

George Whitefield UMC Ministries

Music Ministries. We have a special opportunity to work with our Music Director, Sharon Keith, to provide special music during the offering. If you are interested in sharing your gifts and talents, please sign up on the calendar in the Fellowship Hall or speak with Sharon. We also have the opportunity to join in our choir! We welcome all voices. Under the direction of Sharon, the choir meets at 9:00 AM every other Sunday morning to rehearse for their piece during the service.

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!

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!

Prayer Shawl Ministry. We are so delighted by the response of our prayer shawl ministry, where we crochet and knit small pocket-sized prayer shawls and include a prayer card with each gift. Feel free to pick a few up to take to friends who are ill, neighbors who may have just moved in, or to family members. These prayer shawls have traveled near and far, and we're so thankful to witness God's love in this way!

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 December's offering, the Sharing Cupboard has asked we provide jellies and jams. So far this fall, we have donated 86.9 pounds of food and goods. Thank you for sharing!

Pastor Christy's Office Hours. Office hours have changed! Pastor Christy will be available at the Merriam-Gilbert Library here in town each week on Wednesdays from 10 AM to 12 PM. 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. Please note that Pastor Christy's Sabbath Days are on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, but she is available if an emergency arises.

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West Brookfield, MA || 9:30 AM



Thrive

November 24, 2019

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

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PRELUDE *He is King of Kings* Wilson

*LIGHT OF CHRIST

*PROCESSIONAL *Crown Him with Many Crowns* UMH #327

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SONG OF PRAISE *Victory in Jesus* UMH #370
Fuel Fund for those wishing to contribute

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We give praise to our God who knew us before we had breath.

All: We delight in the Lord who guides us still.

One: God, help us to live as You would have us live.

All: Give us obedient hearts, called to Your work.

One: As we gather today to worship, we recognize the ways in which we stand before You in need, and the ways our world cries out for You.

All: Move us to compassion God, that we may act justly.

One: Use us God, as Your hands of mercy.

All: And teach us to walk humbly with You, responding in love and grace. 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.

OFFERATORY

An offering from Heidi Jeldres

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #70

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:6-8

Vicki Chisholm

SERMON

Thrive

Pastor Christy

*HYMN

Rejoice, The Lord is King

UMH #715

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

All Hail King Jesus

Moody

*Please stand as you are able.

∞ Adapted from *UMCOR Sunday Worship Resources*, umcgiving.org.

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

Ways to Serve

Security Fund. The Administrative Council is looking into getting a video doorbell security system for the parsonage to increase safety for Pastor Christy. The system they are looking at has a one-time \$199.99 fee for the system with a \$3/monthly charge for maintenance. Thank you so much for your donations – we are halfway to our goal. If you would like to donate to this fund, please see Gail.

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.

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 in 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 in the Fellowship Hall, and Pastor Christy will give you a call on Monday with the coming week's scripture passage.

Budget. Our church budget is approximately *\$1,250 per week* for all expenses or *\$5,000 per month*. Last week we received *\$444* in the plate for a total of *\$3,778.50* for the month of November. Amount needed to reach monthly budget: *\$1,221.50*

In Our Prayers. Thanksgiving for: Cameron Jeanne, family birthdays, health, Kaylee & Tyler, new babies, new employment opportunities, the Reim family, Tom's eyesight, our Veterans and those who serve our country. Holding in our hearts: the Adams family and Mary Jane in the loss of her mother Faye, Al, the Armitage family, Jennifer and her husband, Judy, Louis and Dave, the Reim family, Sage, Shirley, Tenisha, the Tirrell and Buzzel families, our natural world, those who are in the path of California wildfires, those facing violence in Mexico, those who have received our prayer squares. **Note that this list will renew each month.**

Special Events

Stewardship Campaign. This season, we are looking back at the ways in which we've been blessed by God and our church community and the ways in which we can respond. We are hoping to receive pledge cards as soon as possible so we can plan our 2020 budget. This morning, you are invited to place your pledge card in the offering plate; rest assured that your pledge will remain confidential - no one except for our Financial Secretary will see your pledge. If you haven't yet returned a pledge card, please place it in the offering plate in the coming weeks. Thank you!

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. Be sure to join us on Tuesday, November 26th at 6 PM at Spencer Congregational Church for our new annual ecumenical partnership Thanksgiving service.

Christmas Season Decorating. Be sure to join us on Saturday, November 30th at 10:30 AM at the church to begin decorating for Advent and Christmas! We'll have coffee and goodies to ring in the season.

Turkey Soup Luncheon. Sunday, December 1st following church. We'll take your leftover turkey carcasses from Thanksgiving. Pastor Christy will be collecting leftover turkeys in an ice-packed cooler outside of the Fellowship Hall from Friday, 11/29 until Saturday, 11/30. Sign-up sheets are available today after church to share gifts of bread, salad, and desserts for this fundraiser as well as for help before and after.

White Christmas. We're very excited to open our church to the community on Sunday, December 8th from 12 noon until 3 PM, where we will share in crafts, goodies, and fun with kids and adults alike.

Pastor's Christmas Open House. Be sure to join us at the parsonage on Sunday, December 15th from 4 PM to 6 PM for hot cocoa, cookies, and carols with Pastor Christy.

Next Week's Worship Leaders, 12/1

Thank you so much for your service!

Communion Elements. Jackie Wood

Special Music. Choir. All voices are welcome to join in rehearsal at 9 AM on 12/1.

Liturgist. Rev. Nancy Collins. Pastor Christy will contact Liturgists on Monday each week with the scripture reading and will have it printed out for you for Sunday.

Flowers. Jane Dolan

Coffee Hour Hosts. Mike & Betsy Cox