

CONFIRMANDS LEAD SPECIAL SERVICE

The newest adults in the eyes of the EWCC are Henry Griffin, Haven Magnum, Gabby Santos, Adian Vuillemot-Newell, and Gigi Young.

These young people have gone through a different education process, learning about the church and the Bible and worship from Pastor Gary and Windsor White while our church has been adjusting and doing the work of change and growth itself. Everyone knows growing pains are incredibly uncomfortable!

And yet, on Sunday, May 18, these five young adults delivered a thoughtful, intentional worship service. They reflected on their personal faith histories. They shared favorite hymns. They created and led the congregation in prayer.

Each of these students has worked hard this past year. They journeyed to Worcester and to Boston to learn more about injustice around us and how some address the inequities as a service to Christ. They participated in a six week Lenten educational series with other members of the church. They helped out in the Sunday School. They learned and they grew.

On Sunday, June 15th, Henry, Haven, Gabby, Aidien, and Gigi will chose to be confirmed, or not. Let us welcome them all as part of our church family.

Jessica Weaver Boose



FIFTY DAYS LATER....

Sunday, June 8, is the Christian holy day of Pentecost. The name comes from the Greek word *pentekoste* which means fiftieth. The holiday is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter which is also fifty days after Easter, hence the name. Since its date depends on the date of Easter, Pentecost is a moveable feast, that is, the date is not fixed. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks. This important event in the Christian faith is described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1–31), the fifth book of the New Testament of the Bible.

In Eastern Orthodox Christianity, Pentecost can refer to the entire fifty days of Easter through Pentecost. Pentecost is also called "White Sunday" or "Whitsunday." In the United Kingdom, traditionally, the next day, Whit Monday, was also a public holiday. In Germany, Pentecost is called "Pfingsten" and often coincides with the beginning of many outdoor and

pastor's message

Graduation ceremonies, picnics, trips to Cape Cod and Maine, and vacation plans all tell us that summer has arrived. Children and youth look forward to it because it means an end to the "atrociously long" school year and the welcome prospect of summer camps and the leisurely pace of a less regimented daily timetable. Teachers look forward to summer because it means a respite from the daily stress and a welcome chance to give their buzzing ears a welldeserved rest from the noisy classroom and read that stack of novels that has been staring them in the face the entire year long. Parents look forward to the lazier pace of the daily routine and the prospect of a family vacation that will give them a block of time to do some traveling, sightseeing, visiting, relaxing, and bonding with family and friends. All in all, summer seems to promise us all the time to do some of those important things in our overworked life that we claim we never have time to do.

But I wonder how true that is.

"Time," the stuff of which life is made, has always been a topic of philosophical and theological reflection. Like money, we always seem not to have enough of it.

Depending upon our age, time seems to move more quickly for those who are older and more slowly for those who are younger. I think that phenomenon has to do

with the amount of information we have stored in our heads; the more we have, the more quickly time seems to move. It is not my intention, however, to present you with an obscure, although fascinating, philosophical discussion about time. The fact of the matter is that on any given day, each of us has an equal amount of time to spend. What then is it that makes some complain that they never have enough time when we all have the same exact twenty-four hours in a day? The only answer can be that what makes us different from each other is how we use those twenty-four hours.

I would like to suggest that this summer (and following through in the fall, winter, and spring) we stop talking about how very little time we have to do the things we believe are important. Instead, in all honesty and with a firm resolve to be good and faithful stewards of the twenty-four hours that God graciously entrusts to us each day, we should choose to do those things that promote the abundant life that Christ promises us. That means that we must abstain from doing all those things that promote waste, those things that do not edify, enrich, or improve ourselves or help others.

One of my favorite philosophers, Soren Kierkegaard (1813-1855), emphasized the importance of focusing on a singular, unifying purpose in life. He said, "The person, who in decisiveness wills to be and to remain loyal to the Good, can find time for all possible things. No, he cannot do that. But neither does he need to do that, for he wills only one thing, and just on that account he will not have to do all possible things, and so he finds ample time for the Good." (Purity of Heart Is to Will One Thing) Ultimately, that's what we all need to do: accept our limitations as creatures of time and space and summon the courage to remove from our daily calendar all that is not for our own good or does not contribute to the common good. Only then will we discover a new quality of time that is not enslaved to particular days, seasons, or deadlines on our calendar. We can then be free to do "the Good," the only thing necessary to achieve genuine happiness and spiritual growth.

Enjoy your summer vacation!

Pastor Gary

As the Holy Spirit shook up the Apostles and followers of Jesus in Jerusalem, so EWCC will practice a Pentecostal "shake up" on June 8th by changing seats where one normally might sit in the pews. It's a great way to meet new friends and neighbors, find a different perspective, and let the Spirit move you!

REMINDER: Summer Worship in July is at 1st Church UCC in Woodstock proper, with Pastor Gary, August will move back here with Pastor Kevin Downer.

CREATOR GOD

who breathed this world into being, who is discernible within the harmony of nature, the perfection of a butterfly's wing, the grandeur of a mountain range, the soaring eagle and humming bird, thank you for this world which you have created. Thank you for summer sun, which reminds us that your creative breath is still alive and active. Thank you for the warmth of your love, sustaining this world.

Unknown

Let Your Light Shine

As the sun rises, Lord,
Let your light shine on me.
Destroy the darkness about me,
Scatter the darkness before me,
Disperse the darkness behind me,
Dispel the darkness within me.
Let your light shine on me.

As the sun rises, Lord,
Let your light shine on me.
The warmth of your Presence,
The brightness of your love,
The radiance of your joy,
The shining of your hope.
Let your light shine on me.
As the sun rises, Lord,
Let your light shine on me.

Your light to guide, Your light to lead, Your light to direct, Your light to brighten. Let your light shine on me.

Celtic Prayers About Work by David Adam

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT,

You are the restless breath of love that sweeps through the world. You move where you will, breaking down barriers, stirring hearts to change, making all things possible. Inspire each one of us to hunger and thirst for justice!

Come, Spirit of God, sweep through our world bringing great change. May the bounty of your goodness be shared more justly, so all may share in the rich blessings of your creation. And, for us, bring transformation in our praying and living, So that we may act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you all the days of our lives. AMEN.

The following are the scriptures for this month. You are invited to read them as part of your daily devotions and as preparation for worship. For daily devotions, please go to: sneucc.org/lectionary

June 1 Seventh Sunday of Easter Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 97, Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21, John 17:20-26

June 8 Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21 John 14:8-17 [25-27]

June 15 Trinity Sunday Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15

June 22 Second Sunday after Pentecost 1 Kings 19:1-4 [5-7] 8 -15a Psalm 42 and 43 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39

June 29 Third Sunday after Pentecost 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62 July 6 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16, Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 13 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82 Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37

July 20 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42

July 27 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Hosea 1:2-10 Psalm 85 Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19] Luke 11:1-13

worship & prayer Continuing to pray for ...

- Christine Gambardella, who has just completed chemotherapy treatment
- Sally May, recovering from a fall and hip break. She is at Westview Nursing & Rehab in Dayville
- Arabella Berkenbilt, continuing to seek a diagnosis and treatment for GI issues
- Our church community as we continue to make our transition toward a settled pastor

God hears our prayers and surrounds those we pray for with comfort, strength, and compassion in difficult times.

For prayer requests, please contact Pastor Gary or Kerstin Forrester. Thank you!

springtime activities.

Pentecost also marks the fiftieth day after Passover and is a key event Jewish traditions. In Judaism, it's known as *Shavuot* and commemorates the giving of the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai. While the exact origin of this custom is debated, it's celebrated by eating dairy foods, especially cheese,

blintzes, and cheesecake. This tradition may stem from the promise of a "land flowing with milk and honey," the association of the Torah with nourishing milk, and the practical availability of dairy products in pre-industrial times.



Pentecost is a hopeful season when we are called to action – to find the fire of longing in our heart and to make positive changes. Even in the midst of wars, injustice, racism, and discrimination, there is still a reason to be hopeful.

In Acts 2:4: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them. This is about how we all speak to God in our own languages and God speaks to us. The hope is that we will have compassion for all the possibilities and different ways we connect with God.

The hope of Pentecost means we don't have to speak the same language AND we can still be a church community. There is so much we can do during this complicated time. We may not all understand the current injustices but we can listen and let the spirit be our guide.

Howard Thurman, a prominent religious figure who played a leading role in many social justice movements and organizations of the twentieth century, said this:

"Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

Information gleaned from the SNEUCC and Chabad

commitee doings

CHURCH PROFILE IS COMPLETE!

We asked for your input and you responded through surveys, discussions, meetings and insightful conversations. We have worked tirelessly and diligently to analyze content, collect data and research records to create a profile that reflects the essence of EWCC and the people who make it the amazing Church it is.

Our profile will be available for your perusal on Sunday, June 1st via email distribution and hard copies*. Please take time to read through the profile with an eye for any glaring inaccuracies or omissions...anything that would prevent you from voting to accept this important document, which is a required step in the process of securing a new settled pastor.

We will gather after Church on June 8th for any feedback or comments you may have, before our vote on June 22nd. Working on our Church profile has indeed been a journey of faith...it has been an honor to be entrusted with this mission. It is our fervent hope that we have created a unique profile, the "story" of our Church...one that will attract the strongest ministerial candidates for consideration by the EWCC Search and Call Team.

Faithfully and with gratitude,
Transition 2 Team Members
Pam Brown
Kaylyn Converse
Peter Green
Lynn Hescheles
Phil Parizeau
Bob Rath
Anthony Reed
Jess Reed
Tom Stokes
Jessica Weaver Boose

*Hard copies will be available in Church. Please, only one per family. If you do not receive a profile via email, please call Bob Rath, 860.794.5445



SOCIETY UPDATES PARSONAGE WITH KITCHEN REMODEL

The remodeling of our Parsonage kitchen is on track to start on July 15. The kitchen was installed in the mid-1970s after a fire in the Parsonage, and it has needed an upgrade for some time. The Society committee has been working with various contractors to complete this project for the approved budget of \$26,250.00. The kitchen will have a new island, ceiling, floor, cabinets, and appliances.

The plans call for some of the labor to be completed by EWCC members. If you are interested and available, demolition is scheduled to take place on July 15, and some trim painting will be needed at the project's completion. Please contact Glen Lessig, glenl@eastwoodstockchurch.org, if you are interested in assisting.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact any member of the Society Committee or send along an email: society@eastwoodstockchurch.org

Glen Lessig

REFURBISHMENT NEWS

While major renovations are on hold, in the interim we continue to make minor repairs and updates to our sacred spaces. Thanks to all who offered their color preference for a new, fresh update in the Hospitality Room. Close to 60 votes were cast for the three color options, and the majority chose #1, "Softer Tan." Peter Green is in the process of painting this color in the Hospitality Room - many thanks, Peter! Looking forward to our new look soon!

Judith Wong

Regular monthly deadlines for The Trumpet are the 15th of each month. Publication dates for the remainder of 2025 are as follows: August: July 30; September: August 29; October: September 30; November: October 30; December / January: December 1. Questions? Please contact Mary in the office at 860.928.7449 / email: churchoffice@eastwoodstockchurch.org

A HUGE THANK YOU! YOU ARE AN INCREDIBLY GENEROUS CONGREGATION!

It would be impossible to count the number of jars of peanut butter, grape jelly and spaghetti sauce you have donated to CARING CONTINUES. Your continuous gifts of food have made a difference in the lives of many. School will soon be out for the summer and our collection will be on hold until the school bells start ringing at summer's end.

With heartfelt gratitude, The Outreach Committee



LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

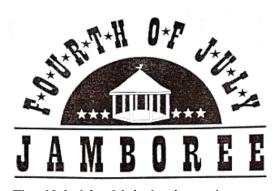
On May 21, 2025, 15 ladies gathered for a delightful presentation by Dorrie Scranton about flowers and the messages they carry. Dorrie brought flowers and explained the meaning of each. We were given the opportunity to make our own bouquets.

We also began discussions for planning our Holly Fair which will be held on November 8! It's not too early to start thinking about donations and what you can do to help make this another successful event.

LBS will hold its Annual Luncheon on June 18, 2025 at Renee's Bistro in Putnam. The menu will be a Tea Party with a variety of sandwiches, scones, cookies/ petite cakes, and of course tea. The cost per person is \$39.16 (self-pay). If you would like to join us, please let Kerstin Forrester know before June 10.

We will not be meeting in July or August, but remind you all of our Fourth of July Jamboree! Planning for this major fundraiser is underway so please do what you can to help make this a successful event.

Kerstin Forrester



The 69th 4th of July Jamboree is about a month away! The Jamboree Committee has been hard at work, but we need your help by volunteering for setup, clean up and of course for the festivities of the day! All booth chairs have been confirmed and are eager to make this year a smashing success! If you are interested in working at/for a specific booth, please see the list below and reach out to those people directly. You can also donate cases of water, bake for the baked goods table and Cake Walk, and other items. There will be a sign-up list at the church in June. There is some way that everyone can volunteer or donate. Be watching the Weekly Reminder for additional information. If you want to learn more about the Jamboree, please reach out to Lynn Looby 860.942.7584 or DeEtta Spalding 860.450.9533.

Think about what YOU can do. It's not just about being a successful fundraising event, it's also about bringing the community together. We offer a wonderful old-fashioned family event for our community and beyond. Come be a part of it!

Booth Chairs (If you need contact information, reach out to DeEtta or Lynn)

- Set Up and Clean Up DeEtta Spalding and Lynn Looby
- Attic Treasures Judith Wong
- Beverages Anne Sorenson and Christine Armstrong
- Books Syd Blodgett
- Children's Games Carilee Integlia
- Coffee and Baked Goods / Ice Cream - Emily Nester and Cherra Wheeler
- Hay Rides / Cake Walk Jessica Boose
- Hot Dogs and Sausages Jameson White

- Pulled Pork Peter and Nancy Green
- Snow Cones Amy Hiller-White
- Silent Auction Diane Morin
- Strawberry Shortcake Angela Young and Erica Hermonot
- Walking Tacos Anne Sorenson and Christine Armstrong

DeEtta Spalding and Lynn Looby Co-Chairs

Attic Treasures team will be back again this year & better than ever! Now's a perfect time to declutter, and offer the church your clean, gently used, and resaleable "treasures" to our sale.

We are VERY INTERESTED in your donations: antiques, artwork, new & like-new items, baskets, children's toys and baby items, craft supplies & fabric, games & puzzles, garden items, glassware (sets or 4 or more, please!), china, home décor, household, hardware, and housewares, kitchen items, lamps, cleaned sporting goods, and tools. We accept CLEAN, like-new soft goods including curtains, vintage and lightly used linens, and decorative pillows that have been pre-cleaned. Small furniture items will be accepted on a case-by-case basis as our space is limited. Questions? Call Judith Wong at 203.400.1224.

Our dedicated team is VERY GRATEFUL for your donations, but unfortunately we can't take everything. Items that aren't clean, have missing parts, or are broken, are unfortunately not able to be sold. As we continue to make our best effort to keep germs at bay and eliminate items that just don't sell, we're not accepting stuffed animals, used pillows, upholstered items, luggage, coffee mugs, sports drink bottles, inexpensive floral vases, used plasticware, paper goods, clothes, computers/monitors, TVs, exercise equipment, used candles, and most office supplies and electronics including drip coffee machines. Lastly, we encourage you to please leave all your Christmas items at home and consider donating them to our November Holly Fair!

Please note our donation policies, dates, and times - also posted outside Fellowship Hall. All donations will be reviewed with the donor to select items for sale. For everyone's peace of mind, kindly clean your items prior to donating, and please don't leave donations at the Church during unattended hours.

Donations will be accepted in Fellowship Hall:

Sundays: June 22, June 29: 12 PM - 3 PM

(No donations on June 15, please!)

Mondays: June 16, June 23, June 30: 10 AM - 2 PM Tuesdays: June 10 (FIRST DAY TO DONATE!), June 17,

June 24,

July 1 (LAST DAY TO DONATE!): 10 AM - 2 PM, 7-9 PM Thursdays: June 12, June 19, June 26: 10 AM - 2 PM Fridays: June 13, June 20, June 27: 10 AM - 2 PM

Saturdays: June 21, June 28: 10 AM - 2 PM

(No donations on June 14, please!)

Kindly bring your donations during the hours above; this gives us the chance to THANK YOU directly for your generous spirit!

sharing the good news Dear Beloved Community.

Every week, whether online or in person, people come through our church doors carrying invisible burdens, quiet hopes, and deep questions. Some are long-time members. Others are visiting for the first time. Many are looking for connection, meaning, and a place to belong sometimes even before they're ready to talk about faith.

In a world that often feels uncertain and divided, the gift of genuine community is more important than ever. That's why the way we welcome people into our church matters so deeply. It's not just about a warm greeting or a cup of coffee, though those are important. It's about the culture we create together. It's about whether people feel seen, safe, and invited into something real.

As we continue growing into the welcoming, open-hearted church we are called to be, I want to share a few reflections on what radical hospitality can look like in practice:

- Every welcome matters. Whether you're greeting someone at the door, chatting during coffee hour, or just offering a kind smile, know that your warmth can help someone feel like they've found home.
- Be mindful of new faces. It can take courage to walk into a new church. Instead of singling people out, let's make sure no one feels like a stranger - only a friend we haven't yet met.
- Let's speak plainly and kindly. Church traditions and language can be confusing for newcomers. Offering a simple explanation or an encouraging word can help someone feel included, not left out.
- Gentle follow-up goes a long way. A kind check-in or thank-you note says, "We're glad you came," without making someone feel pressured or overwhelmed.
- **Hospitality is everyone's ministry.** It doesn't just belong to the greeters or pastors. It's the responsibility and the joy of the whole church.
- Let's be clear about our welcome. In a time when many wonder if they're truly accepted by the church, we must be bold in our message: You are welcome here. Fully. As you are.

As part of the Southern New England Conference, United Church of Christ, we've launched www.findhopenow.org; a campaign to help connect people with congregations like ours where hope, belonging, and transformation are alive and well. I invite you to visit the site and share it with others who may be seeking community.

Friends, the gospel was never meant to be gated. We are not gatekeepers we are hosts of a feast of grace. Let's keep building a table so wide and so full that no one ever has to wonder if there's room for them.



Let us welcome as we have been welcomed.

With deep gratitude for each of you, Rev. Darrell L. Goodwin Executive Conference Minister Southern New England Conference, United

A PRAYER FOR RADICAL WELCOME

Church of Christ

Gracious God, You welcomed us before we ever knew we needed welcome.

You saw us, loved us, and called us by name.

Teach us to open our hearts, our doors, and our pews to those who come with joy, with fear, with questions, or with pain.

Make our churches places of refuge and renewal, where no one feels invisible and everyone knows they belong.

Help us to remember that hospitality is holy, that every smile can heal, and every act of kindness is a doorway to grace.

Shape us into a people of radical welcome, that we might reflect your love in all we do.

In the name of the One who welcomed all, Amen.



SUMMER CAMP FOR ALL!

We know and cherish the beauty of Camp all year long — and each summer brings even more joy through our vibrant programs. Camp Wightman offers something for families & friends, individuals, and adults, and we'd love for you to help us spread the word! Please share the fun and faith-filled options below with your congregation, neighbors, and community — there's something for everyone this summer at Camp Wightman. Whether you're a group of family and friends, responsible for children ages 6-16, or a grandparent looking for a meaningful way to connect with the next generation — Camp Wightman is the place to be.

All your camp favorites are waiting: Swimming, Paddleboarding & Kayaking, Archery, Nature walks, Arts and crafts, Campfires, S'mores & more! Take a peaceful walk out to the Chapel for quiet reflection, or gather with friends for a delicious, laughter-filled meal in the Dining Hall — these are the moments that make Camp Wightman truly special.

Traditional Camp is still just \$650/week because we believe every child deserves the chance to experience summer camp. (financial aid available)

read, relax, renew....

- June 22–28
- June 29-July 5
- July 6-12
- July 6-12 (Family Camp!*)
- August 3-9 (NEW: STEM OPTION**)
- August 10-16
- * FAMILY CAMP July 6–12 Spend a week together at Camp Wightman with family and friends! Enjoy classic camp activities and quality time in nature.

\$250 per person | \$1,000 max per family

** NEW! STEM OPTION - August 3-9

Curious campers can join our optional STEM track: hands-on science and tech projects in the morning, followed by classic camp fun in the afternoon!

For more info: campwightman.org or call the camp office at 860.376.2179. Flyer attached at end of newsletter.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP RESUMES JUNE 23 WITH NOVEL FROM ELIF SHAFAK

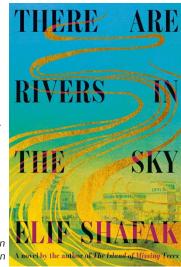
In the ancient city of Nineveh, on the bank of the River Tigris, King Ashurbanipal of Mesopotamia, erudite but ruthless, built a great library that would crumble with the end of his reign. From its ruins, however, emerged a poem, the Epic of Gilgamesh, that would infuse the existence of two rivers and bind together three lives.

In 1840 London, Arthur is born beside the stinking, sewage-filled River Thames. With an abusive, alcoholic father and a mentally ill mother, Arthur's only chance of escaping destitution is his brilliant memory. When his gift earns him a spot as an apprentice at a leading publisher, Arthur's world opens up far beyond the slums, and one book in particular catches his interest: Nineveh and Its Remains.

In 2014 Turkey, Narin, a ten-year-old Yazidi girl, is diagnosed with a rare disorder that will soon cause her to go deaf. Before that happens, her grandmother is determined to baptize her in a sacred

Iraqi temple. But with the rising presence of ISIS and the destruction of the family's ancestral lands along the Tigris, Narin is running out of time.

In 2018 London, the newly divorced Zaleekah, a hydrologist, moves into a houseboat on the Thames to escape her husband. Orphaned and raised by her wealthy uncle, Zaleekah had made the decision to take her own life in one month, until a curious book about her homeland changes everything.





Abigail Elizabeth Converse will be graduating from Woodstock Academy. She'll be attending Worcester Polytechnical Institute. Studying Fire

and Mechanical Engineering. Parents are Thomas and Amanda Converse, proud gramma, Susan Converse.

Phoebe Griffin will be graduating from Woodstock Academy at will be attending the University of Connecticut this fall. Phoebe will be majoring in Management and Political Science and is a member of the UConn Honors Program.

Jackson Santos will be graduating from Tourtellotte Memorial High School and will be attending the University of Connecticut this fall. Jackson will be majoring in Finance and is a member of the UConn Honors Program.

Cameron Robida will be attending Coastal Carolina University in Conway South Carolina in the Fall. Cameron will be majoring in Business/Finance and is a member of Coastal Carolina's Wall of business Honors program.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SLATED FOR THURSDAY EVENINGS IN JULY

Children and families are invited to participate in "God is Everywhere" for this summer's VBS.

July 10, 17, 24, & 31 will provide exciting and meaningful opportunities for discovering the Divine in everyday life. For more information please contact Jessica Weaver Boose: jessalou@me.com Registration form attached at end of newsletter.

UPCOMING DATES:

June 8th: Children's Sunday June 15th Confirmation Sunday

Jessica Weaver Boose





**For updates on Summer Meetings and Activities: please make sure you're getting the Weekly Reminder which is emailed every Wednesday by Noon. Not yet subscribed? Call the Office at 860.928.7449 or email: churchoffice@eastwoodstock.org to get yours today!

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Communion Worship 10AM Confirmation Class, 11:30AM EWCB 6:30PM	Community Kitchen	Choir 7PM	Bible Study 10:30AM Al-Anon, 7:30PM	Bells 7PM	Food Fair 9AM	
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YOUNG PEOPLE

HOW TO STOP THEM LEAVING THE CHURCH



GET THEM INVOLVED



ADJUST THE SERVICE TIME



LET THEM LEAD THE SERVICE



SEND THEM ON A LIFE-CHANGING TRIP



ENCOURAGE THE CONGREGATION TO BE MORE YOUTH-FRIENDLY



LOCK THE DOORS

ABOUT US:

Camp Wightman has been in continuous operation for over 69 years.

Our professional and dedicated staff are here to make your stay a special experience.

During the summer we offer a traditional camp experience centered in a Christian Community, for children from all over New England.

Our retreat season runs year-round. We have hosted groups as large as 200, and everything in between. Our beautiful location on Billings Lake makes us stand out from other destinations.





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YOUTH GROUPS



Dates & Rates Summer 2025 Traditional Camp (Ages 6-17)

way. The program is broken up into cabins based on the Campers are welcomed to a time and place away. They swimming, art, nature, archery, campfires, smores and helps campers with self-confidence and enables them to experience God's creation firsthand. Enjoy boating, age of the campers. This fun, interactive experience step out of their comfort zones and away from their electronics to experience life in a new and powerful

Session 1 - 6/22/25 - 6/28/25 so much more!

Session 2 - 6/29/25 - 7/5/25

Session 3 - 7/6/25 - 7/12/25 Session 4 - 8/3/25 - 8/9/25 Session 5 - 8/10/25 - 8/16/25

Rate: \$650.00



Leaders-in-Training (Ages 16-17)

The Camp Wightman Leaders-In-Training (LIT) program camp and in their homes, schools, and churches. During is a leadership program to equip youth to be leaders at Counselor positions will all be explored. Participants in worlds of camper and staff; this will help prepare them staff positions. Kitchen, Maintenance, Waterfront, and the program will bounce back and forth between the the week, campers will rotate through the different to take on staff positions in future summers.

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Rate: \$650.00

Special Needs Program (Ages 18 and up)

mentorship to follow the camping schedule. Campers must be fully ambulatory because of the camp terrain. The program is geared toward adult individuals with independent in daily life skills and only require developmental disabilities. The campers are

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Bring your whole family and friends to enjoy the fantastic perks of summer camp: fun activities, Family & Friends Camp (Ages: all)

retreat buildings. Children under the age of 5 are free. learning, worship, fellowship, and time for reflection. Family Campers can rent cabins or rooms in our

The maximum fee per family of the same household is set at \$1,000.00

Session 1 - 7/6/25 - 7/12/25 Rate: \$250.00

Wild Women (Ages 55 and up)

community. Although you may also enjoy adventuring When women come together at camp, magic happens. The bonds of sisterhood run strong in the outdoor special about the camaraderie of women at camp. with your male counterparts, there's something

Session 1 - 6/29/25 - 7/5/25 Rate: \$450.00

www.campwightman.org or Please visit our web page call the camp office at 860-376-2179 <u>To register</u>



Support is available for Please email the camp those families in need. directly to request Financial Aid assistance.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2025

5:30-7:30pm

Thursdays, July 10, 17, 24, 31

Child's Name:	
(Please complete a separate form for each child)	
Age Completed Grade Birth Date	
Guardian's Name:	
Cell Phone Number: Email:	
Address:	
Who is authorized to pick up your child: (Please give their phone no	umber also)
2nd Emergency Contact:	
Cell Phone Number:	
In the event of a medical emergency, if a parent or guardian is unable to be read for the VBS staff to seek medical attention for my child, her/him to be taken to the nearest medical facility. I agree to be responsible for t	ched, I give permissior and for
Parent/Guardian signature:	
Allergies or Special Concerns:	
May we have permission to photograph and/or videotape your child and use the newsletters, church <u>website</u> , bulletin boards and presentations? Yes May we have permission to use your child's images on social media? Yes	No

East Woodstock Congregational Church: 860.928.7449 First Congregational Church of Woodstock: 860.928.7405