



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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Special Times for the Israelites



"This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it ..." Exodus 12:14

The biblical calendar had many feasts and festivals. They were connected with the changing of the seasons or special events. Below are some of the special days observed by the Israelites.

Use the code to find the name of the special day and the month of the Jewish year in which they are celebrated.

CODE:

**A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
Z Y X W V U T S R Q P O N M L K J I H G F E D C B A**

Season		Holiday	Month
1. End of Summer	ILHS SZHSZMZS	(New Year)	GRSHIR
2. Fall	BLN PRKKFI	(Day of Atonement)	GRSHIR
3. Fall	HFPPLGS	(Festival of Booths)	GRHSIR
4. Winter	SZMFPPZS	(Festival of Rededication)	PRHOVE
5. Winter	KFIRN	(Festival of Lots)	ZWZI
6. Spring	KZHHLEVI	(Feast of Unleavened Bread)	MRHZM
7. Spring	HSZEF'LG	(Feast of Weeks/ Pentecost)	HREZM

Make a Noisemaker to Celebrate Special Days

You will need:

- empty kitchen matchbox
- (NO matches)
- foil
- tape
- dried beans or rice
- unsharpened pencil
- 2 rubber bands
- stickers, glue and glitter (optional)


How to make the noisemaker:

- Put beans or rice in the matchbox, so that it rattles when you shake it.
- Tape the box shut.
- Cover box with foil.
- Poke 2 small holes on opposite sides of the box near one end.
- Stick the pencil into one hole, through the box and out the other hole.
- Wrap rubber bands around the pencil on both sides of the box, so the pencil won't slip through the holes.
- If you want, you can decorate the box with stickers and glitter.

How to use:

- Hold the pencil and move your wrist to spin the box.
- Make lots of happy noise to celebrate special days throughout the year.

Answers: 1. Rosh Hashanah; Tishri; 2. Yom Kippur; Tishri; 3. Sukkoth; Tishri; 4. Hanukkah; Kislev; 5. Purim; Adar; 6. Passover; Nisan; 7. Shavu'ot; Sivan



*Birthdays
to
Celebrate*


January
4th Neal Riley
7th Philip Nyberg

Inclement Weather Cancellation Policy 2022-2023

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, an announcement will be made on the church office answering machine.

Please dial 508-865-9737. You can also look for weather related cancellations on WCVB TV Channel 5.



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

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.



Please Join Us

A Council Meeting will be held on Sunday
January 8th, 2023

Downstairs - right after Church
Refreshments will be served.

We welcome your ideas and input as we move along in the Search Process for our New Minister!



THE DEACONS

Thank You...

Thank you to all who contributed to our White Gift Service. Elmwood St. School staff were so appreciative of all the gifts I delivered for our family. Jeri delivered 26 gift cards to CVS and Goretta's for our seniors at the Senior Center.

Hopefully our contributions helped those in need have a Merry Christmas. I am so thankful we have such a caring and giving congregation.

With Gratitude,
Deanna Murray



From the Treasurer

Hi Church Friends,

You will soon be receiving a letter requesting stewardship pledges for the 2023 year - these are usually sent out in November but they are going out in January this time.

In addition if you wish to have a letter summarizing the total you gave in 2022, please let Audrey Rossow know and she will send you a formal letter for tax purposes. The letter will state the total amount you donated in 2022 with a note stating that " No goods or services were provided by the church in exchange for your donation."

Thank you!

Audrey Rossow - Treasurer, First Congregational Church Millbury

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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 your bulletin. Donations may also be made using the envelope any other Sunday.

Thank you for your generosity.

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Address Correction Requested

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January



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



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



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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Deadline for February
newsletter is January 15th.
The BEACON is distributed by
email or first class mail. It can
also be downloaded from the
church website. Copies are
available at the back of the
sanctuary.



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