Announcements

Special Offering Music. Anyone wishing to provide special music during the offering should sign up on the calendar in Fellowship Hall or speak with Sharon Keith, our organist.

Coffee Hour Hosts. Coffee Hour is a perfect time to catch up with friends and make new ones, and we're so grateful to all who have hosted us with coffee and refreshments. The host list is posted through December; if something comes up and you're not able to host, please see if you can swap with someone. Thank you!

Pastor Christy's Office Hours. Pastor Christy will be available at the Merriam-Gilbert Library here in town each week on Mondays from 1 PM to 3 PM. She will also have evening hours on Wednesdays from 5 PM to 7 PM at the Dunkin' Donuts on Main Street in West Brookfield. Feel free to join her! If you would like to schedule a different time to get together, please email or call Pastor Christy to set up an appointment.

Grief Support Group. If you are looking for a place to process grief in community, the First Congregational Church of West Brookfield will be hosting a free Grief Support Group on Friday evenings at 5 PM beginning on September 6th. This six-week program is sponsored by the Faith & Family Hospice Center. Please contact Pastor Christy if you'd like more information.

Gifts of Flowers. Altar flowers are a wonderful way to honor or remember loved ones. If you'd like to provide flowers on any given Sunday, please sign up on the bulletin board heading into the Fellowship Hall so we can plan ahead. Thank you!

Gifts Survey. In an effort to get to know the gifts of our community, we will be including a gifts survey in the bulletin each week for the next several weeks. This spiritual practice helps us to get in touch with God and one another as we share our lives with our congregation. Please take time to fill out the form and place it into the offering plate as a gift before God.

Communion Sunday Dedication. In response to the needs of our local community, the first Sunday of the month will be dedicated to food donations for the Sharing Cupboard here in town. For September's offering, the Sharing Pantry has asked we provide bags of ground coffee, but caffeinated and decaf. Thank you for sharing!

In Our Prayers. Betty, Dell, Ed, Evelyn, the Frazier family, John, Judy, the Keith family, Linda, Nicole, Patrick, Priscilla, the Reim family, Richard, Russ & Joy, the Smith family, Tomassa, mass violence victims, our nation.

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George Whitefield United Methodist Church

West Brookfield, MA || 9:30 AM



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Christy Wright, Pastor || Sharon Keith, Organist Heidi Jeldres, Lay Leader

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PRELUDE My Faith Looks Mason
Up to Thee

*LIGHT OF CHRIST

*PROCESSIONAL Abide with Me UMH #700

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SONG OF PRAISE Soon and Very Soon UMH #706 (Sing twice through; Fuel Fund for those wishing to contribute)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of all the nations, you rescued your people out of the Red Sea and delivered Rahab from battle.

All: The great cloud of witnesses goes before us.

One: You rescue the lowly and needy from injustice and tribulation.

All: Your faithfulness abounds.

One: Surround us with saints, that we may have faith to live by your word.

All: Grant us pioneering faith that sings of new life.

One: Bestow upon us courage to persevere in the race set before us and endurance in the time of trial.

All: Though Jesus Christ the perfecter of our faith, we pray. Amen. $\boldsymbol{\infty}$

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING Special Music Heidi Jeldres

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*GLORIA PATRI UMH #70

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:29-12:1

SERMON Pioneering Faith

*HYMN God of Grace, God of Glory UMH #577

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE May You Run Hanson

^{*}Please stand as you are able

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