

# 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 28, 2021



# Thanks to all who showed up for Picture Day!!!!

**Join us this Sunday, October 31st at 10am.**

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:**

**\*\*\*\*We are continuing to open windows in the sanctuary during Sunday services. 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. Distancing will be maintained and windows will be open.**



"Then you call on the name of your god and I will call on the name of the Lord; the god who answers by fire is indeed God."

1 Kings 18:24, NRSV



## **Winter Clothing Drive – October's Mission Project**

**Bring Donations in on Sundays or during weekday office hours**

Our clothing drive collection is growing as evidenced by all the donations at the altar this past Sunday (see photo).

The clothing will be donated to the following causes: Cradles to Crayons, City Mission, Coats for Kids and Rosie's Place.

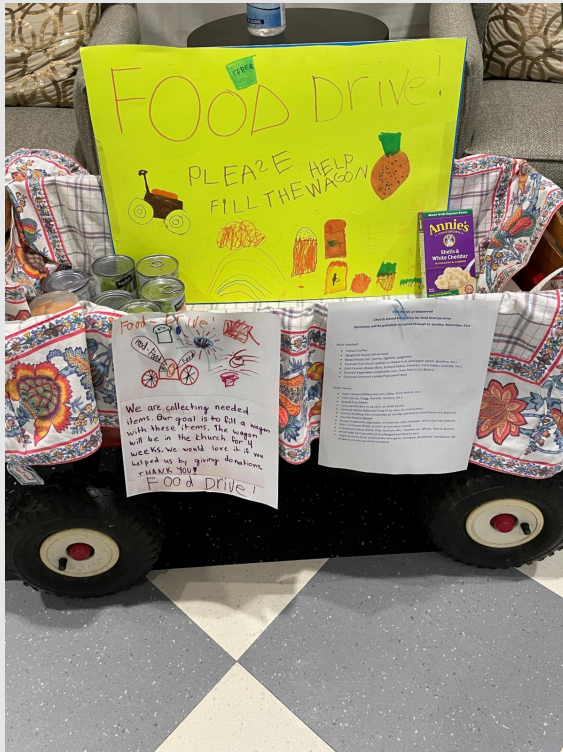
Note: Please donate NEW or BARELY USED/CLEAN COATS; and NEW hats, gloves/mittens, scarves and socks for youth and adults. Other new or barely used (must be in excellent condition) clothing for youth up to age 12 will also be accepted.

If you miss this sunday, please stop by church during the week and leave outside the office during office hours.

## **Happy Halloween!**

Send in pictures of your ghosts and goblins and we will include in next week's e-news





## 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. 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.

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

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 [click here](#) to sign-up and also let us know your preference for pizza! For additional information or questions, please contact the church office at [office@firstparishwestwood.org](mailto:office@firstparishwestwood.org).



## Important Dates at a Glance

### October

- 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 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



## Office Hours

Monday 9 am - 1 pm

Tuesday 1 pm - 3 pm

Wednesday 9 am - 1 pm

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