

The Union Church in Waban

Weekly Updates

May 9, 2014

MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE and CELEBRATION

A note from our Music Director

I imagine that we all have fond memories of a special moment when our mothers did something extraordinary that changed our lives forever. My own special moment came when, at the age of six, my mother took me by the hand and led me down the street to the local piano teacher in Augusta, Maine. I remember the thrill of playing a grand piano for the first time, of course only about five notes, but that experience altered my life forever, and I cherish the memory dearly---a door had opened for me into a wondrous world of sound and beauty.

This Sunday, May 11th we will have an opportunity to remember and celebrate all of the mothers in our lives and honor what they have done for us. The Men's pickup Choir will sing several anthems, including "On Eagle's Wings" by Michael Joncas and "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated", a beautiful setting of the poem by Frances Havergal (1836-1879) by Mark Hayes. We will be treated again to the exquisite playing of Emil Lincea in the Adagio from Mozart's Clarinet Concerto.

Please come and join us at 9 am for a brief rehearsal before the 10 am service. All of the music is easily learned and there is no sight reading ability required!

With gratitude,
Bill Merrill
Music Director

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SUNDAY

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

Men's pick-up Choir rehearsal at 9:00 a.m.

Worship. During our time of prayer, you are invited to come forward to light a candle in celebration and/or remembrance of those who are mothers to you. We will also be blessing and sending our dear friends Dawn and Larry Scott and Peter and Katheryn DeRogatis as they prepare to move to another part of the country. Our time of worship will be followed by a special reception.

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CALENDAR



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Recent Blog Posts

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Collection for Music Ministry

This Sunday's special collection will support the music ministry of the Union Church.

If you would like to contribute, please use the special collection envelopes in the pew or write "music" on the memo line of your church.

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!

Youth and Children's Ministry

Sunday School classes continue this Sunday. Children begin in worship and leave for classes following the Time for Children.

Our classes are:

Grades	Lesson	Teacher	Children's Choir
PreK - 1st grades	Acts 2:43-47; 4:32-37 God's People Share with Each Other	Nancy Laste	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
2nd - 3rd grades	Acts 2:43-47; 4:32-37 God's People are Dependable	Susan Hunt Stevens	
4th - 5th grades	Bible Survey: Review of Moses	Tony Abbiati, Jaap van Reijendam	
Youth (6th plus)	Nica Youth Presentation	Buz Bedford	the

sanctuary. All are welcome!

For more information on what we are doing in Sunday School each Sunday in May and June, visit ucw.org.

A Gift from Russell School

This Sunday you will notice an addition to the Memorial Chapel.



The beautiful new candle holder in the memorial chapel is a gift to the church from the staff of Russell School with gratitude for our partnership and our support.

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!

Reception Hosting

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](#).

Children's Sunday Sign Up

On June 8th, the children and youth of UCW lead us in worship.

Christian Education will have a sign-up table on the Stage during Reception this Sunday.



Roles are available for all ages and interests. 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 p.m. at church. Stay tuned for more details.

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

MATH NIGHT at RUSSELL SCHOOL

Math Night is Thursday, May 29th, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Russell School. We will have dinner with families and then go upstairs to support teachers and students in learning new math skills. No experience required. See Nancy, Mark, Rob or Frank for questions and to **RSVP**.

On Thursday, May 22nd, 6:30 p.m. at the church, everyone is invited - youth included - to prepare Math Night Manipulatives Packages for Russell students. Training for Math Night will also be available that evening.

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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

"**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 Potluck Picnic

All Church Potluck Picnic is on June 8th after worship at Claxton Field in Needham. Sign up with [Bev Hadley](#) and let her know what you will be bringing. Directions to Claxton Park [here](#).

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).

All-Comers Party

Tonight, 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.

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.

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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
