

# First Congregational Church Weekly Newsletter

East Longmeadow, MA

January 8, 2025

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## ALL – CHURCH MEETING ABOUT THE MUSIC PROGRAM : Sunday Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>

Dear Congregation,

As you all know, we are in the process of discerning what we need to be looking for in a new Director of Music. Music has been a cornerstone of our services, and we want to build upon our history while moving forward.

The Deacons, (who manage the music programming, along with the Pastor and the Director of Music), are looking for **YOUR input**. I have started to meet with those who are currently part of our music program in some fashion, to gather their comments, concerns and suggestions on what they would like to see for future music programming. We would also like to hear YOUR suggestions and thoughts regarding the priorities and opportunities that we can develop moving forward.

We will have a short, informal meeting following worship this coming Sunday, January 12, in the sanctuary. After that, the Deacons will have a broader view of what the congregation has for ideas, wants and wishes for music!

Put your thinking caps on regarding choir, organ and piano, special music (bells, invited musical guests, etc.), anything you can think of! We welcome your input, and any new ideas, as we work together to take this opportunity to energize and create music programming, prioritizing both what we can do now, and what we may be able to do in the future! I look forward to working with you and the Board of Deacons to continue this cherished part of our ministry!

Sincerely,  
Marge

SUNDAY WORSHIP in the sanctuary or livestream link: <http://www.facebook.com/churchontherotary/>

## THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Friends,

“Thank you!” for your words of support and encouragement, your well wishes, and your generous parting gift. I also want to thank those who sang in the choir throughout my tenure, and especially through this recent Advent and Christmas season.

I’m so grateful that the services are recorded! I love being able to listen and know that any time I’m missing my friends, I can always “pop in” on a Sunday morning! Wishing you all much love and happiness!

Fondly, Deb

## KEEPING CHILDREN WARM

What child doesn’t lose a hat or a pair of mittens at least once during the cold winter? Please help us fill the basket in the breezeway with hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for the children at Kensington School to keep them warm...because we care. Neighbors helping neighbors in need, it’s what we do so well. Thank you so much!

## ALTAR FLOWERS

We invite you to provide beautiful flowers for our church altar.

The following dates are open:

February 2, 16; March 2, 9, 16, 23

To reserve dates please look at the Flower Calendar sign up poster in Fellowship Hall or call the church office with any questions (525-4121).

Thank you so much, The Flower Committee

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### *Concerns:*

- Betty R. for healing
- my neighbor Moe P., who has been in the hospital with Covid- Charlette B.
- my sister, Janet who is in rehab recovering from a partial hip replacement - Charlette B.

### *Joys:*

- for my niece baby Brie who will be born in the next couple weeks; joy for mental clarity and accomplishment. offered by Julius



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