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## OUR CHURCH'S MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of this Church is to come together as Christians to serve God by studying and listening to the Word and living by Christ's teachings. We are committed to reaching out through prayer, caring, sharing and fellowship.

### First Congregational Church

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# Welcome

*Wherever you are on Life's journey, you are welcome here at  
First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury, United Church of Christ!*

**Name Tags** - please greet new and old friends by wearing your name tag. Visitors are encouraged to write your own name tag, available in our **Book of Friendship**, a black folder in each pew. Inside the black folder, you may also sign up for our mailing list, and ask to have someone contact you.

**For children during worship:**

- Activity baskets are available in the far right corner of the Sanctuary.
- Children's bulletins are available from an usher.

**Childcare is provided**

For all children birth through three years old in our staffed Nursery. Ushers will show you the way.

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**Units for the hearing impaired**

Available on the back table.

**Large Print bulletins with hymns are available.**

**Blue Prayer Cards:** Are available in each pew. Members pray during the week over your sorrows or joys. Please place the cards in the offering plate, or in the Prayer Request Box on the table in the rear of the Sanctuary.

**A gentle reminder :** Please silence your cell phone at the start of the service.

**Please recycle your bulletin**

There is a basket on the back table or in the basket by the name tag racks.

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. All are welcome.

Please join us for **fellowship and refreshments** in Gifford Hall after the service. Our **Welcome Center** in Gifford Hall is the place to learn about church programs, ministries, and opportunities to volunteer and make a difference. Find out more about this church and our faith at an **Information Session** led by Rev. Dolan.

**Deacon** Rev. Larry Iannetti

**Lay Reader** Frank Jelinch

**Refreshments** Willing Volunteers

**Flowers this Week** The flowers today are given in loving memory of Clara Gray Dufresne by her family - Marie Gray.

Gathered in **1723**, we treasure our history. Nearly 300 years later, we invite you to...

- Experience a place where God is still speaking
- Experience a place of prayer where we can be refreshed by God
- Experience a place where mercy and justice are practiced
- Experience a place of great music, great youth programs, great community
- Experience a place of joy

## CALENDAR

*A: Adkins Room~C: Chapel~CH: Cushing Hall~DR: Drama Room~GH: Gifford Hall~K: Kitchen~HMR: Halliday Music Room~O: Office~P: Parlor~S: Sanctuary~ST: Storytelling Room~SR: Sumner Room~Y: Youth Room*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>05/12</b>	9:30 am	Sunday Worship/Preacher Susan Tarantino
		10:30 am	Youth Mother's Day Carnation Fundraiser
		11:00 am	Training Choir-MR
<b>Monday</b>	<b>05/13</b>	10:30 am	Parkinson's Group-GH
		7:00 pm	Budget & Finance-Sm. Conf. Rm.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>05/14</b>	7:00 pm	CE Meeting-A
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>05/15</b>	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
		12:00 pm	Martha Circle Staff Luncheon-C
		6:15 pm	Shrewsbury Ringers-S
		7:30 pm	Parish Pealers-S
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>05/16</b>	7:15 pm	Senior Choir-MR
<b>Friday</b>	<b>05/17</b>	3:45 pm	Chimers-C
		4:00 pm	Youth Singers-MR
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>05/19</b>	9:30 am	Sunday Worship / Scott Baptisms
		10:30 am	Prayer Group-C
		11:00 am	Training Choir-MR
		11:45 am	Youth Group Walk for Homeless-Offsite



# The First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury

United Church of Christ

Sunday, May 12, 2019

9:00 a.m.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / MOTHER'S DAY

*Welcome to First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury. We are glad you are here!*

*Sunday School is available for youth from Preschool through Middle School during regular worship services. Preschool, Kindergarten and childcare services begin prior to worship at 9:15am and 1st - 8th grade are released to class directly following the "Time with Children" in your program.*

## Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "Praeludium"

A. Corelli

## Gather

### Call to Worship

Leader: Come and see what God has done:

**People: Once we were no people, but now we are God's people!**

Leader: Come and see what God is doing:

**People: We gather today as part of Christ's body. Whether in joy or in sorrow, we proclaim God's steadfast love!**

Leader: Come and be part of what God will do:

**People: Like a tree planted by the water, whose leaves remain green in time of drought, with God's help we will bear fruit.**

**\*Hymn #478, Pilgrim "All Things Bright and Beautiful"**

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**God of promise, you know us better than we know ourselves. We confess that we have not loved you with whole hearts, nor honored our neighbors as much as our own plans. We have excused ourselves from risk-taking in your name. We have not opened our broken hearts for fear of losing the pieces. In your compassion, forgive our indifference. Restore the ruined places in our lives with forgiveness and promise. Lift us up, turn us around, and teach us to walk the walk of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Movies and More** will again be presenting a summer movie series in the **Youth Room Movie Theatre!** On most **Wednesdays, beginning May 29 at 7:00 pm**, we'll be featuring a film from a variety of genres and eras. The average length of our films will be 2 hours. Most of our films are acceptable for viewing by children as young as 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, although some subject matter may not be of interest to them. As school starts to wind down for the year, the schedule will begin to include specifically family-friendly films that will appeal to younger children. Please feel free to ask if you have any questions about film ratings or content.

**5/29** **Our series kicks off with the 1955 romantic mystery 'To Catch a Thief'**, starring Cary Grant and Grace Kelly.

**6/5** Thoroughly Modern Millie ('67) – *Julie Andrews, Mary Tyler Moore*

**6/19** E.T.: The Extraterrestrial ('82) – *Henry Thomas, Drew Barrymore*

Future selection line-up will be made with input from viewers...we have a list, and also welcome suggestions for movies that were produced in 1995 or before. Keep your calendar open on Wednesdays and plan to join us for the fun!

### Help the Church Plan for the coming year!

It's that time again when the church plans for the amazing ministry opportunities that will happen in the coming program year. In preparation for the staff planning retreat on **June 5**, we invite members of our standing committees and ministries to submit your proposed events to the church office by Friday, **May 31**. With that information we will create a master calendar. Please include all meeting dates and events that you anticipate sponsoring from September 2019- June 2020. Submit your plans to Ellen Jones at [office@fccsm.org](mailto:office@fccsm.org) or send it to her attention in the church office.

**Volunteers needed** to Host at IHN for the week of **June 9<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>**.

**Evening Host** Volunteer(s) [(Sun-Sat) 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm]

Dine with the guest families who cook dinner and you can provide a side dish or dessert. You can bring dinner for everyone, if you would like, just let the Director know in advance [(508) 755-2212] that you will be providing this meal so the families don't make dinner that night. After dinner you can socialize with the guests or plan activities for the children.

**Overnight Host** Volunteer(s) [(Sun-Thurs) 7:00 pm to 6:30 am] & [(Fri & Sat) 7:00 pm to 8:30 am]

Stay overnight and sleep on cots located in the Director's or the Case Manager's offices. You can socialize with the guests but most of the time families retire early to their rooms.

**IHN's Host Signup** sheets are on the Outreach's Bulletin board located in the hallway by the kitchen. You can also signup online at [www.tiny.cc/ihnvoleunteers](http://www.tiny.cc/ihnvoleunteers).

If this is your first time being an IHN Host Volunteer please be aware that there is a required one hour training session being held at our church on Thursday **May 30<sup>th</sup>** at **7 pm** in the Chapel. You can signup online for training at [www.tiny.cc/ihntraining](http://www.tiny.cc/ihntraining).

An alternative training session may also be arranged if you cannot attend this scheduled training session by contacting Jean Feldkamp (508-450-0404) – [jeanfildkamp@hotmail.com](mailto:jeanfildkamp@hotmail.com).

Please consider volunteering your time to help provide caring, compassionate support to the guest families that are experiencing troubling and stressful times.

## Assurance of Grace

Anthem "A Mother's Love"

L. Spevacek

## Time With Children

Sunday School children will now be accompanied by the teachers out of worship for Christian Education programming.

## Word

Readings: Isaiah 49: 14-18  
John 10: 11-16

Page 593, Pew Bible  
Page 872, Pew Bible

\*Hymn #427, NCH "God Made from One Blood"

Sermon: "Some Assembly Required"

Rev. Susan Tarantino

## Response

### Communal Prayer

Refrain

### Lord Listen To Your Children

Words and Music by  
Ken Medema

CHORUS

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a 'CHORUS' box and has a key signature change to one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: 'Lord, lis - ten to Your chil - dren pray - ing;'. The second staff has a measure rest at the beginning and then continues with the lyrics: 'Lord, send Your Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to Your chil - dren'. The third staff begins with a measure rest and then continues with the lyrics: 'pray - ing; Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.' Above the third staff, it says 'Last time to Coda' with a Coda symbol.

## LOOKING AHEAD

May 19 Music Sunday  
Handbell Display  
Walk for the Homeless

**Handbell Display:** This year our Handbells turn 40! That's a lot of ringing! Please take a moment to see the display case outside of the chapel, and on Music Sunday stop by the table in Gifford Hall to see our bells from our start with only 3 octaves to present day. Our humble 1st Boars Head Festival at our Lady of the Angels to our beautifully costumed events in recent years. See pictures of our conferences with 800 ringers!!!and workshops. Mostly, come see familiar faces of friends who are no longer with us or have moved away. It will bring back lots of memories for everyone. Thanks to everyone who has supported us all these years. We're looking forward to the next 40 years!

**Walk for the Homeless:** The 34th annual Central Mass Housing Alliance Walk for the Homeless takes place on Sunday afternoon, **May 19** at Elm Park in Worcester. This important fundraising effort supports programs such as the Hope for Housing Program, the Interfaith Hospitality Network & Friendly House, CMHA Homeless Prevention Services and more. Several members of the First Congregational Church will be taking part in this event but there is always room for more! If you are interested in walking, there are informational pamphlets/pledge forms at the Hope for Housing table in Gifford Hall or on the Mission & Outreach bulletin board. If you are interested in sponsoring an FCC walker, please see Kathi Buzzell or Jean Feldkamp at coffee hour. Please join us in helping to prevent homelessness. Thank you !

### Youth Group:

**May 19:** Lunch & CMHA Walk for the Homeless at Elm Park, Worcester 11:45

**Walk in God's Creation:** Sunday **May 19** at 11:00 (After coffee hour) After hearing the "Music of the Spheres" during Music Sunday, join Sue Moore, Teacher Naturalist at Audubon, on a Family Nature Walk in the cemetery next to the church and learn about the gifts of God's Creation."

**Graduation Recognition, Sunday, June 2:** We would like to hear about graduates of high school, vocational school and college (both undergraduate and graduate degrees). They will be honored during the service. In order that all graduates may be appropriately recognized, we need the following information: Name, Parent/Guardian, School, Degree and any Future Plans. If you are a graduate or know of a graduate who is a member of this church, please supply this information to the church office by noon on Monday, **May 20** by email to [office@fccsm.org](mailto:office@fccsm.org). Please tell us if you will be able to attend the service on **June 2**.

**Sharing Sunday, Sunday, June 2:** What is 'Sharing Sunday'? (Children's Sunday) It's the same as Children's Sunday! Every year, the church celebrates children and families in June as a way to put an exclamation point on the year. This is also the time the church awards scholarships to graduates. We are calling it "Sharing Sunday" this year because our Sunday School children will be sharing their talents with the congregation in original fashion in the form of artwork, song and unlimited talents on lessons they've learned throughout the year.



**PLEASE PRAY WITH US**

O Lord, ministry in your kingdom is a daily adventure. Surprise us with the zeal of those who have never heard your gospel and reinvigorate our witness with your Spirit of power. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*Nolan Schloemer, Bill Gibbs, Betty Gibb, Jay Dev Chandra, Joie Hodge, Sr. Anna M. Kane, Linda Mitrano, Charles Monroe, Mary Ramachandra, Phyllis Rich, Chris Laurson and Gary Sampson.*

*... also all military personnel, Coast Guard, firefighters, police, EMT's, first responders, counselors, therapists, doctors and medical personnel and all who protect and care for us.*

**Today**

Welcome Guest Preacher Rev. Susan Tarantino  
Mother's Day Carnation Youth Group Fundraiser



**Prayers of Petition and Thanksgiving**

**Refrain**

**The Lord's Prayer** *(unison)*

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory** "When There's Love at Home"

*L. Warriner*

**\*Doxology** *(Sung to the tune "Old Hundredth")*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore:  
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication** *(unison)*

**Generous God, accept our gifts, and follow them with your blessing. We pray that they will help to further your work of peace and healing, good will and justice among all people. Help us to love the way you do. Teach us to be faithful stewards of all you have entrusted to our care. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #425, NCH** "For the Fruit of All Creation"

**Benediction**

**Congregational Response #61, v.1, Pilgrim** "God Be With You"

**Postlude** "Allegro from Sinfonia No. 1"

*A. Vivaldi*

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

