

Connect over VIRTUAL Coffee & Dessert!

Saturday, April 18th (all day)

Hello Westborough friends & Neighbors,

Although we cannot be physically together at this time, it should not stop us from staying connected! In the true spirit of Westborough Connects to create innovative ways to bring neighbors, friends, and families together, we are bringing the next **Connect Over Coffee** to your home!

On Saturday, April 18th, we encourage you to participate in **Connect Over VIRTUAL Coffee & Dessert**! It's a fun twist on a traditional coffee event that you can do anywhere and at any time, built around the theme of Connecting to the Past, Present & Future.

Fun Ideas for Families

Bake together! Invite neighbors, friends, your kids' friends, grandparents, or other distant relatives to bake something together over FaceTime, Zoom, Google Hangouts, or other favorite chat service. A few simple recipe ideas are sugar cookies, cupcakes, or quick breads. Or use a favorite family recipe!

Play a Game! While you're waiting for your dessert to bake, or once it's ready to enjoy, gather around the table for a game. Charades, Pictionary, and bingo are all fun options!

- **Connecting to the Past** - If you are using a family recipe or baking with grandparents & other family members, use this time to talk about the recipe's history & significance. How has this recipe been passed down through the generations? How did you learn to bake the recipe? Does the recipe have any cultural significance?
- **Connecting to the Present** - Decorate your delicious dessert with words or designs that show what you are grateful for today.
- **Connect to the Future** - Share ideas on how you can continue this tradition. Make a plan for the next coffee & dessert and invite others to participate!

Fun Ideas for Adults

Open your own coffeehouse! Find a time to meet up with friends, neighbors, or family to chat over FaceTime, Zoom, Google Hangouts, or your other favorite chat service; brew up a pot of coffee or tea; grab a snack and connect.

- **Connecting to the Past** - If you baked a family recipe, share your story about the recipe's history & significance. How has this recipe been passed down through the generations? How did you learn to bake the recipe? Does the recipe have any cultural significance?
- **Connecting to the Present** - Find creative ways to describe what you are grateful for today. Make & decorate a table card with your word of gratitude, share a word that begins with the first letter of your name, or draw what you are feeling.
- **Connect to the Future** - What conversations are you having with your children/grandchildren/students etc. about sustaining our collective aim towards goodwill? Share ideas for how you can continue making connection a priority. Take out your calendars and plan your next get-together.

The great thing about VIRTUAL coffees is that you can have them anytime and anywhere! If you are not able to get together on April 18th - find a day that works for you! Any opportunity to connect is a valued opportunity.

We'd love to see your photos! Feel free to share your coffeehouse snapshots to **westboroughconnects@gmail.com**

Until we can connect again in person, we hope you can connect creatively.

-Kristin French, on behalf of the Westborough Connects Community Engagement Team