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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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*Patience with others is
LOVE.*

*Patience with self is
HOPE.*

*Patience with God is
FAITH. ~ Adel Bestavros*

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.

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 Garcia
- Refreshments** Personnel
- Flowers this Week** The flowers today given today in memory of Al and Jean Haynes from their daughters, Kathi Buzzell and Carol Correia.

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

Sunday	06/16	9:30 am	Sunday Worship/Father's Day
		10:30 am	Prayer Group-C
Monday	06/17	10:30 am	Parkinson's Chorus
Tuesday	6/18	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting-A
Wednesday	06/19	11:30 am	Martha Circle-A
		6:45 pm	Conference Ringers-S
		7:00 pm	Summer Cinema-Theatre
Sunday	06/23	9:30 am	Sunday Worship/Mission Trip Commission

Please Note:

Ellen will be out of the office from **June 19** returning Monday, **June 24**.

The office will be closed Wednesday, **June 19**

Lynne will be away on the Mission Trip from **June 23** to **June 28**.



Handbell News: A group of our own handbell ringers at FCC will be attending the Handbell Musicians of America regional handbell conference in Hartford, Connecticut at the end of June. Some of the music that this group has been learning for the conference has already been featured during Lent and Easter at FCC. We are very excited for this event and look forward to featuring more of the music that we have learned to kick off the 2019-2020 season in September!

Eagle Scout Project for Veterans: My name is Donald Aicardi. I am a Boy Scout with Troop 114 that meets at the First Congregational Church. I am asking for help with my Eagle Scout Project. My project is to create welcome packages for veterans who are moving from homelessness to transitional housing with the help of Veterans, Inc. My goal is to create 100 welcome packages, or bins, that will be filled with toiletry and household items, as well as a gift card to get them started in their new apartment. A key item of the welcome package is a hand-written note from a scout thanking the veteran for his/her service. I am asking you with for assistance with donations of items and gift cards. Any form of donation is greatly appreciated. Donations can be left in the box in the main hall and I will collect them. The full list of items will be displayed next to the box. If you have any questions, please email me at donaldva3@gmail.com.

Summer CUBS Volunteer opportunity: Please consider supporting the Summer CUBS (Comprehension and Understanding Brings Success) program run by the Worcester Area Mission Society. Several members of FCC have worked as mentors the past few years and found it to be incredibly worthwhile.

Summer CUBS takes place at the Woodland Academy located in the Main South neighborhood of Worcester adjacent to Clark University. It runs from June 24 to July 18 (no school / program on July 4 and 5). The day begins at 8 and ends at 2. The program is separated into two daily shifts (8:15 to 11:30 / 11:15 to 2:00). Volunteer adults and youth mentors from area communities are needed to support the staff's delivery of hands-on and engaging learning materials in each of the STEAM skill areas.

Volunteer mentors are welcome to sign up for morning shifts only, afternoon shifts only, full days or a mix of each. Summer CUBS is made financially possible by the generous contributions offered to WAMS by congregations, foundations, individual and institutions. If you would like to donate toward this program please let us know! For more information or to sign up online please visit the website: <https://wamsworks.org/conferences/wams-worcester-public-school-summer-partnership/>

IHN at the Worcester Bravehearts: The Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) has reserved a block of tickets to the Sunday **June 23** Bravehearts game at Hanover Insurance Park at Fitton Field in Worcester. The first pitch is at 4:05 p.m. The box seat tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children up to 12 years of age. A portion of the proceeds from each ticket will go to support IHN. Tickets in the form of a receipt will be sold again after the service in Gifford Hall at the Hope for Housing table on **June 16**. Payment can be cash or a check made out to IHN. The afternoon of the game you will present at the ticket office at Fitton Field, give your name & you will be admitted. In the event the game is rained out, a voucher will be provided which can be used at another game of your choosing. FCC has long been a supporter of IHN. Please consider being a part of this fundraiser & enjoy a day at the ballpark! Thank you from the Mission & Outreach Ministry!

The First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury

United Church of Christ

Sunday, June 16, 2019

9:30 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST /FATHER'S DAY

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

During the months of June, July and August, childcare is offered in two formats: the nursery opening at 9:15 for ages 0-6 and a group session in Cushing Hall for all other ages. Full-time Sunday School ministry will resume on September 15, 2019.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "Preludio from Five Lyric Pieces"

N. Dello Joio

Isabelle Zhao

Gather

Call to Worship (*inspired by Psalm 40: 1-11*)

Leader: O God, you called us by name to come, and we respond with delight and gladness

People: In joyful obedience, we come to worship our God.

Leader: Rising out of the depths of despair, we gratefully gather for worship.

People: In joyful hope, we come to worship our loving God.

Leader: Our God has given us a new song of praise to sing to our Awesome God!

People: In joyful trust, we come to worship our God. Amen.

***Hymn #1, Pilgrim "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"**

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Loving God, Lord of the Church, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed: we have not loved you with all our heart or served you with all our strength; we have been blind to the vision of a renewed world and deaf to your call to costly discipleship; we have been indifferent to the suffering of others and unwilling to forgive one another. In your mercy, Lord, pardon and restore us, that together in the ministry of Christ we may serve you with joy all the days of our life. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Leader: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [1 John 1:9] Hear then Christ's word of grace to us: Your sins are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music "Darest Thou Now, O Soul"

Cathy Albanese

R. V. Williams

Time With Children

Word

Reading: Psalm 40: 1-10

Luke 17: 11-19

Page 446, Pew Bible

Page 852, Pew Bible

Sermon: "The Practice of Patience"

Rev. Lynne Dolan



LOOKING AHEAD

June 23 Mission Trip Commission Sunday

June 30 Mission Trip Witness Sunday

Mission Trip: The 2019 Youth Group Mission Trip is almost upon us! Leaving on Sunday June 23 with 13 Youth and 8 Adults, we are expecting to do great things in Farmington Maine in conjunction with Mission at the Eastwood Housing Ministries (M.A.T.E.), "to share our talents and caring with area homeowners, who without assistance with labor and/or materials, would be unable to make needed repairs and maintenance to their homes." This will be the second time that we have gone to Farmington, so we are excited to return to something familiar and get right to work. Youth Group and Youth Ministry would like to thank the FCC congregation for all their support, past and present. Our many fundraisers are welcomed and donations are given generously, and it is so amazing that we get to go to these far away places to make a difference in people's lives with your love and blessings.

Youth Group:

Today: Happy Father's Day—no YG meeting

June 23: Mission Trip Commission Sunday

Movies and More: On most **Wednesdays at 7:00 pm**, we'll be featuring a film in the Youth Room Movie Theatre at 7:00pm. Most of our films are acceptable for viewing by children as young as 3rd grade. 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. Please join us!

Next film:

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.

Mustard Seed: 93 Piedmont Street, Worcester, MA

Mustard Seed's food pantry is bare: We could definitely use donations of non-perishable food items to fill out our food pantry.

~Breakfast cereal, Tuna, pasta, tomato sauce, Peanut Butter, canned vegetables, canned soup, "Mac and Cheese". **Flip top cans are great if possible because many homeless folks are living outdoors this time of year.**

~Donations can be placed in the marked box by the Mustard Seed's signup sheet in Gifford Hall.

~For more information, please contact Janet Pike at 508-842-0533 or mrsbear8@msn.com.

Occasional Choir: The Summer Occasional Choir will rehearse in the Sanctuary on the following Sundays in July: 7, 14, 21 & 28 and Sunday August 4 from 11:00-11:30. We will sing in service on Sunday August 11. Please plan to be at 3 of the 5 available rehearsals.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory “Love of the Father”

D. Paxton

*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 give these gifts freely. We receive these gifts gratefully. We dedicate these gifts to the work of our congregation: serving human wholeness, caring for our planet, upholding religious freedom, welcoming the stranger, loving one another. Amen.

*Hymn #397, NCH “Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers”

Benediction

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

Postlude “God of Our Fathers”

R. Hughes

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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Nolan Schloemer, Bill Gibbs, Donald & Trudy Desfosse, Jay Dev Chandra, Joie Hodge, Sr., Anna M. Kane, Linda Mitrano, Charles Monroe, Phyllis Rich, Chris Laurson and Gary Sampson.

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;

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

Last time to Coda

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

The musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of three staves. The first staff is the chorus, starting with a box labeled 'CHORUS' above the first measure. The second staff begins with a measure rest (3) and continues the melody. The third staff begins with a measure rest (6) and concludes the piece. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: Eb, Eb7, Db/Ab, Ab, Bb7, Eb, Ab/Eb, Eb, F7, Bb7, Eb, Eb7, Db/Ab, Ab, A°7, Eb/Bb, Bb7, Ab, Eb/G, Fm7, Eb.

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.