

West Parish of Barnstable The Rooster Crows Newsletter



WORSHIP AT WEST PARISH

Saturday 4:30 pm

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| May 2 | Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life, John 14:1-14 |
| May 9 | The Advocate, John 14:15-21 |
| May 16 | Jesus Prays for Us, John 17:1-11 |
| May 23 | Pentecost! Wear RED and celebrate the birthday of the church, Acts 2:1-21 |
| May 30 | The Commissioning of the Disciples, Matthew 28:16-20 |

Sunday 10:00 am

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| May 3 | “Stick to your Knitting” Celebration of our Knitters! |
| May 10 | TBA! |
| May 17 | The Compassionate Collective w/Alycia Williams |
| May 24 | Music Sunday |
| May 31 | Pentecost – Wear Red! |

MILESTONES

OUR NEW MEMBERS

Henry and Laura Gray

Henry and Laura and their children have been active members of our Saturday at 4:30 congregation for some time now. They are excited to worship and raise their three children: Eddie, Whitney & Otto in a loving, inclusive and faith-based community. They hail from the mid-Atlantic, but have made their home here in Centerville. Henry works aboard deep sea ships and Laura works at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

Hope Gray

Hope is Henry's mother, and has also been active in our Saturday congregation.

Ellen and Frank Wolak

Ellen and Frank live in Sandwich. They are transplants from western mass. They enjoy renovating old homes and rescuing dogs and cats. Ellen loves to knit and Frank is still working. Between the 2 of them they have 8 children. They have enjoyed their new life on Cape Cod and becoming members of this lovely church.

Paula McNabb Ippolito

Paula lives over in King's Way with her energetic and adorable pup, Zack. She is a retired pediatric nurse, with decades of service at the East Boston Community Health Center, which she helped found.

DEATH

Barbara Cameron

May 3, 1928-April 14, 2026

Barbara passed away peacefully on April 14.

After growing up in Belmont, Massachusetts, Barbara became a "day-hop" at Boston University where she met future husband Vincent F. Conroy. She went on to earn a Master's from BU and was hired as a fourth grade teacher in the Bedford Public School district at a time when married women were barred from the classroom.

She was a world traveler and collected artwork from locations as far-flung as China and Turkey.

Her spirit will be enjoying a dry vodka martini, up, with a twist, at precisely five o'clock this evening.

WOMEN IN THE SPIRIT

Come and enjoy an evening of friendship, fellowship, planting flowers in pots



and sharing stories about where we see growth and change in our lives.

Bring a friend if you would like.

We meet at 7:00 p.m. at 8 Earl Road, East Sandwich on Tuesday, May 5th

MEN'S BREAKFAST IS BACK!



Jack's Out Back, 8:00, Thursday May 14.

Be there, aloha!

BLANKET SUNDAY

Taken on Mother's Day, May 10, Blanket Sunday is a special offering we take to support a ministry of Church World Service, which when disaster strikes, here in the United States or around the world, provides blankets and other health essentials to meet immediate needs.





Thank You

Dear Board of Outreach,

On behalf of the entire KDC Cape and Islands Early Intervention Program, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to you and your team for your generous contributions to our 2025 Holiday Project. This year, we supported the highest number of families and children we have ever served, due to a variety of challenging circumstances impacting our community.

With your help, we were able to provide toys, books, clothing, shoes, and gift cards to **53** families and a total of **122** children. Your support made it possible for us to bring comfort, joy, and stability to families who needed it most.

We truly could not have done this without you. Your dedication to this project means more than words can fully express. Thank you for standing with us and for making such a meaningful difference in the lives of the children and families we serve.

With sincere gratitude,

Cate Abate

Program Director

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 or band saw)?

November sounds like it is a long way off, but the Rooster Crows Creative Team is already designing and making beautiful items for the 2026 Rooster Crows Fair.

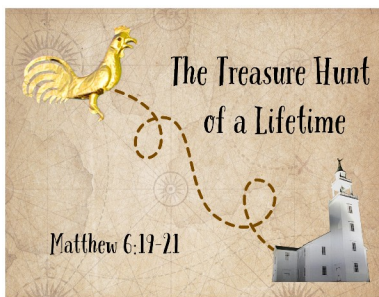
We are always looking for new ideas and new hands to work on projects. We welcome folks who can join us for in-person group creative time as well as folks who would rather work independently at home. Not sure what to make? No Problem! We are planning some take-home kits with all the supplies needed to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

Join us at one of our Pop-Up workshops in May and June! We will begin regularly scheduled in-person crafting sessions in July – 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!





THE TREASURE HUNT OF A LIFETIME

“Don’t hoard treasure down here where it gets eaten by moths and corroded by rust or—worse!—stolen by burglars. Stockpile treasure in heaven, where it’s safe from moth and rust and burglars. It’s obvious, isn’t it? The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being.” Matthew 6:19-21

What do you treasure most? Is it family or friends, or perhaps your education, or maybe a special place, or even a meaningful career. We are all different in what we treasure. It’s what makes us unique.

But we all have something in common in that each of us has a special place in our hearts called West Parish. We treasure West Parish for all that it has given us over the years. It’s a place to worship, a place to learn, a place of friendship, a place of generosity, and a place of creativity.

Each year at this time we ask that you put a little back. **West Parish needs your financial support to continue to be your “go to” place of treasure.**

A pledge is important for its obvious financial impact, but it also allows us to plan ahead knowing what we can afford.

Please pledge to keep this wonderful treasure thriving. A little increase (\$) would also be much appreciated,

Bruce,
Chair, Stewardship Committee

OUR PRAYER LIST

*May the presence of Jesus Christ be with those on our prayer list
and with those who care for them.*

The prayers of the congregation are asked for:

Christopher Allen (Carol & David Allen’s grandson)
Karolina Atsalis (friend of Rich and Lauren Abraham)
Matt Burch (son-in-law of Suzanne McMillan)
Emy and Yessica (friends of Christie Burns)
Rudy Giannetti (friend of Paula King)
Sarah and Cody Hudspeth (Sharon Hunt’s niece and her husband)
Clyde Hunt (brother of John Hunt)
Gina Jacinto (Joanna Wallace’s friend)
Nelson Jenkins (Tripp Grohe’s friend)
Dave & Barbara Kern (friends of Joanna Wallace)
Sue Maki (Joanna Wallace’s friend)
Jason Miller (Robin and Jim Miller’ son)
Greg Opp (family member of Bobbie Jordan)
Randy Parker
Carol Polidoro
Gary Toye (Bobbie Jordan’s brother)
Marvin Toye (Bobbie Jordan’s brother)
Roy Urbach (friend of Karen Datlowe)
Joanna Wallace

Please notify the church office of any additions,
deletions, or changes you wish to make.



Happy Birthday

to our West Parish members and friends

3 Susan White
5 Emily Abraham
6 Carrie Consalvi
9 Dan Lupfer
12 Ted Gould
14 Jane Heick
17 Katie Minehart
21 Elaine Brouillard
22 Donald Rockwood
23 Sven Borglund
26 Bonnie Marryat
31 Kinsley Weider

*If you have any additions,
please contact the office with your information.*



Ms. Sue collaborates with teachers, administration, and families to provide ongoing support

The school has a new TIK TOK page to highlight our exciting activities to the world! One of our teachers, who is very skilled in managing social media, Summer Mendes, now manages our new TIK TOK. Follow us on the TIKTOK@westparish. We have already posted three videos with one specific spotlight on Ms. Sue our brand-new Special Needs Teacher.



The date is set for the 50th Anniversary Gala!

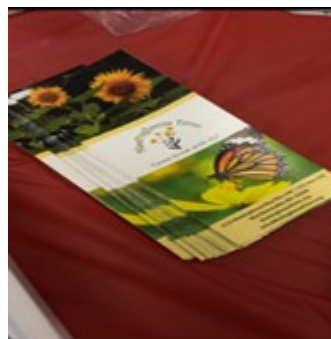
Friday October 23rd 6pm-9pm at the Cotuit Center for the Arts.

Save the date cards will go out in the mail by June, stay tuned for your invite!

THANK YOU!

We'd like to thank Brad Haven, Bruce Benwood, Steve Abbott, and Alex Haven for refilling the playground sandboxes and putting the sunshades up!

We celebrated Earth Day with a visit from Earl Springer, from Meetinghouse Farm, who helped the student's plant "Teddy Bear" Sunflowers. The students participated in fun activities and even made a special Earth Day snack!



Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up, and we want to make it extra special again this year for the wonderful teachers and staff for all they do for our kids every day!

We are collecting donations to fund a fun week of treats, surprises, and activities for WPFS teachers. Every contribution, no matter how small, is greatly appreciated. To donate, Venmo Christina Stone (Whitney and Clara's mom) at @Christina-Stone-2

SMALL GROUPS AT WEST PARISH

Small groups are a great way to get to know one another, have fun, and grow in the Spirit. They are always looking to welcome new folk.

Women in the Spirit (WITS)

A women's fellowship and spirituality group that meets at the pastor's house, 8 Earl Road, East Sandwich, on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.

Contact Pastor Christie at associatepastor@westparish.org.

Men's Breakfast Group

We meet on the second Thursday of the month at Jack's Out Back in Yarmouth Port. Good eats and good conversation.

Contact Bob Wyman at robertwyman@hotmail.com.

The Knitters

Meet in the Guild Room each Friday from 10 am to noon. Bring your needlepoint, rug hooking, knitting, crochet work in progress!

Contact Robin Fryer at rfryer@aol.com.

The Rooster Crows Creative Crafters

Crafty? Not so crafty? We welcome all levels at our sessions. Pop-up sessions are in May and June with regularly scheduled sessions starting in July.

Contact Liz Knox-Lupfer at kox.elizabeth@verizon.net.

Bible Study

Rev. Betsy Garland and Pastor Reed lead the group on Wednesdays live in the Guild Room and by Zoom from 1 – 2 pm.

Contact Rev. Betsy at betsyaldrichgarland@gmail.com.

The Choirs

Do you like to sing? Can you count? Do you love to make music? The both choirs meet Tuesdays in the Meetinghouse. The adult choir meets at 11 am and the handbell choir meets at 4:30 pm.

Contact Music Director Paula King at music@westparish.org.

Church Office Professionals



Serving the Faithful, faithfully

Donations Requested

Each year our office administrator, Susan McEwen, attends a conference for Church Office Professionals in mid-June. The group holds an outreach collection for a local Cape Cod group.

This year they are having a clothing drive for the Cape Cod Foster Closet.

They are asking for boys and girls shorts and short sleeve shirts in sizes: 10, 12, 14/16, Adult XS, Adult S, Adult M, and Adult L

If you would like to contribute, please drop off any items to Susan in the office.

Thank you



MAY

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; MHF = 1717 Meetinghouse Foundation

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Saturday School rolled quarters, some of the piggy bank treasure that Sarah Wyatt donated, with the condition that some be used for the class as they wished (they chose a party!), and some be given to charity. They chose helping the hungry and the homeless!

Rooster Crows Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submissions for the June 2026 newsletter is Thursday, May 21.

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

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