

FIRST PARISH OF WESTWOOD, UCC

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September 9, 2021

Worship this Sunday, September 12

Join us this Sunday, September 12th!

First Parish Church will be holding an in-person, “Welcome Back” Sunday service on September 12th starting at 10AM. All are welcome to this intergenerational service!

Rev. Hills will also be livestreaming the service on our Facebook page. To access the Facebook page, please **[click here](#)**.



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.

The “Welcome Back” Sunday service will be followed by an Ice Cream Social (see below). Monetary donations for the ice cream and toppings will be

gratefully received and will go to the United Church of Christ (UCC) Haiti Appeal. Additionally, members of the Christian Education program will be available at the ice cream social to answer any questions about Sunday school.

Ice Cream Social - Sunday after Worship



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WELCOME BACK SUNDAY

Come for worship, stay for ice cream as we
welcome each other back from the summer and
welcome Pastor JT to First Parish.
Don't forget your mask!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 10:00 AM
252 NATAHAN ST, WESTWOOD, MA

After worship, we'll share in an ice cream social on our patio, when
we'll also raise money for earthquake recovery in Haiti.

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

The office contact information has not changed.
Email: office@firstparishwestwood.org

Westwood Day Saturday, September 25

Westwood Day has become a sweet tradition at First Parish, and 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 and recipes will be coming soon. Please contact the church office if you want to help and would like a recipe sent to you.

• **Cookie Drop-off** is in the kitchen from 6-7PM 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, along with clean up and set up. 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 will be posted outside of the office soon. 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.



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Please keep the family of Don Friedl in your thoughts and prayers. Don passed away on September 2nd. To read Don's obituary and see additional information on services, please [click here](#).

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**](#).



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.

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