

First Congregational Church Weekly Newsletter

East Longmeadow, MA

May 14, 2025

FROM YOUR MODERATOR

Greetings!

I hope everyone is having a great Spring and enjoying the warmer weather!

This Sunday, May 18, is the Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church of East Longmeadow/UCC. The Warrant has been posted and shared for the last few weeks to make sure everyone has had a chance to read it and hopefully be able to join us. The meeting will take place in the sanctuary immediately following service.

While there are no spectacular items to talk about this year, we do have important content to discuss and vote on. We have had a very busy year with quite a few things to present to you as we move forward, collectively and prayerfully, to continue to make informed decisions as we move forward. Hope to see you there!

Peace,

Olan

WARRANT

**The First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
East Longmeadow, Massachusetts**


To: Marge Atwater, Clerk of the First Congregational Church of East Longmeadow,
Massachusetts

You are hereby directed to notify the members of the First Congregational Church of East Longmeadow, Massachusetts who are qualified to vote, to meet in the Sanctuary after worship on Sunday, the 18th day of May, 2025 to act on the following articles:

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| ARTICLE I | To hear and act upon the reports of the Officers, Boards, Committees, and other organizations of the Church for the preceding twelve months. |
| ARTICLE II | To elect Officers, Boards and Committees for the upcoming Church Year. |
| ARTICLE III | To hear and act upon suggested updates to the By Laws of the First Congregational Church |
| ARTICLE IV | To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting. |

And you are hereby requested to post an attested copy of the Warrant via online posting, email distribution and in public areas of the church, at least seven days and the two preceding Sundays before the time of said meeting.

Given under my hand this 25 day of April, 2025.


Olan Johnston, Moderator of the First Congregational Church

Attest: I have this 25 day of April, 2025 posted an attested copy of this Warrant in the usual place.


Marge Atwater, Clerk of the First Congregational Church

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING in Sunday, May 18 after worship.

SUNDAY WORSHIP in the sanctuary or live stream at any of the following locations:

- On our church website: www.churchontherotary.org/sermon
- On our church YouTube page: www.youtube.com/@churchontherotary/live
- On our church Facebook page: www.facebook.com/churchontherotary

NEWS FOR THE DEACONS

The Board of Deacons has engaged Rev. Elva to be available for any emergency pastoral care needs.

The church office as well as the Board of Deacons has her contact information. If you or someone you know is in the hospital and would like a pastoral visit, or is need of a pastoral call, please contact Cindy or a Deacon (to arrange the visit).

Pastor Elva has preached here before, and will be preaching this Sunday. Please take the opportunity this Sunday to greet her.

The Board of Deacons

Springfield YWCA - 5th largest in the country



Last year Elizabeth Dineen (the Y CEO) spoke at our church. She explained that the Y exists to fulfill its mission of eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. The Y provides safe places for women and children in crisis. It provides shelter, support services, and tools for self-sufficiency for women and girls in our community. It operates an 11-acre campus in Springfield that provides shelter to battered women and their children in a modern facility with state-of-the-art computerized security.

When women and their children arrive having fled a dangerous situation in their homes, they arrive with nothing but the clothes on their backs. The Y provides them with a basket of necessary toiletries. We can help; we can offer our support. Please **read carefully** and donate any of the following items:

Full size and NEW

- soap
- body wash
- body moisturizer
- mouthwash
- toothbrushes and paste
- ***shampoo and conditioner, etc. from brands:

*******Shea Moisture, Pattern Beauty, Mielle, Camille Rose, Curl Mix, CURLS, The Doux, Miss Jessie's*******

- tampons, and feminine napkins
- baby wipes
- coloring books and crayons
- GENTLY USED books

Once again, we can really help out these families in crisis. Please leave your donations in the breezeway until June 2.

Thank you for your continued support of this truly life-saving agency right in our own back yard. Mission and Outreach

PRAYER CONCERNS:

from Sunday May 11

- for the family of Joseph E. who died
- for the family of Betty M, longtime church member, who died
- for Jana, friend of Grace hoping she can get better.
- for healing for Alice



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