



# 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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## Mission Corner

Our knitting/crocheting mission group was very productive over this past year! We were able to provide 32 hats to Elmwood St School for the children in need, 21 baby blankets and 25 baby hats for the babies at Visitation House in Worcester and 16 scarfs went Graces Garments per the Millbury Housing Authority for Millbury residents in need. Elmwood St. School, Visitation House and Grace's Garments were all very thankful of our donations. It is so nice to know we were able to help those in need of warmth in the cold months ahead.

Sunday, December 17, 2017 was our white gift service. Thank you all who provided gifts for the children in need at Elmwood St. School. The Elmwood St School staff were very appreciative of our gift donations. Also, thank you to all those who provide Goretta gift cards for seniors at the Millbury Senior Center. All of our church's efforts during this holiday season have been greatly appreciated.

Our church is beautifully decorated with all the poinsettias this Christmas season. Thank you to everyone who ordered a poinsettia.

A new year is upon us! Maybe a new years resolution for 2018 could be learn a new craft? Why not join us at the church on Tuesday nights to learn to knit or crochet! Our group is taking a short break but will be back at it soon for the 2018 Christmas season. If you are interested you can get in touch with me at [murrayapplegang@aol.com](mailto:murrayapplegang@aol.com) or 508-865-6069. We would love to have new members and are able to teach you if you have no experience knitting or crocheting.

Again, thank you to all who help in our church missions!

Deanna



## Inclement Weather Cancellation Policy 2017-2018

Winter is here and with it the potential for inclement weather affecting our Sunday worship service. In the event that worship needs to be cancelled or delayed, here is what you need to know:

The decision to cancel or postpone our Sunday service will be made prior to 7 am on Sunday morning. There are 3-4 ways we will notify you of a cancellation or postponement:

1. Facebook posting
2. An email to our church distribution list
3. A message on the church office answering machine- 508-865-9737
4. A phone call for those who don't have access to email or the Internet. If you are unsure if you are on this list please contact Amy Peterson-508-865-2743.



4th Neal Riley  
 7th Philip Nyberg  
 11th Michael Swanson  
 12th Steven Elie  
 12th Elizabeth Roberts  
 14th Andrea Place  
 16th Richard Harrington  
 18th Cassidy Jacobs  
 18th Timothy Jenkel  
 18th Karrie Perry  
 24th Kerry Gobron  
 24th Alexis White  
 26th Jeffrey Graveson  
 28th Denise Rudge  
 31st Cheryl Storer

## Prayers & Concerns

†Jay and family  
 †Chris Rudge  
 †Karen B's mother  
 †Pastor Vicki's nephew Jullian who is hospitalized after a traumatic fall at work.  
 †Our Church  
 †The People of Texas  
 †Our Nation  
 †All police officers  
 †All who serve and protect our country  
 †Rhodes House Women  
 †All who struggle with addiction  
 †All who are homeless  
 †Healing Heart Hospitality House  
 † People affected by Hurricane Harvey  
 † People affected by Hurricane Irma  
 † People affected by Hurricane Jose

## Reflection

### From Amy Peterson

As we step into a new year, we at 1st Church in Millbury, embark on a new and exciting journey.

We have many plans to form and complete for 2018, as we search for our new part time Pastor. We have already begun the process and are filling out forms and questionnaires as to what is important to us as a congregation in the performance and duties of our new Pastor. We will have the help of the UCC to review profiles from ministers in the very near future.

We also hope to expand our mission work in our community wherever help is needed. We will be searching for new projects and new members to join our mission team.

Our Council meetings are, as always, open to all people after church on the second Sunday of each month. Members and non members and new friends are welcome to grab a cup of coffee and participate in each meeting. We have had lots of good input from new folks in our congregation.

We are blessed to have such a loving and devoted church family helping us to grow and move forward. We are happy and thriving and waiting to see what God has in store for our beloved church in the new year.



**If there is light in the soul, there will be beauty in the person. If there is beauty in the person, there will be harmony in the house. If there is harmony in the house, there will be order in the nation. If there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world.**

Chinese Proverb



# WILDLIFE CONTROL

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## **Chair or Mat YOGA class**

**4:15 - 5:15 pm**

**Drop in fee of \$5.00**

**\$3.00 for Seniors**

**\*\*No registration Required**

## **Yogalates**

**(combines Yoga & Pilates)**

**5:30 - 6:45 pm**

**Drop in fee of \$8.00**

**\$5.00 for Seniors**

**\*\*No registration Required**

**Classes beginning January 12th.**

**Both Classes are structured to make you feel revitalized in body and mind and accessible to ALL Levels of fitness. For more information 508-756-5478.**

**First Congregational Church, 148 West Main St, Millbury, MA**

**Both classes run every Friday until March 30th**

**\*\*Taught by Certified 200 hr Yoga Instructor**

**\*\*\*YOGA= Breath, Body, Awareness**

**\*\*\*A WONDERFUL WAY TO END YOUR WEEK- BREATH, STRETCH,  
AND RELAX\*\*\***

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**January**



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**Resolve to  
make a  
difference  
in someone's life!**



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email  
[Millbury1stchurch@gmail.com](mailto:Millbury1stchurch@gmail.com)

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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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Deadline for February  
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sanctuary.



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