

SHARING THE LIGHT

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Welcome to Rev. Bert Cote!

Rev. Bert Cote will begin on May 1 and will be our bridge minister until we find an Interim or settled pastor - or until Christmas, after which he will return to sunny Florida!

Pastor Bert lives in Walpole for 9 months of the year. He worked as a baker until 2019, at which time he retired to pursue a second career in the Ministry. He has served as a chaplain as well as a bridge minister.

We look forward to meeting and worshipping with him.

Upcoming Holidays and Church Activities in May:

May 4	Rev. Bert Cote begins his tenure with us
May 4	Bible Study at 11:20 a.m.
May 5	Cinco de Mayo
May 11	Mother's Day
May 18	God is in the Garden planting activity at 11:00 a.m.
May 21	Cabinet Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
May 26	Memorial Day

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Worcester Fellowship WooSox Fundraiser

Seven hardy souls attended the WooSox Game last Sunday afternoon (rescheduled from Saturday due to rain). It was cool and windy but we had a great time! We missed all of you who couldn't attend the game. The final score was 20 - 11 for Syracuse.

We don't know how much the fundraiser for Worcester Fellowship made overall, but we do know that they appreciated our support!

We're hoping all of you can join us on the next outing - baseball, bowling, what else?

Fellowship and Service Team



Come Join in a Bible Study!

The Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark will continue through May and June. We meet every other Sunday after coffee hour. Everyone is welcome at any time.



Our Capital Campaign Continues

We still need your help!

We're approaching halfway to our new goal from the congregation!

The CPC fully supports the project and voted to recommend their article. We will require the support of parishioners at town meeting on May 12. Watch for details.

To pledge a donation, you may return the pledge card that you received in the mail or email the church collector at april5850@yahoo.com and make payments on your pledge. You can make payments on your pledge any time during 2025.

Thank you for your support! Let's all work together to keep our Church building beautiful.

Cherish our Past, Renew in the Present, Trust our Future



God is in the Garden

You are invited to join us on Sunday, May 18, after the service

- *Hear a mini lesson on the 3 things plants need to grow and thrive.
- *How does this connect to us and scripture?
- *Paint a little pot, plant a flower and take it home for yourself or give it to someone to brighten their day.
- *Join us outside during coffee hour to plant some flowers around our church.

Feel free to wear old clothes and bring gardening gloves!

Hope to see you!



CHURCH CARE GROUP

The Membership Committee has organized a Church Care Group to keep us all connected with our church family. Please contact Lorraine Swanson if you know someone in need of a card.

Whether it's wishes for a speedy recovery, a thank you, words of encouragement, miss you, or congratulations, who doesn't like receiving a caring card in the mail?

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Together we are the church. Let's take care of one another!



GRAFTON THRIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS FOR MAY 2025

Shop Hours: Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursday - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

May	1	Joanne Hable 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lorraine Swanson 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
	8	Joanne Hable 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lorraine Swanson 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
	15	April Lane 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lynne Falnagan-Tsombakos 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
	22	Joanne Hable 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lorraine Swanson 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
	29	Melanie Peppard

Saturday - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

May	3	Lynne Flanagan-Tsombakos 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Joanne Hable 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
	10	April Lane
	17	Amy Coldwell 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. April Lane 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
	24	Susan Filippone
	31	Diane Lalone

April showers bring May flowers! Stop by the Grafton Thrift Shop in May to find some vases for your flowers or pick out a floral top for your wardrobe. Check in each week for some donations of plants for your garden or planters from our wonderful volunteers! While you're here, don't forget a gift for the special Mom in your life! Please note we have special hours from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on May 3rd during the Grafton Community Yard Sale!

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity to help with our church's mission and the community? The Thrift Shop is seeking new volunteers who would like to help out on Tuesday mornings to sort through donations or to work in the shop for 2 or 4 hours on Thursdays or Saturdays, once or twice a month. Please contact April Lane at april5850@yahoo.com or at 508-839-5850 (home) or 508-596-8582 (cell).

Donations are accepted only during Shop hours on Thursdays and Saturdays, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. If you have any questions about the Shop or donating, please contact April Lane at april5850@yahoo.com or at 508-839-5850 (home) or at 508-596-8582 (cell).



May Birthdays

Matthew Lane	5/2	Justin Cotter	5/3	Sue Filippone	5/21
Barbara Gow	5/23	Jessa Doherty	5/26	Amy Coldwell	5/29



CARE AND CONCERN CIRCLE *May 2025*

Join the Care and Concern Circle by keeping these people in your prayers now and throughout the month.

We pray for recovery, well-being and comfort for:

Maeve	Steven	Charlotte
Donald and Vidia	Nicole	Ollie
Bruce	Adam	Patrishia
Scott and Lynn	Gary	Yvonne
Denise	A mom in hospice care	Mary S.
Fred A.	Family of Thomas Gerbe	
Our healthy newborn son, Luke		



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