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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.

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# MUSIC

# Sunday



# 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** Rosemary Horesta

**Lay Reader** Bill Whitehad

**Refreshments** Music

**Flowers this Week** The altar flowers today are given by the Kafel family in memory of Donna's mother, Marilyn Worthen

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>05/19</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 the Homeless-Offsite
<b>Monday</b>	<b>05/20</b>	10:00 am	Hands for Hope-P
		10:30 am	Parkinson's Group-GH
		7:30 pm	Pastoral Relations Meeting-P
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>05/21</b>	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting-A
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>05/22</b>	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
		7:00 pm	Conference Ringers-S
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>05/23</b>	7:15 pm	Senior Choir-MR
<b>Friday</b>	<b>05/24</b>	9:00 am	Play Group-Preschool Rm
		3:45 pm	Chimers-C
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>05/26</b>	9:30 am	Sunday Worship
		11:00 am	Training Choir-MR



**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.

**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. 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) or [jeanfeldkamp@hotmail.com](mailto:jeanfeldkamp@hotmail.com). Please consider volunteering your time to help provide caring, compassionate support to the guest families that are experiencing troubling and stressful times.

# *The First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury*

United Church of Christ

**Sunday, May 19, 2019**

**9:30 a.m.**

## **FIFTH 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** “Amazing Grace”

*Guitar Ensemble*

*J. Newton*

### **Gather**

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: I am not ashamed of the gospel.

**People: The righteous will live by faith.**

Leader: It is the power of God for salvation.

**People: The righteous will live by faith.**

Leader: In it God’s mercy is revealed.

**People: The righteous will live by faith.**

### **\*Hymn #565, NCH “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”**

### **Invitation to Confession**

Leader: Because we know sin does not reign, we boldly confess our sins before God and one another.

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

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

Leader: God of righteousness,

**People: Our ideas, conversations, and behaviors often cause more harm than good. We are regularly pushed and pulled by the temptation to sin. But we know that your righteousness will prevail. Forgive what we have done or have failed to do. Reconcile us to your love each and every day. Amen.**

## Assurance of Grace

Leader: We live in a world hand-crafted by a loving God. In our sin God does not abandon us or leave us to flounder. Instead our God offers mercy and grace. Receive the entire forgiveness of all your sins, a gift from God. You have been made new by the saving work of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Children's Anthem** "Clap and Sing Join Together" *V. Johnson*  
*Training Choir, Youth Singers*

## Celebration of Music Ministry

**Anthem** "Music of Creation" *A. Page*  
*Training Choir, Youth Singers, Senior Choir & Parish Pealers*

*Grades one through eight will be guided to Cushing Hall at this time.*

## Sacrament of Baptism

*Enniah Jaelyn Scott*  
*Bentley Thomas Scott*

## Questions of Parents

### Congregational Assent

Deacon: Do you, the members of this congregation, representing the worldwide church of Jesus Christ, receive these children into your love and care?  
Do you promise to uphold and encourage their parents in the fulfillment of their covenant? If so, please say, "We do."

**People: We do, with God's help.**

### Baptism

Response: Tune: "Morning Has Broken"

**Children, we greet you on this glad morning.  
Your day of life we now recognize.  
Here is the water; we are God's people.  
Sing we our praises to Christ the Lord.**

**Children, we name you and with thanksgiving  
offer our prayers and sing you this song.  
We are the church, your spiritual family.  
Sing we our praises to Christ the Lord.**

## LOOKING AHEAD

### June 2 Sharing Sunday

**Today - Music Sunday:** Today we celebrate all of the music ministries of First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury! This year we celebrate 40 years of Handbells at FCC Shrewsbury. We recognize the following people who have rung the Handbells for 40 years: Elaine Shaw, Craig Phyfe, Sue Phyfe, Jen Shaw and Karen Daukas. Thank you for your service to the music ministry at FCCSM.

**Being baptized today:** *Enniah Jaelyn Scott*, daughter of Alysa Scott. Grandparents are Jon & Abby Scott and Maryann Naumann. Great Grandparents are Jon and Jean Scott. Godparents are Chayce Couture and Dylan Scott. Also being baptized is *Bentley Thomas Scott*, son of Destiny Pillicano and Dylan Scott. Grandparents are Jon and Abby Scott, Brian Pellicano, Amy Walsh-Pellicano and Maryann Naumann. Great grandparents are Jon and Jean Scott. Godparents are Alec Ringgard and Alexis McLeish.

**Today - 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, stop by the table in Gifford Hall today 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!

**Today - Walk for the Homeless:** The 34th annual Central Mass Housing Alliance Walk for the Homeless takes place this afternoon 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.

### Youth Group:

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

**May 26:** Memorial Day Weekend - no YG meeting

**Walk in God's Creation:** Sunday *May 19* at 11:00 (After coffee hour) After 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*.

**Shrewsbury Ringers and**

**Parish Pealers:**

Elizabeth Hansen  
Cam Hutt  
Sue Phyfe  
Craig Phyfe  
David Rocheleau  
Elaine Shaw  
Jennifer Shaw  
Kathi Buzzell  
Karen Daukas  
Susan Ziegler  
Susan Amos  
Sue Moore  
Linda Ryan  
Robert Haller  
Pat Hale  
Linn Clark  
Jeanine Vitale  
Jenni Koch  
Lucinda Hepp

**Additional Participants  
and Guest Ringers:**

Tom Porter

**Chimers:**

Charlotte Amos  
Thomas Amos  
Drea DelDotto-Bordage  
Ava Sungarian  
Jacob Terlaje

**Alumni Chimer substitutes:**

Felix Gregory  
Ava Puntillo

*Many thanks to all those who were able to participate in additional groups such as the Parkinson's Chorus. In addition, we would like to extend our gratitude to the spouses and parents of our singers, ringers and instrumentalists for their support of the Music Ministry at First Congregational Church by providing transportation and encouragement to make music happen. We also thank all who gave financial support to the Music Ministry.*



**Word**

**Readings:** Psalm 148  
John 13: 31-35

(from *Psalms in Ordinary Voices*)  
Page 877, Pew Bible

**Homily: "Love at the Center"**

**Rev. Lynne Dolan**

**Response**

**Communal Prayer**

*Refrain*

**Lord Listen To Your Children**

Words and Music by  
Ken Medema

**CHORUS**

Lord, lis - ten to Your chil - dren pray - ing;

Lord, send Your Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to Your chil - dren

pray - ing; Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

*Last time to Coda*

**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 “Carillon of Praise”

*C. Moklebust*

*Shrewsbury Ringers  
Dedicated to 40 years of ringing Gods praises at FCCSM*

### \*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)*

**We have received an abundance of gifts from you, O Lord, but the greatest of these is grace. Bless these offerings as symbols of our gratitude and scatter them far and wide that they may truly serve the purposes of your kingdom. For Jesus’ sake, we pray. Amen.**

### \*Hymn #64, Pilgrim “All Creatures of Our God and King”

### Benediction

### Congregational Response #61, v.1, Pilgrim “God Be With You”

### Postlude “Now Let Us All Praise the Lord”

*J. Pachelbel*

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

*The worship material comes from: “Clergy Stuff: Program 2 2018-19, January 6, 2019 – June 9, 2019, Worship Resources”*

#### ***PLEASE PRAY WITH US***

God, you have given us everything we need to understand and spread the good news of your salvation. Give us the enthusiasm of those early disciples and the compassion of Jesus, in whose name, we pray. Amen.

*Nolan Schloemer, Bill Gibbs, Betty Gibb, Jay Dev Chandra, Joie Hodge, Sr. Anna M. Kane, Linda Mitrano, Charles Monroe, 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.*

## The Music Ministry 2018-2019

### **Senior Choir:**

Jennifer Shaw  
Doris Woodfin  
Norma Garcia  
Cathy Albanese  
Elizabeth McRae  
Emily Pike  
Shuzhen Wu  
Janet Graeber  
Ann Cairns  
Linda Divris  
Sue Russell  
Darren Deldotto  
Chris Williams  
Kevin Ray  
Dennis Pike

### **Additional Participants**

#### **and Guest Singers:**

Florence Stowe  
Doug Buell  
Steve Long  
Diane Sainsbury

### **Youth Singers:**

Isabelle Zhao  
Abby Yanping  
Felix Gregory

### **Piano Intern:**

Isabelle Zhao

### **Guitar Ensemble:**

Linda Ryan  
Elizabeth McRae  
Tom Porter  
Dennis Pike  
Sue Moore  
Susan (Shuzhen) Wu

### **Training Choir:**

Charlotte Amos  
Thomas Amos  
Chayce Couture  
Abby Dros  
Lauren Miller  
Ava Sungarian  
Miya Vaillancourt  
Drea Del Dotto-Bordage (Trainer in training)

### **Music Ministry:**

Linda Ryan, chair  
Kathi Buzzell  
Karis Ray  
Sue Russell  
Ann Cairns  
Doris Woodfin

### **Arts on the Green:**

Ann Cairns  
Elaine Shaw  
Jennifer Shaw  
Kathi Buzzell  
Sue Russell  
Doris Woodfin

### **Music Librarian:**

Linda Divris

### **Church and Community**

#### **Instrumentalists:**

David Rocheleau  
Linda Ryan  
James Troy  
Claire Troy  
Leo Biocchi  
Janet Graeber  
Miya Vaillancourt