

In the Church

Pastor Christy's Vacation. Pastor Christy will be taking time off from Thursday, 10/10 to Monday, 10/14 for a family wedding. In her absence, Rev. Nancy Collins will be available for pastoral care & can be reached at (508) 637-1652 or (508) 685-6749.

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!

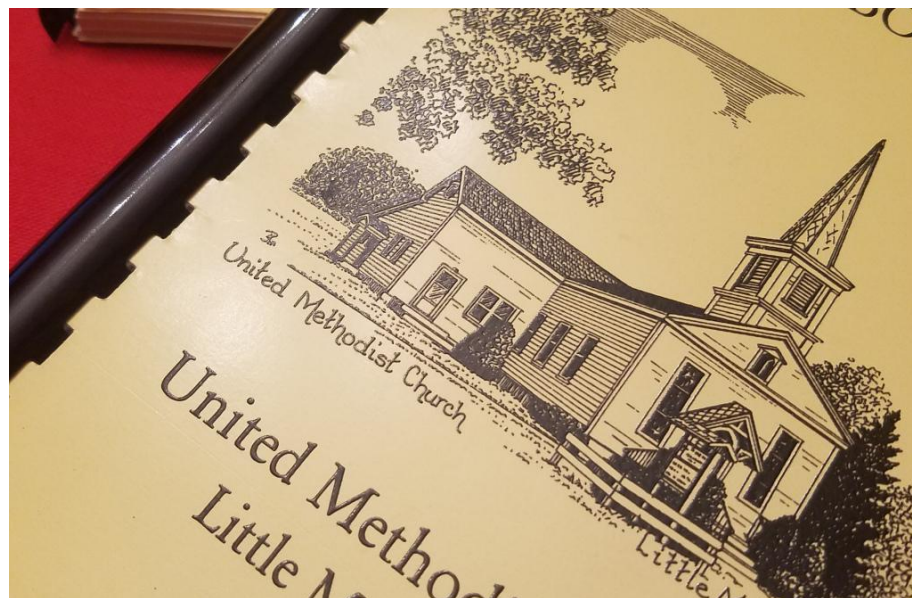
Liturgist Sign Up. Do you feel called to share God's Word with us on Sunday mornings? Would you like to be a part of the worship service? There is an opportunity each week to share your voice with us by reading the scripture passage during Church. Sign up on the bulletin board heading into the Fellowship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

George Whitefield United Methodist Church

West Brookfield, MA || 9:30 AM



Generational Memory

October 6, 2019

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

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PRELUDE *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* Palmer

*LIGHT OF CHRIST

*PROCESSIONAL *One Bread, One Body* UMH #620

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SONG OF PRAISE *Standing on the Promises* UMH #374
Fuel Fund for those wishing to contribute

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Source of grace and peace, You call us into being.

All: You keep us in safety, and You hold us in life.

One: Far too often, we turn from you, placing our trust in the frail promises of other human beings and the insecure security of wealth.

All: Be with us now.

One: Bring us into Your presence.

All: Comfort our pain.

One: Challenge our pride. Enter into our prayer and our praise, that our worship may be pleasing to You.

All: We pray these things in the name of the One who loved us first, Jesus Christ. 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.

OFFERATORY *Bread of the World* Heber
An offering from our choir

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*GLORIA PATRI UMH #70

SCRIPTURE READING Rev. Nancy Collins
2 Tim. 1:1-14 (RSV)

SERMON *Generational Memory* Pastor Christy

SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE

The printed litany can be found in your pew

*HYMN *God Be With You* UMH #672

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Luke 17:5-10*

*Please stand as you are able.

∞ Adapted from *Ministry Matters, Worship Elements: October 6, 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!

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. A locking mailbox is hanging in the hallway to the fellowship hall to receive your gifts. Thank you.

Bible Study. We are pleased to bring back a Bible Study Small Group led by Sharon and Nancy Collins. This small group meets weekly on Thursdays 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 this hurricane season is unlike what we've ever seen before. 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!

***Church Conference.** Our annual meeting with our new District Superintendent, Rev. Megan Stowe, is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23rd at 7:00 PM. Be sure to join us for this special time of worship and planning for the coming year.

October Meetings. SPRC will be meeting at the parsonage on Monday, October 7th at 6:30 PM; Ad Council will also be meeting at the parsonage on Wednesday, October 9th at 7:00 PM.

Church Fair Meeting. For all who are interested in helping out with the Annual Church Fair on November 9th, we will be holding a planning meeting today after church. All are invited!

In Our Prayers. Arnold, Betty, Bob, Dean and Jamie, Dell, Ed, Edacia and Nori, Elsie, Emily, the family of Evelyn, Gus, Heidi, John, Judy, the Keith family, Lee, Linda, Lisa's Dad, Millie, Nicole, Paul D., Priscilla, the Reim family, Richard, Rose, Russ & Joy, Sage, Sandy, 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.