West Parish of Barnstable

The Rooster Crows Newsletter



NOVEMBER 2026

Come Ye to The Fair...

The Rooster Crows Fair, that is!
Saturday, November 21 from 9am to 2pm
you don't want to miss out!

Handmade gifts & Holiday Décor
Baked Goods & Fudge
Fresh Greens & Arrangements
Jewelry & Accessories Boutique
Mercantile (Attic Treasures)

You won't want to miss it!

Watch your e-mail and listen for announcements during worship in the coming weeks for more information on how you can be involved in this special annual West Parish event!

WORSHIP AT WEST PARISH

Saturday 4:30 pm

November 7	Keeping God's Light Lit Matthew 25:1-13
November 14	The Talent Show Matthew 25:14-30
November 21	Rest and Restore: in Gratitude to the Fair Folks
November 28	First Week in Advent. Where Are You, God? Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 and Mark 13: 24-37

Sunday 10:00 am

November 1	"You, the Anointed Ones" All Saints Day Celebration
November 8	Founders Day. "How Preservation Feeds My Soul"
November 15	"Heavenly Thoughts"
November 22	"The Uninvited Guests at the Thanksgiving Table"
November 29	1ST Advent!!! "On the Way to Christmas, Carrying Hope"

MILESTONES

Sven Borglund

May 23, 1927 - September 27, 2026

Peggy Nelson

February 13, 1950 - September 8 , 2026

MEN'S BREAKFAST NOVEMBER 12

@ Jack's Outback, Yarmouth Port. 8:00.
Good eats, good conversation, join us!

RSVP to Bob Wyman or Pastor Reed.

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 **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.

FALL PLANTING FOR SPRING COLOR!

Come join us to plant 230 (!) daffodil bulbs to brighten up the walkway. We will be planting on Nov. 4th & 7th from 10 am-noon and Nov. 8th from 11:30 am, if any bulbs are left to plant. Please dress for the weather and bring your planting tools, power tools with augers would be great!

Any questions call Kathleen Warren 508-776-2178



THE ROOSTER CROWS FAIR JEWELRY ROOM



is now accepting: necklaces, brooches, earrings, rings, racelets, handbags, purses, clutches, and "fancy" gloves.

If you have items to donate please drop them off in the office.

WOMEN IN THE SPIRIT
November 17th at 7:00 p.m.
special date for November

For this special Thanksgiving WITS experience, I invite you to bring a favorite Thanksgiving appetizer or dessert to share and the recipe. We will talk about the past, what we remember and how we can focus on the present and finding a sense of the holy in our time of feasting with family and friends. Come hungry, share your stories and fill up your cup for the days ahead.

Please RSVP to Pastor Christie by text, email associatepastor@westparish.org, or in person.

WEST PARISH'S THANKSGIVING OFFERING ENVELOPE

Enclosed in this issue of the Rooster Crows is a Thanksgiving Offering Envelope.

Funds from the Thanksgiving Offering (and Christmas and Easter) are an important source of funds to support the operations of West Parish. Help us to continue West Parish's wonderful work with your extra gift this Thanksgiving 2026 – please give generously! It's a great opportunity to add to your family's Thanksgiving Celebration.

Bob Stolte
Financial Secretary



A Golden Night to Remember!

What an incredible evening of celebration, generosity, and community spirit! West Parish Family School celebrated its 50th Anniversary Gala at the Cotuit Center for the Arts. It was truly a night to remember as families, alumni, friends, community members, and supporters gathered to honor our school's rich history and look ahead to an exciting future.

This special evening was not only a celebration of our past but also a reminder of the importance of investing in the next generation.

One of the highlights of the evening was our exciting live auction**!** Led by the incredibly talented and entertaining auctioneer, John Terrio, guests enthusiastically bid on some truly extraordinary experiences and items. From an unforgettable South African safari and a Chicago getaway to a New England adventure, a custom-built children's playhouse, a beautiful original painting, and an incredible New England Patriots package, the energy and generosity in the room were remarkable!

An evening of this magnitude would never have been possible without the dedication of so many extraordinary people.

Our deepest gratitude to the gala committee: Susan J., Gail F., Summer M., Martyna K., Chrissy and Chris L, Carol A., Annie T., and Anne S. For months, this dedicated group worked tirelessly behind the scenes, coordinating donations, sponsorships, decorations, entertainment, auction items, and countless details. Their creativity, hard work, and commitment turned a vision into a beautiful reality. We are incredibly grateful for each one of them.

A very special thank-you goes to Susan McEwen, whose work in the church office was invaluable throughout the planning process. From preparing materials and helping with countless details to ensuring everything was ready for the big night, Susan's dedication, patience, and willingness to help made an enormous difference. We could not have done it without her!

We were also honored to welcome State Representative Steve Xiarhos, who presented a special citation from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, recognizing West Parish Family School's 50 years of service to children and families. This recognition was a meaningful moment and a beautiful tribute to the school's longstanding impact on our community.

Our evening was made even more special by the wonderful musicians who shared their talents with us. Paula King and Becky Abbott provided beautiful piano and flute music as guests arrived, setting a warm and elegant tone for the celebration. Later in the evening, Tish Adams and Bluz U Can Use brought incredible energy and entertainment, filling the room with fantastic music and making the celebration even more memorable.

We also want to express my heartfelt appreciation to Pastor Reed Baer and Associate Pastor Christie Burns for their encouragement, support, and commitment to the mission of West Parish Family School. The relationship between our school and West Parish of Barnstable is something truly special. Their partnership reminds us that our school is more than a building or a program; it is a ministry of love, compassion, and service to children and families.

To our generous sponsors, donors, auction participants, ticket holders, volunteers, and everyone who contributed in both big and small, thank you! Your generosity and belief in our mission made this celebration possible.

As we reflect on this milestone, we are reminded that West Parish Family School's greatest strength has always been its people. For five decades, teachers, families, church members, and community supporters have come together to create a place where children can feel safe, valued, and loved.

As we look toward the future and the dream of a new school building, we carry forward the same spirit of faith, generosity, and community that brought West Parish Family School to life 50 years ago. Our building may change, but our mission and the love at the heart of our school will remain the same.









Teachers Sylver Alty and Chrissy Lauzon honoring fellow teacher Anne Stabard



Rep. Steven Xiarhos



Kristen Lind, former director with Teacher Anne Stabard



Current teachers Abbey Story, Sylver Alty, Allison DePalma and Anna Evaangelista



Former teachers Sharon Clausen, Judy Cattigani and Christine Kerwin



Paula King and Becky Abbott



Anne Stabard, Pastor Christie,
Carol Allen and Chrissy Lauzon







Bob Stolte, Liz Knox-Lupfer,
Dan Lupfer and Karen Datlowe



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)
The Atsalis Family
(friends of Rich & Lauren Abraham)
Rik Clark
Chuck Conway
Judy Crawford (Robin Fryer's friend)
Ella Curtis (Carol Allen's grandniece)
Tad DeMarco (Robin Fryer's brother)
Emy and Yessica (friends of Christie Burns)
Rudy Giannetti (friend of Paula King)
Bob Gimby
Donna Grohe
Tripp Grohe
Gail Grossman (friend of Robin Fryer)
Sarah and Cody Hudspeth
(Sharon Hunt's niece & her husband)
Clyde Hunt (brother of John Hunt)
Jerry Hunt (son of John and Sharon Hunt)
Gina Jacinto (Joanna Wallace's friend)
Dave & Barbara Kern (friends of Joanna Wallace)
Sue Maki (Joanna Wallace's friend)
Lily McCardle
(granddaughter of Elaine & Stephen Bartlett)
Summer Mendes and her sister
Jason Miller (Robin & Jim Miller's son)
Greg Opp (family member of Bobbie Jordan)
Randy Parker
Carol Polidoro
Betsy Sinnigen
Bart Stevens (friend of Carol Allen)
Annie Taber
Cal Toye (Bobbie Jordan's brother)
Marvin Toye (Bobbie Jordan's brother)
Roy Urbach (friend of Karen Datlowe)
Joanna Wallace
Nick Wallace (friend of the Allen family)
Macayla Washburn and her family
Chuck Wildman

If you have any corecctions or additions, please let us know. Contact the office at contact@westparish.org or 508-362-4445

News from the Rooster Crows Creative Crafting Crew



It's November!!
The Rooster Crows Fair is just a few short weeks away!

Our Creative Crew has been hard at work since the summer; working on beautiful, handcrafted items for the fair. We are in the final push to finish projects for the big day.

We continue to meet every Thursday morning from 10AM to about noon in Jenkins. Please consider joining us. On-the-job training provided.

A note to those of you who have been busy working independently on projects at home: **PLEASE bring your donations to the church no later than Sunday, November 15.** If you have a suggested value/price, please include that information and we will take it into consideration as we lay everything out and begin the pricing process. Also, please include your name so we can properly thank you for your contributions. Items can be left on the back shelf in Jenkins or bring them to Coffee Hour on Sunday and give them to Jane, Karen, or Liz.

Happy Birthday

to our West Parish members and friends

4 Sue Benwood
6 Mark Shaw
8 Carol Allen
12 Mary Ann Noddin
13 Kim Baker
14 Paula King
18 Barbara Breisky
21 Dianna Henson
24 Carl Heick
25 Sarah Wyatt
26 Cassie and Chase Saxon
27 Rob Downey
28 Robin Miller
29 Bob Wyman

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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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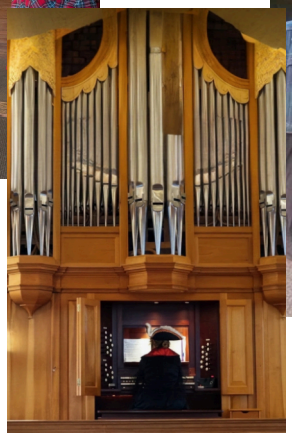
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Some October shenanigans at West Parish.











Rooster Crows Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submissions for the December 2026 newsletter is Thursday, November 19.
Submissions can be made by mail, email, calling, or coming into the office.
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