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The Trumpet deadline is the 20th of every month!



Dear East Woodstock Congregational Church,

I cannot thank you enough for these four months that we have journeyed together. Even before I came to Woodstock in May, your devotion and love of community was evident in the many Zoom meetings that I attended, as was your love of laughter. Once I arrived, the warm welcome at the Sabbatical Kick-off Picnic all the way to the quiet fellowship of Tuesdays at Twilight, has truly been a blessing. Thank you.

It has been a joy to worship with you and study the Bible with you. Although I had often led worship before I came to EWCC, I had never done so week in and week out. I freely admit it caused me a bit of anxiety when I started out, but that anxiety rapidly dissolved with the collaboration of wonderful musicians, the deacons, and so many others who made our outdoor worship a truly Spirit filled experience. The discussions at Bible Study on Wednesday mornings were lively, heartfelt, and so very often filled with laughter that stayed with me through the week. Thank you.

Many of you invited me into your homes and

your lives. Hearing your stories, praying with you, and breaking bread with you was a gift. Thank you.

For those of you who care for the physical building and grounds of EWCC, thank you. Your devotion ensures that the church will stand for generations to come.

I leave you with these words from Paul to the Philippians, "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, ... For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best..." Philippians 1:3-10

Yours in Christ,

Danielle Arnett Keller

The following are the scriptures for the month of September:

You are invited to read them as part of your daily devotions and as preparation for worship.

September 5

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 125
Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm 146
James 2:1-17
Mark 7:24-37

September 12

Proverbs 1:20-33
Psalm 19
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 116:1-9
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

September 19

Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalm 54
James 3:13-20
Mark 9:30-37

September 26

Esther 7:1-6; 9:20-22
Psalm 124
Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Psalm 19:7-14
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50



Worship News

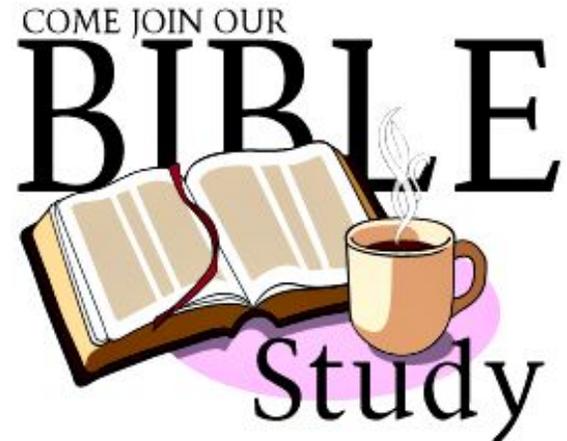
Worship will begin at 10:00 a.m. beginning on Rally Day. We will follow the protocols outlined by Council.

September 5: 9:00 am service. Welcome back Pastor Sue!!! Communion Sunday. Individual communion elements will be provided.

September 12: Rally Day! Join us for worship at 10:00 a.m. There will be a hot dog truck on the common following the service.

September 19: Anne Miller from TEEG will be speaking.

September 26:



- Would you like to know a bit more about the Bible?
- Have you wondered what these ancient stories have to do with modern-day life?
- Would you like to get a head-start on Sunday morning worship?

Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for our study group!

Come every week or drop in when you can and enjoy conversation, questions, fellowship, and learning.

No experience necessary!

Please bring a mask.

Starting again this fall on September 8th

Everyone is welcome!

Thank you, Danielle!!

Amazing! Four months have flown by and it's time for a BIG SHOUT OUT to Danielle for her ministry with East Woodstock Congregational Church. Thank you, Danielle, for leading our union worship at the First Congregational Church of Woodstock in July, leading our Tuesdays at Twilight Roseland Park services and the countless hours spent visiting and supporting our church family. On behalf of the entire congregation the Deacons thank you for the blessing of your ministry with us and wish you well as you complete your Masters in Divinity. Please don't forget us and come back to visit. Our prayers for you and your family in your journey with God.



Protocols for in-person worship

The Church Council has approved the new safety protocols for the month of September. These protocols were developed by Society on August 16, 2021, and will be reviewed again next month on September 20. They are as follows:

- i. The CDC recommendation because of the continuing increase of the Delta variant is that everyone, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask when inside.
- ii. For the safety of our children, who are the future of our church and cannot be vaccinated if they are under 12, we are asking everyone to wear a mask while inside the church.
- iii. Seating will be every other pew with the first two pews cordoned off.
- iv. Choir will sing with masks on and distanced by 3 feet at rehearsals and on Sundays in the Sanctuary
- v. The Bell Choir will wear masks and be appropriately distanced.
- vi. Congregation may hum or sing softly.
- vii. Sunday School will resume! Children and teachers will be masked. Classes will be in Fellowship Hall to allow for distancing and sufficient ventilation.
- viii. Shaking hands, hugging, and passing the peace will stay on hold.
- ix. Coffee hour will be suspended for September, but we will have refreshments outside on Rally Day.
- x. Childcare during church service will not be available but all children are welcome to attend our service.

Additional, specific guidelines:

- Yoga and Tai Chi may use Fellowship Hall but all participants must be wearing masks and windows should be open for sufficient ventilation.
- Anyone using the church after hours, please ensure that windows are closed, lights are turned off, and doors are locked.

Like everyone else, we had such high hopes earlier this summer that a return to near-normalcy was close at hand. Unfortunately, we are not exempt from the reality that "the war has changed." We should count our blessings that we are not as isolated as we were last year. I'm sure you will join me in praying for a safe school year for our children and those that care for them.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Wong, Chair

THANK YOU!!!

Our church is blessed by the work of many volunteers. Every bit of effort and caring helps the church live out its calling to be the Body of Christ. This month we especially would like to thank . . .

Our Tuesday at Twilight musicians! Thank you to **Ben Gould, Sarah Jo Burke, Jamie White** and **Rick LaMarre** for sharing your gift of music with us as we worshiped at Roseland Park.

Lynn Looby, Christine Armstrong, and members of the Jamboree Committee for recording the video montage which was posted on Facebook for the 4th of July. Thank you to those of you who submitted your “memories” to share! Hopefully, we will be back in person next year.

Christine and **Glen Lessig** for their hard work in our church gardens. The flowers are beautiful and make our church look very inviting. We appreciate your efforts!

Everyone who supported our \$65 for the 65th Jamboree campaign. We missed being together on the Fourth of July, but your support will help sustain our church until we can meet on the common again in 2022.

News from the Pews

Feel free to share your news with us. Just email Heidi at ewccsec@yahoo.com or call the church office at 928-7449.

Danielle will be leaving us on August 31. We thank her profusely for her time with us this summer!

Welcome back **Pastor Sue!** Sue is officially back in the office on September 1 and will preach on Sunday, September 5th.

LBS NEWS

(Ladies’ Benevolent Society)

The next meeting for LBS will be September 15, 2021, at 1:30 in Fellowship Hall. We will be following EWCC protocols which means that we will all need to wear masks. We will start our planning for the Holly Fair on November 6.

As you probably noticed, we didn’t get together in July or August to wash dishes and clean the kitchen! That was not an oversight since we are still not having coffee hour after church services.

For now, start planning and setting aside items for the New & Like-new gifts; consider us when you make jellies & jams and pickle vegetables; donate your seldom used jewelry; bake cookies, pies, cakes & bread; and of course, plan your themed baskets!

Save the following dates:

- October 20 at 1:30 we will meet in Fellowship Hall to ensure we are all set for Holly Fair.
- November 6 – Holly Fair. All hands on deck!!
- December 15, Christmas party (details to be determined).

Respectfully,
Kerstin Forrester

Have you changed your email or mailing address?

Please let the office know of any changes so you don’t miss out on *The Trumpet* or other important messages. You can send any changes to ewccsec@yahoo.com.

Thank you!



Outreach Committee

"What you did to the least of my brothers, you did to me" (Matthew 25:40)

As a parallel to our Pastor, Sue Foster's sabbatical experiences with homelessness, the Outreach committee will sponsor a visit to the Cathedral of the Beloved www.cathedralofthebeloved.org in Pittsfield, MA. On October 10 at 1pm, we will join them for worship on the lawn, and EWCC will provide the meal to share with the congregants that day. After sharing, we can visit their coin op "laundry love" site, which provides laundry services and conversation with our friends experiencing homelessness.

More details will follow. Interested in joining us? Contact Karen Ryker karenryker@sbcglobal.net.

"Faith-based charity provides crumbs from the table. Faith-based justice offers a place at the table."

(Bill Moyers)

Please join us as we reach out to support Jason Lowe, Lori Waterman's son and his family. Jason is battling brain cancer and is receiving treatments at Yale New Haven. He has moved to his mom's home in Woodstock from Tennessee with his 17-year-old daughter, Jade, for support. The cancer just stabilized this month but has affected his vision, walking and his speech. Please sign up to take a meal for a Wednesday; there are no allergies and the only dietary restrictions are to limit the sugar. The meals will be for a family of four and should be delivered between 6-6:30 pm. Please bring the food to the front door and we ask that you stay outside and maintain a social distance due to Jason's compromised health. If no one answers the door, please leave by the door. A warm meal and a kind heart provide comfort and support. Thank you! Here is the link to the meal schedule for Jason and family. www.TakeThemAMeal.com/ZHHH4499



First Friday Food Fair continues: For anyone who could benefit from additional food support. September 3, 9 AM to 6 PM

We are still collecting non-perishable food items. Needs: canned meats and fish, tomato sauce, peanut butter, & soups. Collection bins are on the ramp by the entrance to Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

WOW! LET THE SCHOOL BELLS RING!

The combined effort of the Hill Church and the EWCC congregations resulted in an amazing collection of school supplies for TEEG. The generous contributions you made yielded boxes of assorted supplies that will enable children in Woodstock, Thompson, and Putnam communities to get off to a great school year. Our timing was perfect as TEEG began their school supplies distribution this past week enabling families to

select items from composition books and loose-leaf paper to colored pencils and erasers (and everything in between!) Many thanks to all for making this mission a whopping success!

On Sunday, September 19th, Anne Miller, the Executive Director of TEEG, will speak during the service about their new 'Community Markets and Hunger' program. In conjunction with the State-wide 'Supporting Wellness at Pantry' (SNAP), this program seeks to improve the quality of food provided at food pantries. An inordinate percentage of food pantry clients battle health issues that are impacted by diet such as high blood pressure and diabetes. Anne will explain how it is that we can provide more healthful food opportunities at the local pantries such as in Pomfret and Woodstock. In support of this initiative, TEEG will be sending a truck to our service the following Sunday, September 26th, to collect items that can include perishable food requiring refrigeration or freezing. It will be 'bring your cooler' Sunday! Thanks in advance for your support.





Middle School and Senior Youth Group September 2021



I am looking forward to seeing all our middle school and high school students this fall. I thought the COVID-19 pandemic would be eradicated by this fall, and our activities would be back to "normal." But I was wrong, and we are still dealing with the effects of COVID. Things are getting better, just a little slower than I had hoped, and there are still plenty of things we can do as a youth group while following our church protocols for group gatherings. See you soon!

Anne

Middle Youth Group

Join us on Sunday afternoons for games, activities, and time for reflection at our church. We will be outside as much as possible while the weather is nice.

***Meeting Dates:** Sunday September 19, Sunday October 3, and Sunday October 17

***Time:** 4:00-5:30

Senior Youth Group and Middle School Youth Group

Let us put our faith into action on **October 24** for raking our neighbor's leaves. We will leave after worship from church and return by 2:30. Watch your email for all the details.

*Anne Sorensen
Youth Group Director*

Please email at annesorensen065@gmail.com or call 860-428-2198 for more information about youth activities.

Sunday School News

Join us for RALLY DAY!!!

When: Sunday September 12th.

Where: EWCC

Time: Beginning at 9:30

This will be your opportunity to sign your children up for our Sunday School program. Forms will be available both before and after the service. I am asking all families to find time throughout the year to help out. We need teachers, shepherds, and help with special projects.

I recently was at a meeting at church, and we were talking about the fact that our children ARE the future of our congregation. It is important now for them to be *rooted* in our faith. One way to develop strong healthy roots is through our Sunday School program. The way we choose to live our lives and be an example to our children is another. Proverbs says, a life rooted in God stands firm. If you have any questions on how you can help, please stop me anytime to ask.

As in the past, children who have completed communion class, will remain in the service on the first Sunday of each month. Those children who have not, will join together in Fellowship Hall for a one room schoolhouse version of Sunday School. This also allows our teachers the opportunity to have a well-deserved Sunday off.

A new idea I would like to try this year is a “5th Sunday” project. The hope is that through the projects we can live out our faith and make the world around us just a little bit better. The first 5th Sunday will be October 31st. More details will be coming as we get closer to the date.

Society is asking that for the time being (through September) mask are worn by everyone no matter of vaccination status or age (except under the age of 2). In addition, that we practice social distancing (3ft) as much as possible.

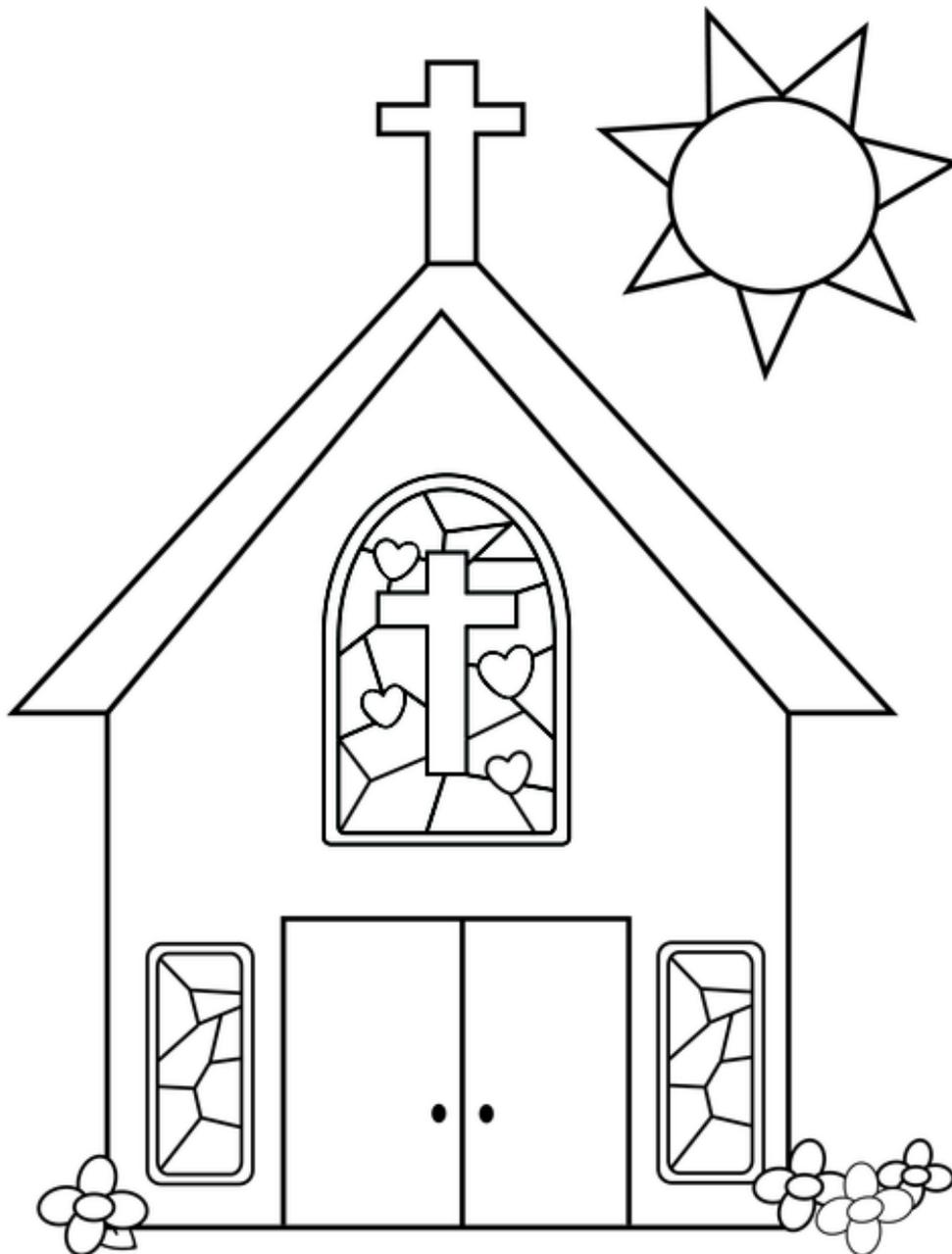
Plan on staying after for lunch. Once again, we have “Johnny the Hot Dog Guy” coming with his cart. Hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be provided for everyone!!!

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Children's Page

I Love Sunday School



September 2021						
Daily Bread request: Canned Fish and Meats						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 7:00 pm Bells	3 First Friday Food Fair	4
5 9:00 am Worship	6 Labor Day	7 9:00 am Tai Chi	8 10:00 Study Group 7:30 pm Al-anon	9 9:00 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Bells	10	11
12 Rally Day 10:00 am Worship	13	14 9:00 am Tai Chi	15 10:00 Study Group 1:30 pm LBS 7:30 pm Al-anon	16 9:00 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Bells	17	18
19 10:00 am Worship	20 Trumpet Deadline!	21 9:00 am Tai Chi	22 10:00 Study Group 7:30 pm Al-anon	23 9:00 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Bells	24	25
26 10:00 am Worship	27	28 9:00 am Tai Chi	29 10:00 Study Group 7:30 pm Al-anon	30 9:00 am Tai Chi		

Upcoming Events:

October 3: World Communion Sunday



September Birthdays:

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| Zayne Sampson | Sept 1 |
| George Neely | Sept 3 |
| Tierney Davignon | Sept 7 |
| Anthony Reed | Sept 9 |
| Georgiana Young | Sept 13 |
| Elliot Billings | Sept 23 |
| Henry Griffin | Sept 25 |
| Emmalee Integlia | Sept 29 |
| Arabella Integlia | Sept 30 |

PRAYER PAGE

Today and every day let us be open to God, who promises always to be with us.

Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

Dear God, I want to take a minute, not to ask anything from you, but to say thank you for all I have. Amen.

From A New Zealand Prayer Book, a prayer for teachers and educators.

God the source of all our inspiration,
help us to understand ourselves, our world and you;
and grant to those who teach us and our children
respect for others' inventiveness and questioning,
and for themselves commitment to truth.

