
The Union Church in Waban

Weekly Updates

May 2, 2014

All-Comers Party

Friday, May 9th at 6:30 p.m.

Please join us at the UCW's Spring All-Comers party at **Alicia Collins and Tony Abbiati's** house, **128 Avalon Road in Waban**. This is a great chance to mix and mingle with Union Church folks whether you have been a member for thirty years or you just started attending this spring. Childcare will be provided. Please **RSVP** to Alicia at aliciamaureencollins@gmail.com and let her know what you will bring to the potluck.

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SUNDAY

Bible Study resumes in Stacy's office at 8:00 a.m.

Choir rehearsal at 9:00 a.m.

Worship. The Scripture from the Gospel of Luke takes us down the road to Emmaus, where we will join the two disciples in trying to make sense out of all that has transpired.

Sunday is Stewardship Sunday where you are invited to place in the offering plates your pledge card for next year.

Children's Choir will rehearse after worship on Sunday. Children are free to grab a snack from fellowship time, then gather around the piano in the sanctuary. All are welcome!

Parents Confirmation Meeting: Parents of the kids in next year's Confirmation class (that's the current 7th plus graders, or next year's 8th plus graders) are invited to a light lunch following worship. Thanks to Joanie Kelly for hosting us at her home in West Newton. We'll have an opportunity to talk with Stacy and Kathy about ideas for scheduling and content. Let Kathy or Joanie know if you plan to join us after worship.

Youth and Children's Ministry

Following the Time for Children, children in 5th grade and younger are invited to a One Room Church School. We will continue to prepare for Children's Sunday on June 8 as we delve further into our theme of the Fruit of the Spirit. We'll be thinking about how we could give the fruit of the Spirit as a gift to appreciate our Sunday School teachers this year. **Children will return to worship to celebrate Communion.**

Youth remain in worship.

For more information on what we are doing in Sunday School each Sunday through June, visit our website at ucw.org.

Upcoming Events



Click here for the UCW calendar.

Recent Blog Updates

Click [here](#) for a report and photos on the Hunger Banquet

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Children's Sunday Sign Ups



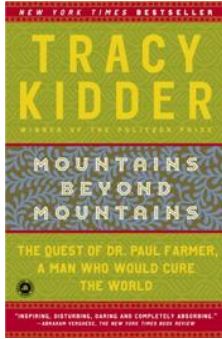
On June 8th, the children and youth of UCW lead us in worship. Roles are available for all ages and interests and abilities. Christian Education will have a table on the Stage during Reception. Please come and sign up your child for a part. We are especially interested in finding kids who would like to share their talent for playing an instrument.

Upcoming Events:

bTween (4th-5th grade social group): Friday, May 16, 5:00 - 7:00 pm at church. Stay tuned for more details.

Pre Confirmation Dinner for 7th graders and up. **Sunday, May 18th**, 6:00 pm at Stacy's house.

May Book Group



The May book group selection is
**"Mountains beyond
Mountains"**

by
Tracy Kidder.

Our next meeting will be on
Tuesday, May 27th from 7:30 -
9:00 p.m.

Please join us.

RUSSELL SCHOOL COMPUTER CLUB

**Every Thursday through May 29th from
2:45 to 4:30 p.m. Russell School, Dorchester**

We're working with the Russell School in Dorchester to teach a cool new way to introduce students to programming. Volunteer to join us on one or more Thursday afternoons through May 29th. As a volunteer, you'll work with a few 4th and 5th graders as they explore this new skill creating projects in the Scratch Programming Language. No programming skills are required -- help the kids to focus on the goals of their projects and encourage them!

Contact Rob Purser (rob@purser.org) for more information. See Flyer [Here](#)

Church Directory Update

It is time to update the church directory: Please send a photo of yourself (family) to the church office ucw@ucw.org that we can include you in our updated directory. If your contact information has changed, or if you are new to us and are not currently in the directory, please let us know so that we can be sure to include you!

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Continuing the Discussion on Hunger

Please join us on **Wednesday, May 19th* at 6:30 p.m.** in the reception room to follow up on the Lenten theme of hunger and to discuss concrete steps we can take as a church community to help alleviate hunger. A light supper will be provided.

* **Date Change:** Please note that the "Continuing the Discussion on Hunger" meeting date has been changed. **The new date is May 19th**

Celebrate spring with the poetry of Emily Dickinson and Robert Frost, two of New England's notable writers. "**Contours of Belief**" will explore poetry as an expression of faith and doubt, acceptance and resistance. **Priscilla Kelso**, who teaches literature, will lead the discussion on **Tuesday, May 13 and May 20, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.** in the reception room. Bring your favorite poems of Emily Dickinson and Robert Frost.

New Parenting Group. Raising kids is holy work - but it's also hard work! Are you interested in a parents' group where you can talk about parenting challenges and joys, offer and receive support, and connect your faith to your role as a parent? A parents group is in the works at UCW, open to parents or legal guardians of children of any age.

Our first gathering will be May 14th at 7:00 p.m.* Contact **Christy Lang Hearlson**(Christiane.lang@gmail.com) or **Karen Weisgerber** (Karen@weisbrown.net) for more information.

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Date Correction:

Please note that the previously published date of May 12th for the New Parenting Group meeting was incorrect. The correct date is Wednesday, May 14th.

All Church Retreat

**SAVE THE DATE!
MARK YOUR CALENDAR !**

November 8-9 Veterans Day weekend

Rolling Ridge Conference Center North Andover, MA



Gorgeous setting! Close by!

Activities for children adults, youth.
Programs plus free time for hiking, etc.

Don't miss out! See you there!

(If you are interested in helping to plan the retreat, please see Stacy@ucw.org).

News From Our Wider Community

A Message from Mary Haaland of the Newton Sister City Project:

1. We have lots of donations of both clothing and medical supplies and wonder if you know of anyone/any organization who could use these things.

2. Also, the theology department of Boston College is looking for a home placement for a graduate student coming from Kenya. She will be going to BC on a full scholarship but they don't provide housing. They were talking about an exchange of service for her, perhaps child or elder care in exchange for room and board. Would you possibly know of someone who would be interested in this situation?

Thanks for your assistance.

Contact Mary Haaland at

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Mayor's Breakfast

The Honorable Mayor Setti Warren's Prayer Breakfast, Wednesday, May 21st at 7:15 a.m. at McElroy Common at Boston College. Boston's Mayor Marty Walsh will be giving the keynote address.

10th Anniversary of the Marriage Equality Act

The **Honorable Setti D. Warren, Mayor of Newton** invites you to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Marriage Equality Act on **Friday, June 6th, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.** on the south lawn of **Newton City Hall**. Participating in the celebration will be Ellen Wade and Maureen Brodoff, the first couple whose historic marriage took place that day in Newton City Hall. Please **RSVP** by May 12th to agonzalez@newtonma.gov

Reception

We are in need of several more hosts for reception this year.

Please check for openings on the schedule posted here and in the side chapel and the small kitchen, or contact [Judy Nagle](#) or the [office](#) directly. If you have never done reception before, how about starting with a "Bagel Sunday" where duties are a bit lighter?

Read reception guidelines [here](#).