



The Beacon

First Congregational Church of Millbury, United Church of Christ

Our Mission: To welcome and inspire ALL through faith, love,
and fellowship according to Christ's example.

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Sowing Seeds...

"...By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (Genesis 3:19, New Revised Standard Version)

We are stardust. (Joni Mitchell, "Woodstock")

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. (Colossians 3:1-4, New Revised Standard Version)

Dear Friends,

Traditionally we start the 40-day season of Lent with the proclamation from Genesis, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." So begins a journey through the wilderness with Jesus, a time of temptation and deliverance from evil, a time of intense connection with God through prayer and spiritual practice, a time of taking inventory of our lives, our words and actions, and our relationships; a time of repentance and forgiveness, a time of understanding our own complicity in sending Jesus to the cross. If you ever wonder why church music this time of year is more somber than usual, this would certainly explain it!

Lent is more about inwardness—introspection—than about outward celebration. It is like winter for the soul. Some of us are better suited to this time of year than others. Introverts like me, we thrive in the cocoons that are winter and Lent; while extroverts are more likely to be chomping at the bit, anxious to once again be active outside and loudly offering up jubilant "alleluias" right now. Clearly we need both, and the church year creates containers for it all.

Beyond the role that personality type plays in our responses to Lent, there is sometimes confusion about what it means to be introspective. Although the kind of thoughtfulness that is required on our Lenten journeys may take us to some dark and difficult places, it should not be confused with negativity. God does not ask or want us to get stuck in those shadow spaces, but to journey through them with Jesus at our sides, learning and healing through them.

Perhaps it is fitting that this year's Congregational Annual Meeting occurred in the heart of Lent, for it was there that many of us first learned of the large budget deficit our church is facing in 2016. This is dark and scary news. If we're not careful, it could motivate us to react and "go negative." Truly, though, our finances reinforce the fact that we have some deep thinking and reimagining to do as a congregation. Never was the visioning process so crucial.

That said, I'm sure Council and I will be enlisting your help on this project in the not too distant future, for this is a puzzle for us to figure out together, not merely the responsibility of a select few. We will also continue to remind you (and ourselves!) that we've all been deputized to actively guide our congregation

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into healthier ways of communicating and relating with one another. Our coach Charlotte has provided us with some tools to do that. It is now up to each one of us to pick them up and use them. Not to worry, though, we will also be acquiring new tools along the way: At our March 17 meeting, Council will begin to study a book on churches as emotional systems called *Creating a Healthier Church: Family Systems Theory, Leadership, and Congregational Life* by Ronald W. Richardson. It would be fantastic and extremely helpful to have this conversation extend beyond church officers and Council members, and so I would invite you to join us in reading this book and participating in our discussions too. What a wonderful way to anticipate Easter and launch into the new life that it and spring foretell!

When we are anxious about the future and not feeling great about ourselves, it can be easy to dwell in the earthen dust part of our identities, to hunker down in the mud. As Christians, though, we find our ultimate identities in Christ and the things that are above. Lent is more about inwardness—introspection—than about outward celebration. It is like winter for the soul.

Let us remember this about ourselves and one another as we spend a few more weeks of Lent and many more Sundays together throughout the liturgical year *being the church*. Each one of us is dust, dirt, earth; and each one of us is also star dust. Each one of us is human, fallible; and yet within each one of us lives the very heart of Christ.

May the first half of our identities grant us mercy and humility and the second half grant us joy, courage, and hope.

Grace & Peace to each one of you,
Pastor Carol

One of the tools Charlotte gave us...

THE LADDER OF INFERENCE



Take Action – Do something!

Form Beliefs – Reinforce or form new.

Come to Conclusions – It “must” be “this” way.

Make Assumptions – Think we know what others’ motivation is.

Affixed Meaning – Is this a threat or benefit to me?

Select Data & Experience – What’s left after we filter?

Real Data & Experience – What really happened?

Description

Have you ever been accused of "putting 2 and 2 together and making 5", meaning that the other person thinks you have jumped to the wrong conclusion?

In today's fast-moving world, we are always under pressure to act now, rather than spend time reasoning things through and thinking about the true facts. Not only can this lead us to a wrong conclusion, but it can also cause conflict with other people, who may have drawn quite different conclusions on the same matter.

Especially in a busy environment, we need to make sure our actions and decisions are founded on reality. Similarly, when we accept or challenge other people's conclusions, we need be confident that their reasoning, and ours, is firmly based on the true facts. The "Ladder of Inference" helps us achieve this.

Sometimes known as the "Process of Abstraction", this tool helps you understand the thinking steps that can lead you to jump to wrong conclusions, and so helps you get back to hard reality and facts.

The Theory

The Ladder of Inference describes the thinking process that we go through, usually without realizing it, to get from a fact to a decision or action. The thinking stages can be seen as rungs on a ladder and are shown in the image.

Starting at the bottom of the ladder, we have reality and facts. From there, we:

- Experience these selectively based on our beliefs and prior experience.
- Interpret what they mean.
- Apply our existing assumptions, sometimes without considering them.
- Draw conclusions based on the interpreted facts and our assumptions.
- Develop beliefs based on these conclusions.
- Take actions that seem "right" because they are based on what we believe.

This can create a vicious circle. Our beliefs have a big effect on how we select from reality, and can lead us to ignore the true facts altogether. Soon we are literally jumping to conclusions – by missing facts and skipping steps in the reasoning process.

By using the Ladder of Inference, you can learn to get back to the facts and use your beliefs and experiences to positive effect, rather than allowing them to narrow your field of judgment. Following this step-by-step reasoning can lead you to better results, based on reality, so avoiding unnecessary mistakes and conflict.

How to use the theory

The Ladder of Inference helps you draw better conclusions, or challenge other people's conclusions based on true facts and reality. It can be used to help you analyze hard data, such as a set of sales figures, or to test assertions, such as "the project will go live in April". You can also use it to help validate or challenge other people's conclusions.

The step-by-step reasoning process helps you remain objective and, when working or challenging others, reach a shared conclusion without conflict.

Use the following steps to challenge thinking using the Ladder of Inference:

1. Stop! It's time to consider your reasoning.
2. Identify where on the ladder you are. Are you:
 - Selecting your data or reality?
 - Interpreting what it means?
 - Making or testing assumptions?
 - Forming or testing conclusions?
 - Deciding what to do and why?
3. From your current "rung", analyze your reasoning by working back down the ladder. This will help you trace the facts and reality that you are actually working with.
 - At each stage, ask yourself WHAT you are thinking and WHY. As you analyze each step, you may need to adjust your reasoning. For example you may need to change some assumption or extend the field of data you have selected.
 - The following questions help you work backwards (coming down the ladder, starting at the top):
 1. Why have I chosen this course of action? Are there other actions I should have considered?
 2. What belief lead to that action? Was it well-founded?
 3. Why did I draw that conclusion? is the conclusion sound?
 4. What am I assuming, and why? Are my assumptions valid?
 5. What data have I chosen to use and why? Have I selected data rigorously?
 6. What are the real facts that I should be using? Are there other facts I should consider?
4. With a new sense of reasoning (and perhaps a wider field of data and more considered assumptions), you can now work forwards again – step-by-step – up the rungs of the ladder.

Tips

Use the Ladder of Inference at any of stage of your thinking process. If you're asking any of the following questions, the model may prove a useful aid:

- Is this the "right" conclusion?
- Why am I making these assumptions?
- Why do I think this is the "right" thing to do?
- Is this really based on all the facts?
- Why does he believe that?

When you are working through your reasoning, look out for rungs that you tend to jump. Do you tend to make assumptions too easily? Do you tend to select only part of the data? Note your tendencies so that you can learn to do that stage of reasoning with extra care in the future.

Try explaining your reasoning to a colleague or friend. This will help you check that your argument is sound.

If you are challenging someone else's conclusions, it is especially important to be able to explain your reasoning so that you can explain it to that person in a way that helps you reach a shared conclusion and avoid conflict.

References

Information extracted from http://www.mindtools.com/pages/article/newTMC_91.htm

The Ladder of Inference was first put forward by organizational psychologist Chris Argyris and used by Peter Senge in *The Fifth Discipline: The Art and Practice of the Learning Organization*.

Coming Up in Worship

- March 6** **Fourth Sunday in Lent Worship & Celebration of UCC Women's Week**
Scripture Readings: tbd
 In honor of UCC Women's Week, we will be hosting the Just Peace Players, who will perform their current play for us, "Women of the Greatest Generation." The play is made up of the stories of women who came of age during the Great Depression and World War II, stories the troupe personally has been collecting and recording. Because the play is 45-50 minutes long, we will postpone our monthly communion celebration and collection of the Deacons Fund offering until March 13. A free will offering to support the Just Peace Players' ministry will be collected in its stead.
- March 13** **Mission, One Great Hour of Sharing & Communion Sunday Worship, 10:00 am**
Fellowship Time & Mission Expo at 1:15 am
Guest Preacher: Liz Crawford from Worcester Fellowship
Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:20-28
- March 20** **Palm Sunday Worship & Children's Procession at 10:00 am**
Scripture Reading: Luke 19:28-40
 Once again we will be laying down our gently used coats and jackets in the center aisle as the children joyfully process with their palms. After the service, the clothing will be donated to Grace's Garments, Millbury Baptist Church's clothing ministry.
- March 24** **Maundy Thursday with the Federated Church at 7:00 pm**
 A traditional contemplative Tenebrae service of scripture readings and communion, which will lead us from the table communion of the Last Supper into the darkness of the cross on Good Friday.

- March 25** **Good Friday, 7:00 am – 7:00 pm**
 The sanctuary will be open for all who wish to come and pray.
- March 27** **Easter Worship Service at 10:00 am**
Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-12
 In this jubilant service we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection with a profusion of spring flowers and choral music.
- April 3** **Worship Service at 10:00 am**
Guest Preacher: Jeri Stead
Scripture Readings: tbd

Have you seen...?

We also are missing hearing assistance devices, large print hymnals and black wooden book stand? If so, could you please kindly return them to the sanctuary?



Thank you.

Happy Birthday

- 1st Steven Bathgate
 4th Barbara Pearson
 7th David Perry
 10th Mary Mousseau
 10th John Swedberg
 12th Carolyn Ball-Hanson
 14th Warren Hanson
 15th Duane Fortin
 19th Karen Assad
 19th Bobby Beauregard
 19th Annabelle Roberts
 21st Jennifer Albert
 23rd John Pearson
 23rd Carol Reynolds
 24th Susan Banach
 24th Megan Perry
 26th Kathy Adams
 26th Karen Eurenus
 26th Felicia St. George
 28th Ryan Minor
 29th Linda Army
 30th Craig Dean

Joys, Congratulations & Thanksgiving

Happy Birthday to **Bill C.**, who recently turned the big 89 and to **Marilyn E.**, who hit 86 in February.

Congratulations to **Hannah and Abby A.**, who both made the Millbury Jr./Sr. High Honor Roll!

We rejoice with **Cindy C.** and **Linda A.** on the recent news that Cindy's health has been restored and no further treatment is required at this time.

We owe a debt of gratitude to **our generous benefactors in Florida**, who made a year end gift that more than covered our 2015 deficit. Over and over this couple has helped our congregation out. We can't thank them enough!

Thanks to **everyone who participated in our recent visioning session** with coach Charlotte Wright. We were a small but mighty group!

A big thank you to **Jeri**, who found and purchased for the church the perfect tool for the lighting the candles on our prayer candle screen.

Many thanks to **our music director Joyce**, who has diligently searched for and discovered a wonderful new (to us) piano for our sanctuary. What a joy to welcome this beautiful instrument into its new home on Sunday, February 28!

Thank you to **everyone who participated in the Lord's Builders fund raisers**, whether by eating meals at Papa Gino's and Sutton First Congregational, buying Super Bowl grinders, or making those grinders. Your participation made possible their recent trip to South Carolina to rebuild a church damaged by flooding.

What a gift it is that the air filtration units have been installed in fellowship hall and the classroom and Kathy A. is now able to join us for church activities upstairs and down. These units remediate the mold that was identified downstairs by a tech over a year ago.

Pastor Carol is extremely grateful to **Brierly I** and **Paul Concemi** for welcoming this year's Lenten Death & Dying Workshop Series into the Brierly Pond Clubhouse, as well as to her co-presenters St. John's rector **Rev. Lisa Green**, retired hospice chaplain **Rev. Susan Tarantino**, Mass. General nurse **Sharon Brackett**, elder law attorney **Heather Trudell**, and funeral director **Celeste Kimball**.

Many thanks to **Joyce C-H** and **Jim M.** for their yummy annual meeting soups, as well as to all who contributed breads, salads, dessert, etc.

We so appreciate the dedicated service of our lay leaders and especially that of those who have recently stepped down from their posts: **Fran, Jenn, Deb**, and **Linda A.** We are also very pleased to have **Jim F.** step into the role of Clerk and **Cheryl S.** as treasurer, as well as to have **Heather** and **Don** return to the deacons.

Deacons Fund

On Communion Sunday at First Church, the first Sunday of the month, the Deacons take a special offering for the Deacons Fund, which is a fund to provide assistance to members in need. Envelopes marked DEACONS FUND are in the pews. Donations may also be made using the envelope any other Sunday. You may wish to make a donation to the Fund as a "Good Samaritan," and designate your contribution for a specific member whom you know to be experiencing a difficulty. That gift will go to the person you name as an anonymous gift. Thank you.

Prayers & Concerns

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- † Jay S. and his family
 - † Joan & Hunter
 - † Ronnie
 - † Thelma, Jack & Family
 - † Ethan and Tim
 - † Jeri's & Ron's cousin Everett
 - † Ron's brother Peter
 - † The Ellsessar Family
 - † Anna Marie, Dirk E.'s mother
 - † Cassidy's friend Anthony, who has cancer
 - † Kristy and her family
 - † Elisa and Mason
 - † Margaret G.
 - † Joann S.
 - † Cheryl's cousin Alana
 - † Linda P's niece Tamara
 - † Sandra
 - † Sukie's father Gurdip Singh Bansai
 - † Marilyn E. and her family, including daughter Kathy A.
 - † Marisa
 - † Chottsie's mom and other former members of the congregation of St. Martin's, which has recently closed.
 - † Marie's daughter Hannah
 - † 3rd grader Emma Grace, who has leukemia
 - † Our Confirmands: Abbey, Abby, Megan, & Laura
 - † Our Sunday School Superintendent, Teachers, and Students
 - † Our Church Leadership
 - † All Members and Friends of our Congregation and the Local Community
 - † Our Returning Veterans
 - † The Women of Rhodes House
 - † AA Members who meet weekly in our hall
 - † All who struggle with addictions.
 - † Worcester Fellowship Pastors & People
 - † The homeless in Worcester and beyond

March

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Mark Your Calendars!

For a sacred conversation about our Christian beliefs with former Bangor Seminary president Rev. Bill Imes and members and friends of the Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale after worship on Sunday April 10th.

“Remember as you go about your day that you may be the only Jesus some of your friends, neighbors, and family will ever see.”

Wanda E. Brunstetter, A Celebration of the Simple Life



Our church will be holding the Annual Flea Market on Saturday, April 30th from 9 am to 2 pm.

Please gather your treasures and rent one of our inside tables for \$20. Call Jeri Stead (508-865-5371) or Sue Witter (508-832-4234) to reserve a table. You can prepare your inside table on Friday night from 6pm to 8 pm. If you want to chance the weather, the outside reservation is \$10 and you will need to provide a table.

Refreshments will be on sale for you to enjoy. We will have a variety of muffins available and Ron’s delicious hot dogs will be on the grill. There will be a church flea market table, a bakery table, and we will have an exciting addition to our event this year.

Rev. Dennis Knight, who specializes in offering assessments of silver antiques, will greet our visitor’s upstairs in the Sanctuary to identify and estimate the value of their silver. There will be no charge for his services, but a “free will donation” for the church would be greatly appreciated.

We appreciate donations of item for the Church Flea Market Table, but we are unable to accept TV’s, computers, or clothing.

Join Us For A Barbeque



For our first ever fund raiser at the Publick House on July 11! Stay tuned! Tickets and publicity materials to come as the day approaches.

Classic Barbeque: All under the tent!
Pulled Pork, Baked Beans.

Cash Donation to benefit our church.
Adults \$14 / Children \$5 (4-12 yrs.)

ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET!

Held in Paige Hall
or under the tent where noted.

Seating One: 4:30-6:15 pm
Seating Two: 6:30-7:30 pm

*Open Seating *Casual Dinner
*No Reservations

Summary of January Meeting

Income Opportunities

- ◆ Amy W is still working on a date for the Uno's fundraiser in March.
- ◆ Pastor Carol shared with the Council that she has a contact for a company that does Cell Tower installations. This may be a \$20,000 per year income opportunity. Jim M will explore this option.
- ◆ Council agreed to offer Monday and Tuesday evenings to Carol Dearborn as possible meeting times for the second yoga class.

Council 2016

- ◆ Council noted that Sukie Roberts, Deb Minor, Fran Graveson and Jenn Albert would not be returning for 2016. The 2016 Council will have 8 returning members and Cheryl Storer stepping into the Treasurer role.
- ◆ The Council discussed additional possible invitations for Council appointments. Amy West confirmed that she would be on the Council in 2016. In addition, Jim Fairbanks volunteered to serve as Clerk in 2016.
- ◆ The Council agreed that an invitation should also be announced at the annual meeting.

Pastor Update

- ◆ Pastor Carol asked for feedback regarding the sessions with Charlotte. It was noted that the discussions needed to move quicker and that repeating the December findings was disappointing and did not move the discussion forward. It was stated that we need to have conversations about our future – Where do we want to be in 5 years? It was also noted that it would be beneficial to have the visioning topics discussed visible in the church and to invite people not in attendance to be part of the conversation.
- ◆ Pastor Carol reported that she is suspending her Panera office hours as she was not getting the attendance she expected. She is going to talk with members and look at other times and locations for future office hours.
- ◆ Pastor Carol suggested that the Council study a book in 2016 named 'Creating a Healthier Church' which reviews the family systems that occur in churches. The Council agreed.
- ◆ Pastor Carol asked and was granted approval to attend a seminar called 'Emotions and Your Religious Community: What Clergy of all Faiths New to Know.' This will be paid from the pastor's expenses budget.

Building & Grounds

- ◆ **Air Filtration System** – The Council reconfirmed their December approval of the air filtration system purchase. Jim Mousseau agreed to order the units Monday and ask if we will receive discounts if other organizations order units after us.
- ◆ **Shoveling** – Don and Tim have agreed to shovel this year for the storm rate approved in December.
- ◆ **Electricity Savings** - Pastor Carol introduced to the Council an opportunity to save on our electricity bills by working with Ernie White. The Council decided to table this proposal until March. NB: The Town of Millbury is already working on reducing everyone's electricity rates.
- ◆ **Rental Management** - The transition of Rental Management from Jenn to Marie and Jim M. was discussed. It was agreed that Marie can manage the communications and calendar scheduling while Jim handles the physical needs of the renters. Cindy B. will continue to program the heating. Jenn will forward all of the contact information she has for our current renters.
- ◆ **Kitchen Phone repair** – Pastor Carol is working with Marie and Cheryl to manage the transition to Charter from Verizon. She asked if any council members had more experience in this area. No volunteers were found. Carol will provide updates.

Stewardship update/2016 Budget Process/Blackrock update

- ◆ Chris provided an email update for 2016 pledges. The estimated pledges for 2016 are down \$7,000 compared to the 2015 estimate. This was due to the loss of two pledges in 2015. He also reported that we received an \$8,700 donation at the end of the year. This donation will be reported in 2016 and allows us to

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repay the amount borrowed from the savings account. We will not need to transfer funds from Blackrock for the 2016 deficit.

- ◆ The Council reviewed the proposed language of the Council’s financial authority between membership meetings. It was moved to approve the language as part of the annual budget. This was seconded, but did not have the votes to pass. Pastor Carol moved that the suggestion be accepted to enter the language as a bylaw amendment without values included and then have the values included in each year’s budget. This motion was seconded and passed with 6 in favor and 1 against.

**Pastor on Vacation
March 28th - April 5th**

Pastor Carol will be on vacation Sunday, April 3rd. On this Sunday Jeri Stead will share some recently discovered items that display the kind and generous nature of West Millbury folks in the 1800’s.

One man is the “Shoemaker of West Millbury” and the other is a book from our church safe which contains the Minutes of the “West Millbury Female Benevolent Association” that began in 1838. This group reminds me of our newly formed Knitting Ministry, which contains a number of generous West Millbury “Females”!

**New Reimbursement
Policy**

Please leave any reimbursement requests in the Treasurer's folder in the upstairs copy room. I will have a request form ready shortly so that I can know what budget line the expense is for, who to reimburse, and how to text or email you that the check is ready. Since I am at church at least once a week, I should be able to have checks ready by the following week. Should I be on vacation, then it would be delayed by a week.

Thank you!
Cheryl Storer



Easter Flowers



We will again be ordering flowers to brighten our sanctuary for the Easter Sunday service. You may order a plant in a loved one’s honor or memory. The names will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletins.

Please make checks out to **The First Congregational Church**, and mail to 148 West Main St., Millbury, Ma., 01527 (note that it is for Easter flowers). Fill out the form below and place in the offering plate or return to the church office

All orders must be in by March 13th.

Please print name(s) as you would like them to appear in the bulletin:

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

___ Lilies ___ Number of Lilies
 ___ Tulips ___ Number of Tulips

Amount enclosed \$ _____

___ I will pick up flowers after service.
 ___ I will not pick up flowers after the Service.

Association, Conference and Other Events

Worcester Fellowship

A warming shelter has been setup at All Saints Episcopal Church, Pleasant St., Worcester on **Thursdays from 1:00PM-5:00PM**. We are looking for volunteers to provide hot food (2 gallons of soup, chili, or similar item). Sandwich fixings are also needed: 2 loaves of bread, 1 lb of each: turkey, ham, bologna, and American cheese. These items can be dropped off at the church by 12:30PM on Thursdays. Please contact us at fr.warren@gmail.com for more information.

Super Saturday - March 2016

March 12, 2016 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Killingly High School, 226 Putnam Pike, Killingly, CT 06241

The CT Conference United Church of Christ in collaboration with the MA and RI Conferences is pleased to host the 12th Super Saturday event. Its theme is Leading in Times of Challenge and Change, and the keynote speaker will be The Reverend Traci Blackmon, a community leader, civil rights activist, local church pastor, recipient of the Antoinette Brown Award 2015 and acting executive of UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries.

Super Saturday is a day-long event for lay and clergy to share best practices that transform ministries. The day begins with worship and a keynote address and features over 35 workshops on topics like deepening discipleship, moving effectively into the community, managing finances, good governance, engaging creativity for mission, preaching that reaches all ages, racial justice and environmental justice, empowering youth, and more. For more information: <http://ctucc.org/supersaturday/>.

The Maine Conference, United Church of Christ cordially invites you to join us on a returning Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

April 16 - April 23, 2016

The Pilgrimage will acquaint participants with the geographical and cultural settings of the New Testament and relate historical studies to contemporary dynamics in Israel, Palestine, and Jordan. The pilgrimage will include morning and evening discussion groups on the historical and contemporary themes and visits with indigenous people. This trip is designed to introduce participants to the state of the art of biblical studies in the Holy Land. Please use this link to learn more:

<http://files.ctctcdn.com/44d9d514001/689a9af2-743f-4c8f-b5c7-f12b2828fcba.pdf>

Recurring Church Events: *Third Floor Coffee House - Open Mic*

**Trinity Church Northborough, 23 Main Street
One Friday a month, 7:00PM - 9:00PM**

Check out our website calendar for Friday night coffee houses. Come up to the third floor to share your talents with other open mic performers! All performers are welcome

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Worship and Church School: 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Carol Reynolds, Pastor
Church Phone: 508-865-9737
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Web: www.MillburyFirstChurch.org

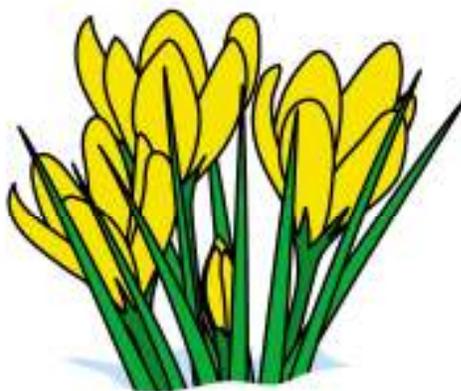


OFFICE HOURS, ETC.

Rev. Carol Reynolds is available by phone at the parsonage at [\(508\) 581-4153](tel:5085814153) or by email at pastor.millbury1stchurch@verizon.net.

Office hours are by appointment.

Carol's normal work week is Wednesday through Sunday. In cases of emergency on her days off (Monday and Tuesday), please call her cell phone at [\(508\)-282-9511](tel:5082829511).



To add an event, please email Millbury1stchurch@gmail.com

Remember to check us out on Facebook. **See all the photos.** It's a great way to introduce your friends to our Friendly Church on the Hill.

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