

Dates to Remember



Prayer Meetings are held Saturdays at 9am at the parsonage, unless announced otherwise. We explore and practice different ways of praying. All are welcome.

Youth Fellowship will meet at the parsonage (date to be determined). The kids will be hosting a supper towards the end of June to raise money for youth activities. Watch for details soon!!

Vision Committee met monthly to envision the future of our church and work on a new Mission Statement. A proposed draft statement was developed at the 2/24/19 meeting to consider: **"The George Whitfield UMC, called to love, serve and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with neighbors near and far"** with additional statements beneath regarding being welcoming to all, being mission focused and sharing our faith through word and action. The final meeting is on May 5th after worship.

Worship Music – We are always looking for new choir members. If you would like to share your gift of singing with the choir or if you would like to do special music some Sunday, please sign up with Sharon Keith.

Come Join Us!

Worship with us on Sundays, 9:30 am.
Sunday School for youth during worship. **Youth Group** meets monthly with Pastor Yohan, Juhee and Crystal for lunch and activities.

Fellowship and coffee after service each week is a great time to visit with friends old and new.

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THE ROCK
George Whitefield
United Methodist Church
West Brookfield, Massachusetts
May 2019



The People of the Resurrection!

"Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!" We celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ and his victory over the power of death a few weeks ago. While the cheerful mood of Easter has passed and everything seems back to normal, there is one thing that will never pass through. The risen Christ is with us and his sacred heart of love is in us. We are a people of the resurrection, who live by faith, hope and love. Dr. Maya Angelou said, "Love liberates. It doesn't just hold—that's ego. Love liberates." Many people still struggle with their bonds of addictions, poverty, racial discrimination, anger, etc. Love liberates. As the love of Christ liberates us from our sin and death, let us share his love that liberates people from their bondages. Throughout the year, love one another as Christ loved us. Share the love you have received from Christ.

Peace,
Pastor Yohan

The April 6th Spring Fling Craft Fair Update

We had 15 vendors and great success! The profits will go towards the General operating budget and the Youth program activities.

A special thanks to all those who helped to set up, organize and support our first "Spring Fling" Craft Fair. Thank you to vendors who rented booths and all who baked goods and donated to the lunch that the GWUMC Youth put on and to those that made purchases.

Let us hope for an even better one next year.

Pocket Prayer Shawl Ministry



We have launched a new ministry called Pocket Prayer Shawl Ministry. We gave out pocket prayer shawls on Easter Sunday. They are small knitted shawls in a baggie with a card from the church saying that we are praying for the person we give them to and the information about the church. We have several made up in baskets at both

entrances to the church. Feel free to take a few with you to give out to friends, family maybe even strangers as you go about your day. You can give them to your waitress with the tip or to your mail person or whoever you please. It is a simple way to let them know that you are a Christian and maybe even open a dialogue with them. Also, it is a friendly way to let them know that you are thinking of them and seeing them as a person who is in your life and that you appreciate what they do for you. It is a small step in reaching out to others in the name of Christ. Please feel free to partake in this simple but powerful action to make a difference in the world around you this spring. Amen.



May Birthdays

- 06 – Sharon Keith
- 09 – Jessica MeKeon
- 09 – Tom MeKeon
- 10 – Michael Cox
- 10 – Susan DeWitt
- 23 – Marie King
- 25 – Tommy McKeown
- 31 – Dot Carpenter

May Coffee Hour Hosts



- 05 – Crystal & Evelyn Armitage
- 12 – Gail Sledzieski & _____
- 19 – Carrie & Doug Alley
- 26 – Jane Dolan & Peg Hannigan

Easter Sunday 2019



The beautiful altar flowers,
The youth sync dancing,
Pastor Yohan,
The GWUMC Bell Choir,
Juhee Lee violin performance,
And all the attending
congregation.