The Congregational Church of Westborough
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
West Main & Church Streets, Westborough, Massachusetts

“Sunday Morning at the Movies”

OPEN DOORS—GROWING FAITH!
Some Notes to Help You Feel at Ease this Morning

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 Children’s Time! Outside the sanctuary are bags filled with crayons to keep little hands busy in pews!

Visitors of all ages...

- We’re glad you are here! We have large print bulletins and an elevator too!
- You are welcome to an all-age fellowship after worship in the room downstairs directly under the sanctuary.

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!

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.
THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WESTBOROUGH
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Nov. 5, 2017 10:00 AM

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

*The congregation is invited to stand.

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

WELCOME!  Rev. Elaine S. Gaetani

*OPENING HYMN #409 “I Hunger and I Thirst” IBSTONE

*OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader:  God of promise,
People:  God of comfort and call,
Leader:  Dwell with us this morning, as we seek to be the people you call us to become.
People:  Lead us from temptation to trust; from fear to love; from despair to hope; and from sadness to joy!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  We give thanks for Your promise of forgiveness and for this meal of hope as we pray the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us, saying together,

*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.

(Everyone may be seated.)

JOYSPRING ANTHEM “Wunderkind” Alanis Morissette

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Linda Hartley
OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Invitation:  *Let us bring our gifts before God with joy and thanksgiving!*

In each of our pews today is a black friendship book which we encourage you to fill out and pass to the person next to you during the offering. If you have been with us before, just put down your name, but if you are new today, please let us know who you are. Please place the attendance sheets on top of the black books. Thanks!

Offertory Choir Anthem  “You, Lord”  Deborah Govenor

*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*

Gracious God, we bring before You our gifts this morning. We also bring our passions and joys, our visions and dreams. May they all be guided by the wind of Your Holy Spirit, Amen.

SERMON SCRIPTURE  Romans 8:9-17  (pew Bible page 919)
St. Paul talks about how to become children of God through the Spirit.

SERMON  “Lion”  Pastor Paul Sangree
“Sunday Morning at the Movies Sermon Series”

OFFERING OF OUR STEWARDSHIP CARDS

*COMMUNION HYMN #425 “Let Us Break Bread Together”  LET US BREAK BREAD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

We are pleased to announce that the Communion in our church is served with gluten free bread.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (as found on the inside rear cover of your hymn book)*

INVOCATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
O God, we give thanks for this open table, and for this meal filled with peace and hope. We pray that we would choose to follow You in the days and weeks ahead, for Your glory, Amen.

*CLOSING SONG
“Every Move I Make”
Led by Joyspring

Ev'ry move I make, I make in You;
You make me move, Jesus.
Ev'ry breath I take, I breathe in You.
Ev'ry step I take, I take in You;
You are my way, Jesus.
Ev'ry breath I take, I breathe in You.

Waves of mercy, waves of grace,
Ev'rywhere I look, I see Your face.
Your love has captured me.
Oh, my God, this love, how can it be?

La, la, la, la, la, la, la. La, la, la, la, la, la.

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BENEDICTION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*POSTLUDE

Our children and many adults are making pies this morning as part of our Great Pie Challenge! We will be sharing these pies with needy families around Thanksgiving, as well as making them available after church on Sunday, Nov. 19th.

Dana Crawford greeted you this morning and serves as liturgist. Audrey Lord and Joan Truesdell are Deacons of the day. Communion Servers are Grace Cavanaugh, Steve Achorn, Cathie Achorn, James McClung, Elaine Moore and Linda Birch.

Join us for refreshments and fellowship downstairs after worship!
PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS FOR NOV 5, 2017

New Prayers: Kevin Keeler’s Aunt Kathy; Elena Moskal; Lois Gray & family (sister-in-law of Betty Gray)
Continued Prayers: Steve McKenna; Michael Newton who was deployed to Baghdad; Joan Gates; Pari, a
dear friend of Cathie Achorn and Angela Caron; Nick & Sue Perron’s granddaughter Annika; Bonnie
Rossi’s sister-in-law Stephanie; Tom Morgan’s niece, Rachel and her husband Kyle; Taylor Ann Caroll
(Carolyn Bent’s niece).

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.

PARKING OPTIONS
Please know that in addition to parking in our lot or on the street, you can park next door in the library
parking spaces on Parkman Street. We’re glad you’re here!

SERMON AND BIBLE STUDY EVERY SUNDAY AT 9AM
Please join us every Sunday morning at 9AM in the Chapel downstairs for a Bible Study focused on the sermon
Scripture of the day! We always have a great conversation!

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP, NOV. 6TH
6:30 Social Time - 7:00 Devotions and then Evergreen Fair Update - 7:30PM Meeting to discuss the
changing of the by-laws and direction of the Women's Fellowship Group. Hope to see you there. Any
questions??? call Cathie Achorn 508-380-8671 or Linda Borglund 508-870-5784. All are invited!

HOPKINTON GET TOGETHER
Everyone from our church who lives in Hopkinton is invited to a get together on Sunday, Nov. 19th from 2-
4 PM at the home of Mary and Dave McLeod, who live on 47 Granite St. It will be a great chance to see
others who live in Hopkinton and go to our church, so please drop in anytime during those two hours. Let
Mary know if you want to help at kavika66666@verizon.net or 508-388-9527. See you there!

CALLING ALL VETERANS AND ACTIVE MILITARY
This is an invitation for all veterans and active military, including newer people in the church to you and
your spouse or significant other to attend the annual Veteran’s Recognition Sunday next Sunday
November 12th at 10:00 AM. Please acknowledge as soon as possible if you will be able to attend by
contacting Nancy Cook by phone or email nancycook8@msn.com or 508-366-0047.

CLASSICS TO MODERNS PIANO CONCERT
Due to popular demand (request?) there will be two vocal solos just to break it up a bit. One will bring a
giggle and the other a tear…..try not to get them mixed up! When: 1:00 P.M on Sunday, November 19th
right after the “Great Pie Challenge” which is after our church service. WOW! Pie & Piano! Can’t beat
that! Where: Congregational Church. Handicap entrance & parking available on Church Street. Proceeds
from free will offering will be donated to the Interfaith Hospitality Network.

JEWELRY NEED!
The Evergreen Fair is in need of jewelry. Please clean out your jewelry boxes. There will be a box in the
library marked "Jewelry". Thanks so much!
INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE – TUES. NOV 21ST
This year’s Interfaith Thanksgiving service will be on Tuesday, Nov. 21st at 7:30PM at the Sikh Gurudwara, 168 Flanders Road, Westborough. *Please note that all visitors to the temple need to cover their heads and take off their shoes. People normally sit on the floor; however, chairs are available for those who need them.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING PROGRAM – DATE EXTENDED!
For several years St. Luke's has been carefully identifying needy families in Westborough through the Food Pantry and school nurses. Last year they served 120 eligible families in Westborough by providing them with two bags of "fixings" as well as a $25 grocery store card to purchase a turkey.

If you would like to support this program by donating a $25 gift card from Stop & Shop or Roche Brothers, you may drop off a gift card at our church office and we will get the cards to St. Luke's by November 19.

(As you know, you have the opportunity to purchase your cards on Sunday morning or in the church office.) Thank you.

PLANNING SESSION FOR BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE
This year, we're planning a Blue Christmas worship service and would like your help! You don’t have to know how to “sing the blues,” just have an interest in making this a warm, supportive worship service for our community. The Blue Christmas service is scheduled for Sunday evening, December 10th from 7 to 8 p.m. Help make this a memorable evening by joining us in planning it. Bring your ideas, your musical gifts and, most importantly, yourself to a planning meeting after church on Sunday, November 19th at 11:30 in the chapel!

GROCERY CARDS

2017 Goal: $8,000
2017 YTD Sales: $5,973.00

Last week’s profits were $250.75

Grocery cards will be on sale in the vestry after worship service. Bring your checkbook to Church so you can eat healthy, shop locally with your Grocery Card. Stop by our table after worship on Sundays for more information or contact one of us and we will deliver them to you. 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. We will go again Thursday, Dec. 7th. Donations of Stop and Shop cards are greatly appreciated to help with the shopping for the meals! Thank you.

PASTOR PAUL AT PANERA
Pastor Paul is available every Thursday morning for a conversation at Panera! Just email him and let him know what time is good for you!

PRAYER TIME CARDS
We are encouraging people to speak to a pastor upstairs before the service if you want a prayer lifted up on Sunday morning, or you can fill out a blue card (located at a table near the front entrance, outside the sanctuary and in the pews) and give it to a Deacon, Thanks!
Nov 5  Communion/Stewardship Sunday
9:00 AM  Bible Study/Chapel
10:00 AM  Worship & Faith Formation
After Church  Kids Chimes & Bells
11:30 AM  Deacons/Kerygma Room
2:30 PM  GSA/Vestry
5:30-7PM  GSA/Vestry

Nov 6  Monday
6:30 PM  Women’s Fellowship/Vestry
7–8:30PM  Men’s Group/Chapel
7:30 PM  AA/Nursery

Nov 7  Tuesday
9:45 AM  Whitney Place Service
10:30 AM  Beaumont Service
11:15 AM  Willow’s Communion
7:00 PM  Festival Ringers

Nov 8  Wednesday
9:00 AM  Weaver’s Guild/ Vestry, Kerygma, Chapel
9:30 AM  Playgroup/Nursery
3:30 PM  Journey Home Singers
7:00 PM  Chancel Choir
7:30 PM  Joyspring Rehearsal

Nov 9  Thursday
2:30 PM  PCC/Fannie Forbes Room
4:30-6:00PM  GSA/Vestry
6-700 PM  Confirmation Class/Kerygma Rm
7:00 PM  Women’s Alpha/Chapel

Nov 10  Friday  (no scheduled events)

Nov 11  Saturday  (no scheduled events)

Nov 12  Veteran’s Sunday
9:00 AM  Bible Study/Chapel
10:00 AM  Worship & Faith Formation
After Church  Kids Chimes & Bells
11:15 AM  Chapel in use
5:30-7 PM  GSA/Vestry