

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



### *Worship at West Parish*

#### **Saturdays at 4:30 pm**

- February 1 “Doctor, Go Heal Yourself” Luke 4:21-30
- February 8 There is Nothing to Fear, Luke 5:1-11
- February 15 Joy Comes in the Morning, Luke 6:17-26
- February 22 Love Them: When Following Jesus  
Means Learning to Love Our Enemies. Luke 6:27-38

#### **Sundays at 10:00 am**

- February 2 “The Fuzziness of God”
- February 9 Rev. Christie Burns preaches
- February 16 “Teach Us (Me) to Pray”
- February 23 T/B/D!

#### **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.



## 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 week we highlight **The United Church of Christ, including the Southern New England Conference** - We support our denomination, the United Church of Christ, and its ministries at the national and conference levels. The UCC supports local churches, provides resources for churches in areas such as Christian Education, finance, stewardship, and leadership, engages in disaster relief around the world, together with peace and justice ministries.



## OUR PRAYER GROUP

We have 38 folk here who each week receive an email with a five-minute video about prayer put together by Pastor Reed. It includes the Parish Prayer List and other concerns and celebrations that come up. You can watch on your timetable and help the church do what we do best, and what the rest of the world does not – pray! Contact the pastors or the office to be added in.

## BAPTISM OPPORTUNITY

If you would like to have your child baptized, or if you would like to be baptized yourself, please contact Pastor Reed or Pastor Christie.

What is baptism?

Here is one brief explanation, from the baptismal liturgy:

“The sacrament of baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God.

Inasmuch as the promise of the gospel is not only to us but also to our children, baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ’s church,

the sign and seal of their participation in God’s forgiveness,

and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.”

## MEN’S BREAKFAST

Feb. 13, 8:00

Jack’s Outback

Contact the office or Bob Wyman to let us know if you can join us.



## WOMEN IN THE SPIRIT VALENTINES

Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00 pm

Join us for a delightful evening of art and crafts at 8 Earl Road, East Sandwich.

We will be designing Valentine’s for our family, loved ones and church members. If you have supplies to share with us bring them. There will be light refreshments. Invite a friend!

*(some photos from last year’s Valentine’s meeting)*



## OUR KNITTING GROUP

Each Friday from 10:00-12:00 or so knitters, needle-pointers, etc. get together in the Guild Room to stitch and enjoy some time away from everything else just to be with one another.

We have some 15 or so folk who enjoy this group, so come join them!

Talk to Robin Fryer if you want to learn more!  
508-280-1200 or [rfryer@aol.com](mailto:rfryer@aol.com).



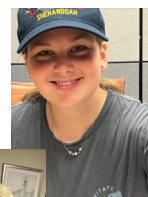
## Saturday School Update

Saturday School meets each week during the 4:30 service, led by Pastor Reed and Cassie Estey.

We average 6-7 students per week, ages 2-16!



Give us a try!



## Join us at West Parish for a Heartwarming Evening

*with dinner and music*

**Saturday, February 15, 6-8 pm**

*A West Parish Fun-raiser Donations Welcome*

RSVP to [director@westparishfamilyschool.org](mailto:director@westparishfamilyschool.org)  
or see Alycia after worship

Reservation confirmations to be handed out  
at Sunday worship by Cupid

### **Menu**

Domestic and Imported Cheeses, Fresh Tropical Fruit  
Fresh Gulf Shrimp with Meyer Lemon Cocktail Sauce

Caesar Salad with Shaved Parmesan Reggiano and Herb Croutons

Pan-seared Beef Tenderloin Medallions  
with Wild Mushrooms in a Cognac demi glaze  
with Yukon Gold Whipped Potatoes & Herb Roasted Broccoli Florets

Homestyle Strawberry Shortcake



our West Parish members and friends

6 Dale Siedsma  
6 Dottie Brower  
7 Christie Burns  
8 Sandy Clark  
10 Beverly Blaine  
13 Peggy Nelson  
15 Tom Frederick  
18 Andrew Henson  
19 Steve Gregory  
19 Lauren Abraham  
22 Katie Flynn  
23 Kelly Washburn  
23 Charles Conway  
24 Brian Flynn  
28 Bryan Sheppard

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

## 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](mailto: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



West Parish Family School



Moving ahead while honoring tradition

### January Update

Brand new things are happening in January!

The Parent Association was created, led by our own Christina Stone. These parents will be working on four separate events throughout the year including Teacher Appreciation week coming up in May.

Our first snow brought us fun times outside. Ms. Anne's class always have a blast sledding!



### 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!

The Pre-K classrooms took a field trip to the Barnstable Senior Center to participate in an intergenerational activity. Planting acorns to grow oak seedlings with our local seniors on Friday January 24th. We will then plant them together on Arbor Day, April 25.



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

<p><b>2</b> 10 am Worship 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>3</b> 10:30 am FS Classes (J) 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>4</b> 9:15 am FS Science (J) 10 am Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana 11 am Choir Rehearsal (M) 5 pm AA (J) 6:15 pm Bell Choir (M)</p>	<p><b>5</b> 9:15 am FS Science (J) 12 pm Bible Study (G &amp; Z) 4 pm FS Faculty (G) 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>6</b> 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>1</b> 4:30 pm Worship</p>		
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<p><b>16</b> 10 am Worship 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>17</b> Office Closed 5 pm AA (M)</p>	<p><b>18</b> 9:15 am FS Science (J) 10 am Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana 11 am Choir Rehearsal (M) 4:30 pm Finance (G) 5 pm AA (J) 6:15 pm Bell Choir (M)</p>	<p><b>19</b> 9:15 am FS Science (J) 12 pm Bible Study (G &amp; Z) 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>20</b> Rooster Crows Articles Due 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>21</b> 10:30 am Knitting (G) 5 pm AA (M)</p>	<p><b>22</b> 4:30 pm Worship</p>	
<p><b>23</b> 10 am Worship 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>24</b> 10:30 am FS Classes (J) 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>25</b> 9:15 am FS Science (J) 10 am Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana 11 am Choir Rehearsal (M) 5 pm AA (J) 6:15 pm Bell Choir (M)</p>	<p><b>26</b> 9:15 am FS Science (J) 12 pm Bible Study (G &amp; Z) 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>27</b> 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>28</b> 10:30 am Knitting (G) 5 pm AA (M)</p>	<p><b>29</b> 10:30 am Knitting (G) 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>30</b> 10:30 am Knitting (G) 5 pm AA (J)</p>

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Heartwarming Dinner at Coffee Hour*



***Rooster Crows Newsletter Deadline***

The deadline for submissions for the March 2025 newsletter is Thursday, February 20.

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

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