



## The Union Church in Waban

Weekly Updates

December 19, 2014

### Holiday Office Hours

The office will be closed on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th. There will be no weekly update e-blast on Friday 26.

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### This Sunday

**Bible Study, 8:00 a.m. in Stacy's Study.**

**Choir Rehearsal at 9:00 a.m.**

**Children's Choir Rehearsal 9:30 a.m.**

There will be a quick children's choir rehearsal before service to run through the service program.

**Worship Service 10:00 a.m.**

This Christmas Sunday will be celebrated with a selection of beautiful Christmas music. There will be a lighting of the Menorah during the children's time.

**Waban Health Center Carol Singing:** This Sunday at 1:00 p.m, please join in our annual carol singing with the good people of the Waban Health Center. We will meet at 12:30 p.m. on the stage for a brief rehearsal before heading over to the Health Center.

**Mitten Tree Gifts Accepted this Sunday**

Bring your wrapped gift, with the mitten securely attached, to church by December 21.

If you have any questions, please contact Kent Wittler ([kwittler@AEW.com](mailto:kwittler@AEW.com)) or Jane Purser ([jane@purser.org](mailto:jane@purser.org)).

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### Christian Education this Sunday

## Council at UCW

The governing Council meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The primary agenda item at our meeting on December 3rd was to consider communication at UCW. What are our primary avenues of communication? Are they working well? Do people have the information they need? How do new people come to learn about fullness of our life together. These were some of the questions we considered. Click [here](#) to see an assessment of our current communication pathways. We welcome your thoughts as well so please feel free to share them with any member of council (Alicia Collins, Annie Gatewood, James MacDonald, Karen Weisgerber, Judy Nagle, Wat Matsuyasu, Liz Carona, Sandra DaDalt, Nancy Zoller, Frank Laski, Kent Wittler and Stacy Swain). Go [here](#) for a copy of the minutes from the November meeting.

## News from the Pews

This Sunday we will observe the Christmas season with discussions on the birth of Jesus and by doing fun activities. Our youth, 6th grade and up, will be involved in Christ-like services to help those in need, lift up the spirits of others, and share God's love. We also have Nursery care for infants to three year olds which will be in the Rainbow Room with Lisa Woloski-Barry.

Wishing you and your family, Seasons Greetings and a joyous New Year.

### Upcoming Sunday School Schedule

December 21: Sunday school  
December 28: One Room Church  
January 4, 2015: One Room Church

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## New Church Directory now Available

Hard copies of the new UCW Friends and Family 2014 Directory can be picked up at church this Sunday.

Church members who would like a PDF version of the directory can e-mail the church office ([ucw@ucw.org](mailto:ucw@ucw.org)) and we will send you an electronic copy.

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## New Members

We will be receiving new members into our life together again on during worship on **December 28th**. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Union Church in Waban or in learning more about the church and membership, please be in touch with Pastor Stacy. ([Stacy@ucw.org](mailto:Stacy@ucw.org). 617-965-3893).

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## Second and Fourth Thursday Bible Study



Earlier this fall, the Council (our governing body) at the Union Church in Waban granted a request for **Rev. Christy Lang Hearlson** to conduct qualitative case-study research for her PhD studies with this congregation. You may hear from Christy over the next several months as she seeks to interview people or observe events at our church. For more information about Christy's research please click [here](#).

Second and Fourth Thursday Bible Study will resume on Thursday January 8th at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome! There is no need for any prior Biblical study or even any slight idea about what Scripture is all about. Come bring your curiosity and let's explore together.



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## UPCOMING

### Prayer Group

**Wednesday Mornings  
at 7:30 a.m.**

Prayer Group continues to meet every Wednesday morning in Memorial Chapel.



### Coffee with Stacy

**Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.  
Starbucks in Waban.**

This is a drop in time to share a cup of coffee and conversation. Please also feel welcome to set up a time with Stacy by emailing her [here](#).



### Christmas Eve Service

**Wednesday, December 24th at 6:00 p.m.**

Our worship on Christmas Eve will be one of readings and carols as we walk together through the beauty and wonder of the Christmas story.

It is our hope that children will be with us in the sanctuary for the service but there will be professionally staffed nursery care for our youngest friends and also craft activities in the Vestry for anyone who needs to step out of the service.

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## CALENDAR

Note: The UCW website calendar will be updated regularly to reflect church meeting and activities over the summer months.



Click [here](#) for the UCW calendar.

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