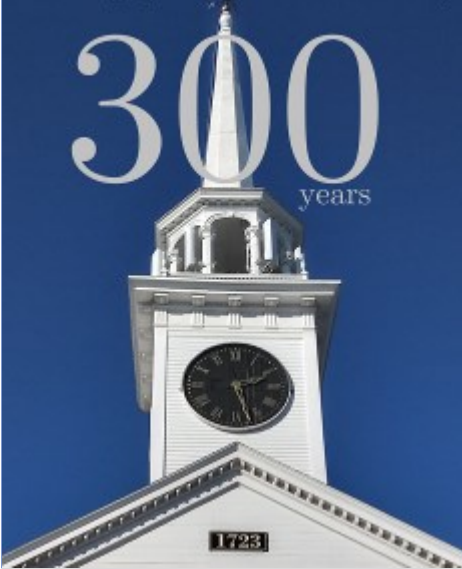


300 years



Church on the Green

A monthly newsletter from

The First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury

An Open and Affirming Congregation

MEETING HOUSE — 1766
View from the South

MEETING HOUSE AT SHREWSBURY MASSACHUSETTS
AS BUILT IN 1766
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2023

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*“Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.”
Isaiah*

The Pastor's Corner

I'm giddy with excitement about what this fall will bring yes, of course, a lot of that excitement is geared to the new baby we're about to welcome into our family (due in November).

But I'm thrilled as well as the amazing opportunities for new life and new growth at First Congregational Church. This Sunday we'll have our last outdoor worship of the season (weather permitting) followed by our Church Picnic- which is always a highlight.

On September 17th we'll kick off the program year and hear from 300th anniversary speaker Dr. Sarah Drummond. Choir, chimers, hand bells and Kidzone as well as the return of regular committee and ministry meetings will renew our sense of shared mission. On Sept 24th a new set of Confirmation students will join the church- and the following week, October 1st we'll celebrate World Wide Communion Sunday and host a newcomer brunch in anticipation of receiving new members later in the month.

Special 300th Anniversary activities will also take place in September including a historic overview of church life in the town of Shrewsbury on the evening of Sept 27th and tours of the cemetery on Sept 30th.

This edition of the Church on the Green includes lots of ways for you to be involved in our thriving community of faith.



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ◆ The families of Matt Hogan, Karee Hagan, Rita Mullins and Carl Carlson on their passings, Jon Scott and Kris Couture on the passing of their brother/uncle Fred, Jim Shaw, Tracey & Ross, Brenda Cofske, Julie Ann, Cindy Battiste, Julia Dobner-Pereira, Jean Folsom, Rosemary Horestta, Anna, Norma Garcia's sister, Patricia, Roberta Jelinch's sister, Sandi, Jan Smith, Ed and Betsy Giles, Donald Gray, Wendy Ziesemann's sister, Tamara, Rebecca and Jennifer MacKenzie, Barbara Harlow, Bonnie Gibbs, Wendy and Tom, Lisa DiPilato, Florence Stowe.
- ◆ The mission & works of the First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury.
- ◆ Those within our church family and all faith communities who are dealing with illness, caregiving, grief, mental health, unemployment, hunger, and homelessness in their daily lives.
- ◆ Members of First Congregational Church in Spencer.
- ◆ The people of Ukraine, Sudan, and other countries in our world dealing with war & unrest.
- ◆ The people of Turkey and Syria.
- ◆ Also, government officials, first responders, health care workers, military personnel, and all who protect and care for us.
- ◆ For the end of gun violence, and the families and friends of the victims of the more than 488 mass shootings since January of this year.



Request for Payment of Capital Campaign Pledges for Organ Rebuild

The following is a summary on where we stand on our financing of the organ rebuild.

Total Cost of Rebuild:	\$433,820
Total Paid as of 5/11/23:	\$233,300
Remainder Due as of 5/11/23:	\$200,520
Pledges Received as of 5/11/23:	\$257,685
Balance of Music Ministry Commitment:	\$21,558
Total Available as of 5/11/23:	\$45,943
Total to be Borrowed from Antenna Fund as of 5/11/23:	\$154,577



Since the Capital Campaign is spread out over 3 years, people who participated in the Capital Campaign have the option of paying their pledges over that period of time. However, based on the current pledge payments, we are \$154,577 short of the \$200,520 that is due between June and the end of August. Unfortunately, we will need to borrow this amount from our Antenna Fund and paying it back as the pledges are received. Based on this, we are humbly asking, if at all possible, if you could submit any outstanding amounts that you have pledged for the organ rebuild as soon as possible to minimize the cost of borrowing from our Antenna Fund. If you have any questions please contact Don Alger at donwalger@gmail.com.

300TH ANNIVERSARY

WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH!

Recovenanting Sunday
September 17

**Celebrating
Christian Education
at FCC**

Guest Preacher:
The Rev.

Dr. Sarah Drummond
President, Andover
Newton Theological
Seminary at Yale



Sarah Birmingham Drummond is the Founding Dean of Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School. She graduated from Yale College with a major in Ethics, Politics, and Economics; Harvard Divinity School with a Master of Divinity; and the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee with a PhD in Urban Education, specializing in administrative leadership. She is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. FCC has a long-term relationship with Andover Newton including several members as trustees.



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Sharing God's Love for 300 Years!



Andover Newton Seminary
AT YALE DIVINITY SCHOOL

300TH ANNIVERSARY

HISTORIC TOURS MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY

Please join us on **Saturday, September 30th** for tours of the Historic section of Mountain View Cemetery in Shrewsbury. There are 2 time slots to choose: The first tour begins at 6:30 and the second begins at 7:45pm. This tour is coordinated and presented by First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury in celebration of our 300th anniversary, in conjunction with the Shrewsbury Historical Society. All speakers are from the First Congregational Church. A light reception will follow. This event is free and open to the entire community.

Registration is necessary so that we can plan ahead for the reception. The tour will consist of seven grave-stones in the historic corner of the cemetery. Tour guides and speakers will be dressed in period attire. Your way will be lit by luminaries and lanterns. Tours last approximately one hour. Please plan to join us for an evening of fun, education, and fellowship. Plan to meet in the Church parking lot to begin your tour.

Please use the Sign-up Genius link below to register.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094cafa72aa57-historic#/>

RAIN DATE IS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

A background image of a cemetery with many gravestones and trees with autumn foliage in shades of yellow, orange, and red under a clear blue sky.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY
HISTORIC TOUR**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
6:30 & 7:45 PM**

Our Historic Guests:

Daniel Hemenway
Capt. Josiah Richardson & Harriet Goodnow Richardson
Rev Joseph Sumner & Lucy Williams Sumner
Mary Goddard
Rev. Job Cushing & Mary Prentice Cushing
Sarah and Artemas Ward
Rev. George Allen

This event is free and open to the public.
Registration is required. Refreshments will be served!

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To register,
type this link
into your web browser:
<https://tinyurl.com/bdfnkv27>
or scan the QR code



300TH ANNIVERSARY

300TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

THE HISTORY OF SHREWSBURY CHURCHES

Please join us on **Wednesday evening, September 27th at 7pm** here at the Church for a very informative and enlightening presentation by Bill Whitehead on the history of Churches in Shrewsbury. Not only will our historic church be featured, but you will hear about churches that played a very significant role in Shrewsbury. Some are no longer active, and some new faiths are playing an important role right now in the town on Shrewsbury. This program is in conjunction with the Shrewsbury Historical Society. It is free and open to the public. A light reception will follow.



First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury
presents

The History of the Churches in Shrewsbury, MA 1723 - 2023

Presented by **Bill Whitehead**
in conjunction with

THE SHREWSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday, September 27, 7pm

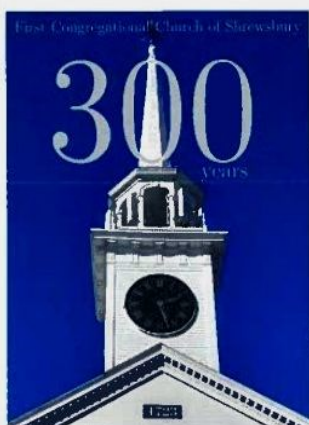


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Sharing God's Love for 300 Years!

This event will be held at the Church.
It is free and open to the public.
Refreshments will be served!

300TH ANNIVERSARY

Please join us for the
300th Anniversary Celebration
First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury



SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 4, 2023

five thirty in the afternoon
First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury

19 Church Road
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts 01545

Dinner with Concert to follow.

RSVP

BEFORE 13 October 2023
\$50PP Payable in advance by
check or online.
Email: finance@fccsm.org
Remit to: 19 Church Road
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts 01545

CAN'T WAIT! CAN'T MAKE IT

Chicken Piccata

Baked Salmon

300th Anniversary Banquet RSVP's due now

All reservations must be made by
emailing Lauren Morse,
Financial Administrator, at finance@fccsm.org

Please indicate name, number of tickets,
method of payment and meal selections.
Payments can be made via personal check or
online by selecting the option "Banquet".

[Click HERE for On-line Payments](#)



Save the Date!

*Our 300th Anniversary
Gathering & Celebration*

*Saturday,
November 4, 2023
5:30 - 8:30 pm*

Sharing God's Love for 300 Years!

Photo by Jerry Callaghan

EVENTS

Leah Circle invites ALL women in the church



Leah Circle would like to invite all women in the church to our next meeting on **Monday, September 18 at 7:00 PM in the Youth Room.** Our first meeting we will be sharing special memories from the summer and begin our focus on Health and Wellness. We have some wonderful programs set up for each month and would love to have you join us. You can call Sue Bourget at 508-842-2323 for more information.

Diapers and Desserts

A new baby to FALL in love with is on the way!

WHO: Pastor Holly and the MillerShanks becoming a family of four!

WHAT: A tea party 'Sprinkle' to celebrate a second baby!

WHEN: Saturday September 30th 2023 from 2-4pm

WEAR: Dress in your tea party best (typical church attire)

WHERE: Gifford Hall @ First Congregational Church, Shrewsbury MA

WHY: To 'sprinkle' the family with well wishes and diapers! In lieu of gifts, please bring diapers. The family will reserve an assortment of sizes and any additional diapers will be donated to refugee families in Shrewsbury/Northborough.

To ensure an assortment of sizes,
please select a size based on YOUR BIRTH MONTH

Jan-Feb	Mar-April	May-June	July-Aug	Sept-Oct	Nov-Dec
SIZE 1	SIZE 2	SIZE 3	SIZE 4	SIZE 5	SIZE 6

All are Welcome

For questions or if you'd like to bring a dessert to share, please contact Holly's sister, Aunti Nora at 484-878-9034 norasuemiller@gmail.com

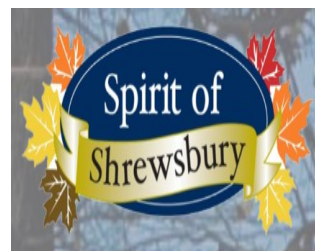
*Pastor Holly is aware of the event; it is not a surprise.

Newcomer Brunch & Information Session Sunday, October 1 11am in the Chapel

The Welcoming Group invites all newcomers to join us and Pastor Holly for brunch and a casual gathering to learn more about First Congregational Church! This is a great opportunity to meet church ministry leaders and have all your questions about FCC answered, particularly if you come from a different faith tradition.

The Information Session is a precursor to and requirement for official membership. If you choose to become a member, new members will be joyfully received on Sunday, October 8!

Childcare will be provided. Please RSVP to Stephanie Ambra by Wednesday, September 27th at sambra3@hotmail.com



Spirit of Shrewsbury

Spirit of Shrewsbury will be on September 23rd and 24th. Join the FCC Marketing Group to represent the church at our booth at Oak Middle School on the 23rd (contact Amanda Durkin for additional information) and/or join us for the parade on the 24th (contact Curtis Smith for more info on our float).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Students Together Opposing Prejudice (S.T.O.P.) program is an initiative designed to foster inclusivity and combat prejudice among middle school students. Implemented over a seven-week period, this curriculum is facilitated by high school students who have undergone leadership training. The program employs an array of engaging games, activities, and peer discussions to instill in participants the ability to identify, challenge, and effectively respond to stereotypes, prejudice, and discrimination. By nurturing a well-rounded understanding of diverse perspectives, S.T.O.P. empowers young individuals to forge meaningful connections with those who differ from them. The program aims to develop participants into future leaders and model citizens. We are currently seeking enthusiastic middle school students to join our upcoming Fall 2023 cohort, as well as dedicated high school facilitators. High school students who volunteer as facilitators will accrue valuable leadership skills and earn volunteering hours, further enhancing their profiles. Middle school participants will gain interpersonal and communication skills, equipping them with the tools necessary to effectively combat prejudice in their communities. If you are interested in for your child to partake in this transformative program, please email alam.ridha@gmail.com.

Here is the link for the middle school sign-ups:
<https://forms.gle/SU5kudzuzMwx7Dgg7>

Here is the link for the high school sign-ups:
<https://forms.gle/ttrGBohxZzpMM4TN7>



Blessing of the Backpacks will take place in worship on September 17th!

STUDENTS TOGETHER OPPOSING PREJUDICE S.T.O.P.



Program dates: Every
Thursday from October 26 -
Dec 14 (excluding
Thanksgiving break)

WHAT IS S.T.O.P.?

This program is a seven-week curriculum, targeted to middle school students and facilitated by high school students. Through the use of games, activities, and peer discussions participants learn to recognize and respond to stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination.

Goals of the S.T.O.P. Program

- To heighten participants' awareness concerning issues of prejudice and discrimination.
- To give participants the strategies to confront prejudice and discrimination.
- To develop and affirm leadership skills in participants.
- To teach participants about different backgrounds - ethnic, religious, etc.



PLEASE CHECK OUT [HTTPS://STOPTHEPREJUDICE.NET/](https://stoptheprejudice.net/) FOR MORE DETAILS
OR CONTACT [ALAM.RIDHA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:alam.ridha@gmail.com) WITH INQUIRIES

Welcome Back High School Youth Group!!



First meeting of the year.
All 9-12 youth are welcome!
Bring a friend!

September 10 @ 7PM:

Help plan activities for the 2023-2024 year.

Volunteers needed to help with children's games/activities at the church picnic on September 10...contact April if interested (cedirector@fccsm.org)



MUSIC MINISTRY

Message from the Director of Music



The Shrewsbury Ringers, with Jeanine Vitale, Andrew Lefferts, guest ringer Larry Piper, Karen Daukas, Shana Mitchell-Hopkins, Linda Ryan, Caroline Espe, Curtis Smith and Kathi Buzzell.

From June 23-25 the Shrewsbury Ringers attended the Area 1 Festival Conference at Worcester State University. The Festival Conference is three days of intense rehearsals and classes. Handbells are a relatively new instrument invented in England about 70 years ago. While there are selections from the classical repertoire that have been arranged for handbells, neither Mozart nor Beethoven ever got the chance to write for the instrument.

Handbells are a unique instrument. Most of the players only play two notes of the scale. Apart from an Indonesian Gamelan orchestra, I cannot think of another instrument that works in a similar way. Because of this, it is one of the most community-based instruments. The 5 octaves of handbells that we use at FCC work best with 13 players. Playing even a 5 note melodic line usually involves at least 3 players working together. You might start the melody, but it is then handed off to your neighbor. This requires a level of listening and sensitivity that is unique to handbells. It's also an exercise in giving up your ego. You don't get to own the music you play. When the melodic line is handed back and forth between the players, you rely on your neighbors to finish what you started and vice versa.



The ringing floor in the gym at Worcester State University. Approximately 300 ringers from all over New England and beyond rang together for the event.

When I play solo piano or organ, I get to play what I want, when I want and how I want. When I play the handbells, I need to blend with my neighbor and react to what they are doing. One of the things we work with in the Shrewsbury Ringers and Parish Pealers is sensitive playing. Feeling the clapper hit the bell and listening to your neighbor are two very important aspects of making music with handbells. These two aspects help me get into the handbell zone.

We juggle so much when making music. When brain imagery is done with musicians, fireworks show up on the fMRIs as the neurons do their work. We are juggling input from our eyes, ears, sense of touch and our motor control to make the music happen.

The highlight of the festival was when the renowned handbell composer and conductor David Harris was listening to our Coppers Festival Choir rehearsal. After the group finished, he said, "That was so amazing! You do that so well that you disappear and all that's left is the music." How did we do it? We got ourselves in the handbell zone. It is quite a paradox. One must at the same time juggle the sensory-motor and yet give up the ego and follow the conductor and blend with the group. Are you interested in giving it a try? If you would like to ring, sing or play with any of the music groups at FCC please let me know at musicdirector@fcsm.org.



Sincerely, Curtis

WIDER CHURCH



Central MA Association Annual Meeting

Sunday, September 24th at 3:00PM

First Congregational Church of West Boylston
26 Central Street
West Boylston, MA 01583

Churches, please share this with your delegates.

Dear clergy and delegates, please save this date to join in worship together and to celebrate the Central MA Association. We will worship and share updates from all of the happenings in the association.

We hope you will join the association leadership at the annual meeting!

Greetings!

Out next Mission Trip to La Romana in the Dominican Republic will be Feb 23-March 3, 2024.



I have been going on the La Romana Medical/Construction Mission Trip since 2002, except during the Pandemic, and several times with my daughter Jessica. Jessica and I gave a program on April 2, 2023, showing a typical trip and all of the wonderful mission work we do and relationships we make. If you are interested in going, please see the application in the attached PDF, **due Oct 16 with a deposit**. It is open to all youth and adults, ages 16 and up. We usually have 1/3 youth on the trip, many of them from the First Church Sterling, which organizes the trips. More information can be found on the website: [LAROMANA.fcSterling.org](https://laromana.fcsterling.org)

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me. Collections of medical supplies and summer clothing will be during January 2024.

Sue Moore 508-735-7820

<https://laromana.fcsterling.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/2024-APPLICATION-medical-and-trip-release.pdf>

Registration and additional information for the Association Annual Meeting can be found at [Central MA Association Annual Meeting - Southern New England Conference of the UCC \(sneucc.org\)](https://www.sneucc.org)



Hadwen Park Congregational Church invites you to join the LGBT Asylum Task Force at a Gala event on September 30th at 5:30pm at the DCU Center in Worcester. To learn more about the event or the courageous ministry of the LGBT Asylum Task Force visit: <https://www.lgbtasylum.org/>



JOIN the March to End Fossil Fuels

Sept 17 from 6:30/7:00am to 10:30/11:00 PM (occurs before UN Climate Ambition Summit 9/19)

Buses from MA to NYC (round trip)
Sponsor: 350MA.org
Bus to: NYC at 59th St and 7th Ave
Departure from Worcester Parking Lot: TBD
Cost: \$35-\$70

Note: Several of us from the SNE (Southern New England-RI, MA, CT) UCC Environmental Ministries will be marching. Come join us! Questions? Ask Sue Moore 508-735-7820

Sign up at the website below:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/march-to-end-fossil-fuels-bus-trip-from-ma-to-nyc-sep-17th-tickets-687300563487>

WIDER CHURCH



14TH ANNUAL 5K

Hybrid Run/Walk & Online Auction

October 7th - 14th, 2023

IN-PERSON RACE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH AT 9:00 A.M.

West Boylston Middle/High School
125 Crescent Street,
West Boylston, MA

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

1. Run or Walk

Join us at the in-person walk/run on Saturday, October 14th at 9:00 a.m.

2. Form a Team with Family & Friends

Everything is more fun when you do it with the people you care about. Create a team to support the women and children of Abby's House !

3. Fundraise

Create a fundraising page on Racewire and invite your networks to support you! All proceeds raised benefit the Abby's House shelter, housing and women's services programs.

4. Participate Virtually-October 7th - 14th

Not available to join us on Saturday, October 14th, or not local to Massachusetts? No problem. Join in on the fun and walk/run in the Abby's House 5k virtually.

5. Bid in the Online Auction

Bid it to win it in our online auction! Visit www.32auctions.com/5k2023
Saturday, October 7th at 9:00 a.m. - Saturday, October 14th at 8:00 p.m.

For more information or for sponsorship opportunities, contact Kelly Whalen, Senior Director of Development and Communications at 508-756-5486 x214 or at kelly@abbyshouse.org

HYBRID RACE FEES & INFORMATION

Registration (before October 1st)

ADULT (age 15+): \$30

CHILD (ages 5-14): \$25

Late Registration (after October 1st)

ADULT (age 15+): \$35

CHILD (ages 5-14): \$30

REGISTER AT:

abbyshouse.racewire.com

or scan the QR code below



SCAN ME

MINISTRIES

OUR CONTINUED SHARING

1723 - 2023

SEPTEMBER 2023

During the month of September, we are requesting

Cans of Fruit

(Cans with pull-tabs or pull-off covers would be preferred)



Veterans Inc of Worcester

Veteran's Inc. is the largest provider of support services to veterans and their families in New England. Veteran's Inc realizes that despite their sacrifice, many veterans and their families still need to worry about putting food on the table. To combat veteran food insecurity, Veteran's Inc offers a food pantry for veterans and their families on the first and third Thursdays of the month. The nearest pantry for Veterans Inc is located at 69 Grove St. in Worcester.

"A generous person will prosper." Proverbs 11:25

***Due to record-keeping and storage issues, please donate allotted items only in assigned month.*

300th ANNIVERSARY

SEPTEMBER GIVING OPPORTUNITY

CANS OF FRUIT FOR VETERAN'S INC

Veterans Inc. is the largest provider of support services to veterans and their families in New England. Some of the services that they provide are housing programs, employment opportunities and training, post 9/11 veteran support, and substance abuse treatment.

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The September Giving Opportunity to support their food pantry is canned fruit of any kind. Please help if you can by bringing your donations to the Church during the month of September and leaving them in the little red wagon in Gifford Hall or in one of the containers at any of the entrances to the Church. Thank you.



COMMUNITY NEWS



The Shrewsbury Garden Club Presents Scarecrows on the Common

September 18 - October 20

For the nineteenth year the Shrewsbury Garden Club is sponsoring its annual Scarecrows on the Common Display.

Individuals, groups, businesses and clubs are encouraged to display their scarecrows for all to enjoy. There will be no judging but all registered entries will receive special recognition.

How to enter:

1. Create your scarecrow(s) at home.
2. Bring them to the Town Common the week of September 18th
3. Choose a spot to display your scarecrow.
4. You are responsible for installation. No poles will be provided.
5. Name of club, group, business or individual(s) must appear on the scarecrow.
6. Your entry will remain outdoors for an extended period of time, no perishable goods such as pumpkins, gourds, squash, apples, tomatoes, etc. will be permitted. No electricity is provided but solar, battery or wind power is allowed.
7. Scarecrows MAY NOT be attached to the bandstand, memorial, newly planted trees or lamp posts.
8. Scarecrows MUST remain on the Common through October 20th and then REMOVED. Any scarecrows remaining after October 22nd will be discarded at owners expense.

The Shrewsbury Garden Club has the right to refuse any entry they feel unacceptable or inappropriate and are not responsible for loss or damage to scarecrows while on display.

After installation, please call the number below or e-mail Hymedomain@yahoo.com to register your contact information – name, phone number, e-mail

**For more information call 508-845-2630 or visit www.ShrewsburyGardenClub.org
Start planning your scarecrow now and let's make this the biggest display yet!**

SUNDAY WORSHIP



Interested in donating flowers to beautify
our altar during worship?

Please contact the church office at office@fccsm.org
or 508-845-7286 to find out how.

Dates currently available:

December 31



PRAYER GROUP

The Impact of Cancer on our Lives

The September prayer group will meet at 11 am after church in the Church Parlor. Led by fellow church members, prayer group is a caring and supportive group where all are welcome to experience the comfort and unity of simple group prayer. In addition to sharing prayers, this month we will also be talking about cancer. As cancer impacts most everyone in some way, the prayer group team hopes to foster conversation about the perspectives of people who have cancer, their family and friends, and tips on helping people with cancer from experienced caregivers.

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Please join us on
Sunday mornings at
9:30am



To all our outside groups, committees, and ministries:

Make your church the safest place in town.

Churches are meant to be sanctuaries with open doors and safe spaces where people can enter and meet in peace and harmony.

Church building security is a topic that has become critical in the last ten years as problems such as intruders and property damage have been increasing. With the right protocols and systems in place, a church can better protect its community from unauthorized access, theft or violence.

First Congregational Church, Shrewsbury, is home to both internal committees and community groups such as the Scouts, Twelve Step groups, preschools, and more. The presence of young children has increased the need for safety.

Our church has implemented a variety of safety measures including key cards, which allow doors to the main exterior doors to remain locked.

Unfortunately, we have noticed that there are a variety of doors and windows that have been left open and/or unlocked, creating safety hazards for all.

We would appreciate if everyone using the building could follow these simple guidelines:

1. Enter through the main entrance only, using the key card.
2. Do not prop the entrance doors open or the door by the kitchen (unless carrying items in the building for limited amounts of time while an individual remains at the door).
3. Please be attentive to all posted signs regarding building use.
4. Open only essential windows and doors while in immediate use, close and lock promptly after use.
5. Exit the building through the main door, making sure all the doors and windows are locked and all lights are turned off.

Our mission:

The purpose of this Church is to come together as Christians to serve God by studying and listening to the Word, and living by Christ's teachings. We are committed to reaching our through prayers, caring, sharing, serving and fellowship.

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