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.

November 7, 2021

Join us today at 10am. First Parish Church will be holding an in-person worship service. This service is All Saints' Sunday and communion.

Note: To view the Order of Service for this morning's service, please <u>click here</u>.

The service will also be live streamed on our Facebook page. To access the Facebook page, please <u>click here</u>.

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:

****We are continuing to open windows in the sanctuary during Sunday services as long as temperatures allow. We have blankets available for anyone who needs one. We also encourage people to dress warmly as we head into late fall/winter.****

Everyone who attends in-person worship should wear a mask and will be asked to sign-in upon arrival. Should it be too cold to have windows open during service, seating in pews will be spaced. The balcony is also available to anyone who would like to be seated there.





End of Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time ended at 2am today. Don't forget to set your clocks back and enjoy the extra hour in your day.

Fall Clean-up of Church Grounds TODAY

Please join us after worship today. We will be raking and bagging leaves, trimming shrubs and cleaning parking lot. As with many tasks we do, many hands make light work.

NOTE: Please bring your own rakes and gardening tools.



Sunday, November 14 - Veteran's Day Worship Service

A special service is planned for Sunday, November 14th when we will honor those veterans in our lives who have served our country with great honor and distinction.

You are invited to bring in a framed picture of a current or past service member to display during the worship service. You can drop off your pictures at the church office during office hours or bring to worship on



the November 14th. Please be sure to clearly identify your name and phone number on the back of the picture, as well as the name of the veteran.

Anyone located out of town may email a digital picture to office@ firstparishwestwood.org and we will add the picture to the display.

Questions? Please contact Nancy Hyde.

Winter Clothing Drive - Mission and Outreach Project

The Mission and Outreach Ministry is thrilled with abundance of clothing donated for the October mission project. Here's what was donated:

- 22 new coats for City Mission
- Bagfuls of clothes including hats, gloves, and coats for Cradles to Crayons
- 34 pairs of socks for Rosie's Place;
- 7 hat/scarves/glove combos for Rosie's Place
- 10 coats for Coats for Kids

We will continue to accept hats, gloves, mittens and coats for Rosie's Place until December 5th.

Additional Opportunity to Donate: TEC (The Education Cooperative) class at the Westwood High School and the Friendship Club will again be collecting winter coats and jackets for Coats for Kids. A bin will be available in the church lobby and at the wreath sale on December 4th.



Halloween Fun at First Parish







Food Drive - Brought to you by the Church School

Please Help Fill the Wagon!!

Our church school is running a food drive for local food pantries. The wagon (see pictures) is filling up and overflowing. Please keep donations coming in through November 21st.

Most needed items include instant coffee, spaghetti sauce, boxed pasta, canned fruits, cold cereals, flavored oatmeal, and hygiene items such as dish and laundry detergent, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, and #6 diapers.





Important Dates at a Glance

November

- Sunday, Nov. 7 End of Daylight Savings (fall back one hour!); Communion and All Saints Celebration; and Fall Clean-up at 11:30AM (w/pizza for volunteers)
- Thursday, Nov. 11 Veteran's Day/Church Closed
- Sunday, Nov. 14 Worship including Veteran's Day celebration
- Thursday, Nov. 25 -Thanksgiving/Church Closed
- Sunday, Nov. 28 1st Sunday in Advent

December

• Saturday, Dec. 4 - Christmas Fair



Weekly Deadlines

In order to have everything ready for Sunday's service bulletin each week, all information should be submitted to the church office by Tuesday morning. This includes names of individuals filling in various roles during the service (i.e. ushers, church school leaders, lay readers), and announcements included in weekly emails and in the Sunday bulletin.



Office Hours

Monday 9 am - 1 pm

Tuesday 1 pm - 3 pm

Wednesday 9 am - 1 pm

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