

FIRST PARISH OF WESTWOOD, UCC

Growing Faith + Sharing Love + Grounding Lives



We are an Open & Affirming Church

First Parish of Westwood affirms the dignity and worth of every person regardless of race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, physical or mental ability, family structure, education level, economic circumstance and faith or religious tradition.

September 16, 2021

Worship this Sunday, September 19

Join us this Sunday, September 19th. First Parish Church will be holding an in-person worship service. The service will also be live streamed on our Facebook page. To access the Facebook page, please [click here](#).

Sunday School will be held outside due to the different variants of COVID-19 and our young parishioners. We are working on an alternative plan if there is inclement weather.

COVID Protocols:

Everyone who attends in-person worship is asked to wear a mask and will be asked to sign-in



upon arrival. Distancing will be maintained and windows will be open.

Haiti Relief (UCC) Thank you!

Many thanks to all who donated to Haiti Relief this past week and at the Ice Cream Social last Sunday. Over \$470 was raised for this important mission work.



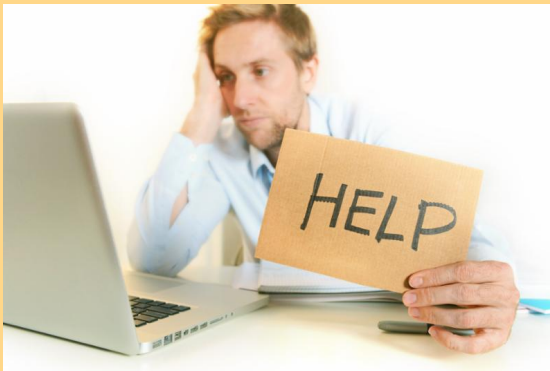
Transitional Church Administrator

As we work towards finding a replacement for Meg Kara, our Church Administrator, Nancy Hyde has graciously offered to help out in a transitional role for the time being. Nancy's office hours are subject to change but have tentatively been scheduled for:

Mondays: 9am-1pm
Tuesdays: 1-3pm
Wednesdays: 9-1pm

Note: Change in office hours on Wednesday, Sept. 22 to 1 - 4pm

The office contact information has not changed.
Email: office@firstparishwestwood.org
Phone: 781-326-5344



Barn Clean-up this Sunday, September 19 (after worship)

Volunteers are needed to help clean-up and organize the barn. We will be removing unneeded items to free up room and delineate space for the Hills family and for the Church. Please let Doug Hyde know if you can help: dkhydema@gmail.com.

Westwood Day Saturday, September 25

Westwood Day has become a sweet tradition at First Parish. Again this year, on September 25th, First Parish will be front and center with dozens of delicious free cookies for Westwood Day participants. What a great way to remind the wider community that "there's a sweet, sweet Spirit" at First Parish!

Here's how you can help:

•We need cookie bakers so get ready to fire up those ovens! A sign-up sheet is posted in the church lobby or you can email Nancy Hyde. Recipes will be emailed. Note: This year we are adding a gluten-free chocolate chip cookie option!



·**Cookie Drop-off** is in the church kitchen from 5:30 - 6:30PM on Friday, September 24th.

·**We need help setting up and breaking down on Saturday, September 25th.** Set up (setting up the pop-up tent, a couple of tables and a little décor) is from 7-8:30AM. It's not a huge job - 4 people are needed. Breakdown (dismantling the tent and bringing everything back to the barn) is at 3PM.

·**We need hosts for our booth.** Shifts are 10AM-12:30PM and 12:30PM-3PM. Two people are needed per shift to greet visitors, hand out free cookies, and demonstrate what a friendly, great place First Parish is. A sign-up sheet is posted outside the office or you can contact the office if you would like to volunteer for a specific shift.

We are very excited about this opportunity to bring our sweet, sweet Spirit out into the community - and we hope you are too. Questions? Contact the church office at office@firstparishwestwood.org !!!!

Interfaith Mini Walk for Hunger

With need greater than ever, join us for the 12th Interfaith Mini-Walk for Hunger on **Sunday, October 17th at 2pm**. Let's live our shared values to help those in need by supporting Project Bread, an organization which ensures our neighbors in our community have the food they need. For additional information and registration links, please [click here](#).



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