

FIRST PARISH OF WESTWOOD, UCC

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Service for Sunday, August 22

Worship this morning, August 22

Dear Members and Friends of First Parish,
Worship will be held this morning at 9:30 with Pastor JT Hills. Please put safety first with the arrival of Hurricane Henri and stay home if driving conditions are difficult. Rev. Hills will be posting worship on our Facebook page. To access the Facebook page, please [**click here**](#).



Everyone who attends in-person worship is asked to wear a mask and will be asked to sign-in upon arrival.

Welcome, Pastor JT Hills and Family!

Friends, it's been a whirlwind first week here at First

Parish! I've been spending the week settling in to my office and starting to get to know how the church flows. As we begin this journey together, I just wanted to share a few quick notes.



- My email and cell phone are included below in case you need to contact me. The best form of contact is email, though if there's an emergency the best form of contact is my cell phone.
 - Phone: 707-583-5731
 - Email: jthills@firstparishwestwood.org
- I intend to be available for office hours Monday-Wednesday, 9-5, though that may not always be in the office; the patio is great this time of year, and phone or Zoom are always options as we still want to be safe in these Covid times! Thursday will be my day for sermon writing, so I'll have less availability, and then Friday and Saturday will be my days off, with, of course, Sunday at the church. Though this all may change some weeks based on what's going on, it's the hours I'll try to keep regularly.
- Social Media! I am on Facebook and Twitter if you want to find me, and I'll happily accept your friend requests and follows, but I know some people like to keep to themselves, and that's OK, so I'll never send something to you first. But I also hope to show up with more on the church Facebook page, so follow along and share if you haven't already.

That's all for now, and then on to what's next: we start this week with worship, and a passage from Ephesians concerning "The Whole Armor of God," a passage on which I've never preached before. I hope to see you there!

Pastor JT

Church Administrator, Meg Kara

Our Church Administrator, Meg Kara, has accepted a full time teaching position with the Wellesley Public Schools for the 2021-2022 school year. Meg will be leaving her position in order to pursue this new opportunity. Meg will continue to help out behind the scenes with office tasks until a new administrator can be hired. Please see the following note from Meg:



Dear First Parish Members and Friends:

It is with a mix of excitement and sadness that I write to inform you that I will be leaving my position as Church Administrator to pursue a full-time teaching career. As many of you know, I was teaching elementary school in Boston before having my twin girls eleven years ago. This past spring, I spent time substitute teaching in Wellesley and my time there renewed my passion for educating students at the elementary level. I'm excited to announce that I was recently offered a full-time position with Wellesley for the upcoming school year to teach elementary math. With that said, it is with a heavy heart that I say goodbye to First Parish. Your congregation has always welcomed me with open arms and has felt like home to me for the past six years.

I'd like to extend a special thank you to Barb Delisle who has been an amazing source of support, guidance and friendship from my very first day on the job. I'd also like to thank both Pastor Chris Dodge and Pastors Rick and Jill Edens for their kindness and flexibility in always allowing me to put my family first while getting the job done. Thank you to

countless others who have made my job easier by giving of yourselves and your time to support First Parish. Although I won't be the main point of contact anymore, you will definitely see me browsing the pumpkins and shopping at the Christmas Fair and Yard Sale each year!

Thanks again for being my second home for the past six years. I will miss you all so very much!

Warmest regards,
Meg Kara

Installation of Pastor Chris Dodge

The pandemic delayed the installation of Pastor Dodge at Bethany Congregational Church. It has now been scheduled for October 3.

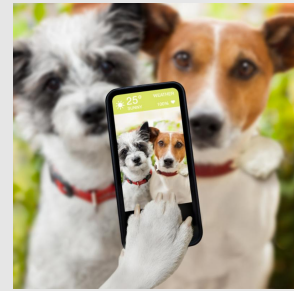
- Rev. Christopher Dodge, Bethany Congregational Church, UCC, Foxboro ~ Service of Installation, in person on Sunday, October 3, 2021 at 3:00pm.

Send a Selfie!

Meg continues to work on compiling a "homemade" pictorial directory as a gift for our new settled Pastor, JT Hills.

We invite you to email a "selfie" of you/your family. Please send all pictures to: **office@firstparishwestwood.org**.

Feel free to get creative!



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