

First Congregational Church Weekly Newsletter

East Longmeadow, MA

September 3, 2025

3rd ANNUAL FOOD TRUCK EVENT



Food Trucks on the Rotary
Benefit for local food pantries
September 6
3-7 pm
On the greensward lawn

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

First Event: September 6th 2-4pm

Our first activity will be September 6th, with a combination of an in-house activity in the church from 2-3pm (discussion, sign making and game planning) followed by us hosting games during the Food Truck event outside from ~ 3-4pm. We will be raising money to support the Greater Springfield Crop Walk

(<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/event/springfieldma>)

Parents can pick up at 4pm, or preferably stay to enjoy the kids fundraiser (for our October "Crop Walk") as well as the food and music etc. Crop Walk raises money to feed people in need.

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Sunday School starts September 14

KENSINGTON SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The students and staff of Kensington gratefully accepted your generous donations of school supplies along with a check for \$475 to purchase whatever else they still need.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers and Joys

- From Karen: a prayer for the family of Reggie, who passed this last week from stage 4 pancreatic cancer.
- From Lois: Prayers for Larry recovering from surgery at Baystate, and for his wife.
- From Sandy: A prayer for Bonnie, who is struggling with severe back pain.
- From Alice: A prayer for the families of the children in Minneapolis.
- From Harvey: A prayer for Demetrio, a farmworker and community member who was kidnapped by ICE.

Fall OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Elva Merry's Office hours are Wednesday mornings

Church Office hours are Monday thru Thursday 9 – 3 pm and Fridays 9 -12 noon.

WILBRAHAM CHORAL SOCIETY TO KICK OFF ITS 42ND SEASON

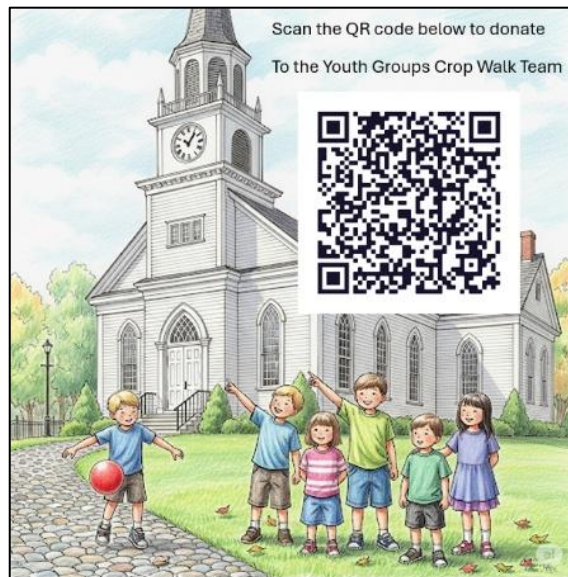
The Wilbraham Community Chorus, accompanied by Marcia Jackson and conducted by Raymond Drury, will begin rehearsals for the 2025 season on Monday evening, September 8th at 7 p.m. at Christ the King Epiphany Church, Wilbraham.

Rehearsals will resume every Monday evening at 7 p.m. at the church in preparation for two concerts in early December. Drury has chosen a varied and compelling program consisting of classical pieces, contemporary choral works, folk songs, pop tunes and seasonal favorites.

If you have a voice for singing, can carry a tune, sing on pitch, and follow choral directions, we would love to have you join us. No audition is required. A nominal fee to cover the cost of sheet music will be imposed. Hope to see you there. Please visit our Facebook page (Wilbraham Choral Society) for more information. The Wilbraham Choral Society is supported in part by grants from both the Longmeadow and Wilbraham Cultural Councils.

Marilyn, Karen, and Don can answer any questions.

CROP WALK OCTOBER 5



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