



# 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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Dear Friends,

Thank you all for making my last Sunday as your Pastor such a wonderful day. I'm so grateful for your thoughtful gifts. The pillow commemorating the church's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary is a soft reminder of your kindness. The lovely replica of the church is on the shelf in my study and will bring back happy memories of our time together. The book of photos of events from our ministry will be treasured and shared with friends and family as I reflect on the good work we did, even in the midst of the COVID pandemic. Having the words of one of my favorite hymns, "The Gift of Love," framed so artfully will bring to mind the beautiful music we shared. And, if all goes according to plan, your generous financial gift will help make possible a trip to the Holy Land that I have long wanted to make.

I hope I haven't forgotten anything, but if I have please bear with me and please know how much I enjoyed your kindness and generosity. The flowers were beautiful, and the cake was delicious! Thank you for such an enjoyable reception.

In the days to come I will continue to hold you in prayer, asking God to guide you as you enter a new chapter of ministry. It was a joy to be your Pastor. To God be the glory! As the writer of Ephesians puts it:

"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen"  
(Ephesians 3: 20 – 21).

With a grateful heart,

*Elva*

## **PASTORAL SEARCH IN PROGRESS**

Your Deacons and Church Moderator have been in touch with our UCC Area Conference Minister, Liz Garrigan-Byerly.

We have begun the Search Process for a new Part Time Pastor.

Our next step will be to complete our Church Profile.

Once the Profile is submitted and posted we will be seeking a Designated Term Pastor who would be potentially eligible for the Settled Pastor Part Time Position

### *Ode to Pastor Elva*

*We knew it when we met you  
that you would be the one  
who could help us heal and grow  
into the church we have become.  
These years with you have been great!  
You saw our potential and carried us along,  
even through a pandemic you found a way  
to keep us faithful on many a Sunday.*

*Our wish for you as you retire,  
is to enjoy life to its fullest!  
And remember us dear,  
you'll always have a place in our hearts,  
for a lifetime that's clear!!*

*Thank you for ALL that you have done for us!*

### PASTOR ELVA'S FAREWELL RETIREMENT PARTY

We said our sad farewell to Pastor Elva on June 5<sup>th</sup> during a Retirement Party in her honor. One of the pictures here is a reminder of what great lengths Pastor Elva went to keep worship going during the pandemic. . We had the some worship services outside. Once she realized how bright the sun was, she had to don her sunglasses and borrow a sun hat form one of the members. . Ironically the headband on the hat said “Corona”!



**July**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Justin Murphy
- 6<sup>th</sup> Linda Polissack
- 15<sup>th</sup> Marc Lachance
- 16<sup>th</sup> Jared Fortin
- 16<sup>th</sup> Natalie Richards
- 31<sup>st</sup> Heather Beauregard

**August**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Beverly Stockwell
- 14<sup>th</sup> Emileigh Beauregard
- 14<sup>th</sup> Ann Thurlow
- 25<sup>th</sup> Patty Nyberg
- 27<sup>th</sup> Noah Mejaour
- 29<sup>th</sup> Robert Pearson
- 30<sup>th</sup> Linda Lachance

**Remember our shut-ins with a note or a card.....**

Mr. Jay Stockwell  
110 Hartness Road  
Sutton, MA 01590

Chris Rudge  
8 Carlstrom Lane  
Millbury, Ma 01527

Beverly Stockwell  
8 Colonial Drive Apt C  
Millbury, MA 01527

Mrs. Kay Lachance  
32 Davis Rd.  
Millbury, MA 01527

Eva Aubin  
113 A.F Putnam Rd.  
Charlton, MA 01507

John Davidson  
63 Raymond Schoolhouse  
Road  
Canterbury, CT 06331

### Prayers & Concerns

- † Our Community
- † Our Country
- † Our World
- † All Military Men and Women
- † All First Responders
- † Our Church and our Ministry in Millbury and beyond
- † All who are suffering from COVID 19 and their families
- † Health care workers and essential workers, providing care and support for those with COVID 19.
- † Christine Hamer’s brother Bill, in a long term care facility in Pennsylvania.

**YES! You can paint this!**  
**Tuesday, July 19th @ 6:30**



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**Millbury First Cong. Church**

**Drive-By Donations for Food Bank at Senior Center  
held at Millbury First Congregational Church**

The Millbury First Congregational Church, at 148 West Main St. is inviting people to bring donations of **Food, Personal Hygiene Items, Gorette's or CVS Gift Certificates** to the church parking lot on Saturday, August 20th, from 11 am to 2 pm. All donations will be taken to the Millbury Senior Center. Suggested items include Canned Tomato Macaroni Meals, Fruit Juices, Canned Hash, Spam, Mimi Hot Dogs, Jelly or Jam, Ketchup, Mayo, Mustard, Relish, Salad Dressing, Pop Tarts, Cracker Snack Packs, and Paper Towels. A long row of tables will be set up so you can drive along side, and you can put your donation on the table, or stay in your car, pop your trunk or hatch back and we will remove your donation. Please **Enter** from West Main Street and **Exit** to Beach Street.

Please join us in celebrating the blessing of being able to help those I need.

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of Millbury, UCC  
148 West Main Street  
Millbury, MA 01527

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**July/August**



Worship and Church School: 10:00 a.m.  
Church Phone: 508-865-9737  
Email: [Millbury1stChurch@gmail.com](mailto:Millbury1stChurch@gmail.com)  
Web: <http://millburyfirstchurch.com>



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in someone's life!**



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email  
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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.

## The Beacon

Deadline for September  
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