



Newsletter of the First Congregational Church of North Brookfield - January 2026



Begin the Year with God

By Jane Ingersoll-Mahoney

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Join us as we pray corporately and silently asking God for protection and blessings over the coming year.

We will meet in the sanctuary at noon on January 1, 2026 for our

Annual New Year's Day Prayer Gathering.

Lunch will immediately follow in Fellowship Hall. Is there a better way to start the new year?

Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

Jeremiah 29:12

Prayer changes things.

Imagine how big God probably smiles when He hears two people praying about each other.

Maybe the most beautiful kind of love is when two people don't even know they're being mentioned in each other's prayers — when care exists quietly, without performance or proof. I hope you find someone who adds you

to their prayers the way you do, who thanks God for your existence, who prays not to change you but to protect the softness you carry. Someone who is grateful for your messy, beautiful, all-over-the-place self.

I believe that's what true love is: a quiet "take care of them" whispered to God.



January Dates

NEW YEAR'S DAY PRAYER GATHERING – Thursday, January 1st, noon-1 pm

DIACONATE MEETING - Monday, January 5th at 6:30 pm

CABINET MEETING - Thursday, January, 8th at 6:30 pm

MEN'S BREAKFAST - Saturday, January, 10th at 8:30 am

SECRET SISTERS TEA - Saturday, January 10th from 2:00-4:00 pm

GIFTS TO THE HOMELESS

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Open Hands Ministry, in concert with our **Ignite/Spark** youth group, decorated and filled 100 Christmas gift bags that were handed out to the homeless at Christmas.

Thanks to the on-going generosity of many of you, the bags were filled with hats, mittens, socks, scarves, toiletries, candies, Table Talk pies, the Gospel of John, rubber bracelets with scripture, among other various items.

This wonderful outreach of our church blesses many who would otherwise be forgotten. Thank you to those ladies who knit and crochet hats and



Gifts to the Homeless

mittens and scarves all year long. And deep appreciation to those who faithfully donate blankets, sleeping bags, backpacks, coats, and shoes, etc. that are so desperately needed throughout the year.



*“Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.”
Luke 3:11*



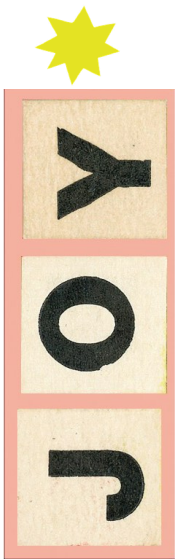
We can't thank everyone enough who donates both their time and resources to this ministry/project every year. Showing others the love of Christ is what this season is truly about.





Christmas PARTY

Sunday, December 21st
at Sunday School



Christmas Eve

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



This year's **Christmas Eve Pageant**, *The Party*, was directed by Jade Caron Ford, Mary Beth Kularski, and Bethanie Caron. There were 23 children who took part in the pageant, playing Narrators to Angels, Shepherds and Sheep to Mary & Joseph and everyone in between.

Top Photos: Hadley Martin as "Mary" places baby Jesus in the outdoor manger.

Middle: The whole cast before the pageant.

Bottom: Taking a final bow at the end of the pageant.



For those 65+

Pat King	Jan. 1
Bev Mimeault	Jan. 8
Louise Douglas	Jan. 11
Carol Tomlin	Jan. 15
Jean Underwood	Jan. 24
Mark Hume	Jan. 28



Secret Sisters is a fellowship group for women of the church. All are invited to come to their afternoon tea on January 10th. Please see Annie Shea for details.

One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. — Psalm 27:4

January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12:00-1:00 pm ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S DAY PRAYER	2 10:15 –12:00 Prayer Group	3 9:30 Bible Journaling
4 10:45 Worship 3:30-5:30 Spark & Ignite	5 9:45 Women's Bible Study 1:30 Grace Bible Study 6:30 Diaconate	6 6:15 Men's Bible Study	7 shine bright	8 10-12 Food Pantry 1:00 Celia's Bible Study 6:30 Prayer Meeting 6:30 Cabinet	9 10:15 –12:00 Prayer Group	10 8:30 Men's Breakfast 9:30 Bible Journaling 2:00-4:00 pm Secret Sister Tea
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