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First Congregational Church of
West Brookfield
United Church of Christ
February 2025



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Church Council

The next Church Council meeting will be held on Sunday, March 16th.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the First Congregational Church of West Brookfield, UCC will be held following our worship service on **Sunday, February 16th with a snow date of Sunday, February 23rd**. All are welcome and strongly encouraged to attend this annual meeting. This meeting is an important business meeting in the life of our church where the work of our boards and committees is discussed, church finances are reviewed and the proposed budget put forth by the Parish board will be approved.

We thank Jaclyn and Eric von Bleicken for the many years of lovely lunches they have provided for this meeting in the past and hope that they will be able to do so again in the future. They are appreciated.

POT-LUCK LUNCH

This year we will have a lovely POT-LUCK lunch! Karen Murphy has graciously offered to organize it for us. Please reach out to her and let her know what you will bring. Remember, homemade is great but we recognize that some people don't have the skill or time to cook. Store-bought can be wonderful too! Please contribute.

Karen: Kmurphy718@charter.net



Open And Affirming Exploration Committee – Sunday, February 9th Special Video Presentation – “To the Contrary” a PBS documentary

In this video PBS takes a look at 3 UCC churches committed to accepting and affirming LGBTQ people.

During our service we will hear from church member, Stephanie Beland as she shares her story of life with transgender family members. After our service plan to stay for a short but informative video during coffee hour. There will be time for questions and discussion following the video presentation. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this informative meeting!

Your ONA Exploration Committee

Karen Murphy, Angela Carville, Doug Showalter, Pat Jackman, Stephanie Beland and Terry Hall

From the Board of Deacons

Thanks to all of you who have volunteered to be a part of our weekly services. The service schedule containing Liturgists, Deacon(s) and Coffee Hour volunteers has been posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. NOTE: If you can't keep your scheduled slot, please contact Karen Murphy via kmurphy718@charter.net or text 508-801-7692 so that your spot can be covered.

February 23, 2025 Coffee Hour: Nominating Committee

Dismas Farm Dinners

Our Dismas Farm dinner will be a potluck on Tuesday, February 11th, 2025 at the farm in Oakham at 6 pm. Please contact Deanna or Angela if you can offer an item for the meal.

Dismas Volunteers:

Deanna Randall - 413-436-7849 or drandall444@comcast.net
Millie Gushue - 413-436-7125; or gush00@comcast.net
Angela Carville - 508-347-1148 or angelacarville67@gmail.com

Thank you for your support of this important ministry!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Joan FitzGerald - 3rd Mike Murphy - 4th Nancy Arsenault - 7th Ken Miller - 9th Mary Deotte - 13th
Brooke Whittemore - 14th Cindy Dwelly - 16th Doug Showalter - 24th



Jim & Ellen Haynes - 3rd Ginny Bailey & Chris Lajoie - 16th

February Dates to Remember:

2nd - Communion Sunday
9th - ONA Testimonial & video
16th - Annual Meeting
23rd - Snow Date Annual Meeting

FCCWB has gone Green!

Please note that we are now using washable coffee cups, plates and utensils during coffee time. Our thanks to the Board of Deacons for bringing us this healthy-for-the-environment change! And please remember to recycle your bulletin each week. Thank you.



Our Mission and Vision Statement: *We are a church where all are welcome to worship together, to share in fellowship and to grow spiritually in our journey with Christ. We value justice, diversity, and freedom of expression. We strive to serve our community and all God's creation and to spread the love of God to all people.*

OUR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - 2024



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