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

NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Church Family,

“Contagiously Joyous. Extravagantly Fun. Wonderfully Tasty.” Those are just a few ways to describe the energy that filled our church during our Spooky Messy Church! Many of us still have fresh in our minds the sound of belly laughter echoing through the fellowship hall, desserts so playfully presented they could’ve won a prize, and children and adults wearing costumes, joyfully creating, playing, and learning together. The joy was so rich it seemed to last for days—an everlasting joy that reminds us why we gather, serve, and celebrate as a church family. Truly, this might have been our best one yet.

Another very meaningful event that ends on November 2nd is our Annual Stewardship Campaign. Have you completed your 2026 Pledge Card? If so, thank you! If not, please consider doing so soon. Although the campaign officially ends that Sunday, we’ll welcome a speaker from Saint Paul’s Dinner on November 9th. Their informative presentation reminded us that our giving not only sustains ministries but also reflects our faith and gratitude for all that God has given us.

To those who give in so many ways—through prayers, time, financial gifts, and talents—thank you. As a collective, each person’s faithfulness to God and this church becomes a beautiful expression of love and commitment. An example of this was our Annual Fabulous Finds Rummage Sale, another wonderful success! Thank you to everyone who donated, sorted, priced, cooked, served, and smiled through every moment. You transformed ordinary items into extraordinary blessings.

We’ll carry that same spirit of joy and generosity into our preparations for the Christmas Fair, which we trust will be a time of fellowship, creativity, and gratitude. Each event, each act of service, each shared laugh reminds us that gratitude isn’t just a feeling—it’s a way of life.

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, may we keep tasting and seeing God’s goodness in the laughter that lingers, the work we share, and the love that binds us together in this amazing community of faith.

With a grateful heart,
Rev. Geisa Matos



Prayer List

We encourage you to clip out these names and keep them in your prayers. Please contact the church office if you would like your name to be added or removed from the prayer list.

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
Beverley Jones – at Summer Place in Chelmsford
Mary Lynn Weinbeck – at home

Prayer list for on-going health needs:

Judi and Bob Hill
Jen Weinbeck's friends, Mike and Sarah
Lisa Dushais



Inspirational Corner



Do you have any favorite inspirational poems, short stories, or devotions? If so, please e-mail Roberta Stratton in the church office at office@wcumc.us. We'd like to share these in upcoming newsletters.

2026 Flower Calendar

The *2026 Flower Calendar* is posted on the wall in the entryway. Select a favorite date, write your name and phone number on the calendar. The flower arrangement each Sunday is \$30.00. Make your check payable to the church with a notation that it is for the altar flowers. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Diana Bard at 978-692-7668.

United Methodist Student Day Special Sunday, November 30, 2025

Across the country, the people of The United Methodist Church are serving the people God loves in Jesus' name. We're doing it at home, but so often we'd like to do more.

- We want to serve those in other places who are suffering.
- We want to offer spiritual words of hope and life.
- And we want to be well-equipped to do both!

Right now, there are UMC young people—who might not have had the resources to attend a school of their choice, or, for some, any school at all—who've been sent by you into the world God loves because of your giving to United Methodist Student Day. When you give generously, you are supporting these students as they prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge.

What no one person or congregation can do alone, we're doing together. Thank you for supporting this effort on November 30th!

St. Paul's Meal

The sign-up sheet for the St. Paul's Meal is now online. Each year, the traditional "Thanksgiving Meal" at St. Paul's Soup Kitchen is prepared by the Princeton Station restaurant and served by members of our church on the night before Thanksgiving, Wednesday, **November 26, 2025**. Given the "bounty" of the meal (turkey and all the "fixins"), we will need at least ten people to help serve the meal. We invite you to be part of this annual tradition.

Servers should be at the Eliot Presbyterian Church (273 Summer St., Lowell) by 4:15 PM. Be sure to leave your e-mail address and/or phone # on the sign-up sheet. Please call or e-mail David Troughton (978 935-3813) or dtroughton@comcast.net if you would like a ride to the Eliot Church in Lowell.

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2025 Rummage Sale

This was an extraordinarily successful event thanks to so many people contributing to all the areas. Everyone, workers and customers, were so friendly and had a wonderful time.

There were twenty-five people who stepped up to be sales associates on Friday and Saturday, and ten sorters and organizers each day, Monday through Thursday. The café operated efficiently with a team of five servers scheduled each day, including Fridays and Saturdays. All helpers had great suggestions and took charge when needed. Thank you to Abbey Ciardi and Lori Evans for being wonderful co-chairs and helping to bring the newly organized sale to fruition. Sue Loiselle did an impressive job with our Café, with so many parishioners donating soup and desserts. Our Fabulous Finds section with higher-priced items was a success. Thank you to Heidi Vaughn for helping us price these items appropriately. It was also a promising idea this year to accept donations from our congregation and friends, only as the goods we received were in good condition and sold well. We made \$3,000 this year compared to \$2,400 last year. A big thank you to everyone for pivoting to this new format.

Holly Cerullo



Open Pantry



As we begin shopping for our holiday meal, let's remember to give thanks for all that we have and to pay it forward to those in need. This month, let's focus on filling the shelves of the Open Pantry with some of our favorite holiday fixings! Cans of cranberry sauce, apple sauce, yams, boiled onions, green beans, and pumpkin, as well as chicken and turkey gravy or broth, boxed mashed potatoes, and stuffing mix, will help families in need enjoy their holidays. Donations of any unexpired, non-perishable food items are, of course, always welcome, and if you would like to make a monetary donation, please annotate your contribution with the notation "Open Pantry". Your generosity will be appreciated more than you know. If you have any questions, you may contact the Missions Committee.



HOLIDAY



Holiday Fair
Saturday December 6th - 9 am to 3 pm

Please come and shop in a stress free atmosphere! Thank you for making our fair a success!

Don't forget to bring the kids to the **Christian-Ed sponsored Kids Room**. Kids can have fun doing holiday-themed crafts and having fun – all while you shop!!

As always, our **Professional craft vendors** will be offering a great selection of gifts this year! We have new crafters joining us this year with new, unique gifts!!!

We will have beautiful hand-made gifts, jewelry, toys, and much more!

Stop by our **breakfast bistro** for a hot cup of gourmet coffee & homemade treats. Take a break at our **luncheon** featuring hot, homemade lunch. As always, we'll have handmade **candies, pies, breads & treats, crafts,** and **white elephant bargains!**

Craft donations

Please deliver your craft donations to the church by Friday, December 5th. Please price each item with a suggested price.

Food donations

Donations for the food table can be delivered to the church the week of the fair. The church will be open on Wednesday, December 3rd, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM or 7:30 – 9:00 PM, Thursday, December 4th, from 5:00 to 8:30 PM, and Friday, December 5th, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.



Candy donations

The Candy Table would appreciate donations of already-made fudge or other types of candy. Please drop off at the church by Thursday, December 4th. We also need a few people to help with packaging on Friday afternoon, 1:30 pm at the church.



Church Office Information

- The Church Office Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. The office phone number is 978-251-4835, and the email address is office@wcumc.us.
- We have six e-mail 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
- Items for the **mid-week 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, November 17, 2025, for the December 2025 Newsletter.**



November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00AM-Trustees Fall Clean Up Day
2 9:30AM-Worship Service In-Person & via Zoom 9:30AM-Sunday School 10:30AM-Coffee Hour 11:00AM-Budgeting Workshop 1:30PM-MVR Rehearsal 3:00PM-Westford Girl Scout Troop 70533 Mtg	3 6:45PM-Cub Scout Pack 70 Bear Den Mtg. 7:30PM-Jubilee Ringers Rehearsal	4 10:00AM- Congregational Care Mtg	5 7:00PM-Missions Committee Mtg 7:30PM-Festival Ringers Rehearsal	6 7:30PM-Senior Choir Rehearsal	7	8 8:00AM-Cub Scout Pack 70 Parent Leadership Training
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