The Congregational Church of Westborough
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
West Main & Church Streets, Westborough, Massachusetts

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here!

WE WELCOME VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS!
We are an “Open and Affirming” Church

Available are nursery care, large print bulletins, and an elevator.

Pastor Paul Sangree, Senior Pastor
Rev. Elaine S. Gaetani, Pastor of Spiritual Development
“Whatever your spiritual disposition - skeptic, seeker, follower - we welcome you and pray that you might hear something of the Good News today!”

*The congregation is invited to stand.

PRELUDE “Prayer” Alex Georges

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (selected verses from Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount - The Message Translation)

Leader: You’re blessed when you’re at the end of your rope. With less of you, there is more of God and God’s rule.

People: You’re blessed when you’re content with just who you are-no more, no less. That’s the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can’t be bought.

Leader: You’re blessed when you’ve worked up a good appetite for God. God’s food and drink is the best meal you’ll ever eat.

People: You’re blessed when you care. At the moment of being ‘care-full’, you find yourselves cared for.

All: You’re blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That’s when you discover who you really are, and your place in God’s family.

*OPENING HYMN #61 “All Things Bright and Beautiful” ROYAL OAK

*UNISON PRAYER

O God, we have heard Jesus’ teachings many times, but we confess that sometimes, we think they are impractical. We lack courage to follow Jesus’ way of love. Forgive us, we pray, as we pray together the prayer Jesus taught us to pray, saying...

*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 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.

(Everyone may be seated.)
CHILDREN’S SCRIPTURE

John 14:27

(pew Bible page)

CHILDREN’S CHAT

“Amazing Peace”

Rev. Elaine S. Gaetani

by Maya Angelou

(All kids can go out to Sunday School, and adults are invited to greet one another.)

PRAYER SONG #263 (remain seated)

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

WOLFE

TIME OF PRAYER

Linda Hartley

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Invitation: *Let us bring our gifts before God!*

(In each of our pews today is a black friendship book which we encourage you to fill out and pass to the person next to you during the offering. If you have been with us before, just put down your name, but if you are new today, please let us know who you are. If you can, please leave the sheet on the top of the book at the end of the pew. Thanks!)

Offertory Choir Anthem

“Follow Jesus”

John Purifoy

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;


*PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

Gracious God, accept these gifts which we offer in response to the riches of Your immeasurable love. Strengthen us with Your Spirit to live out that love in all that we say and do, Amen.

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Acts 6:1-7

(pew Bible page 889)

The apostles appoint people to be in charge of the church’s feeding program.

SERMON

“A Case Study…(The Spiritual Gift of Administration)” Pastor Paul Sangree

*CLOSING HYMN #546

“Amazing Grace”

NEW BRITAIN

*BENEDICTION*

*POSTLUDE

“Finale”

Janet Correll

Pastor Paul will be away this coming week on vacation.

Wayne Hutchinson-Fontana greeted you this morning and serves as liturgist

Joan Truesdell and James McClung are Deacons of the day.
OPEN DOORS – GROWING FAITH!
This is our vision statement. It speaks to our desire to open our doors to all of God’s children, and to have all of the love and acceptance that is in this place flow out of our doors for the community and beyond. Our hope is also to grow faith in kids, youth and adults so that we can walk together in Jesus’ way, led by the Holy Spirit. Join us!

Join us for the pancake breakfast downstairs after worship!

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS FOR FEB 19, 2017

Bereavement: Ina Donahue and family on the death of her sister Peg (Foster) Houtchens in Atlanta and for Peg’s children Glenn & Amy Houtchens.
New Prayers: Sue Menzel (flu); Emily Shea's grammy
Continued Prayers: Norma Powell; Judy Ellis; Serena Leiser; Carolyn Bent recovering from knee surgery; Dee Mumby (Cathie Achorn’s mother); Dick Birch; Helena Engberg
Prayer requests: You can place prayer concerns on the church’s email distribution list at eprayers@uccwestboro.org. If you would like a prayer request included in today’s service, please let a Deacon know prior to the start of worship. Prayers will remain listed for 8 weeks. If you would like a prayer renewed, please call the church office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARKING OPTIONS
Please know that in addition to parking in our lot or on the street, you can park next door in the library parking spaces on Parkman St., or behind the Forbes building next to the library. We’re glad you’re here!

SERMON AND BIBLE STUDY EVERY SUNDAY AT 9AM
Please join us every Sunday morning at 9AM in the Chapel downstairs for a Bible Study focused on the sermon Scripture of the day! We always have a great conversation!

MEN’S STUDY GROUP – ALPHA
All men are welcome to join our Men’s Study Group! We meet every Monday night from 7:00 – 8:30 in our chapel. It is a casual group that continues to explore what it means to be a Christian man today. We’ve decided to use the Alpha curriculum for the next two months. So, whether you’ve participated in Alpha previously OR this would be your first time, we would love to have you join us for the whole program or just come to try it out. If you’d like to learn more about this group just show up Monday or contact Rich.Lord@charter.net 508-878-5050.
NEW DATE - TESTIMONIES OF FAITH: VOICES OF APPALACHIA
Talk by Linda Hartley – Tomorrow, Monday Feb 20, 7PM in the Chapel

Come join our Pastoral Associate, Linda Hartley, for a presentation and conversation about the people and faith practices of the Northern Highlands of Appalachia. Linda traveled to North Carolina in January for a seminary course at Andover Newton Theological School. She will talk about the role of personal testimony both in the faith traditions of Appalachia and in contemporary communities of faith. This event will be about one hour in length including time for questions. Please come!

GROUPS OF THREE OR FOUR
We hope you join one of our groups of 3 or 4 this Lent! The groups will run for 6 weeks starting on the first week of March at whatever time your group agrees to. Contact one of the group leaders and ask to be in their group, or look for the sign-up sheet downstairs by the door. Join one today! The following people will be leading groups:

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Amy Glennon, amyjglennon@gmail.com
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Rev. Elaine, revelaineg@aol.com
Ted Jaworski, tjaw2000@aol.com

* Diane and Wayne Hutchinson-Fontana's group is for couples, and the women leaders and men leaders generally want to lead groups open to their gender, though most are open to exceptions.

CHILI COOK-OFF! AND BAKE-OFF - NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 AT 3PM
Mark your calendars for the hottest youth group mission trip fundraiser this year!

Whether you want to COOK & COMPETE or just EAT, it’s sure to be a great time!
1st PLACE WINNER chosen by POPULAR vote! PRIZES AWARDED!
Categories: Traditional, Vegetarian & other

DON’T HAVE A CHILI RECIPE BUT YOU’RE A “HOT” BAKER?
The clash of the cakes bake-off!!! Enter you cake, cookies, pies & other desserts!
1st PLACE WINNER chosen by POPULAR vote!

$15 donation to ENTER your Chili or Bake Good- PRIZES AWARDED!

$10 adult / $5 kids Donation to EAT, DRINK & VOTE!
All proceeds benefit the youth group mission trip! SIGN UP IN THE VESTRY TODAY!
39th ANNUAL TROOP 100 PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Westborough’s Boy Scout Troop 100 will hold its Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 5th from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm. This is Troop 100’s only fundraiser for the entire year. Everyone is welcome. Tickets will be available at the door. The event will take place at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 17 Willow St., Westborough. Tickets are $5.00 per person, $4.00 per person for families of four or more, and $4.00 for senior citizens.

"THE WORLDS OF EBENEZER PARKMAN: WESTBOROUGH'S MINISTER, 1724-1782"
Presented by the Westborough Historical Society: Be transported to 18th century Westborough through the life of Ebenezer Parkman (1703-1782), who for 58 years, was our town's spiritual and intellectual leader. College of the Holy Cross History Professor Ross Beales will discuss Parkman's ministry and family life as described in his extraordinary diary. This is the Historical Society's annual Civic Club lecture. Parkman artifacts from the Society's collection will be on display. Please join us on Monday, February 27 at our church for this informative program- Dessert at 6:30 PM, Lecture at 7:00PM

MISSION OF THE MONTH
Our Mission of the Month for February is “Celebrating our church's support for Heartline Ministries in Haiti”. We'll have info on the Mission table and we’ll be looking forward to the group's sharing with the congregation after they return from the trip in March. Our Haiti missionaries are going Mar 1-10th. Thank you, Marilyn/Mission Team

YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP
As most of you are aware, the Youth Group is in the midst of planning a mission trip to St. Vincent. Wendy has set up a couple ways to donate money for the trip. You can make a donation by writing a check out to the church and write “YG Mission Trip SV” in the memo line. You can also visit, like and share our Facebook page: Youth Group Mission Trip to St Vincent @westborouccyouthgroup OR Donate@YouCaring.com search: “Congo Westboro Mission Trip to St. Vincent”.

HOSPITALITY
If you or someone you know in our church family is in need of a meal, please call Betty Gray (508-366-1039).

PRAYER TIME CARDS
We are encouraging people to speak to a pastor upstairs before the service if you want a prayer lifted up on Sunday morning, or you can fill out a blue card (located at a table near the front entrance, outside the sanctuary and in the pews) and give it to a Deacon, Thanks!

DISMAS HOUSE
Our church goes on the first Thursday of the month to cook and serve a meal with the people of Dismas House, a home for ex-prisoners. If you would like to help, be in touch with Karen Hutchinson at millarhutch@aol.com. We will go again March 2nd. Donations of Stop and Shop cards are greatly appreciated to help with the shopping for the meals! Thank you.

COFFEE HOUR
Would you like to serve by helping out with the coffee hour after church downstairs? Please look for the sign-up downstairs on the coffee hour table. Email Suzanne Arpante at sbarpante@aol.com. Thanks!
JOIN US FOR PLAYGROUP
We meet in the nursery downstairs on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:00am. Questions call Sandy Horton 508-410-9000

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It’s a New Year with a new Church budget. The Grocery Card Committee has made a commitment to the 2017 Operations Budget of our Church for $8,000.00. We will need more members buying grocery cards on a regular basis to meet that goal. With your participation, we can do that and more! Eat healthy and shop local with your grocery card. Happy Healthy New Year! Stop by our table after worship on Sundays for more information or contact one of us and we will deliver them to you. Karen Hutchinson at 508.870.1782 or millarhutch@aol.com or Nancy Quimby at 774.249.4431 or nquimby11@gmail.com or Sally Petersen at sbpetersen4@gmail.com and 366.5169

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FEBRUARY 19TH -26TH

Feb 19  Sunday
9:00 AM  Bible Study/Chapel
10:00 AM  Worship & Church School
11:15 AM  Parish Life Pancake Breakfast
11:30 AM  Music Committee/Choir Room

Feb 20  President’s Day (church office closed)
7:00 PM  Men’s Group/Chapel & Linda Hartley’s talk
7:00 PM  Mission Committee/Kerygma Room
7:30 PM  AA/Nursery

Feb 21  Tuesday (no events scheduled)

Feb 22  Wednesday – Evangel Published
9:30 AM  Playgroup/Nursery
3:30 PM  Journey Home Singers/Choir Room
7:00 PM  Choir rehearsal
7:30 PM  JoySpring rehearsal

Feb 23  Thursday
11:00 AM  PCC/Fannie Forbes Room

Feb 24  Friday (no events scheduled)

Feb 25  Saturday (no events scheduled)

Feb 26  Sunday (Rev. Elaine S. Gaetani preaching)
9:00 AM  Bible Study/Chapel
10:00 AM  Worship & Church School
Noon  Chili Cook-off and Bake-off