

First Congregational Church Weekly Newsletter

East Longmeadow, MA

September 24, 2025

REV. THOMAS HAWKINS CANDIDATING WEEKEND

The Ministerial Search Committee is excited to announce our selection for the position of part time settled pastor: Rev. Thomas Hawkins.

On Saturday September 27 at 6 pm we shall gather in Fellowship Hall for a potluck supper to greet Thomas.

There is a list in the breezeway to sign up for what to bring: A-H Entree, I-P Salad, Q-Z Dessert. We hope you can join us for the joyous occasion.

Sunday September 28 Rev. Hawkins will preach. After the service we shall have an all-church meeting (the warrant has been posted) to vote on whether to accept Rev. Hawkins as our part time settled pastor. If the vote is affirmative, there will be a reception after the service in Fellowship Hall.

The Search Committee is very grateful for your patience and understanding during this process. We are thrilled at the prospect of having Rev. Hawkins return to our church family.

We hope you will be able to join us for the supper on the 27th, and the service on the 28th.

Sincerely,

The Search Committee



Sunday School is Back!!

YOUTH GROUP Crop Walk on October 5

Register for our Crop walk team:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/first-congregational-church-of-e-longmeadow-youth-group>

If you would like to donate to the crop walk, please scan the QR code on the poster to the right.

Thank you!!

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CHANGE IS IN THE AUTUMN AIR

Pub theology is moving to a new night. We will begin meeting on the first Tuesday of the month beginning on October 7...and see how that works out for people. Many restaurants are closed on Monday nights, so this might give us some new options. Looking forward to some new suggestions to try out. Please join us.

IT WILL BE GETTING COLD

Remember that you have neighbors who have nothing to keep them warm. We will once again be collecting gently used, clean, warm clothing until NOVEMBER 19 for men, women and children (even infants and toddlers). AND we will also collect CLEAN, warm blankets. Everything will be donated to the critical work of the Springfield Rescue Mission serving your neighbors in the greater Springfield area.

Please place your donations in the box in the breezeway, or the big, blue bin outside. We are accepting warm clothing: coats, sweaters, vests, sweatshirts, hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, boots, etc.. We also ask for NEW socks and underwear. Thank you for caring and taking the time to go through your closets. Your continued generosity will warm the lives of our neighbors in need during the coming, cold winter months. Thank you.

- Mission and Outreach Committee



FROM JULIUS



Hey there! I wanted to share something important about my cousin's daughter who is currently facing a tough battle with leukemia. Every donation helps her and shows that she's not alone in this fight. Please consider clicking the link below to donate or share it with others who might want to help.

Thank you!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers and Joys

- From Julius: His cousin's daughter
- For Erika Kirk and the Kirk family
- From Harvey: For kids in their first month of school, and teachers, especially those with second or third jobs



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