



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

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Remembering Paul Foucher

Family and Friends,

We can feel the love through your prayers and your incredible support already.

We know that one of the many ways we support one another after loss is through the delivery of pre-made meals and food. With this in mind, Kaitlyn finds it very therapeutic to cook meals and loves to do that for her own family.

Although it is well meaning, we ask that you please do not drop off any food or prepared meals at her house. She's requested that if you feel led to provide a "meal" for them, the most impactful way to do that would be in purchasing gift cards so that she can get groceries for her and the kids, or do a night for takeout if desired. The following is a list of places where she normally shops and would appreciate support from:

Hannaford	Big Y	Jim's Pizza
Walmart	Costco	Still Four Corners
BJ's	Wholesome Farmers Market	

Thank you again for your continued prayers, love and support during this unexpected difficult time.

OAKHAM- Paul R. Foucher, 38, of Oakham, MA, passed away unexpectedly while camping with his family on June 30, 2026 due to an underlying medical condition.

He was born on March 20, 1988 to Mark and Sandra Foucher in Worcester, MA. Although his time here on earth was short, he positively touched the hearts and lives of many. He was a beloved husband, father, son, brother, uncle, ministry leader, friend and more. Of the many hats he wore, however, his favorites were those of husband and father.

He leaves behind his wife, Kaitlyn and their three children, Kylie, Chase and Jack, who were truly the lights of his life. He is also survived by his mother, Sandra of North Brookfield, and his

grandfather, Paul Dwinnell of Northborough, his sister, Michelle Verham and her husband Justin of Hardwick along with their children Parker, Grant and Sawyer. He also leaves behind his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Mark and Sheila McGrail of North Brookfield, his sister-in-law, Alycia Martin of Oakham, her husband, Gerry and their daughters Hadley and Delaney. He also leaves behind countless other aunts, uncles and cousins.

His love story with his wife, Kaitlyn, began twenty years ago when they were both in high school. They married in October 2011 and celebrated the day surrounded by a multitude of family and friends.

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In 2022, they began their next great adventure as pre-adoptive parents to a sibling set of three children. Joy abounded in December 2024 as they celebrated their kids' adoption day, which would later become affectionately known and celebrated as "Foucher Day." He built a life rooted in faith, family, and service to others. He cherished Kait and loved her like Christ loved the church with a sacrificial, unrelenting love so deep that words can only begin to capture it.

Paul was adventurous. His ideal days included drinking lots of black coffee, hiking, biking on trails, playing volleyball, canoeing, camping, playing cards, being outdoors, and spending time with those he loved.

To those who knew him best, Paul was steadfast, loving, generous and dependable. He was funny and honest and he dedicated his life to following Jesus.

Paul exemplified the Great Commission "Go therefore and make disciples of all

nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20).

His family finds immense peace and comfort knowing he's resting eternally with Jesus and was received with open arms hearing, "Well done, good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:21).

His legacy will be remembered.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, July 11th at 10:30 a.m. at the First Congregational Church, 144 N. Main St. North Brookfield, MA.

Instead of black, we ask that you wear something in a color or print that makes you smile for "weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning" (Psalm 30:5).

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the **Ignite Youth Ministry**, c/o First Congregational Church, North Brookfield or to **MARE** (MA Adoption Resource Exchange), 19 Needham Street, Suite 206, Newton, MA 02461.



Join Paul and the Underground Church!

Monday - Friday | 9:00 am - Noon

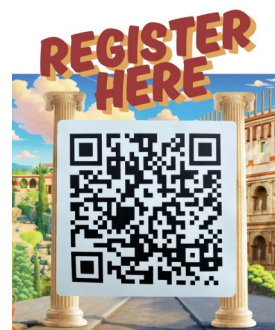
Ages 4 - High School

At Rome, everyone gets to explore first-hand the culture of Paul's world. They'll experience the heartbreaking trials, joyous victories, and tear-filled celebrations of this unique Bible hero.

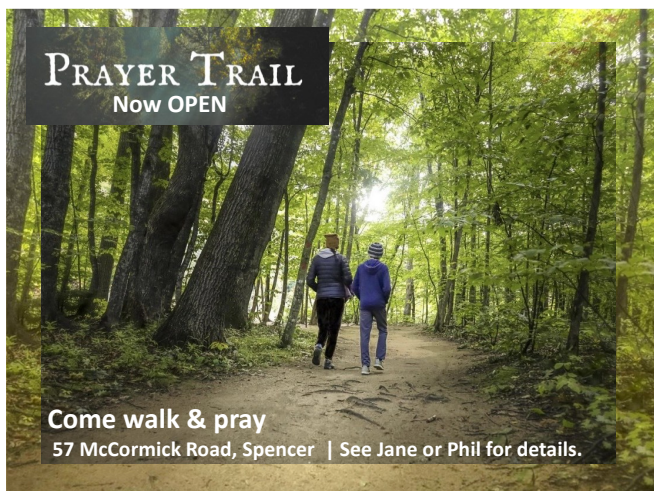
God's Word comes alive as families enjoy traditional Bible-times customs, occupations, food, and even games!

Please scan this QR Code to pre-register your kids for a wonderful week of VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL.

They will LOVE it!



Next VBS STAFF meeting is Sunday, July 12th after the church service. Approx. 10:45 am



THE PRAYER TRAIL IS OPEN

Jane Ingersoll-Mahoney

Some of you have visited our prayer trail.

Please do so again. If you have not, we hope that you will soon.

This is the third year since creating a trail through our woods for others to enjoy. It is lined with scripture, images, and rest areas in which to pray and meditate. All are welcome. Stop by any time that you are so moved. Come once or come often. Bring a friend. No advance notice is necessary. It is our desire to share God's word and our world with you.



GOOD NEWS ABOUT OUR 24 HOURS OF PRAYER AND FASTING

Jane Ingersoll-Mahoney

Our church is not only generous, active, and supportive, we are also a praying community.

On June 15-16 we held our quarterly event of church-wide 24 hours of prayer and fasting. I am thrilled to announce that we had 68 participants comprised of 18 men and 50 women.

A big thank you to Holly Kularski and to Mary Beth Kularski for their hard work in assisting me by contacting congregants and encouraging them to join us in this spiritual effort.

Our church members and friends volunteer to speak to God through prayer, scripture, and fasting (optional) for a full 24 hours non-stop. As each person ends their prayer time, they pass the "baton" on through text reminding the next person that it is their turn to pray. This creates an amazing spiritual connection to all who participate. The joy experienced through this bonding is inexpressible. It also gives great honor to our Triune God. If you have not yet been a part of this wonderful experience, please consider signing up. You have until mid-September to pray on it. That's when our next event takes place.

HAPPY Anniversary

James & Linda Ostiguy	July 3
Peter & Tere Lauzon	July 7
Mike & Elaine Palumbo	July 14
Steve & Ashley Ottman	July 21
Dan Dever & Karen McGrail	July 22



For those 65+		Bill Masterman	July 13
Mike Kularski	July 1	Ron Olson	July 28
Barbara Gelinis	July 9	Richard Thorlakson	July 28
Karen Bessette	July 12	Chet Lubelczyk	July 29
Holly Kularski	July 13	Phil Ingersoll-Mahoney	July 29

JULY Dates

GRIEFSHARE - Mondays, at 6:00 pm

DIACONATE MEETING - Monday, July 6th at 6:30 pm

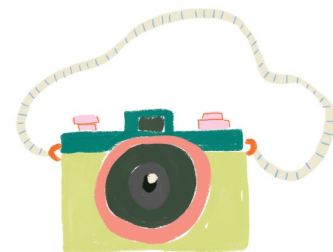
MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PAUL FOUCHER - Saturday,
July 11th at 10:30 am

VBS VOLUNTEERS MEETING - Sun, July 12th at 10:45 am

CABINET MEETING - Postponed to Thursday, July 16th
at 6:30 pm

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: ROME - July 20-24th
Monday - Friday 9:00-Noon

VBS CLOSING PROGRAM - Sunday, July 26th at 9:30 am



Please notify Deb at the church office for any calendar changes.

Articles, photos, and news items may be sent to deb@firstchurchnb.org

OFFICE HOURS: Tues, Wed, Thurs, 9 am—1 pm

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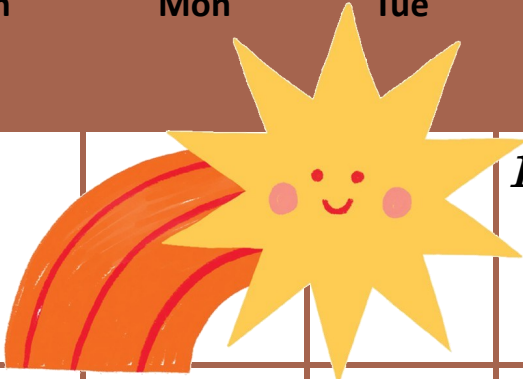
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