

West Parish of Barnstable
The Rooster Crows Newsletter



Worship at West Parish

Saturdays at 4:30 pm

- January 4 Star Gifts and Epiphany
- January 11 Baptism of our Lord, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
- January 18 Extravagant Love, John 2:1-11
- January 25 Good News, Luke 4:14-21

Sundays at 10:00 am

- January 5 “*The Three Henchmen – and You!*” Epiphany Celebration
- January 12 “*Wisdom’s Baptism*”
- January 19 “*The Rosa Parks Decision*”
- January 26 “*Teach and Be Taught*”

OUR SNOW CLOSING POLICY

We will hold worship services unless the weather is so incredibly bad that it would be unwise to ask our staff to drive through the storm. In the event of a snow cancellation, we will try to send out an all-church email and notify local radio stations. If in doubt, please stay home – your safety is our primary concern.



WHAT IS THE UCC?

The United Church of Christ (UCC) is us. In 1957, the Congregational Christian Churches (dating from the Pilgrims) and the Evangelical and Reformed Church (originating in Germany) merged to form the United Church of Christ.

Each congregation is autonomous. We decide who will be our pastor, how we will worship, and whom we will welcome. But, just as you can't be a Christian without a neighbor, so a congregation can't be a church if it isn't related by covenant with other congregations. The United Church of Christ is West Parish linked to other churches – of the UCC in other parts of the country, in other nations of the world, and in other faith traditions.

Through the UCC, we have access to resources which enrich us and help us in many ways: curricula for the church school, programs to help us with church finances and stewardship, a pastoral excellence program which helps our pastor be the best he can be for us, staff that help churches when they are searching for a new pastor or struggling over internal issues, etc.

But we also, through the UCC, have access to different ways to reach out and help the world, whether it be through connections with other UCC churches, or through mission efforts that are too large for any one church to take on by themselves.

YOUR OUTREACH, WHO YOU SUPPORT

Thanks to your giving, we support many organizations locally, nationally, and globally, who do good – Jesus tells us to love our neighbor, and this is just one way you do that!

This month we highlight **Meetinghouse Farm** - the mission of Meetinghouse Farm is to foster horticultural and agricultural values and practices in the community, and is located right down the road here on Rt. 149.

Due to the generous donations from the congregation, the Outreach Board has donated an additional \$500 additional to the Neighbors Fund of Cape Cod (formerly the Needy Fund) for the Christmas season.

We also gave Salvation Army \$500 in the form of gift cards for children, in addition to dressing a live doll with gifts of flowers, clothing, and accessories. Thank you

MEN'S BREAKFAST JANUARY 9

8:00. Jack's Outback in Yarmouth Port.
Be there, aloha!

WOMEN IN THE SPIRIT YANKEE GIFT SWAP

Tuesday, January 14th at 7:00 pm

Bring something you already own, a silly item, or a present you can't use for a fun night of swapping presents, laughter, and friendship. Meet at the pastors' home at 8 Earl Road in East Sandwich.

Come Join Us! Make a Joyful Noise!

The choir meets for practice on Tuesdays at 11 am in the Meetinghouse. We sing at the 10 am Sunday services.

Bell Choir practices on Tuesday evenings at 6:15 in the Meeting House. We will ring once a month at the 10 am Sunday service.



New members are always welcome.
Raise your hearts and voices together in praise!



our West Parish members and friends

2 Taylor Burch
4 Anna Botsford
6 Reed Baer
10 Peggie Bretz
10 Karen Datlowe
10 Sharon Hunt
13 Lily Codjoe
13 Bob Naylor
14 William Malcomson
14 Janet Scarpatto
17 Georgia Lonkart
17 Heather Malcomson
17 Tim Warren
19 Jim McCormick
21 Marianne Williams
31 Mary O'Neill

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

2024 ROOSTER CROW'S FAIR Another great success !!



Thanks to the hard work and energy of so many of our church members, the 2024 Rooster Crow's Fair raised the second largest amount in our history. This year, total sales were \$14,706.00 and the Sponsorships totaled \$14,618.00 from 43 donors for a grand total of \$29,324.00 which doesn't include over \$2,000 raised by the Family School. This is \$1,132 more than the \$28,192 raised last year.

In spite of rainy and cold weather, we still welcomed a steady stream of patrons who came to sample the baked goods, Christmas decorations and crafts, fudge, jewelry, wood turnings, knitting, and mercantile. Earl Maryatt played Christmas music on the piano in the morning and Paula King played the organ in the afternoon helping to create an even more festive atmosphere.

While the fair is an important fundraiser for the church, it also serves as an important way for us to connect with the broader community showcasing our historic Meetinghouse as well as the many committed folks who show their talents and support for West Parish. Thanks to Everyone!!

Steve

Thank you to All the 2024 Rooster Crows Fair Sponsors!

A special thank you to the 43 donors who gave a total of \$14,617.95 to support the Fair this year:

Rich and Lauren Abraham

Steve and Carolyn Ayres

Leland Adams

Carol Allen

Steve and Mindy Abbott

Sue and Bruce Benwood

Elaine Brouillard

Bill and Dottie Brower

Reed Baer and Christie Burns

Peggie Bretz

Barbara Cameron

Sandy and Rik Clark

Karen Datlowe

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Rosalie Jones

Warren and Jeanne Jones

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Matthew and Deborah Lee

Jacqueline and Donald Martin

Mary and Jim McCormick

Laura Murphy

Robert and Gretchen Naylor

Diane Nicholls

Barbara Rogers

Holly Rogers

Rick Serodio

Jack and Betsy Sinnigen

Peter and Betsy Smith

Bob and Shirley Stolte

Roy Thomas

Greg and Marianne Williams

Craig and David Yohn



TO THE PHOTOGRAPHERS OUT THERE!

We will be selling 1717 Meetinghouse Christmas Cards this year, however, we need new photographs of the Meetinghouse and/or Family School children with Meetinghouse for use on the cards for **2025!** Please keep this in mind throughout the winter months.

If you become aware of a great photograph opportunity this winter, please seize the moment with your camera. The photos can be day or night.

Text the image to me at 508-280-1200 or email it to rfryer@aol.com. I'll be collecting the images throughout the winter. Four will be chosen for our 2025 Christmas cards which will go on sale in November.

Many thanks in advance. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Robin Fryer



FLOWERS

Thank you to all who sponsored flowers last year!

The 2025 calendar is on the kiosk in Jenkins Hall, so sign up early for special dates that you may want. Sponsorship is still \$32 payable to Susan in the office. On the calendar, please write your name legibly as well as whether you would like the arrangement to be in honor or in memory of someone. A member of the Flower committee will contact you about any specific requests, put the arrangement together and have it in place in the Meetinghouse for you.

Also, a big THANK YOU to the arrangers - Lynn Parker, Kelly Washburn, Sharon Hunt, Carol Allen, and Kenyon Gregoire.

If anyone would like to join us on this committee that brightens up the Meetinghouse every week, please let me know.

Chris Haven
Flower Committee chair (since 2004!)

West Parish Family School



Moving ahead while honoring tradition

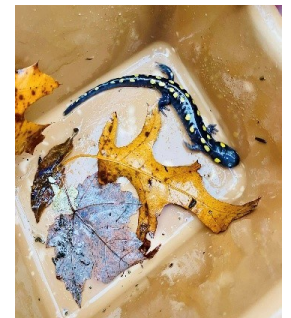


Our Thanksgiving meal was lovely, and we were happy to see so many families join us for a wonderful meal.



Preschool's curriculum last month was all about TREES, we were lucky to have Marina Matos mother of Tupelo, come in from her business Edible Landscapes and create a pine needle tree with our preschool class.

Ms Anne and Ms Sam's Pre-K classes had a busy day with their "Annual Gingerbread hunt". They baked gingerbread men, but alas, two of them escaped and the kids had to follow clues throughout the entire building to find where they went. As usual the kids had a blast.



On the last rainy day our friends were able to splash in puddles and even discovered a spotted salamander, who the kids found out were endangered.

Our staff Christmas party this year was held at The West End, and we were happy to find out that the owners are alumni of West Parish Family School and couldn't wait to throw a festive party.



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

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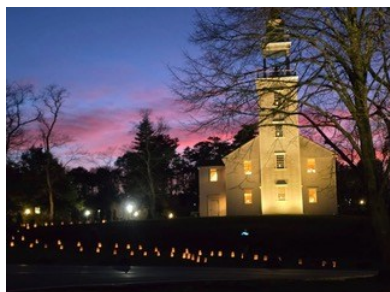
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and festive bell ringers for the carol sing.*



Rooster Crows Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submissions for the February 2025 newsletter is Thursday, January 16.

Submissions can be made by mail, email, calling, or coming into the office.

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