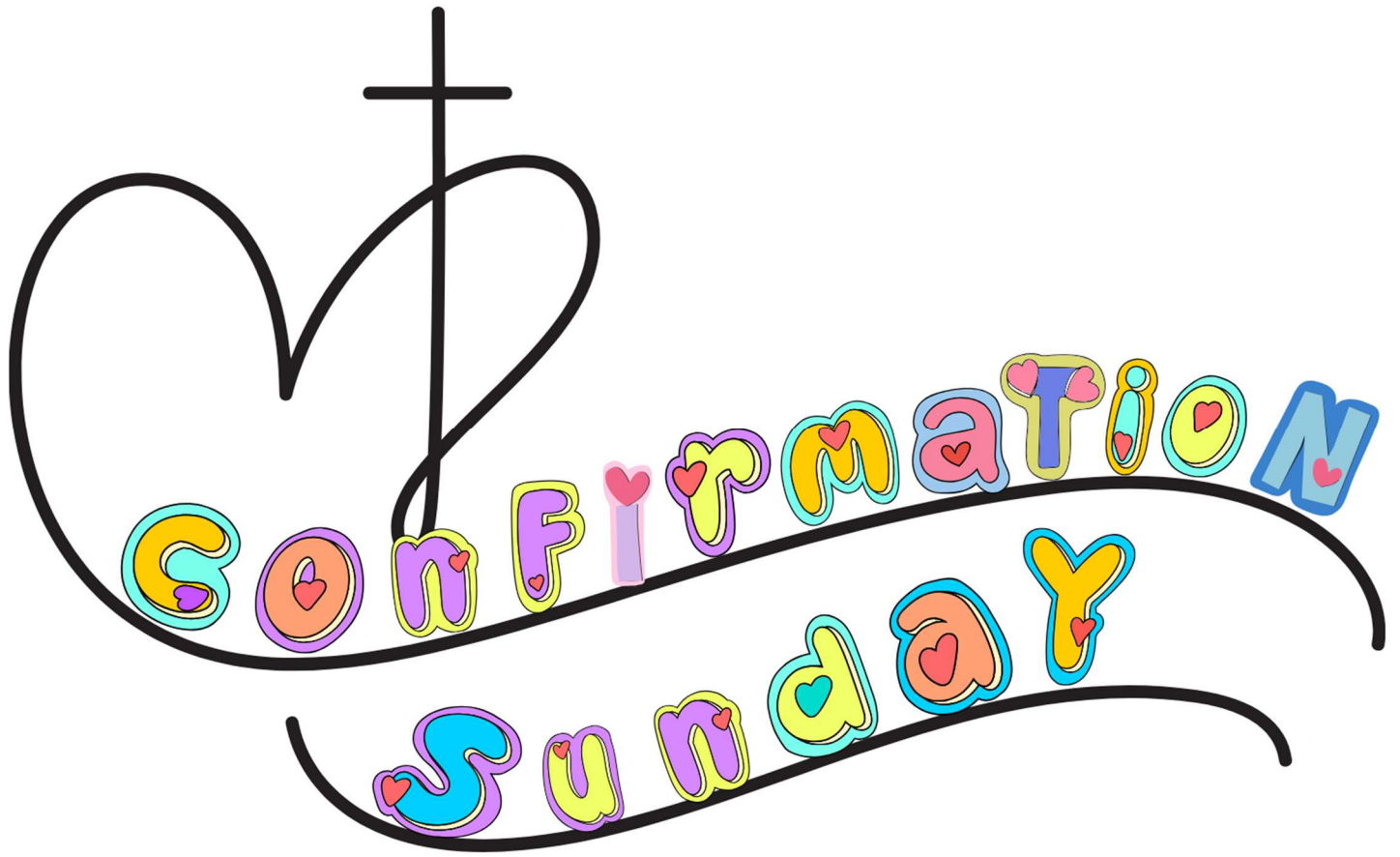




NOVEMBER 16, 2025



Wilbraham United Church

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ
and the United Methodist Church*

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November 16, 2025

Confirmation Sunday

10:00AM

We ask that everyone wear nametags so that we can be welcoming to all. There are listening devices available for those that may need them. An usher will be happy to assist you. Following the service, everyone is invited to our time of refreshments and friendship in our Fellowship Hall. Please make a left out of our sanctuary, down the hall, and up the stairs. If you are unable to use the stairs, an elevator is available.

**All who are able to stand, may do so.*

Prelude

Edelweiss

arr. T. Gerou

Alyssa Capen, Piano & Nick Capen, guitar

Fanfare

Derek Beston, trumpet

arr. R. Morkin

Welcome

Rev. Janet

***Hymn #2238 (TFWS)**

In the Midst of New Dimensions

Prayer

Austin Bregianes

Anthem

Glory, Glory!

Podd Brothers

Chancel Choir and Praise Band

Moments For Children Of All Ages

Ayden Byers, Derek Beston, Austin & Alex Bregianes

Scripture

Mark 12: 28-33

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 13: 1-5

“If prophets or those who divine by dreams appear among you and show you omens or portents, and the omens or the portents declared by them take place, and they say, ‘Let us follow other gods’ (whom you have not known) ‘and let us serve them,’ you must not heed the words of those prophets or those who divine by dreams, for the Lord your God is testing you, to know whether you indeed love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. The Lord your God you shall follow, him alone you shall fear, his commandments you shall keep, his voice you shall obey, him you shall serve, and to him you shall hold fast. But those prophets or those who divine by dreams shall be put to death for having spoken treason against the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, to turn you from the way in which the Lord your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.

Sermon

What God Wants from You

Alyssa Capen

***Hymn #593 (UMH)**

Here I Am, Lord

Offering Of Our Gifts And Ourselves

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Come Now is the time to Worship
Praise Band

B. Doerksen

Prayer of Dedication

Service of Confirmation (see insert)

***Hymn #2244 (TFWS) sing 4 times**

People Need the Lord

***Benediction**

Postlude

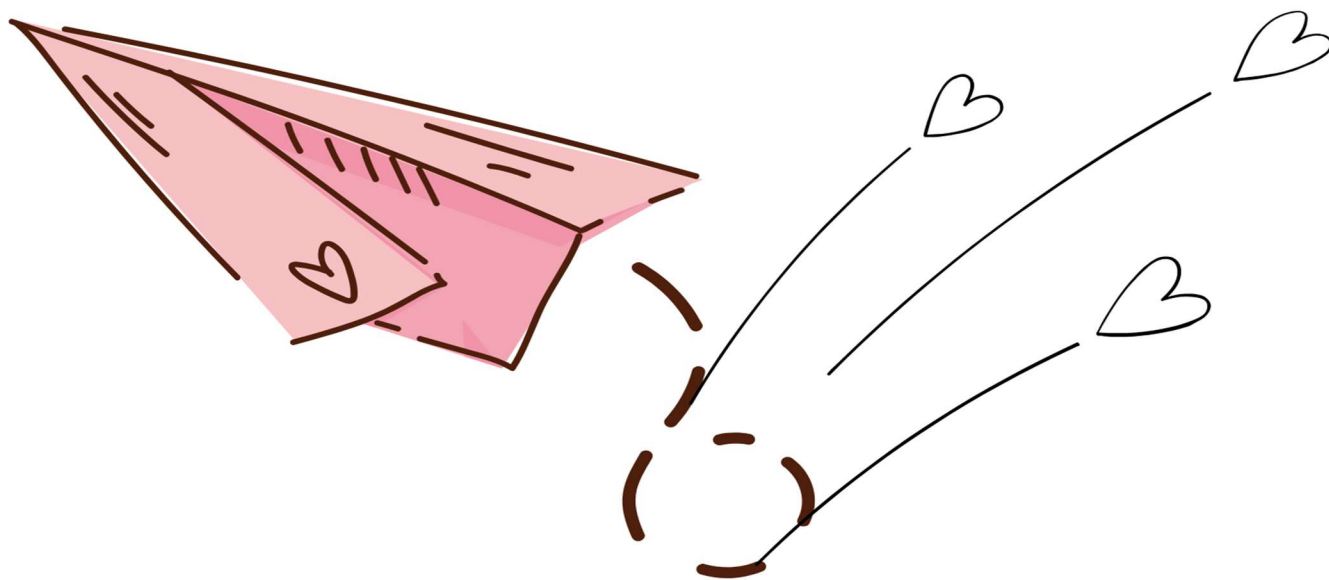
Smooth

arr. A. Klausing & R. Mattingly

Nick Capen, guitar; Derek Beston, trumpet; John Colkos, drums

Welcome Visitors! *Is this your first visit to United Church? If you wish to be contacted by a member of the church or our pastor, please leave your contact information with one of the ushers or place a visitor card in the collection plate. We invite you to join us in our time of Fellowship after the service. Our ushers or a member of the ministry team will be happy to accompany you and help you find your way!*

*UMH – The “red” United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS – The “small black” book Faith We Sing Hymnal*



The Altar flowers this morning are given by Susan Pereira in loving memory of her father Ronald Nobbs Jr. on the eighth anniversary of his passing.

Please congratulate our confirmands on the completion of their Faith Exploration.

Derek Beston

Ayden Byers

Alyssa Capen

Alex Bregianes

Austin Bregianes

Nicholas Capen

MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Janet Sandquist-Skagerlind

Music Director: Roberta Morkin

Technical: Deb Trimble

Ushers: Ayden Byers, Alex Bregianes, Ralph & Sherrie Ridgeway

Greeter: Edna Colcord

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*If you are in need of Pastoral Care, please contact Rev. Janet or the Church Office.
After office hours, Rev. Janet can be reached at (978)350-3463.*



Please Pray For:

Catherine Gardner

Larry Harris

Connie Law

Sharon McAbee

Shey McAbee

Michelle McBride

Bill McCullough

Claire McCullough

Theresa Munn

Jim Trimble

The Hungry

The Homeless

The victims of violence and their families

Our troops, our country and our world

CONFIRMATION AND THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: AFFIRMATIONS OF BAPTISM

Invitation

Questions of the Candidates for Confirmation and Membership

Pastor: (*Names*), do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Candidate: I do.

Pastor: Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in Christ?

Candidate: I do.

Pastor: Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Candidate: I do.

Pastor: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Candidate: I promise with the help of God.

Pastor: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

Candidate: I promise with the help of God.

Affirmation of Faith (Congregation, Confirmands and Candidates)

Pastor: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Pastor: Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Prayer of the Confirmands

Pastors and Confirmands: O God, my God, known to me in Jesus Christ, I give myself to you as your own, to love and serve you faithfully all the days of my life. Amen.

Prayer of the Congregation

People: Almighty God, who in baptism received these your servants into the church, increase in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

Act of Confirmation

Prayer of Confirmation

Address

Question about Participation

Pastor: Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves the community and the world?

Candidates: I promise, with the help of God.

Welcome

Pastor: Let us, the members of Wilbraham United Church, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

People: We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior. Amen.

Renewal of Covenant

People: We Covenant with the Lord and with one another to walk together in God's holy ways. We will strive to be doers of the Word and not hearers only. This being our church, we promise that, so far as we are able, we will attend its services of worship, observe its sacraments, share its work, give for the support of its local activities and world-wide service, and walk with one another in Christian faithfulness and love.

Greetings in Christian Love

Prayer

“News for the Pews” for the Week of November 16, 2025

Sign up sheets for the **Holly Fair** are up! Help out with the largest church activity of the year. This year's Holly Fair is December 13. There are plenty of opportunities to help out both on days leading up to the Fair as well as the day of. Greatly needed will be cookies for our Famous Cookie Walk. If you can bake a batch (or more) of cookies to help stock the cookie walk please let Chrissy Plumb know. Also needed are people to come in on Friday afternoon to help move furniture to make space for our vendors. Please let Kim Ryan know if you can help out!

The **Charlie Brown Thanksgiving** event will be held on Saturday December 22 at 4:30. This is a fun, low-key family event. We invite all members and friends of any age to attend. This event is held in the Zeckhausen Room and Narthex.

The Wilbraham United Players upcoming production is a holiday musical – **Five Golden Rings**. Tickets are on sale on the Player's website -www.wilbrahamunitedplayers.org/buy-tickets. The show opens Friday November 28th and there are performances over that weekend and the weekend beginning December 5th.

Reminder that Church Council will meet Monday November 17. Trustees will meet at 6:30, with Council at 7 p.m. in the Zeckhausen Room.





CALLING ALL COOKIE BAKERS!



**Help spread the Christmas cheer, one
cookie at a time and make this year's
Cookie Walk another success!**

Who: Anyone!

**What: Your special Christmas cookies, bars
and barks**

Where: Place in church freezer or kitchen

When: Anytime on Friday, December 12th

**Contact: Chrissy Plumb
(Plumb1993@charter.net)**

Thank you for all your help!!!





Charlie Brown Thanksgiving

All are welcome to join us for
a movie, themed dinner and craft!

Saturday, November 22nd

4:30 - 6:30 PM

Zeckhausen Room

Wilbraham United Church

5 Golden Rings

A Greeting Card
Channel Holiday
Musical

Book by Stephen Garvey
Music & Lyrics by David Abbinanti

Performances

November 28 - December 7, 2025



Fellowship Hall Stage at
Wilbraham United Church
500 Main St
Wilbraham, MA

wilbrahamunitedplayers.org



A Wilbraham United Players Production



Wilbraham United Church

THANKS FOOD DRIVE GIVING

*We would love your help in providing
Thanksgiving baskets to families in need.
Additional Items will be donated to our Blessing
Box and the Community Survival Center*

We Are Collecting The Following Items:

Canned Gravy
Canned Vegetables
Stuffing Mix
Cranberry Sauce
Corn Bread Mix
Canned Yams
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Mac and Cheese

Can Openers
Tablecloths & Napkins
*Rolls/Biscuits
*Bags of Fresh Carrots
*Bags of Fresh Potatoes
*Fresh Fruit
Grocery Gift Cards
Monetary Donations

***Please Bring any Perishable Items on 11/ 23**

Items Will Be Collected Until

NOVEMBER 23

DROP OFF LOCATION:

Wilbraham United Church

During Office Hours: M-Th
8:30am-1:30pm

Or Sundays During Church

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

Discipleship@wilbrahamunitedchurch.org

This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Sunday, November 16, 2025

10:00 a.m. –Worship

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (FH)

5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)

1:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)

Monday, November 17, 2025

Church Office 8:30 –2:30

10:00 a.m. -Piece Makers

6:30 p.m. -Trustees (ZR)

7:00 p.m. – Church Council (ZR)

7:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Church Office 8:30 –2:30

9:00 a.m. – Loaves and Fishes Prep

**11:30 a.m. – Women’s Fellowship
(ZR)**

2:00 p.m. – Bible Study (ZR)

5:15 p.m. – Discipleship (ZR)

6:30 p.m. – Search Comm (ZR)

7:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Church Office 11:30 – 2:30

11:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting

1:00 p.m. -Called to Care (Lib)

6:30 p.m. – Scouts

7:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)

7:15 p.m. -Praise Band (Sanc)

Thursday, November 20, 2025

Church Office 8:30 – 2:30

9:20 a.m. – Loaves and Fishes

6:30 p.m. – Al Anon (YR)

7:00 p.m. – Bell Choir (Sanc)

8:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir (Sanc)

Friday, November 21, 2025

Church Office closed

Saturday, November 22, 2025

Church Office closed

9:00 a.m. – WUP (FH)

4:30 p.m. – Charlie Brown

Thanksgiving (ZR)

Sunday, November 23, 2025

10:00 a.m. –Worship

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (FH)

1:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)

5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)

