

Wilbraham United Church
"I am the vine, you are the branches."

Wilbraham United Church

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

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May 24, 2026

Pentecost 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.*

UMH – The “red” United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS – The “small black” book Faith We Sing Hymnal

GATHERING MUSIC

Piano: Every Time I Feel the Spirit

arr. P. Drennan

Bells: For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. K. McChesney

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME

Rev. Janet

***GATHERING HYMN #404(UMH)**

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alan Druckenmiller

Liturgist: The Spirit of God is amongst us, inspiring us to do great things in the name of Christ. We gather to worship in all faithfulness, reminded that the fire of the Spirit has enkindled in us a love of God and a desire to serve.

People: We open our lives to the presence of God and trust that the Lord will continue to light our way so that we never walk alone. Thanks be to God

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, You have given us breath and life and we are ever grateful to you. Help us to be faithful to you and to the ways of righteousness and grace. Grant us the power to make your love known even when it is hard. Enable us in this time together to venture into the depths of worship, to grow closer to you despite our human struggles and limitations, and to know the joy of the Spirit. Let us this day receive your Spirit and may we be empowered by it. Amen

***SONG OF PRAISE # 334 (UMH)**

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENTS FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 11: 24-30

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord, and he gathered seventy of the elders of the people and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders, and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sung Response # 2193 (TFWS)

*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

GOSPEL READING

John 7: 37-39

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’ ” Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

It's a Fiery Day

Rev. Janet

***HYMN #2117(TFWS)**

Spirit of God

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Total Praise

Chancel Choir

arr. J. Raney

***Doxology #94 (UMH)**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts. Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Prayer of Dedication

***PARTING HYMN #539 (UMH)**

O Spirit of the Living God

***FOLLOWING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #664 (UMH), verse 2:**

*With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.*

MUSIC FOR SENDING FORTH

Organ: Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

arr. M. McDonald

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.*

This morning the Altar Flowers are in honor of Karen and Carl Gatchell's 23rd anniversary.

MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Janet Sandquist-Skagerlind

Music Director: Roberta Morkin

Technical: Deb Trimble

Ushers: Poppy Nelson & Skip Dearborn

Liturgist: Alan Druckenmiller

Greeter: Gennie Keddy



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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
Connie Law
Sharon McAbee
Shey McAbee
Michelle McBride
Bill McCullough
Claire McCullough
Ed McCorkindale
Jean Michon
Jim Trimble
The Hungry
The Homeless

The victims of violence and their families
Our troops, our country and our world

“News for the Pews” for the Week of May 24, 2026

The **Annual Program Year Meeting** of the Wilbraham United Church will be held June 7, 2026 immediately following worship in the Sanctuary to transact the following business:

- Vote on the 2025-2026 Annual Reports
- Vote on the 2026-2027 Leadership Nominations
- Vote on a Bylaw change as follows:

Article VIII, Section 2, (d)

Current wording: The resignation or removal of a Minister requires sixty (60) days written notice, unless the Minister and Church Council make another arrangement.

Proposed change: The resignation or removal of a Minister requires **ninety (90)** days written notice, unless the Minister and Church Council make another arrangement.

This change is requested to make our By-Laws consistent with the UCC Ministerial Call Agreement wording.

- Act on any other business properly brought before the Meeting

The Meeting will be followed by lunch in Fellowship Hall.

Nan Shepard, Clerk



Wilbraham United Church
**Arts and
Crafts Fair**
June 6, 2026
9AM - 3PM

Volunteers Needed

- Bake Sale
- Vendor assistance
- Raffle
- Refreshments

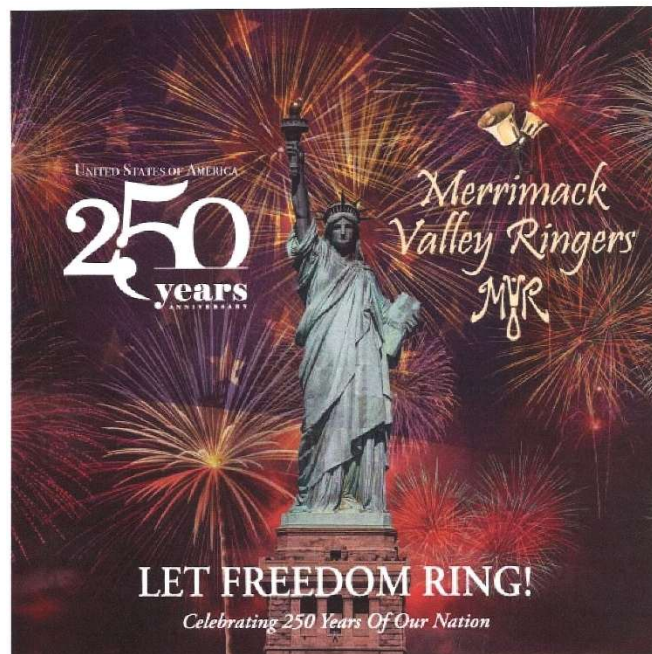
See Deb with questions

Our Annual Arts and Crafts Fair is coming soon! We're looking for Volunteers to help out with Baked Goods for our Bake Sale or to help with setting up the day before and other opportunities the day of the Fair! Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.



It's time to register for Vacation Bible Camp 2026! Registration for both campers and volunteers can be found on the church's website:

www.wilbrahamunitedchurch.org/vacation-bible-camp/



SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026
Wilbraham United Church

Workshop – 12 noon-4:15 pm / Concert – 7:00 pm
500 Main Street • Wilbraham, MA

This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Sunday, May 24, 2026

10:00 a.m. –Worship
11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (FH)
11:00 a.m. – Junior Choir (CR)
1:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)
5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)

Monday, May 25, 2026

Church Office CLOSED

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30
8:30 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast
5:30 p.m. – Discipleship (ZR)
7:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30
6:30 p.m. – Scouts
7:00 p.m. – WUP (FH)

Thursday, May 28, 2026

Church Office 8:30 – 1:30
6:30 p.m. – Al Anon (YR)
7:00 p.m. – Bell Choir (Sanc)
8:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir (Sanc)

Friday, May 29, 2026

Church Office closed

Saturday, May 30, 2026

Church Office closed
12:00 p.m. - Handbell Workshops
7:00 p.m. -Handbell Concert (Sanc)

Sunday, May 31, 2026

10:00 a.m. –Worship
11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time (FH)
11:00 a.m. – Junior Choir (CR)
1:30 p.m. – WUP (FH)
5:00 p.m. – Al-Anon (YR)

*Please note Reverend Janet will be on
vacation between Monday May 25 and
Monday June 8.*