



## WEST CHELMSFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*WCUMC Faith, Family, and Future are the Cornerstones of this nurturing community.*

### JUNE - JULY 2026 NEWSLETTER

Dear Church Family,

As we close another wonderful church year and prepare for the slower rhythm of summer, my heart is full of gratitude.

Our Sunday School year recently ended with a joyful celebration. Hearing the children sing “Arky Arky” about Noah and the animals was especially meaningful. Their song reminded us that we’re part of God’s good creation, and that our care for others extends far beyond our church community.

That song also connected beautifully with our church’s generous support of Heifer International. Through this project, we raised awareness and funds to provide animals and resources for families in need around the world. Special thanks to our Missions Committee for leading this life-giving project and for reminding us that our generosity can bring nourishment and open new possibilities for people we may never meet.

As we look back on this church year, I give thanks for all the wonderful ministries we’ve shared together. These ministries happen because so many people offer their time, talents, prayers, leadership, financial gifts, and love to God through this church.



On behalf of the Leadership Nominating Committee, I thank all who’ve served this year. Some ministries are visible; others happen quietly behind the scenes. All of them matter. Scripture reminds us in 1 Peter 4:10, “Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.” Every gift we have is entrusted to us by God, not only for ourselves, but to bless others.

As we move into summer, I invite you to continue serving as you already do and to prayerfully consider whether God may be calling you to serve in a new way. Perhaps there’s a ministry within the church where your gifts are needed. Perhaps there’s a need in the wider community where your compassion, wisdom, or presence could make a difference. And if this is a season when you can’t serve in a visible or active way, please remember: prayer is ministry. Intercession is service. Encouragement is service. Holding one another before God is holy work.

I also ask you personally: please pray for me as your pastor, that I may lead with wisdom, humility, courage, compassion, and faithfulness. Pray for our church leaders, our children and youth, and all who are grieving, healing, searching, tired, or afraid. Pray that our church may remain open to the movement of the Holy Spirit.



We witnessed the Spirit moving beautifully during the recent baptism of Ashley and her son, Miles. In baptism, we don't only celebrate what God is doing in one person or one family. We renew who we are as the Church. We remember our covenant. In the United Methodist tradition, we promise to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

Even as this program year comes to a close and things slow down for the summer, our ministry continues. In the coming weeks, we look forward to upcoming baptisms, our Blessing of the Animals, and other meaningful moments. God is still moving among us,

calling us, and inviting us to share our gifts with joy.

May this summer be a season of rest, renewal, gratitude, and continued service in God's love.

With gratitude and blessings,

Pastor Geisa

## *Inspirational Corner For Our Graduates*



### *Jeremiah 29:11*

*"For I know the plans  
I have for you,"  
declares the Lord,  
"Plans to Prosper You  
and not to harm you,  
plans to give you  
HOPE and a FUTURE".*

## *High School Graduate*

**Congratulations to our High School Graduate, Class of 2026:** Troy Gregoire is graduating from Tyngsboro High School.

**The Ian Macpherson Scholarship Committee** is proud to announce that a college scholarship was awarded to Troy Gregoire.

## *Prayer List*

We encourage you to clip out these names and keep them in your prayers. If you would like your name added to or removed from any of the prayer lists, please contact the church office.

**It's never too late** for a note, a card, or a call.

### **Those who are at home or in nursing homes:**

Betty Chaput – at The Saab Center at D'Youville in Lowell  
Alice Howard – at The Residence at Freeman Lake in North Chelmsford  
Beverley Jones – at the Residence at Freeman Lake in North Chelmsford  
Carol Smith – at home recovering from surgery  
Mary Lynne Weinbeck – at home  
Dave Wilson – at Carlyle Place in Bedford, NH



### **Prayer list for ongoing health needs:**

Judi and Bob Hill  
Lisa Dushais

## *Altar Flowers - May 2026*

Altar flowers for March 2026 were given to the Glory of God by the following people:

- May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Marilyn Parker in loving memory of her mother, Bernice Gardiner, and her son, RJ Parker.
- May 10<sup>th</sup> – Beth Arnold in honor of all the mothers in my life , past and present: June, Sabra, Billie, Arlene, Inge, Kellsie, Amy, Jeanne. Happy Mother's Day.
- May 17<sup>th</sup> – Nancy O'Neil in honor of her father, Milton Robinson
- May 24<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day to remember, honor, and celebrate all service women and men who gave their lives for our freedom and continue to serve us today. Sandi Huss for the blessings of warmth, growth, and renewal that come with springtime.
- May 31<sup>st</sup> – Ashley Archangelo, in gratitude, praise, and anticipation of the warmer weather, bare feet, and beaches.

## *Summer Office Hours*



Beginning the week of June 29<sup>th</sup>, the Church Office hours will be Tuesdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and Fridays from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

## *Jr. MYF Campout*

The campout will be on **Saturday, June 13, 2026**. We will meet at the church around **2:00 PM** to set up the tents. We will cook hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill for supper, play some games, and have an outdoor fire to toast marshmallows.

On Sunday morning, we will have breakfast, then sit out at the campfire and have a Sunday School lesson. The children can be picked up at 10:30 AM after the church service.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 617-784-3776.

Harry Johnson



## *Merrimack Valley Ringers*

**HANDBELLS!** Merrimack Valley Ringers are back with another concert tour in early June! This spring, MVR celebrates the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence that is the touchstone of the founding of America. We have brought together a program that celebrates the resiliency of our American history with an eclectic mix of traditional, heartfelt and whimsical pieces.

Some of our selections include William Wood's arrangement of "The All-American Hometown Band", which is reminiscent of traditional 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations in cities and towns throughout America, Sondra Tucker's stirring arrangement of "We Shall Overcome", remembering the struggle for civil rights in the 1960's, and Michael Helman's moving "Prayer for Peace", written in response to the tragic events of September 11, 2001. And of course, no 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration is complete without "The Stars and Stripes Forever"! We're happy to delight you with this unique program, where we'll live up to our motto of "Always Different, Always Fun!"



We can be seen and heard in June in Bedford, MA, and Concord, NH. Dates and times are on [www.mvringers.org](http://www.mvringers.org) – or email me at [music@wcumc.us](mailto:music@wcumc.us) or [director@mvringers.org](mailto:director@mvringers.org) for the schedule. If you are at the church, please pick up a "Let Freedom Ring" postcard in the Narthex - and give one to a friend. We hope to see YOU at one of our concerts!

Karen E. Leonard, Artistic Director – MVR

## *Men's Group Study*

*The 5 Masculine Instincts* by Chase Replogle - Through this book, the intent is to discover your instincts and believe that they are neither a curse nor a virtue. They are the experiences by which you develop a new and better instinct - an instinct of faith. By exploring these five instincts through the lives of Cain, Samson, Moses, David, and Abraham, we will strive to understand our own instincts and how we could step forward on our own faith journeys, listening to God's intended message.

Our next discussion will wrap up and summarize the 5 instinct discussions we have had over the last several months. Please review Chapters 8 and 9 in preparation for our discussion group on **Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, following the Sunday Service. We will meet in the Youth Lounge. For those of you

who do not have books or would like to invite a friend, please contact Bill Evans, 978-852-1456 or [evans1818@verizon.net](mailto:evans1818@verizon.net).

## *St. Paul's Meal*

**The sign-up sheet for St. Paul's Meal is now online.** To volunteer, click on the following link. The St. Paul's Meal will be served on Wednesday, June 24, 2026.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040448A8AB28AAFF2-64300307-june>

## *Thank you*

Dear Members and Friends of West Chelmsford United Methodist Church,

We at Place of Promise want to thank you all so much for the gift cards you gave us! These gift cards will help us in so many ways. We get residents who come from prison or the streets and have nothing when they arrive. In our summer program, for the Kids of Promise, we provide lunch and breakfast every day for six weeks, and of course, all residents in our four houses need three healthy meals a day. So, you can see that these cards will really help the ministry of Place of Promise. We have never received government funding because we want to keep Jesus Christ in the center of all we do and say. God has certainly helped to supply our needs through your generous gift cards! We are so grateful!

Together in Christ,

Beth Kidd

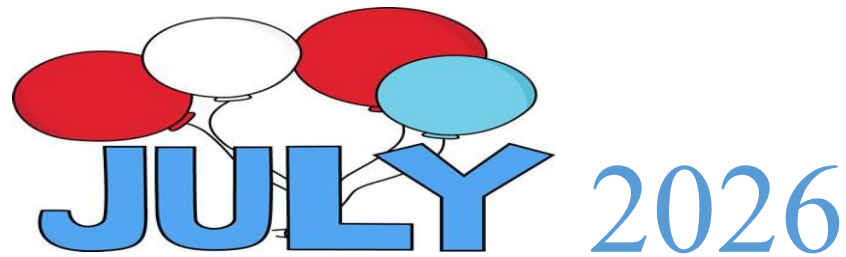
## *Church Office Information*

- During June, the Church Office is open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Beginning the week of June 29<sup>th</sup>, the Church Office will be open on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and on Friday mornings from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM for July and August. The office phone number is 978-251-4834, and the email address is [office@wcumc.us](mailto:office@wcumc.us).
- We have six email addresses:
  - office@wcumc.us – for general church business
  - pastormatos@wcumc.us – for Rev Geisa only
  - music@wcumc.us – for Karen Leonard, Music Minister
  - treasurer@wcumc.us – for Kimberly Stewart, Church Treasurer
  - fin\_sec@wcumc.us – for Ellen O'Neill, Financial Secretary
  - trustees@wcumc.us – for the Trustees
- Church Website is [www.wcumc.us](http://www.wcumc.us)
- Items for the **midweek email** are due in the church office by **Monday morning**.
- Items for the **church bulletin** insert are due in the church office by **Tuesday morning**.
- Items for the **monthly Newsletter** are due in the church office on the third Monday of each month. **All articles must be signed.** The next submission deadline is **Monday, July 20, 2026, for the August 2026 Newsletter.**



# JUNE 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10:00AM- Congregational Care Mtg in the Library	<b>3</b> 7:30PM-Missions Committee via Zoom	<b>4</b> 7:30PM-Senior Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:30AM-Worship Service In-Person & via Zoom 10:30AM – Coffee Hour	<b>8</b> 6:45PM-Cub Scout Pack 70 Bear Den Mtg.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:30PM-Trustees' Meeting via Zoom	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 2:00PM-MYF Campout
<b>14</b> 9:30AM -Worship Service In-person & via Zoom 10:30AM-Coffee Hour 11:00AM-Men's Grp Stdy 2:00PM-Cub Scout Pack 70 Tiger Den Mtg 3:00PM-Westford Girl Scout Troop 70533 Mtg	<b>15</b> 6:45PM-Cub Scout Pack 70 Bear Den Mtg. 7:30PM-Finance Committee via Zoom	<b>16</b> 7:30PM-Church Admin Council Mtg via Zoom	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:30AM -Worship Service In-person & via Zoom 10:30AM-Coffee Hour	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> St. Paul's Meal	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 5:00PM-Private Event	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:30AM -Worship Service In-person & via Zoom 10:30AM-Coffee Hour	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				



# JULY 2026

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<b>5</b> 9:30AM -Worship Service In-person & via Zoom 10:30AM-Coffee Hour	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:30AM -Worship Service In-person & via Zoom 10:30AM-Coffee Hour 1:15PM-Handbell Symposium Rehearsal	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
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