

West Parish of Barnstable  
**The Rooster Crows** Newsletter



***Worship at West Parish***

**Saturdays at 4:30 pm**

- May 4 Friendship - John 15:9-17 with guest musician Rebecca Mann
- May 11 Guided in Prayer - John 17:6-19
- May 18 Pentecost Celebration - Acts 2:1-12
- May 25 Pastor Reed Preaching

**Sundays at 10:00 am**

- May 5 Imagine That!
- May 12 The Healing Power of Music. Special Music: Sara Burrill
- May 19 Pentecost – **Wear Red!** Let the Spirit Empower YOU!
- May 26 Memorial Day Remembrance

Hello West Parish,

My name is Alycia Williams and I will be coming onboard as the Family School Director on Monday May 6th.

I have been in Early Childhood and Youth Programming for over 25 years. Recently I have embarked in a new area of study of Public Health/ Behavioral Health in order to help our teachers with our children's social emotional needs.

I'm excited to meet all of the new families, students, and teachers as well as all of the Congregational members.



## MILESTONES

### BIRTH

SOPHIA SUSAN BURCHHARDT

March 24, 2024

Born to Katie and Chris Burchhardt  
First grandchild of Pastors Christie and Reed!

### DEATH

ERNIE WALSH

December 25, 1929 – April 4, 2024

### OUR NEW MEMBERS

MARY ANN NODDIN

March 31, 2024

Mary Ann, who lives in Osterville, has five adult children, all of whom are in and have been in the armed services! Mary Ann enjoys her family, grandchildren, boating, and being outdoors.

STEVE AND JOAN GREGORY

April 20, 2024

Steve has been our Minister of Music for Saturday church for the past twelve years. Joan rings bells and has a heart for knitting and community. Joan and Steve have shared their musical and spiritual gifts with our church for many years and we are thrilled they have formally joined West Parish of Barnstable as members. They live in Marstons Mills and have two grown children. Steve owns Score Music studios in Sandwich and teaches ukulele at Cotuit Center for the Arts. Joan is the office administrator for Chapman Construction in Sandwich.



In remembrance of Shirley & Richard Canning Jr.  
We surround the Canning Quast family with our prayers as they remember their beloved parents.

## WOMEN IN THE SPIRIT

May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

at Pastor Christie's home, 8 Earl Road, E. Sandwich

A celebration of women, mothering, remembering our own mothers, and holding space for the grief of loss.

Bring a photo of a mother or a child or a woman who was a mothering figure for you to share in the group.

A light offering of appetizers, cookies and tea and cold drinks will be offered.



## MEN'S BREAKFAST IS BACK!

Jack's Outback, 8:00, Thursday May 9.

Be there, aloha!

## Happy Birthday

to our West Parish members and friends



- 3 Susan White
- 3 Barbara Cameron
- 5 Emily Abraham
- 6 Carrie Consalvi
- 9 Dan Lupfer
- 12 Ted Gould
- 14 Jane Heick
- 16 Brian Murphy
- 17 Katie Minehart
- 21 Elaine Brouillard
- 22 Donald Rockwood
- 23 Sven Borglund
- 27 Dan Enos
- 31 Kinsley Weider



*If you'd like to have your name included,  
please contact the office with your information.*

## WE HAVE PRAYER SHAWLS!



The West Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry knitters have been very busy and we now have a good supply of lovely prayer shawls to give away.

So, if you know anyone who is grieving, in pain, healing from a procedure, or just sad and in need of a prayer "hug", please let Robin Fryer know. Her email is [rfryer@aol.com](mailto:rfryer@aol.com) or you can call her at 508-280-1200 and ar-

range for one to be prepared. Thanks.

## Rooster Crows Creative Crafting Corner

### Attention!

### Do you have a “creative hobby”?

Do you cut, glue, knit, sew, or paint? Do you do paper crafting like scrapbooking or Stampin’ Up? Basic woodworking - like cutting out some basic shapes with a scroll saw?

November sounds like it is a long way off, but the Rooster Crows Creative Team is getting ready to begin designing and making beautiful items for the 2024 Rooster Crows Fair.

We are always looking for new ideas and new hands to work on projects. We welcome folks who can join us for in-person group creative time as well as folks who would rather work independently at home. Not sure what to make? No Problem! We are planning some take-home kits with all the supplies needed to finish a project.

If you have a particular idea or talent/skill you would like to share reach out to us at [RCF.Creatives@gmail.com](mailto:RCF.Creatives@gmail.com).

We will begin in-person crafting sessions in June – watch the church calendar for details!

**The Good News:** even if you do not consider yourself “creative” or “crafty” if you can follow basic directions, you can make just about anything!



## 2024 Stewardship Campaign



The 2024 Stewardship Campaign is upon us. We have chosen the theme of “Imagine Together” to reflect both where we have been and where we are going.

.....Imagine a church that is a nurturing church, where groups joyfully gather for fellowship and fun and deepening connection...

.....Imagine a church that is a teaching church, where all ages can grow in faith....

.....Imagine a church that is focused “out there”, impacting the wider community...

.....Imagine a church, 4 centuries young, boldly innovating a path to the future.

Actually, it’s not so difficult to imagine. Just look around! We are so fortunate to have all of these elements in place and thriving at West Parish. But we can make it better. Your pledge contributions enable all of this and more.

Seventy percent (70%) of our Annual Church budget comes from you in the form of Pledge and Plate contributions. Like everyone the Church is struggling with back-to-back years of high inflation. Please don’t let us slip behind as we continue to grow into our imagination. Pledges are always preferable as they are the only form of income that we can really plan on.

Please pledge if you can,

The Stewardship Committee.



## West Parish Family School

In April, the **Chickadees** learned about transportation, the color blue, and spring. We read many small board books including: The Wheels on the Bus, The Little Engine that Could Saves the Day, Hello City Bus, and Little Blue Truck Leads the Way.



As we learned that spring brings rain, we painted raindrops with blue paint and silver glitter. The students made sensory bottles using rice and assorted shapes. When the bottles are shaken and rolled, different shapes appear.

Miss B, Miss Sue, and Miss Devon



The **Toucan Toddlers** enjoyed learning about ponds this month. We talked all about pond life and what animals live in the pond. Our sensory bin was filled with pond materials including water, rubber ducks, fish, frogs, and various sizes of rocks. We read some books relating to ponds including "Little Quacks Hide and Seek" and "The Icky Sticky Frog". We also used our felt board pieces to sing "Five Little Ducks" and "Five Green and Speckled Frogs". The children used potato mashers with green paint to make turtles stamping them on the paper and noticing



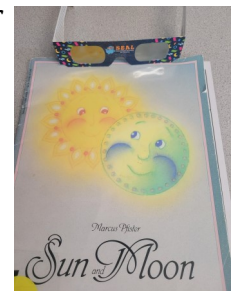
the different patterns the masher made. They also used sponges to make their very own pond with blue and green paint and then added glue to attach fish.

Miss Brie, Miss Jillian, and Miss Devan

In the **Radiant Rainbows**, we learned about recycling. Reading The Earth Book, by Todd Par taught us how we can help the earth: planting trees, using both sides of paper, turning off lights to conserve energy and reusing old items in new ways. We also learned about compost and what the recycling symbol looks like.



The Radiant Rainbows were able to experience the solar eclipse. We read the perfect book: The Sun and The Moon. In the book, the sun is lonely and didn't have any friends but the sun meets the moon for a short time. On April 8 at 2:30 pm, we put on our eclipse glasses and were able to see the beginning of the eclipse. After going back inside, we would periodically look outside and chock on the sun and moon becoming friends.



Miss Anne, Miss Stephanie, and Miss Lenora



**Lemon Drops** learned about the weather in April. We learned new weather vocabulary, experimented with wind and enjoyed extra time outside experiencing changes in the weather in real life. We explored wind through paint blowing and science with a hair dryer.

Miss Hannah and Miss Nicole




On Earth Day (April 22nd) the **Radiant Rainbows** and **Lemon Drops** had a visit with Miss Jess from Greenroad Refill, teaching us all about compost. First she read Compost Stew, A -Z Recipe for the Earth. The students then made compost using dirt, leaves, scrap paper, banana peels, egg shells and strawberry clippings. Then we pretended we were seeds and we sprouted and the sun made us grow. At the end the students planted flowers in recycled coffee bags.



For the most up to date calendar go to  
<https://westparish.org/calendar-2/>

Key: G = Guild Room; J = Jenkins Hall;  
M = Meetinghouse; FS = Family School; Z = Zoom

<b>1</b> 9:15 am FS Science (J) 4 pm FS Faculty (G) 5 pm AA (J)	<b>2</b> 9:15 am FS Science (J) 5 pm AA (J)	<b>3</b> 9:15 am FS Science (J) 10:30 am Knitting (G) 5 pm AA (J)	<b>4</b> 4:30 pm Worship
<b>5</b> 10 am Worship 5 pm AA (J)	<b>6</b> 5 pm AA (J)	<b>7</b> 10 am Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana 4 pm Foundation (G) 5 pm AA (J)	<b>8</b> 9:15 am FS Science (J) 4 pm FS Board (G & Z) 5 pm AA (J) 7 pm WITS at Pastor Christie's
<b>9</b> 10 am Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana 4 pm Foundation (G) 5 pm AA (J)	<b>10</b> 8 am Men's Breakfast At Jack's Out Back 9:15 am FS Science 5 pm AA (J) 7 pm WB Festival Committee (G)	<b>11</b> 9:15 am FS Science (J) 10:30 am Knitting (G) 5 pm AA (J) 7 pm "Drowning Saltmarshes" (M)	<b>12</b> 12 pm Shirley Whitelaw Memorial (M & J) 4:30 pm Worship
<b>13</b> 5 pm AA (J)	<b>14</b> 10 am Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana 5 pm AA (J)	<b>15</b> 9:15 am FS Science (J) 5 pm AA (J)	<b>16</b> <b>ROOSTER CROWS ARTICLES DUE</b> 9:15 am FS Science (J) 5 pm AA (J)
<b>17</b> 10 am FS Science (J) 5 pm AA (J)	<b>18</b> 4:30 pm Worship	<b>19</b> 9:15 am Outreach (G) 10 am Worship 5 pm AA (J)	<b>20</b> 5 pm AA (J)
<b>21</b> 10 am Choir Rehearsal (M) 4:30 pm Finance (G & Z) 5 pm AA (M)	<b>22</b> 9:15 am FS Science (J) 5 pm AA (J)	<b>23</b> 9:15 am FS Science (J) 5 pm AA (J)	<b>24</b> 9:15 am FS Science (J) 10:30 am Knitting (G) 5 pm AA (J)
<b>25</b> 4:30 pm Worship	<b>26</b> 10 am Worship 5 pm AA (J)	<b>27</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 5 pm AA (J)	<b>28</b> 5 pm AA (J)
<b>29</b> 9:15 am FS Science (J) 5 pm AA (J) 7 pm Mercy Otis Warren Woman of the Year (M)	<b>30</b> 9:15 am FS Science (J) 5 pm AA (J)	<b>31</b> 9:15 am FS Science (J) 10:30 am Knitting (G) 5 pm AA (J) 7 pm 1717 MHF Event (M)	

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**Blanket Sunday, Sunday May 12**

Taken on Mother’s Day, Blanket Sunday is a special offering we take to support a ministry of Church World Service. When disaster strikes, here in the United States or around the world, Church World Service provides blankets and other health essentials to meet immediate needs.

***Rooster Crows Newsletter Deadline***

The deadline for submissions for the June 2024 newsletter is Thursday, May 16th.  
Submissions can be made by mail, email, calling, or coming into the office.  
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