# 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.

## October 14, 2021

Join us this Sunday, October 17th at 10am. First Parish Church will be holding an in-person worship service. Immediately following worship, we will celebrate the baptism of Jackson Rowe on the patio.

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

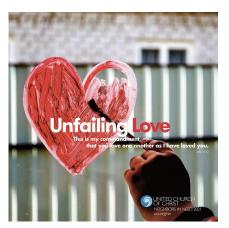
Sunday School will be held outside due to the different variants of COVID-19 and our young parishioners. We are working on an alternative plan if there is inclement weather.



### **COVID Protocols:**

Everyone who attends in-person worship should wear a mask and will be asked to sign-in upon arrival. Distancing will be maintained and windows will be open.

### **Neighbors In Need Offering**



This will be the final Sunday for collection of the Neighbors in Need "Unfailing Love" offering. This offering is focused on supporting organizations and projects that are serving homeless and immigrant neighbors or communities. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry. Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to provide finding grants to UCC churches and organizations leading justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects in their communities.

# Winter Clothing Drive – October's Mission Project Bring Donations in on Sundays or during weekday office hours

A collection is now underway for winter clothes.

Note: Please donate NEW or BARELY USED/CLEAN COATS; and NEW hats, gloves/mittens, scarves and socks for youth and adults. Other new or barely used (must be in excellent condition) clothing for youth up to age 12 will also be accepted.

We will collect donations throughout the month of October at worship on Sundays and during the week outside the church office during office hours.





# Interfaith Mini Walk for Hunger - Calling is this Sunday!

With need greater than ever, join us for the 12<sup>th</sup> Interfaith Mini-Walk for Hunger on Sunday, October 17th at 2pm. The walk begins and ends at Temple Beth David. You can still sign up by contacting the church office office@firstparishwestwood.org

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 <u>click here</u>.

### Fall Clean-up of Church Grounds -Sunday, November 7th: Sign-up

Please join us after worship on Sunday,
November 7! We will be raking and bagging
leaves, trimming shrubs and cleaning parking
lot. As with many tasks we do, many hands
make light work. Please <u>click here</u> to sign-up
and let us know your preference for pizza! For
additional information or questions, please
contact the church office at
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### Important Dates at a Glance

### October

- Sunday, Oct. 17 Worship followed by a baptism and Walk for Hunger @ 2PM
- Sunday, Oct. 31 Halloween

### **November**

- Monday, Nov. 1 All Saints' Day
- Saturday, Nov. 6 Memorial Service for Don Freidl @ 2PM
- Sunday, Nov. 7 End of Daylight Savings (fall back on 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
- Thursday, Nov. 25 Thanksgiving
- Sunday, Nov. 28 1st Sunday in Advent

### December

• Saturday, Dec. 4 - Christmas Fair

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