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

February 9, 2020
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 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!
February 9, 2020

*The Congregation is invited to stand.

INVITING THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Sue O. Remick

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

*OPENING SONG

“He Knows My Name”
(From JoySpring Praise and Worship Songbook, #17)

Tommy Walker

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For those who have not been welcomed before,

People: You are welcomed by Christ here.

Leader: For those who have been turned away,

People: Christ is opening the door for you.

Leader: For those who have been forgotten,

People: God cannot forget you, for God made you.

Leader: Come, join together in worship of our God.

People: You are God’s beloved. We welcome each other in the name of Christ. Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Please be seated.)

Angela Nabakka

When we gather in Your name, we are changed. There is no way around it. We cannot come together in Your presence and not be moved. So, today we surrender to Your moving and to the ways You desire to change us. Let this hour together be sacred, and may Your name be made great. You are holy, worthy and full of glory. We are humbled to be in Your presence. Receive our worship as an offering of praise. It is all for You. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts) (The Lord’s Prayer will be offered in Sign today)

Elena Moskal

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.

HONORING THE SCOUTS

“In Need of Assistance”
(Children and Youth are invited to go to Faith Formation)
INVITING THE WORD

Mark 2:3-11

Scripture Reading (Pew Bible page 813)

Pete Graham

REFLECTION

“Obstacles We Do Not See”

Rev. Remick

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pete Graham

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Invitation: Let us bring our offerings before God with thanksgiving!

Adam Dapolite

JoySpring Anthem “Breathe”

Marie Barnett

This is the air I breathe: Your Holy presence living in me.
This is my daily bread: Your very Word spoken to me.
And I, I’m desperate for You.
And I, I’m lost without You.

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Adam Dapolite

Generous God, we offer our gifts today so that they may be used for the future, so that we
may continue our extravagant welcome to all who come in need of worship, forgiveness,
prayer, acceptance, healing, faith formation, or simply to know they are loved, just the
way they are. Amen.

*CLOSING SONG #(490 v. 1,2&5) “Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant”

THE SERVANT SONG

*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.)

The pianist for the day is Judy Ellis.

Bridget Lord, Dylan McCoskery, Mateusz Moskal, Sebastian Moskal, and Maciej Moskal
greeted you this morning.
Angela Nabakka and Adam Dapolite served as liturgists.
We welcome the scouts who participated in this morning’s service:

**Girls Scouts:** Claire Lord, Bridget Lord, Angela Nabakka, Dylan McCoskery, Ayla McCoskery, Sabrina Caron

**Boys Scouts from Troop 100 and Pack 100:** Adam Dapolite, Mark Derderian, Hunter Bramley, Logan Bramley, Mateusz Moskal, Sebastian Moskal, and Maciej Moskal

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**PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2020**

New Prayers: Please pray for the family of Theresa Hall, a friend of Rev. Sue and her family who passed away unexpectedly.

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.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VALENTINES FOR SENIORS**

The Deacons invite you to sign Valentines for our more senior members. Look for the table in the vestry during coffee hour this morning.

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

*Evangel Deadline:* February 19th

*Ash Wednesday Service:* February 26th at 7PM in the Chapel

**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, Feb 25th. Donations of Stop & Shop cards are greatly appreciated to help with the shopping for the meals! Thank you.
GROCERY CARD PROJECT

2020 Goal $7,000

YTD: $564.75

Great Start! Thanks shoppers. We’re 1/12th through our budget year and almost 1/12 to our goal. Don’t stop now. It would be just fine to surpass our goal. If your travels take you past a Stop and Shop with a gas station, you can fill up using your Stop and Shop gift card. Try it. 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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Feb 9    Sunday
10:00 AM  Worship Service & FF
2:30 PM    GSA/Vestry
7:00 PM    GSA/Kerygma Rm.

Feb 10   Monday (office closed)
11:00 & 1:30PM  PCC/Fannie Forbes
6:00-8:00 PM  Search Committee/Kerygma
7:30 PM    BSA/Kerygma Rm
7:30 PM    AA/Nursery

Feb 11   Tuesday
11:00 AM  PCC/Fannie Forbes
7:00 PM    Festival Ringers
7:00 PM    Trustees/Kerygma

Feb 12   Wednesday
9:00 AM    Weaver’s Guild
9:15 AM    Playgroup/Nursery
9:30 AM    Called to Care/Fannie Forbes
11:00 AM  Staff Meeting
6:30-7:30 PM  Choir Rehearsal
7:30-8:30 PM  JoySpring Rehearsal

Feb 13   Thursday (no events)
Feb 14   Friday (no events)

Happy Valentine’s Day

Feb 15   Saturday (no events)
Feb 16   Sunday -Baptism
10:00 AM  Worship Service & FF