

FIRST PARISH OF WESTWOOD, UCC

Growing Faith + Sharing Love + Grounding Lives



May 27, 2021

**Worship this Sunday, May 30
10AM**

Dear Friends,

Understanding God as triune is an invitation for us to join the dance of shared life, of mutuality, of involvement. That God, Creator, Word, and Spirit, has a shared, not subordinated – and involved – life is instructive to the human community. No one person, while unique, is more important than another.



The Trinity is not about counting, one or three, but about sharing, a choreography of grace. It is the proclamation that God's holiness is not measured by God's remoteness but by God's involvement. The Trinity is not a mathematical puzzle to be solved but an invitation to be involved like God is involved in creation, involved in the person of Jesus Christ, involved in the

Spirit of reconciliation.

Involve yourself in worship this Sunday, May 30 at **10am**, with First Parish of Westwood, 252 Nahatan Street, Westwood.

See you Sunday,

Richard & Jill Edens

Church Annual Meeting June 6, 11AM

SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING – PART II
THE FIRST PARISH OF WESTWOOD, UNITED CHURCH
June 6, 2021

Under the authority of the constitution of First Parish, United Church, notice is hereby given that the Seventy-second Annual Meeting – Part II of the First Parish of Westwood, United Church will be held on Sunday, June 6, 2021 at 11:00 AM in the Meeting House following Sunday worship. The meeting will take action upon the following agenda:

1. To approve and accept the minutes of February 7, 2021.
2. To hear and act on reports of the Ministries.
3. To hear and act on the report of the Nominating Committee.
4. To hear and act on a proposed amendment to Article 14b of the bylaws which reads “Quorum: 50 members shall constitute a quorum at all Church meetings.” The amendment would set that number at 25% of membership or 30 members, whichever is lower.
5. To consider an amendment to the Constitution to all allow all meetings of the Church Council, Ministries and Committees to be conducted in whole, or in part, remotely.
6. To hear and act on any other matters which may properly come before this meeting.

Judith A. Thomson
Clerk

Life Together...in a Time of Covid

As we begin meeting again for worship these are guidelines for our *Life Together ... in a Time of Covid*. Our sanctuary's capacity is approximately 60 persons according to the current Massachusetts regulations for indoor space. This number will change in July or August as the vaccination rate continues to increase and the rate of infection continues to decrease.

1. Sign in as you enter

There will be a table for you to sign in with your name and phone number or email address should we need to “contact trace.”

2. Wear masks.

Wear your Sunday best. If you forget, we will also have masks for you as you enter.

3. Stay physically distanced.

Yes, St. Paul said, “... *greet one another with a holy kiss*”... but not yet! As vaccines for children are not anticipated until 2022 handshakes, hugs, and kisses will need to wait. We will also need to space ourselves in the pews.

4. Be well.



When we are not well, we should love our neighbors and stay home.

5. Wash hands.

Handwashing combined with socially distancing and wearing masks has pushed the rate of flu infections and the common cold to unheard of lows this year.

6. Worship outdoors or in a ventilated space .

Covid-19 is most infectious in enclosed spaces over a long time. Fortunately, we have a Meeting House with two stories of windows and a lovely patio.

7. Socialize outside.

Increasingly we are learning that transmission of the virus is minuscule when outside and distanced. So, catch up with friends and family outside on the patio, the lawn, or a walkway.

8. Shorten worship.

We will be minimizing risk and possible exposure over time by shortening our worship.

9. Limit singing.

Due to the respiratory nature of the virus, congregational singing will be postponed.

10. Family friendly and inter-generational.

Worship will be designed to be family friendly. With physical distancing, families are encouraged to sit together. Initially we will not have a staffed nursery though it will be open for parents to use as needed.

11. Be vaccinated.

If you have not yet been vaccinated and need assistance signing up or finding a vaccination site, please speak with our Faith Community Nurse, Marge Eramo.

12. Be flexible.

Covid-19 has been a surprising virus. We have learned much since the early days of wiping down groceries so our practices to promote safety and minimize risk will change over time. As the rates of vaccinations increase and of infections decreases, we will gratefully continue to adapt!

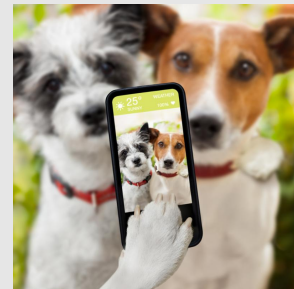
If you have concerns, please contact the church office(781-326-5344 or office@firstparishwestwood.org) or one of the pastors.

Send a Selfie!

During the year, Meg will be working on compiling a "homemade" pictorial directory as a gift for our new settled Pastor.

Pastors Rick and Jill Edens invite you to email Meg a "selfie" of you/your family. Please send all pictures to: **office@firstparishwestwood.org**.

Feel free to get creative!



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