your spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to Your children praying, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS  
Rev. Remick
Invitation: We come to this familiar place and give in gratitude for all which we have received. We give because we can. We give in joy because of love, overflowing and unconditional.

Chancel Choir Anthem “For the Autumn Sky” Ruth Elaine Schram

For the sky, for the autumn sky with its crisp, chill breeze;
For the wind, for the autumn wind blowing through the trees;
For the leaves, for the colored leaves drifting gently to the earth;
Lord, we thank You, Lord, we thank You, Lord, we thank You.

For the sun, for the golden sun and the gentle rain;
For the seed, for the fertile seed that has grown to grain;
For the feast, for the harvest feast we enjoy this time each year;
Lord, we thank You, Lord, we thank You, Lord, we thank You.

For the beauty of the seasons ever changing,
Always a reminder You are evermore the same.
For the bounty of the harvest; For the blessings You so freely give;
We thank You, and we praise Your holy Name.

For Your Son, for Your precious Son who has set us free;
For Your gift of abundant life for eternity;
For Your boundless love, boundless love and amazing, saving grace;
Lord, we thank You, Lord, we thank You, Lord, we thank You.

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison) Linda Birch
We give these gifts to the work of Your church, O God, with eyes straining to see Your vision of mercy and hearts yearning to do Your will. Use these offerings and our lives to make a difference in our suffering and troubled world. Amen

*CLOSING HYMN # 67 “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” ST. ANNE

*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.)
Join us for a luncheon downstairs in the Vestry following the service

Flowers are given by Rev. Sue in honor of all those who have generously given time, talent, and treasure to this church over the years.

**Linda Birch** greeted you this morning and served as liturgist

**Rhona Naddamba** and **Theresa DiMeo** are Deacons of the Day.

### PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS FOR OCT. 27, 2019

New Prayers: Robert Aldrich.
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.

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GIFT PROGRAM POSTPONED**
The G.I.F.T. Program will be postponed until January.

**ALL SAINTS MEMORIAL SERVICE**
There will be an All Saints Memorial Service on Sunday, Nov. 3rd. It will take place at 5:30pm at the Methodist Church, Westborough. Music will be provided by Journey Home Singers. All those who are grieving the death of a loved one are welcome to attend.

**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.**

**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
E-PRAYERS AND E-NEWS

Are you new to the church? Two ways our church community can stay in touch with up to date notices and prayer concerns is to make sure you are signed up to receive eprayers and enews. The two programs are separate and intended to have separate content and not be duplicative. Enews is for announcements about our church’s activities, and eprayers is for prayer requests, concerns of the congregation, celebrations and other spiritually related matters. To subscribe to eprayers please email your request to eprayers@uccwestboro.org. If you would like to subscribe to enews, contact the church office at 366-2000 or send your request to either brossi6@verizon.net or westboroucc@verizon.net. Once you do, you will then receive an email asking you to subscribe to the service. All you have to do is accept the email and you will be put on the list.

CONTACTS AND INFORMATION

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www.facebook.com/TheCongregationalChurchofWestborough

Oct 27
10:00 AM Worship Service & F. F.
11:15 AM Kid’s bells & Chimes
11:30 AM Stewardship Lunch
12:30 PM Book Group/Chapel

Oct 28
11:00 & 1:30PM PCC/Fannie Forbes Rm.

Oct 29
11:00 AM PCC/Fannie Forbes Rm
11:15 AM Jubilant Chimes & Parkman Bells
7:00 PM Festival Ringers

Oct 30
9:15 AM Playgroup/Nursery

Oct 31
2:00 PM Choir rehearsal
6:30-7:45 PM JoySpring rehearsal
7:45-8:30 PM PCC/Fannie Forbes

Nov 1
6:30-7:45 PM Choir rehearsal
7:45-8:30 PM JoySpring rehearsal

Nov 2
6:30-7:45 PM Choir rehearsal
7:45-8:30 PM JoySpring rehearsal

Nov 3
10:00 AM Worship Service & FF
11:15 AM Jubilant Chimes & Parkman Bells
2:30 PM GSA/Vestry
5:00 PM GSA/Vestry
7:00 PM GSA/Kerygma
James 2:14-17
Faith without Works Is Dead

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters,[a] if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you?
15 If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? 17 So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Let’s get to WORK…together!
It’s time for our 7th annual GREAT PIE CHALLENGE: 1,000 PIES!
This year we are poised to hit 1000 PIES! That’s right, 1000 pies, made from scratch with 100% donated ingredients, time and talents ;)  If you have never participated before…this is YOUR year! Whether you make an ingredient donation, donate a Stop & Shop card, donate your time making pies, volunteer to store pies, volunteer to make stuffing with the Curtis Family or…simply buy your holiday pies from us at the Great Pie Sale on November 24th…join us in this amazing WORK of faith!

THE GREAT PIE CHALLENGE MAKES A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE
The pies we donate to The Curtis Family Thanksgiving Dinner are all sliced and packaged in traditional Thanksgiving dinners that are delivered to shut-ins, veterans, people in need financially and people in need emotionally - aka people who are alone for the holidays. Not only do people get a wonderful dinner with all of the fixin’s BUT everyone who delivers a meal also stays to share that meal! So, it’s dinner and warm conversation.
Proceeds from our Great Pie Sale will go to our Mission Trip 2020 Scholarship Fund. We have 6 students on full scholarship. Students who are fully invested in the life of our church; Faith Formation, Youth Group, Confirmation-Faith Exploration, Workcamp and Mission Trip.
Grocery Card Mission, when you make a donation with a grocery card purchased at coffee hour…you are supporting the church budget AND both the Curtis Family and Mission Trip 2020 ~ Costa Rica Sea Turtle Conservation Project!
So let’s have faith and work together to make a positive difference in the world.