



# 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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## CHURCH COUNCIL

On Sunday, June 17th we held an impromptu council meeting after church. The company that insures the church is demanding that we repair the sidewalk that runs from the front of the church towards the road. A company called 102 Property Maintenance looked at the walk and gave us their professional opinion and a price for completing the job. We took a vote at the meeting and decided to have the walk way dug up and have that section loamed and seeded. This way we will never have to worry about cracks and holes in the cement in the future.

### Our Search

The Deacons are very pleased to announce the calling of Reverend Elva Merry Pawle to minister to us at 1st Church.

We met with Pastor Elva twice and heard two of her sermons. We were very impressed by her in many ways. She is soft spoken and easy to talk to. She enjoys teaching the gospel and relating her teachings to our everyday life. She speaks with passion in her voice when she is preaching. In our opinion, Pastor Elva is a good fit for our congregation. She is anxious to get to know our church and our community.

Right now she lives in West Springfield and is the Pastor of the First Congregational Church in Westfield, Ma. She will be retiring from that church in August. On Sept 9th she will begin as our Designated Term Part Time Interim Pastor.

Although it will be sad for us all to see Vicki leave us, we are anxiously awaiting the beginning of our new journey.

### Sunday Morning Fellowship

Beginning in July and continuing through August fellowship after church will be a lighter menu. We will be serving cookies and a cold drink instead of coffee and all the refreshments we usually provide. This way we can all get home a little earlier to enjoy our yards in the warm summer weather.

### Parsonage Update

On June 24, 2018, the congregation met and voted unanimously to sell the church parsonage.

## Fall Flea Market September 15th

Our church will be holding the Fall Flea Market on Saturday, September 15th from 9 am to 2 pm.

Please gather your treasures and rent one of our inside tables for \$20. Call Jeri Stead 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 also be a Church Flea Market Table and Bakery Table.

While gathering items for Flea Market Table, please keep in mind that we are unable to accept any T.V.'s, electronics, or clothes, and please set aside your favorite recipes for April's Bakery Table.



### July

4th Daniel Roberts  
 6th Justin Murphy  
 6th Linda Polissack  
 15th Marc Lachance  
 16th Jared Fortin  
 16th Natalie Richards  
 17th Allan Rudge  
 24th Charles Perry  
 28th Peter Wahlstom  
 29th Brian Jenkel  
 31st Heather Beauregard  
 31st Hunter Greenwood  
 31st Meaghan St. George

### August

2nd Beverly Stockwell  
 4th Timothy Bickford  
 12th Mark Frankian  
 14th Emileigh Beauregard  
 14th Ann Thurlow  
 15th Patty Frankian  
 16th Peter Jenkel  
 25th Sudan Dean  
 25th Martha Moore  
 25th Richard St. George  
 27th Noah Mejaour  
 27th Michael Orrell  
 29th Robert Pearson  
 30th Linda Lachance

## Prayers & Concerns

† Don Orrell who was in a fender bender  
 † Peter Nyberg in rehab  
 † Pastor Shirley and Lynn struggling with Lynn's decline in health  
 † Families at the USA and Mexican borders being separated  
 † Guatemala volcanos  
 † Hawaiian volcanos

† Puerto Rico approaching hurricane season  
 † All Military people  
 † All who stand in harms way  
 † Our Church  
 † Our Community  
 † Our Nation  
 † Those who are abused, lonely and heart sick  
 † Those struggling with addiction  
 † Those who are hungry and homeless

## Joys and Celebrations

† The calling of Reverend Elva Merry Pawle  
 † Justin becoming a teenager.  
 † Kenny & Donna Elie are excited to announce the birth of their second Grandchild, Granddaughter, Alana Rose Elie, she was born on May 27th.  
 † Justin chosen to go to Washington DC in a leadership program with another classmate from Oxford school for a week of learning and exploring.

## Fun in God's World!

Jesus spent a lot of time outdoors and also on the water. Here's a cool thing you can make to enjoy the things underwater in God's world.

### Build an Underwater Viewer

*You will need:*

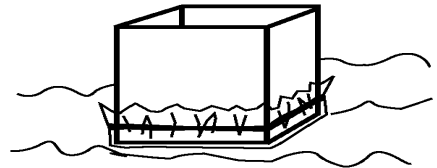
- 1/2 gallon cardboard milk carton
- clear plastic wrap
- scissors
- large rubber band or heavy tape

*How to make it:*

- Rinse out the milk carton.
- Cut the top and bottom from the milk carton. (You may need help from an adult.)
- Stretch the plastic wrap over one of the carton's open ends.
- Secure the plastic wrap with the rubber band or tape.

*How to use it:*

Lower the plastic-covered end of your viewer into the water. Look into the open end of the viewer. Look underwater to see what surprises are there!



## Mission Corner



Just a reminder that we have started knitting/crocheting/looming again. We meet every other Tuesday at Cindy Bradway's house. We have experienced people

who can teach anyone interested how to knit, crochet or use a loom. We have supplies to help you get started- no need to bring anything but yourself!

If interested may contact Deanna at 508-865-6069 or [murrayapplegang@aol.com](mailto:murrayapplegang@aol.com).  
Deanna Murray

## PAINT NIGHT DATE SET Thursday August 16th

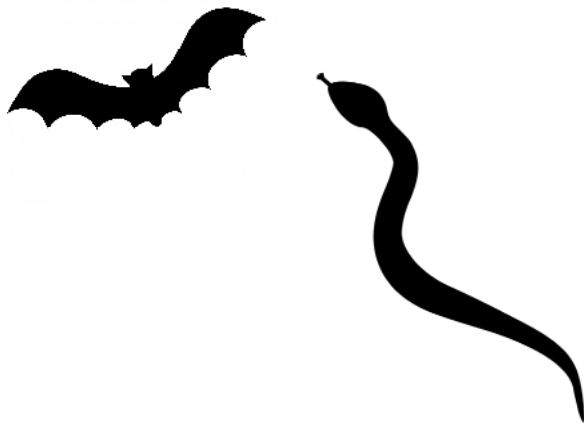
Exact time TBD.  
Roughly 6:00 to 9:00 pm.  
More information will follow.



## WILDLIFE CONTROL

Wayne Witkowski

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Mice, Rats, Snakes, Birds, etc. All  
Insects



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May today there be peace within.

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use these gifts that you have received.

And pass on the love that has been given to you.

May you be content knowing you are a child of God.

Let this presence settle into your bones,

And allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.

It is there for each and ever one of us.

~Prayer of St. Theresa



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in someone's life!**



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