

In the Church

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 Music Director.

Choir. We welcome all voices to join our choir! Under the direction of Sharon Keith, the choir will meet at 9:00 AM every other Sunday morning to rehearse for their piece during the service. Speak with Sharon if you'd like more details.

Sunday School. All youth are invited to join in Sunday School starting September 8th during church services. We're thankful for Crystal Armitage's leadership in creating disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

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!

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!

Liturgist Sign Up. Do you feel called to share God's Word with us on Sunday mornings? Would you like to be a part of the worship service? There is an opportunity each week to share your voice with us by reading the scripture passage during Church. Sign up on the bulletin board heading into the Fellowship Hall, and Pastor Christy will give you a call on Monday with the coming week's scripture passage.

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! Note that these hours will shift on Monday Holiday Weeks and Meeting Weeks, but if you would like to schedule a different time to get together, please email or call Pastor Christy to set up an appointment.

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, both caffeinated and decaf. Thank you for sharing!

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George Whitefield United Methodist Church

West Brookfield, MA || 9:30 AM



Heart Strangely Warmed

September 1, 2019

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Christy Wright, Pastor || Sharon Keith, Music Director
Heidi Jeldres, Lay Leader

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PRELUDE *Come, Ye Sinners* Hart/Wright
Poor and Needy

*LIGHT OF CHRIST

*PROCESSIONAL *Christ, For the World* UMH #568

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SONG OF PRAISE *Jesus, Thine Love* UMH #422
(Fuel Fund for those wishing to contribute)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God, as we come to worship this morning, we pray that You would teach us how to love.

All: As we learn more about our faithful heritage, teach us what it means to do no harm.

One: As we gather around words of old, we pray that You would show us what it means to do good.

All: As we worship You each day, teach us what it means to stay in love with You above all else.

One: It really is that simple.

All: Do no harm.

One: Do good.

All: And stay in love with God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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 *Lord, Speak to Me* Havergal/Schumann
An offering from our Choir

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*GLORIA PATRI UMH #70

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

SERMON *Heart Strangely Warmed*

SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE

The printed litany can be found in your pew

*HYMN *God Be With You* UMH #672

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Humble Thyself* Hudson

*Please stand as you are able

Special Announcements

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 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.

Technology Request. We are pleased to be able to bring back the PowerPoint presentation on Sunday mornings to aid the Pastor with visuals throughout the sermon. We are currently using the church's projector and Sharon Collins' personal laptop from home. She would prefer not to use her own computer, so if you feel led to donate toward a new laptop for the church or if you currently have one that could be used weekly, it would be greatly appreciated. We can probably get one for around \$300 or less. Please pray on this and let the Holy Spirit guide you in the process. Many thanks from Sharon Collins.

September Meetings. We will be holding our September SPRC Meeting on 9/4 at 6:30 PM at the parsonage. The Admin Council will be meeting at 7:00 PM on 9/10, also at the parsonage. Please note that Pastor Christy's Office Hours will shift on the week of 9/4 to be 4:30 PM to 6 PM.

September Sermon Series. This September, Pastor Christy will be offering a four-part sermon series on the Methodist tradition with each Sunday in September focusing on a different theme: history, theology, social principles, and current events. There will be opportunities for discussion following the series.

September 11th Prayer Vigil. As we come to the 18th anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks, the sanctuary will be open for prayer and reflection on Wednesday, September 11th from 1 PM to 3 PM. Stop in to light a candle and pray for our country and all those affected by mass violence and terrorism.

Spring 2020 Town Construction. We recently learned of town construction along our roadway and sidewalks that may affect our Sunday morning services. The Trustees and Pastor Christy are in conversation with the Town to mitigate possible disruptions to parking and access. If you'd like more information, please contact Mike Cox or Pastor Christy. We will keep you updated with developments as they arise.

In Our Prayers. Arnold, Betty, Bob, the Chisholm family, Dell, Ed, Elsie, Emily, Evelyn, Heidi, John, Judy, the Keith family, Linda, Lisa's Dad, Margarita, Millie, Nicole, Priscilla, the Reim family, Richard, Russ & Joy, Sage, the Smith family, Tomassa, those who are experiencing homelessness and food insecurity, mass violence victims, our nation.