

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 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! 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 October's offering, the Sharing Pantry has asked we provide healthy shelf-stable snacks (gluten-free and/or nut-free and/or low-sodium and/or low/sugar-free, if possible, but they could use anything – think: applesauce, dried fruit, GF crackers, GF granola/trail mix, etc.). So far this fall, we have donated 24.7 pounds of food and goods. Thank you for sharing!

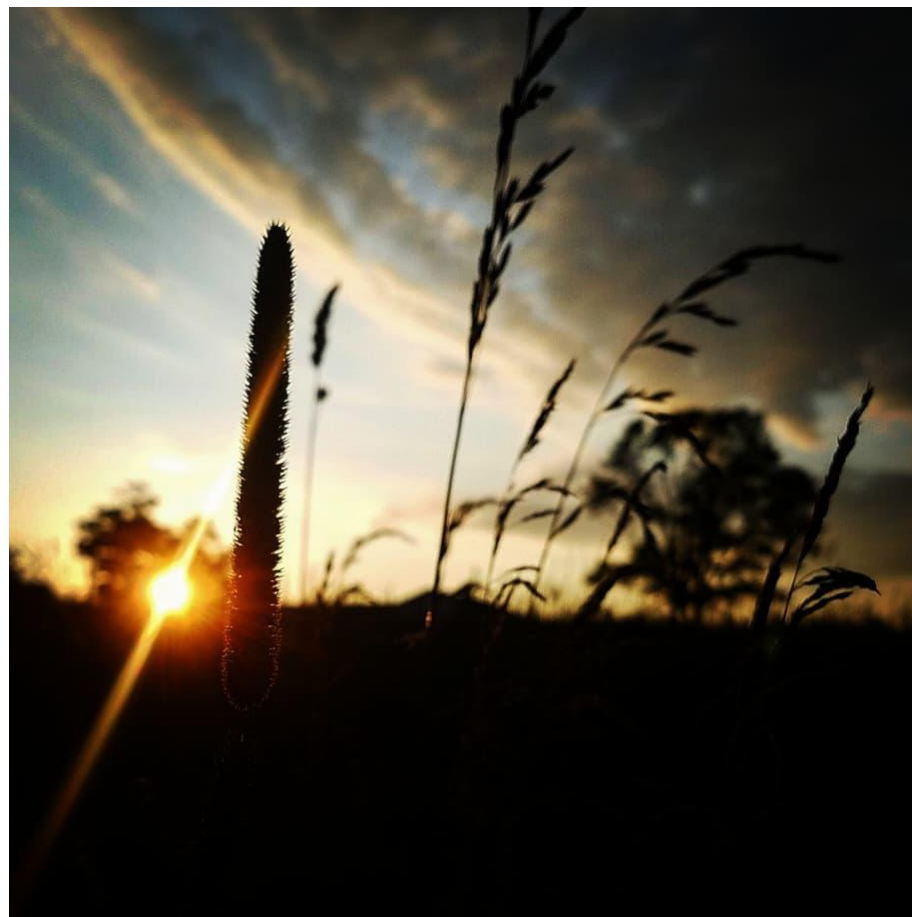
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West Brookfield, MA || 9:30 AM



A Way Forward

September 22, 2019

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

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PRELUDE *Redeeming Love* Gaither

*LIGHT OF CHRIST

*PROCESSIONAL *Jesus Calls Us* UMH #398

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SONG OF PRAISE *Seek Ye First + Jesus' Name* UHM #405
Verse 1 Verse 1 FWS #2071

(Fuel Fund for those wishing to contribute)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Gracious God, Your people are suffering.

All: Where there is woundedness, help us bring healing.

One: Where there is discouragement, help us bring support and comfort.

All: Where there is dismay and mourning, help us bring the power of new life and new opportunities.

One: Heal us, O God, for you are our help and our hope, the One we turn to in times of trouble.

All: In the name of our Great Physician, Jesus Christ, we pray. 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 *Special Music* Doug Alley

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*GLORIA PATRI UMH #70

SCRIPTURE READING Nancy Collins
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

SERMON *A Way Forward* Pastor Christy

*HYMN *Come, Holy Ghost* UMH #603

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Seek First the Kingdom* Holst

*Please stand as you are able

∞ Adapted from *Ministry Matters Worship Elements: September 22, 2019.*

◇ Today's altar flowers are given by Jane Dolan.

Special Announcements

Technology Fund. As we continue to be blessed with a laptop and projector for Sunday morning worship services, we are recognizing the need for a technology fund. These funds will be directed toward covering the cost of projector bulbs, cables, and other technological needs, and donations are being accepted. Thank you!

Ham & Bean Supper Fundraiser. Be sure to join us for a fantastic gathering with great food and friends on Saturday, September 28th at 6:00 PM. Special thanks to Jane Dolan for organizing and for all those who are cooking, hosting, and cleaning up! Tickets are a suggested donation of \$10 per person and includes ham, beans, coleslaw, potato salad, rolls, and plenty of desserts. All proceeds will benefit the mission and ministry of George Whitefield UMC.

Community Acts of Kindness. If you would like to donate gift cards in \$20 denominations for CVS, Hannaford, or gas cards for folks in our community who are requesting financial assistance, we would gladly receive your donations and pass them onto folks who need them most while also providing ways to engage in more sustainable solutions. Please see Pastor Christy if you'd like to make a donation.

Bible Study. We are pleased to bring back a Bible Study Small Group led by Sharon and Nancy Collins. This small group will meet weekly beginning Thursday, October 3rd at 4 PM in the Church Fellowship Hall. Throughout the fall and winter season, the location will shift, but we will keep everyone updated!

Donate Toward Recovery Efforts. The devastation of the Bahamas in the wake of Hurricane Dorian is unlike anything ever seen. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has a long history of being one of the first charitable responders in natural disasters. They are a reputable organization connected with the mission and ministry of the United Methodist Church. Please consider making a donation online at www.umcor.org or by check (please make checks out to George Whitefield United Methodist Church with "*UMCOR Advance #982450*" in the memo line).

Operation Christmas Child. Many thanks to the Reims for their Operation Christmas Child ministry! Boxes are available now to be picked up at the altar, but please wait to fill them until we receive a list from the organization. Thank you for your support!

Spring 2020 Road Construction. We have scheduled a meeting with the Highway Superintendent to discuss possible impacts on our church parking and construction schedule on the church. If you're interested in learning more, we will be meeting at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, September 25th in front of the church.

In Our Prayers. Arnold, Betty, Bob, Dell, Ed, Edacia and Nori, Elsie, Emily, the family of Evelyn, Gus, Heidi, John, Judy, the Keith family, Linda, Lisa's Dad, Millie, Nicole, Paul D., Priscilla, the Reim family, Richard, Russ & Joy, Sage, Shirley, Tomassa, those who are experiencing homelessness and food insecurity, mass violence victims, those who are in recovery from natural disasters, our natural world, our nation and world, our political leaders.