The Congregational Church of Westborough

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

57 West Main, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581

October 25, 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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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.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WESTBOROUGH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Oct. 25, 2026 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

**The Congregation is invited to stand.*

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Feel Free to Join Us and Sing Along!

INVITING THE WORD

WELCOME Rev. Betsy Dorsi

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*OPENING MUSIC

*Hymn #643 "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" SWING LOW

*JoySpring Songbook #17 "He Knows My Name" TOMMY WALKER

*CALL TO WORSHIP Sally Petersen

One: We gather as a family to Worship God.
Many: We come from different homes and even different families, yet we are one.
One: We come to offer our praise and give thanks.
Many: For all our God has done and is doing for us.
One: We come to listen and learn.
Many: We come to teach and share our faith.
ALL: Come, let us Worship our God.

*GATHERING PRAYER (unison) Sally Petersen

Jesus we gather in your presence to praise you as our Mighty Redeemer. We come young and old, accepting and welcoming all. Today we bring into our covenant one of our youngest family members through the Sacrament of Baptism. Be with us as we all remember and renew our baptismal promises and our commitment to you and to one another. We ask this in your Holy Name and continue in prayer using the words you taught us…

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BAPTISM

Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today is:
Marlo Christine Custer
Daughter of Lindsay and John Custer

INVITATION

WELCOME

QUESTIONS OF THE PARENTS AND GOD PARENTS

PROMISE OF THE CONGREGATION

We receive this child, a new person in Christ whose body we are as The Congregational Church of Westborough. We offer our understanding and support as Marlo explores life, and we enfold her in our love, seeking to help her grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and all people. We join with her family in living Christ's ways so that she may live and learn, showing God's love for all humanity.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PRAYER OF BAPTISM

CONSECRATION OF THE WATERS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*BAPTISMAL HYMN

Festival Bell Ringers	"Shine, Jesus, Shine"	GRAHAM KENDRICK
Susi DiTerlizzi, Viola	"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"	ROWLAND H. PRICHARD

RECEIVING THE WORD

SCRIPTURES	Deut. 6: 7-9 MT 26: 26-30	*(pew Bible pages 143 & 808)*
SERMON	"Welcome Little One"	Rev. Betsy Dorsi
*HYMN #53	"Morning Has Broken" Susi DiTerlizzi, Viola	BUNESSAN

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER — Rev. Betsy Dorsi

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation — Sally Petersen

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	"Oceans (Where Feet May Fail" Kristina DiTerlizzi, Voice	COMPOSED BY M. CROCKER, J.HOUSTON, S. LIGTHELM

"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) — Sally Petersen

O God, we dedicate to You the fruits of our labors, our time and our commitment, for you call us into discipleship and surround and sustain us with everlasting love. Amen

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Lindsay Custer

*CLOSING SONG

JoySpring Songbook #6 "God of Wonders" MARC BYRD AND STEVE HINDALONG

*BENEDICTION Rev. Betsy Dorsi

*POSTLUDE Feel Free to Join Us and Sing Along!

Linda Borglund is deacon of the day.
Sally Petersen serves as liturgist today.

Prayers

New Prayers: Friends of Cathie Achorn (Rebecca, Florence F., Linda Palatka, and Pari)
Continued Prayers: Trevor Lovely; Jen Hossack; Marie Murphy's son – Craig Jernberg; Pete; Bev & Doug Hall's son Jeremy; Adam Beckloff, Linda Birch's nephew; Diane Travers; Judy Ellis's daughter, Syreeta Peddlesden; Betty Simino; Betty Gray's niece Heather; Cathie Achorn's sister-in-law, Lorie Mumby.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR OPEN POSITION:

The Personnel Committee, chaired by Janet Rivard, is overseeing the search for a new Office Administrator. If you or someone you know may be interested in the position, please contact Janet at Janet.Rivard@uccwestboro.org for a copy of the job description. The position is 16 hours per week, with four mornings per week on-site in the church office. Key responsibilities include greeting visitors, answering phone calls, serving as a liaison among Rev. Betsy, church members, and community members, printing weekly bulletins, ordering office supplies, coordinating building-use requests, and maintaining church files.

PARISH LIFE

We are going to be collecting candy and treats for the Main Street Trick or Treat Event on October 27th. There will be a box in the kitchen for your donations.

GIVE THE GIFT OF BETTER SIGHT!

We are collecting gently used eyeglasses, reading glasses, and sunglasses for adults and children. Donations will be provided to a Lions group to help make glasses available to people in need. Have an extra pair at home? Simply place them in the black basket in the library. Thank you for helping give others the gift of better sight!

ALL SAINTS DAY

Next week we will celebrate All Saints Day. Please call the office or email Rev. Betsy any names of loved ones who passed on this past year so they can be included in the Roll.

THE GREAT PIE CHALLENGE IS BACK!

From November 1–15, we'll be busy making apple pies, and we'd love your help. Donate apples, flour, butter, sugar, cinnamon, or gift cards, or stay after church on Sundays to help us cut apples. Prefer to bake at home? Pick up a pumpkin pie kit with directions, make your pie at home, and return it by November 22.

Everyone is welcome, and friends and family are encouraged to join in. The more helping hands, the better! For more information, contact Linda Borglund at Linda.Borglund@uccwestborough.org or 774-245-1425.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOME DEDICATION

On October 27 at 10 a.m., Habitat for Humanity will hold a dedication ceremony for the house at 487 Main Street in Ashland. Our team helped raise the first-floor walls, and we're excited to celebrate this milestone and the role we played in helping another family have a decent, affordable place to call home. All are welcome to attend the dedication, meet the family, and tour the home.

MISSIONS

Westboro Food Pantry - For the month of **October,** the Westborough Food Pantry needs the following: *Dinty Moore Beef Stew, chili, hash and instant potatoes.* Please no expired food or dented cans. 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 enjoy cooking for people who truly appreciate a home-cooked meal? Consider preparing a meal for the men at Dismas House as they work to rebuild their lives and reconnect with family, friends, and community after incarceration. If you can cook but cannot deliver, transportation can usually be arranged, and first-time volunteers are welcome. You're invited to stay and share the meal or simply drop it off. Nothing fancy, just a good meal prepared with care. To help, contact Pam Faustine at 978-505-7031 or pfaustine@princeton-ma.us.

OCT 25TH – NOV 1ST

Oct 25	**Sunday**
10:00 AM	Worship Service
7:30 PM	Missions Meeting/ Zoom
Oct 26	**Monday –** Office Closed
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Cub Scout Meeting/Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Board Meeting/Board Room
Oct 27	**Tuesday**
4:30 PM	Main Street Trick or Treat
7-8 PM	Bell Rehearsal
Oct 28	**Wednesday**
3:30 – 4:30 PM	Journey Home Singers
6:30-8:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Oct 29	**Thursday**
Oct 30	**Friday**
Oct 31	**Saturday**
Nov 1	**Sunday**
10:00 AM	Worship Service