

Welcome to First Congregational Church of Warwick, UCC

"We are committed to serving our community and sharing the love of Christ.

We believe that everyone is welcome in our church, and we strive to create a safe and inclusive space for all people."



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost / Year A
Access Sunday
October 11th, 2026

Worship 10:15 Sunday Mornings

Minster: *Pastor Michael Ashe and All Members of our Church*

Fellowship and Coffee 11:15 All are invited!

Minister of Music: *Tom Jones*

Handbell Director: *Stefani Caupuno*

~ Invocational Prayer:(Pastor Greg Tre Harris)(*) **Holy Divine,Everything we need, at birth we have.**

Each gift. Each story. Each body. Each way of moving through the world. Nothing lost. Nothing missing. Nothing wrong. Nothing without purpose. Designed with divinity in mind. When the world teaches us otherwise, remind us that You have always called us whole. Our aches and pains are not evidence that Love abandoned us. They are reminders that we live, that we love and are loved, that Ruach is precious, and that the Divine has remained by our side through it all. Our pain is our proof. As we gather in worship, help us recognize one another's abilities and disabilities, honor one each other's truths and identities, and discover Your presence within our shared humanity.May we remember that what the world often overlooks, You have always called beloved. May our worship reveal Christ among us, Your grace be made known through us, and our collective vulnerability become a testimony to Your abiding love. Amen.

~ Welcome and Announcements:

~ Opening Hymn: (*) **# 440 Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

~ Call To Worship:(Pastor Greg Tre Harris)

Leader:The Divine is our Shepherd. We want not. Not missing anything. Nothing holy, forgotten, or left out.

Together: Created in love, We are one!

Leader: The world names us by what it believes we lack. The Divine always calls us whole. Our bodies, our minds, our spirits, created without hesitation, held without condition, beloved without exception.

Together: Created differently, We are one!

Leader: One Band. One Body. Many members. One Sound. One Song. Many voices. One Truth. One Spirit. Many stories. No life stands alone. No gift exists apart from another.

Together: Created creatively, We are one!

Leader: We are seen through the eyes of our neighbors. We are strengthened by one another's veracity. We are healed through interconnected compassion. What the world calls weakness, The Divine transforms into common union.

Together: Our reality does not diminish. It binds us together, reveals Christ among us, and becomes the very place where grace is made known. Our collective vulnerability saves us all! Created in oneness, We are one!

~ Prayer of Confession and Assurance: (Pastor Maggie Guekguezian)(**All**) **God, we confess—That we took the truth that we are each made in Your image, marked with sacred worth from the moment of our birth, and placed conditions upon that first act of Your love. That we, like the Israelites at Horeb's foot, forgot Your works—our responsibility to love and care for each other—and shed some of life's beauty to be melted into a golden calf, a false idol that we name “able bodied”—“neurotypical”“sane”—, and turned “expected” into “correct”, put it on a pedestal, and worshiped it. Forgive us, Holy One, forgive us. God, transform us— Into unmakers of harm and workers of care, make of us advocates for each other, our siblings in humankind, like Moses who —through difficulties of speech— struggled for the good of Your people, first to Pharaoh and then even to You, O God! Into builders of the Kin-dom on Earth, repairers of the breach, removers of each other's yoke and burden, restorers of the streets to live in, guardians of each other's dignity and worth in all the ways God has called us into body, mind, and spirit! Change us, Holy One, change us. God, fill us with life anew— For the sake of the worth of all You've made, that it may endure. For the sake of Christ's ministry of grace and mercy. For the sake of us remembering that the Holy Spirit is beneath and between every breath whether fired by our lungs or by machines that assist them. For the sake of making the conditions for every person's thriving in the many and varied forms that a good life can take! Renew us, Holy One, renew us! Amen.**

~ Words of Grace (Pastor Maggie Guekguezian)

~ Testimony and Prayer of Joy:

~ Hymn of Joy: (*) See insert **Hey God Shepherd.**

~ Psalm Reading: Psalm 23

~ Share our Concerns and Prayers: (At this time you are invited to share your prayer requests with the congregation. When you are finished you may say **"This is my Prayer"** The congregation will then reply **"Lord hear our prayer"**)

Pastoral Prayer / Moment for reflection and meditation / Lord's Prayer

(Please use the wording that is the most meaningful to you)

Gloria Patri: Hymn# 734 (Laminated Sheet)

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen!"

~ Focus Scripture Reading: Matthew 22: 1-14

~ Morning Offering Dedication and Blessing:

~ Hymn of Gratitude (*) 688 We Give Thee but Thine Own

"We Give Thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be : All that we have is thine alone, a trust O Lord from Thee."

We ask that you leave your generous donations in the collection plate as you enter or exit the sanctuary we do not pass a collection plate but do rise in the spirit of prayer as we dedicate these gifts together (*)

~Prayer of Dedication: (Rev. Jacob Nault) **(All) God who loves as exactly as we are, thank you for this opportunity to celebrate the gifts of our disabled siblings. With these gifts of time, talent, treasure, and prayer, help us work with you to create a world where all your people can belong, and find peace in your presence. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who offers hope and liberation for all. Amen.**

~Hymn of Dedication: 147: .Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (Laminated Sheet)

~Closing Hymn: * # 581 Called as Partners in Christ's Service.

~Benediction and invitation to fellowship:

Please Join Us Downstairs after Worship for Coffee and Fellowship!

Service closes in song to the tune of Amazing Grace

"Through Christ you are a child of God, who dearly loves us all. Go forth in peace to share God's love. Rise up to heed that call, Amen! "

We are delighted to Worship with you today!



What's Happening at the FCCOW This Week and Beyond

Monday Night Handbell Practice: 6: pm

Brown Bag Bible Group: Meets after Sunday Worship (11:30) bring a snack or brown bag lunch.

Island Getaway Group: Thank you for all your continued work on our adopted island.

Quilting / Crafting Circle: TBD

(Please See the church office if you would like your event or group meeting added to this calendar at least 2 Sundays before the event)

Do you need a visit? A meal?

Someone to pray with?

Contact Pastor Michael, a Deacon,

or a member of our Care&Prayer Team!

Pastor Michael Ashe – Call or Text (401)391-8647

Clerk: Sandra Ashe – OliveOil61761@Gmail.com

Treasurer: Leslie Zanella – FCCWRITreasurer@gmail.com

Deaconess Sue Lapinski



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Psalm 23 NIV

A psalm of David.

Deacon: The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

All: He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

Deacon: Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

All: I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Deacon: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

All: Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Matthew 22:1-14 NIV

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: 2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

"Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.'

"But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

"Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless.

"Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are invited, but few are chosen."

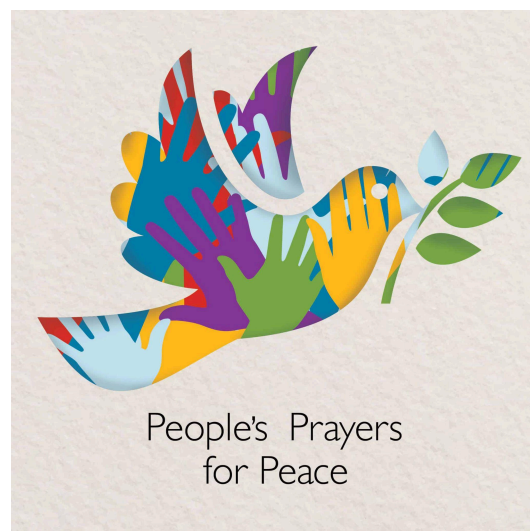
Prayer List of the People For the week of

Please note: Prayer requests can also be submitted by calling the Church Office at: (401)738-3377 or by e-mail to:

OliveOil61761@gmail.com

Our Church, Nation, State, Military, Chad, Brian, Joe, Better health for my dad and continued life, Brian, Pastor Michael, Matt, Sandy, Leslie, Lynn, Brianna and her dad, Milissa, Lily, Maryanne, Brian, Kara, Cheryl, Gary, Pam, Aunt Ruth, Uncle Melvin, George, Sean, Harry, Julie, Gail, Ann, Courtney, Peace in Gaza and other places. Continued prayers for all veterans and those serving on active duty in the military both in the United States and abroad.

Please note: We, the church, are in constant prayer for our church family, our community, our nation, and our world. We are in need of prayer, all of us. It is what brings us together! If you have requested an addition to the prayer list, it is helpful for you to provide updates to the church office, whenever possible, or request that the prayer concern be removed as it is no longer a concern or the issue has passed. If we have removed a prayer concern and you would like it added back to the list because there is a great need to keep the prayer in the forefront of our hearts and minds, please go ahead and make this known to the church office. Thank you!



Grow, Baby! Grow!

by Phiwa Langeni | published on Oct 7, 2026

Neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. – 1 Corinthians 3:7 (NRSV)

Real talk: Paul could have written this verse directly to parents. It rings especially true for those of us who are unpartnered or solo parents, leaning heavily into many communities—family, school, church, etc.—that help co-parent our children into adulthood.

Paul gives us a wonderful explanation for our successes as parents, which is God's growth-giving. He was writing to a people who were struggling with division, loyalties, and figuring out the right thing to do in complex situations. Sound familiar, much? If that doesn't capture the essence of parenting, there isn't much that does. If that doesn't capture the essence of discipleship, there isn't much that does. Whether there are divisions between the children we raise or shifting loyalties among the adults with whom we gather, every day is a navigation of any variety of complex situations, from the silly to the serious.

In my own experience of good parenting intentions gone bad, accidental miracles, failed plans, and bubble-gummed solutions, my daughter is somehow alive (and thriving!). When we cultivate our relationships with God as our Co-Parent, our efforts are transformed and multiplied into growth. The very cells that make up that growth are in God's domain.

That simple fact brings a tremendous amount of grace, hope, and possibility. Even as we do our best to nurture the ones in our circle of care, ultimately God attends to their growth.

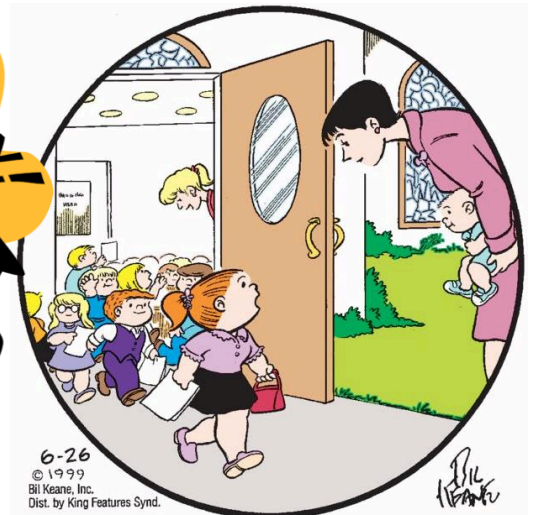
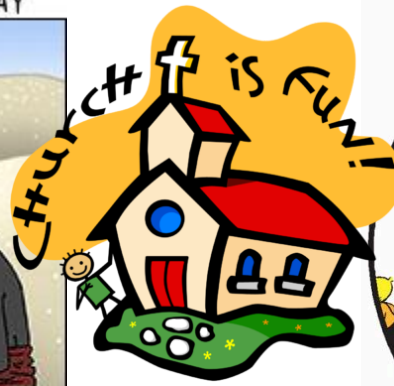
Prayer: For all the ways in which you provide growth in our children and even in our capacity to plant and water with love, we give you thanks, gracious God!



(See Numbers 14)

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"Know what? God knew me before I was born. but I can't quite

Matthew 22:1-14

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Wanna Hear Something Funny?

A Jewish rabbi and a Catholic priest were good friends. At a picnic one day, the priest was eating a ham sandwich. "You know," he said to his friend, "this ham sandwich is delicious. I know you're not supposed to eat ham, but I don't understand why such a good thing would be forbidden. When will you break down and try it?" To which the rabbi replied, "At your wedding."

Give your smile a workout and Pass it ON! Let's get our smiles in shape together!!!



