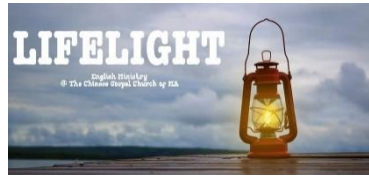


# English Ministry

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As part of our English Congregation's Mission to "Experience and Embody the Love of God", we joined in our church's theme of: Set Apart and Sent Out.

## Sunday Morning Service

Our English Congregation's Mission Statement helps structure our worship service to show the unified story of God's commitment to fix what is wrong in this world through Jesus' life, death, resurrection, ascension, and the giving of the Spirit of God into the lives of his followers.

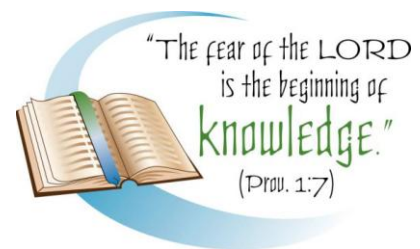


In our Sunday morning service, we will spend time together in worship through scripture readings from the Old and New Testaments, singing, congregational prayer, and hearing a sermon.

This year's sermon series was in Acts to see Heaven and Earth Overlap in followers of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We were challenged to continue Jesus's teaching to his followers about what life in God's kingdom looks like, as the call to surrender ourselves to God's kingdom mission.

## Sunday School



The English congregation Sunday School is truly a multi-generational group. We have college students through retirement-age people. During our Sunday school, we engaged in a discussion of responding to the sermon. We have wonderful discussions that build up our group.



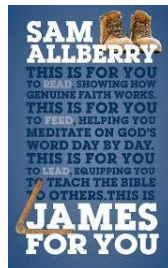
One practical way to engage with the text is for our congregation members to handwrite out the Gospel of Acts as part of our devotional practice.

### Thursday Night Young Adult

Our group of Young Adults in the English Congregation continued to meet together to begin a Bible reading and discussion program called “Immerse”. It’s been a fantastic time to get to know each other better and grow in our understanding of God’s word.



### English Congregation Friday Fellowship

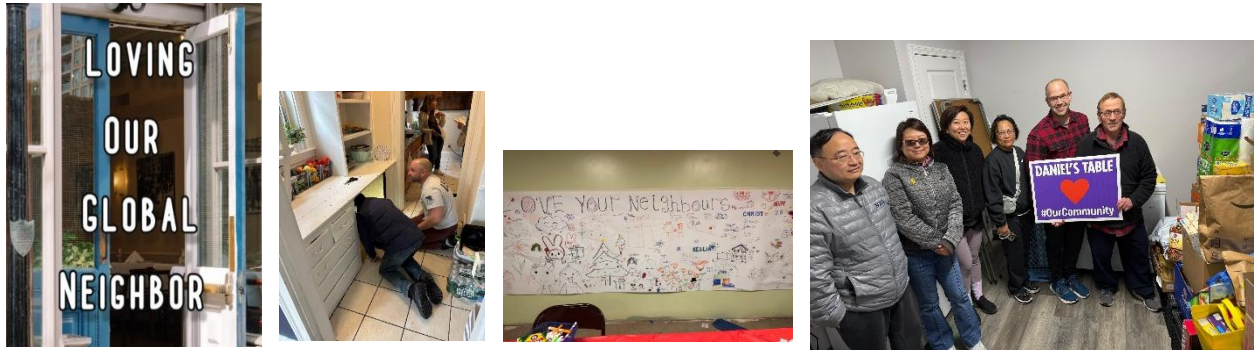


Our English Friday Fellowship exists for people who are not currently invested in a fellowship. Whether you are a regular attender and member of our English congregation or someone interested in learning more about the English congregation and its mission, please join us this year! We welcomed several new families to our English congregation and are excited to have them grow with us!

Our group met to discuss the books of Proverbs and James. Our goal was to discuss together what Godly and practical wisdom looks like in our lives. We are blessed with an intergenerational Friday group, so we have been able to share life lessons learned along the way!

In addition to our regular fellowship meetings, we continued to join together for fun activities. We continue to participate in the Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack as well as fellowship dinners and potlucks.

## English Congregation Compassionate Outreach (ECCO): MetroWest



In 2025, we are “set apart and sent out”. For some, that might mean to “Go” to the ends of the earth. But for others, we are called to “stay” and care for those who are from the “ends of the earth” who have come here!

Whether it is through showing love to our literal neighbors next door, or even those who God brings into our lives who are different than us, our goal is to show how God’s love has changed us.

In 2025, we continued the call God has given the church to care for his “protected class of people” as an opportunity to reach out to those in physical need (refugees, the poor, immigrants).

We began a quarterly food drive to support Daniel’s Table Food Pantry. (Framingham). Daniel’s Table provides food security for families with children under 18 and senior citizens who live in/near Framingham.

In partnership with Faith Church (Hopkinton) we formed a group of individuals from the English and Chinese congregations and adopted the name “Loving Our Global Neighbor” to restart our outreach to visit and care for a family that has recently moved to the United States. We helped collect furniture and set up their apartment!

Another example of how we demonstrated that love was through participating in the Welcoming Alliance for Refugee Ministries (W.A.R.M) Christmas party and helping with tutoring to English Language Learners!

The English Congregation’s involvement in these kinds of outreach opportunities does so through the conviction that God does not want us to form our lives into a “spiritual” vs “physical separation that causes us to miss the fact that God cares about the physical lives of people.

The question is asked, “What is it like when God’s kingdom shows up in the world”? The English congregation seeks to show that acts of love, mercy, compassion, and generosity abound!

Whatever the English congregation does, we hope to follow God’s leading to do just that!

We want to experience and embody the Love of God!

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