The Community United Methodist Church of Cochituate Village in Wayland



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Weekly Schedule

Sun, 10:00AM - WORSHIP SERVICE

Please join us in person!
Or join us on Zoom:
http://zoom.us/join
Zoom Meeting ID: 508 653 0577, Passcode: 0

To join by phone:
Dial (646) 558-8656
Enter the Meeting ID:
508 653 0577
When prompted
press #, then # again.

Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

See our Online Church Calendar at

cumcwayland.org/calendar.html

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Community UMC,

Our church celebrated Easter in many special ways. The morning began with a service next to Lake Cochituate. It was beautiful to watch the sunrise over the lake and to recount the story of the first Easter. We imagined with



one another what those first witnesses to the Resurrection might have felt like and we sang our praises to God. At our 10AM service in the Sanctuary it was a joyful experience to hear the story of Easter, and to sing some of the classic Easter hymns like "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" with Dave's amazing organ accompaniment. It was wonderful to see many children participate in the Children's Message as we searched the Sanctuary for symbols of Easter, and who later enjoyed searching for eggs hidden in the church lawn.

On the following Sunday, April 7, we celebrated our church's 4th annual Holy Humor Sunday— a tradition that seems to be here to stay! Holy Humor Sunday is a way of continuing to celebrate the joy of Easter in a light-hearted way. It included several "joke breaks" throughout the service and some other fun elements. Arnold's Children's Message with the puppet "Sockrates" got us laughing and Dave's lively postlude got us dancing in the aisles!

I hope that you'll join us for all of our upcoming services, but make a special plan to come on May 19 for Pentecost. We will have the joy of celebrating Baptisms, a Confirmation and welcoming new members on that day!

Blessings Pastor Rebecca L. T. Cho





Statement of Welcome for All People

Community United Methodist Church celebrates that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth. We are a community of faith that welcomes all persons without regard to age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, or developmental and physical ability. Community UMC welcomes the full inclusion of all people in the life and ministries of our church. We invite everyone to join us in our faith journey!

God loves all people. No exceptions.

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Submissions for consideration should be in digital format. Articles should be <u>less than 250 words</u>. Pictures and graphics should be in high resolution JPEG, PNG or TIFF format.

Half page is H- 47/8" by W- 73/4" Quarter page is H- 47/8" by W- 37/8"

All submissions should be sent to office@cumcwayland.org and are subject to editing for length and content.

Deadline for the June, 2024 issue is Wednesday, May 15

Some material adapted from www.churchart.com

From the Lay Leader

"All God's People in All Places and in All Times, are Called to Love and to Serve."

— Ministry of the Laity

Some time ago, I attended a really interesting two day workshop on Embracing Stewardship: How to put stewardship at the HEART of your congregation's LIFE.

Charles Lane, a Lutheran pastor for forty-two years, offered his perspective on stewardship:

"Stewardship is a wonderful word that describes

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how a follower of Jesus Christ faithfully travels through this life. Contained in this one word are three important biblical teachings. First, God is the creator and owner of all that is. Second, God loves us so much that God has entrusted some of what God owns into each person's care. And third, how God's people manage what God entrusts into their care both flows from their relationship with God and impacts that relationship."

The word "stewardship" sometimes gets a bad rap because people often associate it with the church in the fall asking for money to support the church budget. Stewardship is so much more than that and its basis lies in the three premises listed above. And when we realize that what "I" have is God's, that it



Weekly Scripture Readings (Revised Common Lectionary, Year B)

Sunday, May 5 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44 –48

Ps 98

1 Jn 5:1-6

In 15:9-17

Sunday, May 12

7th Sunday of Easter Ascension Sunday

Acts 1:1 -11

Ps 47

Eph 1:15–23

Lk 24:44-53

Sunday, May 19

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1 -21

Ps 104:24-34, 35

Rom 8:22-27

Jn 15:26–27; 16:4b –15

Sunday, May 26

Trinity Sunday

Isa 6:1–8

Ps 29

Rom 8:12-17

In 3:1–17

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is not mine, then the guiding question becomes, "What would God have me do with this?" Since it all belongs to God, I am his steward.

What kind of steward are you?

Sherry Anne Bryant

Worship Team

May is promising to be a busy month at CUMC. Is there a month that isn't

busy for us? Part IV of Pastor Rebecca's sermon series on Faith and Communion will take place on May 5. May 12 is Ascension Sunday. In honor of Mother's Day there will be the Blessing of the Families, and the choir is planning to sing "A Mother's Prayer." We are delighted to announce that on Pentecost, which is May 19, in addition to celebrating Baptisms, we will be having a Confirmation and will welcome new members. That is a time for all of us to renew our baptismal and membership vows along with those joining our church. On Memorial Day Sunday May 27, David and the choir will perform the special rendition of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" which so many have enjoyed in the past and have requested again.

The Flower Committee continues to provide beautiful arrangements each Sunday as part of our Worship Service. If you would like to have an arrangement in honor of or in memory of a friend or loved one, please talk to Shirley Lowe or to Susan Richardson. The cost for each arrangement is \$25.

We are blessed to have a Worship Team which is responsive to the membership and which works with Pastor Rebecca to provide opportunities for you in worship to develop and strengthen your relationship with God and your ability to live more faithfully as disciples of Christ. If you have a question, suggestion, or concern, please feel free to reach out to any member of the team.

Shirley Lowe Chairperson



Stewardship & Finance

The Arthur Mayer Fund

Although I never met the man, Arthur Mayer is a name that I have known since my first involvement in church finances. I have been told that he and his wife were regular attendees on Sunday, and he was always interested in the finances and growth of this Church. This may explain why in 1982 he made a gift to the church of \$25,000 with the stipulation

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Check De It Out!

Up Coming Events in April

- ✓ Food Collection for Local Pantries in May
- ✓ May 1, 7:00 PM− Community Growth Team
- ✓ May 4, 10:00 AM− Celebration of Life for Catherine Waack
- ✓ May 5, 11:30 AM− Faith Exploration Class
- ✓ May 5- Family Promise/Project Bread Walk to End Homelessness & Hunger
- **✓ May 6, 7:00 PM**− Trustees
- ✓ May 8- Mother's Day Blankets forms and payments due.
- ✓ May 10, 12:00 Noon- Soup Kitchen Prep
- ✓ May 12, 11:30- Faith Exploring Class
- ✓ May 15, 6:00 PM- SPRC
- ✓ May 18, 10:00 AM− Confirmation Celebration Hall
- ✓ May 19- Day of Pentecost: Baptisms, Confirmation and New Members
- ✓ My 21, 6:00 PM− UWF Potluck Supper & Program
- ✓ May 25, 5:30-8:00 PM− Kids' Trivia Night & Pizza Party
- ✓ May 27- Memorial Day Office will be closed

that it be used to purchase the property next door. Although this never occurred, the fund accumulated value, and when we renovated the Sanctuary some of the funds were borrowed during the renovation and then returned from other sources once the project was complete. This contributed greatly to the ability of the Trustees to have funds available when required and keep the renovation on schedule. At the time the total value of the fund had increased greatly. Since the restriction on the use of the fund was 20 years, and there was no longer a plan to purchase the property next to the Church, the Mayer Fund was then available for use by the Trustees as deemed appropriate.

This started in 2019 with \$5,000 being used to cover a General Fund shortfall, but the remainder of the funds have been used on capital improvements to Church properties including: the Church Kitchen \$15,200; removing the old air handlers in the East Wing basement \$22,840; purchase and installation of the new Church exterior doors \$5,100; regrading of the courtyard \$4,172, and other improvements which bring the total to nearly three times the original gift.

We should all be thankful that Arthur Mayer was a part of our congregation and will continue to be a part of our history. Perhaps we can all benefit from knowing what can happen to a gift of any size when cared for and allowed to grow over time.

George Richardson for Stewardship and Finance

Trustees Update

The Trustees continue to address our ongoing list of maintenance requests

across our properties. Here are a few highlights. We'd like to remind everyone that if you see something about our buildings that needs attention please say something to one of the Trustees or fill out one of the Maintenance Request forms in the church mailroom. A friendly reminder to all to please not drag tables or heavy items in the Fellowship Hall as we work to make our newly finished floors last a good long time. We have had some ongoing challenges with our new exterior doors. We finally found the right profile threshold for the ramp door so it is no longer a tripping hazard. Also if you ever use the cord to hold the ramp door open be sure the cord is in the middle of the railing before attaching it to the door. If it is not we run the risk of over extending the arm and breaking the door, which has happened. We are now awaiting a replacement part. Our last request is to please keep the pair of corridor doors in the West Wing hallway closed at all times as required by our fire department.



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Calling all Campers! It is hard to believe but it's time to think about summer camps. If you'd like CUMC to fund your camper, please call both Aldersgate directly to register at 401-568-4350 asking that the bill be sent to us and then let Sara in the Office know at 508-653-0577. This year we will fund \$500 for one week per child. Thanks again for this congregation's ongoing support of this annual tradition. Please just note on your donation that it is for the Camper Fund.

We continue to look for a new Trustees Treasurer who would be willing to spend a few hours a month on average helping with our Trustees funds. This work is well documented and does not require any accounting, special skills or experience. Please let Pastor Rebecca or any Trustee know of your interest.

Thanks again for all your help in keeping the Church in the condition you found it, and for shutting off the lights, closing and locking all windows, and locking the door when you leave. This will ensure that everyone, members and visitors, finds it welcoming, safe and inviting.

Dave Getchonis
The Board of Trustees

United Women in Faith

Come and enjoy sharing a Potluck Supper and program on Tuesday, May 21, at 6 pm. Mr. Arthur Bembury will tell us about his work with Partakers, Inc. based in Auburndale. This organization works every day to reduce prison recidivism through essential educational opportunities and empowering mentorship relationships. He will highlight the "Partakers Reading Circle" for incarcerated students, and the "Re-Entry Empowerment Program" for women who have just been released from prison. Mark your calendar and bring a favorite food to share. Hosted by the UWF.

Sherry Anne Bryant, President



Mission Resource Team

Opportunities to Serve

- * Mother's Day blankets for Church World Service. See the signup form on page 7 for more information and to print the form. Completed forms with donation are due no later than Wed, May 8.
- * May 10 at 12 noon, Waltham Soup Kitchen food preparation. Soup Kitchen food delivery at 2:15pm.
- * We will be collecting nonperishable food donations during May for local food pantries. A collection bin is in Fellowship Hall.

Deb Hastings Team Leader

... from the Editor

We hope you enjoy Leon Zachery's recounting of his

Total Eclipse experience on the next page. If you have something you think might be of interest to the Congregation, please submit it to us. Articles should be no more than 250 words - about 1 column of this newsletter. Photos and graphics should be in high resolution JPEG or PNG files. All submission are subject to approval and editing for content and length. Please submit material to Sara in the Church Office at office@cumcwayland.org..

Sara Herwig Editor/Church Administrator



The Solar Eclipse

April 8, 2024







Hi CUMC Church Community:

I was fortunate enough to be able to travel north to see the recent solar eclipse. Per my usual practice it was a last minute decision, so it was quite the adventure. In order to make it to the "Path of Totality" in cloud free conditions, navigation through high traffic areas was required. :-) We (I went with a few coworkers) ended up in a small town called Lunenburg in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont. Yes, this is really the name of an area of Vermont - it borders Canada. People were gathered on the small town green for eclipse viewing. And yes, it was cloud free. :-)

When the moon covered the sun everyone on the small town green gasped ... clapped ... and there were many muffled screams. Rarely have I been part of something in which people could not contain themselves because of the sheer spectacle of the moment. I obviously cannot speak for others who witnessed it but it definitely seemed to be a moment which transcended day-to-day life for all who were there. That the moon could fully block the sun is still hard to imagine or comprehend. It made me contemplate all of the things far beyond my control and even my understanding — which had to happen for me to even be standing and observing that moment in that place on that day. What a lucky journey and what a privileged journey we all live in many ways. In addition, it seemed like God filled that place. I was very happy that there was a church on the town green (there actually seemed to be more than one church-like building on the green) and I thought of our church and our community. When the sun returned after the eclipse, it was like a 2nd summer day began as a special blessing for the community of people gathered there. Lucky for all of us this included the whole planet. :-)

For those wondering about more mundane matters - the duration of the total eclipse was a minute or maybe two minutes in that location. Drive time with traffic was 5 hours each way and to find food and eat took another 4 hours. So 14 hours of effort was required for 1 minute. But that minute was pretty spectacular. It was like the universe came to greet you for a minute, to let you see it up close.

God Bless Everyone, Leon Zachery





cwsblankets.org



THIS MOTHER'S DAY, Blanket the World with Love!

Blankets for Church World Service - 2024

Give a blanket in memory or in honor of those important women in your life. Church World Service distributes thousands of blankets around the world reaching families fleeing their homes, recovering from disasters, natural and human made. Each blanket is \$10.00. Please make checks payable to Community United Methodist Church and write "Blankets" in the memo section. Return this form and your check to the Church no later than Wednesday, May 8 with "CWS Blankets" written at the bottom of the envelope.

Please print legibly, EXACTLY how you would like the names to appear in the slide presentation on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12 and in the May 15 edition of the "This Week" weekly email.

Given by	
Donation Total	
In Memory of	
cwsglobal.org/blankets	
In Honor of	
	"I saw how they use the blankets and it's awesome!"





Summer Camp 2024!

Our Trustees have decided to send every child at Community UMC who wants to go for one week of camp. Whether the kids have chosen a week of sports, theater, crafts, or a mixture of all these and more, there has never

been one of our youth for whom this wasn't the highlight of their summer. You can make this happen for your youth in three easy steps!

1. Pick a session from any of the following camps:

Camp Aldersgate: (401) 568-4350 http://campaldersgate.com/

Camp Mechuwana: 207) 377-924 http://www.mechuwana.org/

Camp Wanakee: (603) 279-7950 https://www.wanakee.org/

2. Call the camp to register your child for the session for which you would like to enroll them. Tell the camp that Community UMC will be covering \$500.00 of the tuition for one week of camp. You will need to pay any remaining balance to the camp.





FAITH EXPLORING CLASS

4 Sundays
11:30AM-12:30PM
April 14 & 28
May 5 & 12

- Open to all (both current members & newer folks)!
- Learn more about the United Methodist Church.
- Get to know others in the church.
- Those who complete the class may choose to join (if they haven't already) on Sun. May 19.





How can I help?

- Help out in the kitchen.
- Donate items for small prizes (could be some candy or a few items from the Dollar Tree, for example.)
- Donate one or more \$5 or \$10 gift cards to Dunkin' Donuts or Starbucks, for the larger prizes.
- Donate snacks, drinks or frozen pizzas.
- Spread the word about the fundraiser among friends & neighbors!

Please let Evelyn Cho or Pastor Rebecca know ahead of time if you would like to help in any of these ways. Thank you!



Vacation Bible School



SAT. JULY 13 10AM - 2PM



NEWTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 430 WALNUT ST. IN NEWTONVILLE







games



songs



crafts



pizza & snacks

YOUTH MISSION WEEK



Join other youth in service projects to benefit our neighbors!

July 22-26, 2024 10AM-3PM

(9AM-3PM on Tuesday) 10AM-4:30PM on Thursday)

Grades 6-12

Base Location: 80 Main Street, Wayland, MA

Contact Pastor Rebecca Cho with questions or to register for this free program.

rebeccalyn.cho@gmail.com/ (617) 429-5909



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2024 Easter

















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?? Bible Quiz ???

What two rivers that we still know today are named in the Creation account in Genesis 2?

- A. Nile
- B. Yangtze
- C. Jordan
- D. Tigris
- E. Ganges
- F. Euphrates



Answer: D & F (See Genesis 2:10-14.)

Quotes of the Month

'If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome."

—Anne Bradstreet

"None can believe how powerful prayer is, and what it is able to effect, but those who have learned it by experience."

—Martin Luther

"In times of stress, the best thing we can do for each other is to listen with our ears and our hearts and to be assured that our questions are just as important as our answers."

—Fred Rogers



"Next year let's buy two carnations for the oldest mother."

Celebrations!

Birthdays

5/1	Gladys Blinn	5/13 Kaitlyn Gurley
5/2	Cynthia Tripp	5/14 Mary Sue Thompson
5/3	Sean Tracy	5/16 John Lundy
5/4	Eric Fay	5/16 Jeanne Preston
5/4	Georgia Wade	5/17 Rod MacLeod
5/6	Philip Howell	5/21 Kerry Getchonis
5/10	Holly Gibbons	5/24 Sherry Anne Bryant
5/10	Sara Herwig	5/27 Everly Donelly
5/11	Ben Tripp	5/28 Bruno Sathler Rosa
5/11	Evelyn Cho	5/29 Jan Fox
5/12	Priscilla Irwin	5/30 Jaime Curtis
5/12	Callie Bryant	5/31 Ginger Livingstone

Anniversaries

05/31/1991 Steve & Fran Daneault

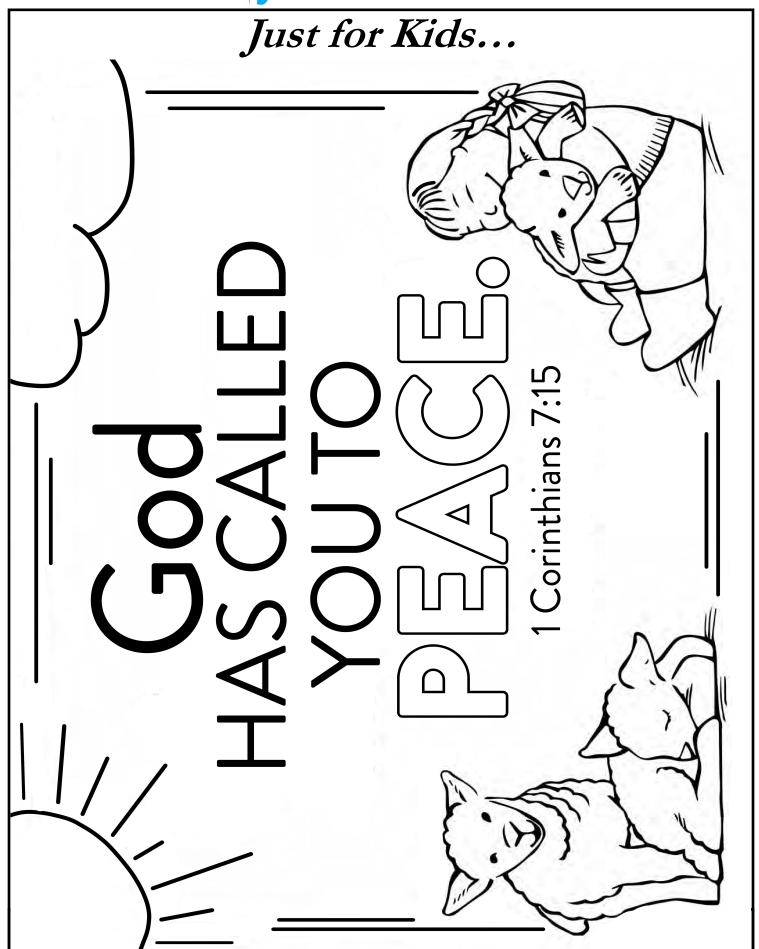
Birthday / Anniversary Listings

We try to include everyone for whom we have a birth date or anniversary date. If we have the wrong date for your birthday or anniversary or you would like to be included, please notify Sara in the Church Office at (508) 653-0577 or office@cumcwayland.org.

Special Dates

- National Day of Prayer, May 2, 2024
- Ascension Day, May 9, 2024
- Mother's Day, May 12, 2024
- Armed Forces Day, May 18, 2024
- Pentecost, May 19, 2024
- Trinity Sunday, May 26, 2024
- Memorial Day, May 27, 2024







May 2024

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:00 A.M.

Worship Service Nursery/Child Care Provided 10:00 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.

Sunday School for Age K thru Grade 12 (begins with the Worship Service - dismissal to classes is generally made after the children's message)

11:15 A.M.

Fellowship / Coffee Hour

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY thru FRIDAY 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM