

# The Congregational Church of Westborough

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

57 West Main, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581

May 24, 2026



**WE WELCOME VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS!**

We are an "Open and Affirming" Church



## **WELCOME!**

To our worshipping community, especially to parents: God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house! We welcome you and your child/ren. Children are a gift to the church and a reminder that the church is growing. May our church be a place where we give smiles of encouragement to parents!

Are you visiting with us today? We are glad you are here!  
WHETHER YOU HAVE JOINED US BY PHONE, IPAD, OR COMPUTER

We celebrate "OPEN DOORS and GROWING FAITH"  
"No matter who you are or where you are on your life's journey, you are welcome here."

## **CONTACTS AND INFORMATION**

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[www.facebook.com/TheCongregationalChurchofWestborough](http://www.facebook.com/TheCongregationalChurchofWestborough)*

## **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.

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Memorial Day Service

Pentecost Sunday

*\*The Congregation is invited to stand.*

**GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

ANNOUNCEMENTS (SHOWN ONLINE AND ON THE SANCTUARY SCREENS) 9:45 AM

PRELUDE "Hymn Medley"  
Marcia Hoffman, piano

CHORAL INTROIT "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place"  
Performed by Myra Kinnamon, Pamela Kapitz and Marcia Hoffman  
Comp by Lanny Wolfe

CHURCH BELLS TO CALL US 10:00 AM

**INVITING THE WORD**

WELCOME Rev. Betsy Dorsi

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*OPENING HYMN #56 "For the Beauty of the Earth" (vs. 1-4) DIX

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Janet Rivard

One: There are people still in darkness.

**Many: We pray, "Come Holy Spirit, Come"**

One: There are people in need of food and shelter.

**Many: We pray, "Come Holy Spirit, Come"**

One: There is much work to do to complete Christ's mission.

**Many: We pray, "Come Holy Spirit, Come" and give us Your gifts for ministry.**

\*GATHERING PRAYER (unison) Janet Rivard

**Jesus, we Your people have come here to join with You as we give You our thanks and praise. As we celebrate Your bestowing the gift of the Holy Spirit upon Your church, we pray for that Holy Union to be stirred up within us so that we might feel the strength and encouragement that comes from working with Your Spirit to serve others. We ask this in Your powerful name O Christ and continue in prayer using the words You gave us...**

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Janet Rivard

**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.**

A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Jesus, You call us to be bold and wise in sharing the Good News of salvation through belief in You. We confess that we have left the sharing of the Gospel to others. We confess that we convince ourselves that putting a bag of groceries in the bin is all we need to do to help those less fortunate than we are. Please have mercy on us and give us a new spirit of courage and empathy so we will be more personally engaged in serving others for You. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rev. Betsy Dorsi

**RECEIVING THE WORD**

TIME WITH THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

Rev. Betsy Dorsi

SCRIPTURES

Numbers 11:24-30 Acts 2:1-21

*(pew Bible page 114 & 885)*

SERMON

“When Spirits Collide”

Rev. Betsy Dorsi

\*HYMN #720

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

MATERNA

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Betsy Dorsi

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Janet Rivard

Invitation

*At this time, let us all reflect on how much God has given us and on what we have chosen to give God back for God’s ministry. The morning offering will now be received.*

Offertory

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Composed by John Rutter

Performed by

Myra Kinnamon, Pamela Kapitz and Marcia Hoffman



“For online giving, scan QR code with your phone’s camera”

**\*DOXOLOGY**

***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 (Unison)**

Janet Rivard

**Lord, please take the gifts we offer of ourselves and our treasure. Guide us as we use them in Your ministry. Amen.**

**BEING THE CHURCH**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #95 “Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun” (vs, 1,2,5)**

DUKE STREET

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Betsy Dorsi

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Myra Kinnamon, Pamela Kapitz and Marcia Hoffman

**\*POSTLUDE**

At the conclusion of the service, you are welcome to join us as we lay flowers on the grave of our founding pastor, Ebenezer Parkman.

Thank you to **Marcia Hoffman** for filling in on piano while Joe is taking a weekend off.

**Linda Borglund** is deacon of the day.

**Janet Rivard** serves as liturgist today.

*Prayers*

Continued Prayers: Meredith Morgan and her family; For Pete, his mom Betty and daughter Angelina; Ted Jaworski & Betty; Elaine Moore; Julia O’Neil-Welsh; Sue Menzel; Bev & Doug Hall’s son Jeremy; Jackie Smith; Adam Beckloff, Linda Birch’s nephew; Carolyn Bent; Diane Travers; Judy Ellis’s daughter, Syreeta Peddlesden; Ron, brother-in-law to Betty & Ted; Betty Simino; Debbie Grega – Amy Glennon’s mother; Betty Gray’s niece Heather; Cathie Achorn’s sister-in-law, Lorie Mumby.

## POTLUCK DINNER HOSTED BY UUC OF WESTBOROUGH

The Unitarian Universalist Church across the street recently experienced a catastrophic event that has temporarily left their building closed. Each month, they have a "Dinner Church" potluck dinner from 5:30-7:30 pm. This event is scheduled for next Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. We have offered them the use of our Fellowship Hall, and they have extended an invitation to all members of our church to join in this event.

## BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY



On Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, we will recognize our graduates in the bulletin. If you have any member in your family who is graduating High School or College, please send the information to Lisa at [lisa.coffey@uccwestboro.org](mailto:lisa.coffey@uccwestboro.org) by Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

## NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Rev. Betsy will be forming a new members class. If anyone is interested in learning more about our church, please let her know. You can speak with her after worship or send her an email: [rev.betsy@uccwestboro.org](mailto:rev.betsy@uccwestboro.org).

## MISSIONS

**Save the Date!** We are planning a Habitat for Humanity workday on Saturday, June 20th (location TBD). Whether you have carpentry skills or not, there is work for everyone. Age 16 and up. Sign-up sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall next week. Missions Team

**Westboro Food Pantry** - For the month of **May**, the Westborough Food Pantry needs the following: *Jello, Salad dressing, Pickles, Ketchup*. The Westborough Food Pantry has thanked us for our continued support in helping to feed local families in need. Please continue to consider donating additional (non-perishable) food of all sorts to the white box. Thank you. The Mission Team

**Dismas House** – Do you like to cook for people who really appreciate your efforts? If so, please consider making a meal for the men at Dismas House. The men are working towards re-assimilating back into a normal life with friends and family after time in prison. They really love home cooked meals. If you can cook a meal but can't deliver it, we can probably arrange to bring the meal. If you are a first-timer, one of our team can go with you. You can stay for dinner with the men or simply deliver the meal. Nothing fancy, just a tasty meal. If you can help, please contact Pam Faustine at 978-505-7031 or [pfaustine@princeton-ma.us](mailto:pfaustine@princeton-ma.us)

### PARISH LIFE EVENT



Come enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM for Game Night in the Fellowship Hall. All ages are invited. Bring your friends and neighbors. We will have pizza and chicken from The Coop. There will be BINGO, cribbage, dominoes, and other games to play. You can even bring a favorite game of yours to teach everyone. The signup sheet is in Fellowship Hall on the table outside the choir room. If you don't sign up and decide to come, that is OK as we just need an approximate number to order the food for the evening. For information contact Cathie Achorn call/text 508-380-8671.

### WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES ON WESTBOROUGH TV

Exciting news from our collaboration with Westborough TV! Our Sunday services will be replayed TWICE a week every week. You'll be able to watch us on **Mondays at 6:30PM** (please note, this is a half hour later than we have been), and again on **Thursdays at 6:30PM**. As a reminder, we're on Verizon channel 2124 (High Definition) and Verizon 24 & Charter 191 (regular definition)



## CALENDAR FOR MAY 24<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>

### **May 24**

10:00AM  
Noon-2PM

### **May 25**

### **May 26**

10:00 AM  
5:30 – 7:30 PM  
7:00 – 8:00 PM

### **May 27**

3:30 – 4:30 PM  
7:00 - 8:00 PM

### **May 28**

### **May 29**

### **May 30**

### **May 31**

10:00 AM  
6:00 – 8:00 PM

### **Sunday**

Worship Service & Faith Formation  
Private Gathering in Fellowship Hall

### **Monday** – office closed

**Memorial  
Day**

### **Tuesday**

Staff Meeting  
UUC Potluck Dinner/Fellowship Hall  
Bell Rehearsal

### **Wednesday**

Journey Home Singers  
Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday**

### **Friday**

### **Saturday**

### **Baccalaureate Sunday**

Worship Service & Faith Formation  
Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall (if it rains only)