

FIRST PARISH OF WESTWOOD, UCC

Growing Faith + Sharing Love + Grounding Lives

April 17, 2022



We are an Open & Affirming Church

First Parish of Westwood affirms the dignity and worth of every person regardless of race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, physical or mental ability, family structure, education level, economic circumstance and faith or religious tradition.

COVID Protocols

Our Covid protocols have been updated as of April 12, 2022.

[Click here](#) for the letter from Pastor JT with protocol information.

Other information about return to in person worship

There is no Sunday School this Sunday. During worship, a craft activity will be available for children in the back of the Sanctuary.

Nursery coverage is not available until after vaccines for children under the age of five become available. Look for updates in future emails.



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Inspired by Luke 24:1-12 In this paper lace art piece, the inside of a bowl is patterned with images telling the initial moments of the Easter story. This design depicts burial spices in patterns. Amidst the spice patterns, a sunrise emerges. At the top is an abstract image of the empty tomb. This moment, the moment when the women arrive at the tomb, represents an act of holy, extravagant, expansive beauty. Imagine being there, arriving at daybreak, holding the spice bowl in your hands. The burial spices, nard and myrrh, were aromatic. The aromas of blood, oils, death, and spices fill the air. Imagine how it would have smelled. It was the work of the women to honor the body of the deceased; to honor the life he had lived, and they had loved.

—Hannah Garrity

Easter Sunday - April 17 at 7am & 10am

7am (Almost) Sunrise Service on Patio

- (Almost) Sunrise Service - sign-up to attend
 - [Click here](#)

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10am Easter Celebration with special coffee hour and Easter Egg Hunt.

- Easter Sunday Coffee Hour - sign-up for food donations
 - [Click here](#)

Please join us in person or on Facebook for a live-streamed service this Sunday at 10am.

This service will also be available for viewing on Facebook after the service is concluded. To access the service via Facebook page, please [click here](#). You do not need a Facebook account to do this. Anyone viewing the service who has a Facebook account is invited to LIKE and SHARE the service.

For the service bulletin, please [click here](#).

Easter Egg Hunt

Our Christian Education leaders will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt outside Easter Sunday after our Easter Sunday worship.

It's not too late to drop off candy and plastic egg donations. Remember we are looking for nut free, corn-free options. Please bring to the church lobby.



Thoughts and Prayers

We are saddened to share news of the passing of June Clay. June is known for being a long-



time parishioner at First Parish and for her beautiful paintings, some of which hang on the walls of First Parish.

[Click here](#) for June's obituary.

Do you know where this Lent display is?

Each week during Lent, this display has grown with the inclusion of the week's daily devotional cards.

Please be sure to check it out!



FIRST PARISH YARD SALE - SATURDAY, MAY 14th 9am -1pm

It's that time of year... time to think about the spring purge of all the junk you no longer need or want. What a perfect way to donate to the church. We'll have our Annual Yard sale on Saturday, May 14th.

We will accept most donated items, but we cannot accept any computer equipment, printers, medical equipment, TV and no car or booster seats. If you're dividing your perennial plants, please think about moving a few to pots and bring them for us to sell at the sale. It's best if the plants are moved a few weeks before the sale so they have a chance to acclimate to the new pot. We can charge more if they look happy! If you need pots, let Pam know.

We will be posting sign-up sheets next week for volunteers to assist in setting up before, helping during the sale, and cleaning up afterwards. Please consider joining us, for whatever amount of time you have available. Many hands make light work and it's a fun way to help out. Weather permitting, we'll grill hot dogs and hamburgers for the workers!

Please call Pam Kane at 781-690-1617 or email me with any questions, pkane@haskellinsagency.com.

Church Volunteer Opportunities

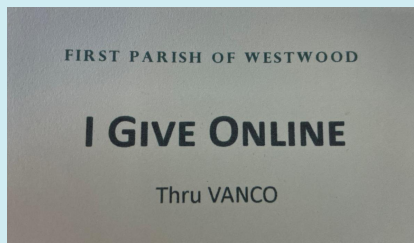
- Westwood Day, Sat., Sept. 17 – First Parish will be participating again this year! We need someone to take the lead in recruiting people and planning for this event.
- [New Life](#) is hosting its 5th Annual Trail Run on Saturday, May 7th on the Medfield State Hospital grounds (at Hospital Rd. & Service Dr., Medfield, MA). They are looking for houses of worship to participate. Interested in putting together a First Parish team?

If you are interested, please contact the church office at office@firstparishwestwood.org



Recycling furniture. Rebuilding lives.

Church Offerings



For all who now fulfill their pledges online, we have "I give online" cards (see photo) in the pews so you can place a card in the offering plate to show your participation. Contact asst_treasurer@firstparishwestwood.org if you are interested in giving online.

Pastor JT's Schedule

Pastor JT will be on vacation followed by continuing education starting April 18th and returning May 3rd. During this time, please contact the office for any pastoral care needs.



Important Dates at a Glance

April

- April 18 - Monday, Patriot's Day - Office Closed
- April 18 - 22 - School Vacation Week
- April 24 - Sunday Worship @ 10am.
Guest Preacher - Rev. Greg Briggs

May

- May 1 - Sunday Worship w/communion

@ 10am. Our Worship Committee will lead worship. Sermon provided by Amie Colcord.

- May 8 - Mother's Day/Sunday Worship @ 10am. Guest preacher - Rev. Alex Shea Will, Area Conference Minister
- May 14 - Saturday, First Parish Yard Sale 9am-1pm
- May 15 - Sunday Worship @ 10am
- May 22 - Sunday Worship @ 10am
- May 29 - Sunday Worship @ 10am
- May 30 - Monday, Memorial Day - Office Closed



Coffee Hour Sign-Ups

**A coffee hour host is needed for
Sunday, April 24th**

Please click this [link](#) to see what dates are available to sign-up as coffee hour host(s) and enter your name to host. Thank you.



Office Hours

- Mondays 1pm - 3pm, Office is closed for Patriot's Day
- Tuesdays 1pm - 3pm
- Wednesdays 9am - 1pm

Contact the church office at office@firstparishwestwood.org or call 781.326.5344.

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