

Offerings and Opportunities
at
The Union Church in Waban
2015 – 2016



Welcome

Welcome to The Union Church in Waban. We are an intergenerational spiritually inclusive faith community that cherishes our children and youth, and that is outreach and mission-minded. Our life together is one of deepening our relationships with each other, the world, and our God through a wide array of spiritual formation, education, and mission and outreach opportunities. In this booklet you will find an overview of the activity of the church and an invitation to be involved. If you have a passion or an interest that is not met by what is currently being offered through the church, I would very much look forward to talking with you about it. I hope that this beloved community can be a spiritual home for you. “Peace to you” – Pastor Stacy

Our Covenant

We, the members of The Union Church in Waban, true to our founding principle of being an inclusive church, covenant together to nourish and to sustain in our common life and practice a fully welcoming and affirming church for all persons. Welcoming all persons who seek to join with us in a commitment to love God and our neighbors, affirming the inclusive love of Jesus, we are open to all, without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, ability, or economic circumstance. We invite all to full participation in our worship, membership, leadership, and life of this church.

Table of Contents

Section	Page
Worship	1
Adult Education and Spiritual Formation	3
Youth and Children's Ministries	5
Fellowship Opportunities	7
Mission/Outreach Opportunities	8
Teams and Governance	11
Contact Information for the Ministries of the Church	13

Worship

Sunday Morning Worship

Our worship at 10:00 a.m. weaves together music, silence, word and prayer. We celebrate Communion on the first Sunday of each month as a whole family together with our children, who return to the sanctuary from Sunday School. We uphold the teaching of the “Priesthood of all Believers” and while our Pastor may lead us in worship most Sundays, we believe we all have a voice to contribute and strive to make our worship reflect the expanse diversity among us by incorporating lay readers, adult and children’s choirs, our student ministerial intern and lay liturgists and preachers. Professional nursery care is available during the entire service for our youngest friends.

Music

We have a talented adult choir that is comprised of men and women who love to sing and who enjoy being part of the musical tradition at the Union Church. The choir is open to newcomers at any time. No sight reading ability is required, just a desire to sing with the Spirit and make beautiful music together. We also have a children’s choir that rehearses after church in the sanctuary. If anyone would like more information regarding the music program at UCW, please contact our music director, Bill Merrill 617-522-7633 or at whmerrill@comcast.net.

Living Water Prayer Service

On Wednesday mornings from 7:30 – 8:15 a.m. we gather in Memorial Chapel off the sanctuary for a time of contemplative prayer, intercessory prayer and meditation. “Living Water” draws its name from the passage in John’s Gospel where Jesus encounters the Samaritan women at the well (John 4:14). It is a time when we drink in the stillness of the peace and presence of God so that we too will be filled and will not thirst as we go into the busyness of our week.

Monthly Service at Waban Health and Rehabilitation Center

Our commitment to and delight in being a spiritually-inclusive faith community inspired us to take our worship outside the walls of our church and to gather with the residents of the Waban Health and Rehabilitation Center. On the third Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m., we share in a Protestant worship service of song, word, prayer and praise. It is a spirit-drenched time of exploration, celebration, consolation and revelation. All are welcomed to share in this worship. Please contact our Pastor (Stacy@ucw.org) if you would like to join us.

(Please note that Waban Health Worship will be on the third Wednesday of the month for September, October and November during Pastor Stacy’s sabbatical. Please contact ministerial intern Amy Feldman, Amy@ucw.org or Molly Owen Kiritsy at Mollymok4@gmail.com if you are interested in being a part of this worship this fall.)

Common Cathedral Worship

On August 16th and on October 18th, we have the opportunity to worship with the un-housed congregation of Common Cathedral during their regular worship service on Boston Common. This very accessible celebration begins at 12:30 p.m. with a simple meal and then continues with Scripture reflection by the minister, as well as by the congregation, prayers, celebration of birthdays, the sharing of Communion, and lots of singing. Our congregation provides the meal and as such our UCW congregation has the opportunity to come together to make sandwiches and to learn about the tangle of issues that contribute to crisis of people living without homes. Please Adam Hearlson at ahearlson@gmail.com if you are interested in participating in the August 16th worship and Kent Wittler at Kwittler@aew.com or Karen Salides at Karen@ucw.org if you are interested in participating in the October 18th worship.

Key Dates and Special Services

September 13, Gathering Sunday
October 4, World Communion Sunday
November 22, Thanksgiving Sunday – giving of Bibles to 4th Graders
November 29, First Sunday in Advent – Hanging of the Greens
December 6, Magnificat Sunday
December 13, Christmas Pageant
December 16, Blue Christmas Service 7:00 p.m.
December 20, Christmas Sunday
December 24, Christmas Eve 6:00 p.m.
February 10, Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m., beginning of Lent
March 20, Palm Sunday
March 24, Maundy Thursday Service at 6:15 p.m.
March 26, Easter Vigil Service, 7:00 p.m.
March 27, Easter
May 8, Mother’s Day Sunday
May 15, Pentecost
June 5, Annual Meeting Sunday
June 12, Children’s Sunday followed by Picnic
June 19, Father’s Day Sunday
June 26, Last regular Sunday Worship of the program year
July 3, informal chapel service 5 p.m.
July 10, informal chapel service 5 p.m.
July 17, informal chapel service 5 p.m.
July 24, informal chapel service 5 p.m.
July 31, informal chapel service 5 p.m.

Adult Education and Spiritual Formation

Sunday Morning Bible Study

September through June we gather every Sunday from 8 – 9:00 a.m. in Stacy’s study to explore scripture and reflect on how God’s word informs our living today. While we certainly learn a lot about how people of long ago understood God to be moving in their lives, we also create a safe and sacred space in which we as people of faith in this time and place, can hear what it is God may be calling us to in our own life. We are holding Bible study at this time so as not to conflict with choir rehearsal at 9:00 a.m. So please consider making a morning of it – Bible study, choir and then worship! Please see Stacy with your questions/comments. (Stacy@ucw.org) (Please note that in September, October and the first two weeks of November, during Pastor Stacy’s sabbatical, bible study will meet in the meeting room across from the church office.)

Book Group

Not only will book group introduce you to books that you may not have known or picked up on your own, but a rich discussion will explore the book in light of faith and of the lived experiences of your fellow UCW friends. Book group is a great way to get to know others within the church and to share in rich and wonderful conversations. Come once in a while or come every month! The book group is facilitated by Tom Vawter and Priscilla Kelso and meets on the *last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.* in the reception room. Keep an eye on the Friday email blasts and bulletin announcements to learn of the latest book being read and to request a copy if you’d like to join in!

Conversations along the Way/Open Coffee with Stacy

Every Wednesday morning, grab a cup and join Stacy at Starbucks. (Please note, there will not be open coffee during September, October and the first two weeks of November while Pastor Stacy is on sabbatical. Open coffee will resume on November 18th.)

Java Gents

Java Gents is an informal monthly breakfast hour for the men of the UCW congregation. It provides friendly fellowship and mutual support to the men. Java Gents meet the third Friday of each month in the church reception room at 7 a.m. Buz Bedford cooks up a full, hot breakfast of sausage, eggs, bagels, fresh fruit salad, and hot coffee. Jay O’Beirne usually hosts the lively discussion of timely topics, and personal goings-on among the men.

Wellspring Women’s Group

This group meets the third Wednesday of the month from 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. in the Reception Room. We begin with a simple meal of soup and bread, and then enter a time of reflection, sharing and prayer. Come now and again or come every month. You are welcome and we are happy to see you. If you are planning on attending, it is helpful to RSVP to Pastor Stacy (Stacy@ucw.org) so that she can plan for our meal and materials.

(Please note Wellspring will not meet in September or October but will resume on Wednesday, November 18th)

Meditation Group

Whether you have had a meditation practice for years or are only just beginning, you are welcome to partake of this time of meditative silence together. We will gather before worship at 9:00 on *Sunday mornings* in the Muse room. Come whenever you can. Meditation group is facilitated by Larry Phillips.

Exploring Spirituality

The Exploring Spirituality group that was formed over the summer will continue to meet this fall. We met in each other’s home from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. to explore together the contours of our faith and to support each other in our questioning and growth. Come once or come every time. All are welcome.

Lenten Small Group Study and Conversation

A six week study and conversation, beginning mid-February. Stay tuned for dates/times. RSVP at ucw@ucw.org.

Devotional Booklets

In Advent and Lent, be sure to pick up a devotional booklet to guide your study, prayer and reflection during these seasons of preparation. If you are interested in writing a piece for these booklets, please be in touch with Alicia Collins for the Advent booklet at aliciamarencollins@gmail.com or with Stacy at Stacy@ucw.org for the Lenten booklet.

Other Offerings

Sunday, September 27th after church at 11:30 a.m., Nicolas Hayes of Criterion Institute will be leading a discussion about an initiative called 1K Churches. This is an initiative that seeks to involve 1000 churches in a bible study about economic justice and an action of setting up micro-lending to open economic opportunities for those in need.

Sunday, October 25th after church at 11:30 a.m., Rosemary Lloyd from the Conversation Project will be leading a discussion about how to engage in important but difficult conversations about end of life issues with those we love.

Youth and Children's Ministries

The Christian Education program at the Union Church in Waban strives to:

- Nourish the spiritual life of children and youth;
- Teach them about Scripture and the Christian tradition;
- Provide them with opportunities for caring fellowship;
- Expose them to outreach and mission projects so that they may grow in care and commitment to neighbor and to all creation.

Sunday Morning Church School

On Sunday mornings, school-aged children join the whole congregation in worship through the Time for Children, then leave for Sunday School classes. We have classes for kids pre-school aged through high school grouped together as follows:

PreK – 1st grades

2nd – 3rd grades

4th -5th grades

6th grade and up

Our PreK through 3rd grade classes use *Spark*, an ecumenical, inclusive, and lectionary-based curriculum which provides common ground between what happens in worship and what happens in the Church School classrooms, thereby furthering the intergenerational nature of our church. Each week kids and their teachers gather together to explore their Bibles, enjoy fun activities, and pray. Classes meet our kids where they're at and encourage their questions and ideas. More information on this curriculum can be found at

<http://wearesparkhouse.org/kids/spark/lectionary/>

Our 4th-5th graders use *Connect*, a two year Bible survey tailored just for the tween years, which combines quirky humor with solid theology. We are beginning our first year by looking at the Hebrew Bible. During class, kids watch a witty video, explore Biblical text, and create projects that range from games to art to more. Classes encourage kids to ask questions, make connections and reflect. More information can be found at

<http://wearesparkhouse.org/kids/connect/>.

Our Middle and High School students will begin the year using the *Connect*, a two year Bible Overview tailored just for the teen years which combines quirky humor with solid theology. We are beginning the year discussing Jesus's Ministry. In the winter and spring, youth will use *The Thoughtful Christian* curriculum. Through activities and discussions, youth will be engaged in conversations about social justice, hunger, and issues surrounding teen doubts and fears. Both curriculums are tailored just for youth and encourages them to ask questions and make sense of the Bible. More information can be found at <http://wearesparkhouse.org/kids/connect/> and www.thethoughtfulchristian.com.

Confirmation/Exploring our Faith

Our next confirmation class will begin in the fall of 2016.

Communion

On most Sundays, children begin in worship with their families, then move to church school classes at the conclusion of the children's message. On the first Sunday of each month, children return to worship to join in Communion. On those Sundays, in between the children's message and Communion, all children gather together for a time of singing, movement and story.

Faith and Service

Throughout the year, a variety of fellowship, worship and service activities allow our children and youth to participate in the life of faith-filled community and to enrich their spiritual development. Sunday school classes and special weekday events regularly incorporate service activities. In the past, such activities have included: making apple crisp for reception, surprise windshield washing, sorting donations for Cradles to Crayons, decorating Christmas cookies for the Newton Food Pantry, spearheading donation drives for various causes, raising money for our sister community in Nicaragua, worshipping alongside un-housed people and making sandwiches to distribute to them, and making and delivering holiday gifts for the residents and staff of the Waban Health Center. The Christian Education team works closely with the church's Mission team to include children and youth in our church's outreach, whether that be in Newton, Boston, or in our sister communities in Nicaragua and Zambia. Faith and service opportunities this fall include:

- Apple picking for the Newton Food Pantry
- Common Cathedral meal preparation and Worship on October 18th
- Heifer International Excursion and Overnight on Nov. 7-8th for our middle and high schoolers

Please see Children and Youth Ministries Director, Karen Salides for more information on these and other opportunities at Karen@ucw.org.

Nursery

Infants and toddlers up to age four may attend the morning worship service with their parents, or go to our Nursery where they are supervised by professional staff. The nursery is located downstairs in the Rainbow Room and is open Sundays from 9:45 a.m. until the conclusion of worship.

One Room Church School

On various special Sundays throughout the year, all children attend a One Room Church School rather than their regular classes. Children will help lead and participate in specially-designed children's worship, then play games meant to foster intergenerational community, while learning about our faith traditions.

Children's Choir

Music Director Bill Merrill rehearses with our Children's Choir every Sunday after Church School in the sanctuary. We enjoy our Children's Choir in worship several times during the year.

Youth Group

Youth Group for kids in grades 6 and higher, provides an accepting, comfortable and fun environment where kids have opportunities to experience God in conversations, games, sports, service, food, music and worship. Where they can form connections and journey together.

BTween Friendship Group

BTween provides an accepting, comfortable and fun environment where 4th-5th graders have the opportunity for worship, spiritual bonding, food and fun. We meet periodically throughout the year.

Fellowship Opportunities

Lunch Bunch

On the third Tuesday of every month, the Lunch Bunch gathers from 12:00 – 1:30 for a time of conversation and fellowship. Most months we meet at church in the reception room, but several times a year we will head out to explore some place new. Bring a brown bag lunch and enjoy the dessert that is provided.

Java Gents

Java Gents is an informal monthly breakfast hour for the men of the UCW congregation. It provides friendly fellowship and mutual support to the men. Java Gents meet the third Friday of each month in the church reception room at 7 a.m. Buz Bedford cooks up a full, hot breakfast of sausage, eggs, bagels, fresh fruit salad, and hot coffee. Jay O'Beirne usually hosts the lively discussion of timely topics, and personal goings-on among the men.

Wellspring Women's Group

This group meets the third Wednesday of the month from 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. in the Reception Room. We begin with a simple meal of soup and bread, and then enter a time of reflection, sharing and prayer. Come now and again or come every month. You are welcome and we are happy to see you. If you are planning on attending, it is helpful to RSVP to Pastor Stacy (Stacy@ucw.org) so that she can plan for our meal and materials.

(Please note Wellspring will not meet in September or October but will resume on Wednesday, November 18th)

Game Nights

Several Fridays throughout the year, the church's reception room is the gathering place for a potluck supper followed by rousing rounds of games -- some that are old favorites, others that are new challenges. This is a great way to get to know fellow UCWers as well as to just relax, laugh and have a good time. Keep an eye on the calendar and bulletin announcements for upcoming Game Nights. Child care is provided. Our first game night of the year is Friday, October 23rd. Please see Judy Nagle (Judy.nagle@rcn.com) or Jim MacDonald (james.macdonald@eversource.com) if you are interested.

All Comers Dinners

The Union Church is a community that truly enjoys each other's company! This is particularly evident in our biannual All Comers Dinner. Graciously hosted in the home of congregants in October and May, this church-wide potluck supper and fellowship is a great way to get to know someone new or deepen bonds with old friends. Kids are welcome and child care is provided. So keep an eye on the calendar and announcements for the date and place of this year's All Comer's Dinners. They are not to be missed!

Church Picnic

It is a UCW tradition to celebrate Children's Sunday with a church-wide picnic after worship. This year, Children's Sunday and the picnic are scheduled for June 12th. A highlight of the picnic is the egg toss. So start perfecting your throw and catch, and as spring approaches look for more specifics as to where the picnic will be held and what you can contribute to the celebration.

All Church Retreat

The all church retreat is a wonderful way to deepen old friendships, and make new ones -- all the while growing closer to our God. Everyone is encouraged in the retreat. While there is a cost, participating should not be tied to ability to pay. Our next retreat is scheduled April 2-3, 2016 at Toah Nipi Retreat Center in Rindge, NH.

Mission/Outreach Opportunities

Each Sunday we affirm “we are outreach and mission minded.” During the church year, members of the congregation have numerous opportunities to participate in and contribute to the vitality of our mission outreach. As one congregant recently observes, “We are a small church with a global footprint and many, many local fingerprints.”

The Church Council encourages a wide range of mission and outreach activities, and seeks to promote the personal involvement of all church members to the greatest extent possible. Mission outreach includes multiple works close to our church family and community, our national advocacy, and our international commitments. These mission endeavors should continue to be extensive and diverse, encompassing one-time fundraising or volunteer projects, collaboration with other faith-based groups and charitable organizations to respond to urgent needs, and long-term service projects, building relationships over many years to yield high impact.

In order to coordinate our many activities and maximize the potential in the congregation for mission outreach, Council requests that individuals come to the Mission Team to share ideas and information for discussion, support, and if necessary, Council endorsement/approval.

Examples of mission/outreach projects:

Apple Picking

Organized by the Christian Education and Mission committees, this yearly event provides an opportunity to enjoy a beautiful fall day at a bucolic New England orchard and to help the Newton Food Pantry. Last year over 75 pounds of fresh apples were picked and donated to the food pantry. This is great service project for children and their families.

Monthly Service at Waban Health and Rehabilitation Center

Our commitment to and delight in being a spiritually-inclusive faith community inspired us to take our worship outside the walls of our church and to gather with the residents of the Waban Health and Rehabilitation Center. On the third Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m., we share in a Protestant worship service of song, word, prayer and praise. It is a spirit-drenched time of exploration, celebration, consolation and revelation. All are welcomed to share in this worship. Please contact our Pastor (Stacy@ucw.org) if you would like to join us.

(Please note that Waban Health Worship will be on the third Wednesday of the month for September, October and November during Pastor Stacy's sabbatical. Please contact ministerial intern Amy Feldman, Amy@ucw.org or Molly Owen Kiritsy at Mollymok4@gmail.com if you are interested in being a part of this worship this fall.)

Common Cathedral Worship

On August 16th and on October 18th, we have the opportunity to worship with the un-housed congregation of Common Cathedral during their regular worship service on Boston Common. This very accessible celebration begins at 12:30 p.m. with a simple meal and then continues with Scripture reflection by the minister, as well as by the congregation, prayers, celebration of birthdays, the sharing of Communion, and lots of singing. Our congregation provides the meal and as such our UCW congregation has the opportunity to come together to make sandwiches and to learn about the tangle of issues that contribute to crisis of people living without homes. Please Adam Hearlson at ahearlson@gmail.com if you are interested in participating in the August 16th worship and Kent Wittler at Kwittler@aew.com or Karen Salides at Karen@ucw.org if you are interested in participating in the October 18th worship.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The Saturday before Thanksgiving, November 21, Union Church members gather in the vestry to prepare and serve a delicious Thanksgiving meal to local folks who might not otherwise get to enjoy a holiday meal. We organize cookie decorating and other activities for the kids, including a trip to the Angier playground. We sit down, socialize, and eat with our guests once they have been served. It is a warm and wonderful event, and there are lots of ways you can pitch in. If you know of anyone who might enjoy the dinner, please invite him or her. There are no set criteria – if someone could use a good meal and friendly conversation, then invite him or her! You can be part of this in many ways, including shopping, decorating, cooking, serving, driving, socializing, cleaning, and most importantly -- welcoming folks into our community.

Mitten Tree

Our yearly Christmas season mitten tree provides an opportunity for our church to support the ministries of Project Care and Concern of Dorchester and the Waban Health Center by giving a present to those who otherwise may not receive a gift at Christmas. Project Care and Concern serves formerly homeless adults who are in transitional housing, and Waban Health serves low-income, medically-challenged seniors.

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. By changing policies, programs and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist, BFTW provides help and opportunity far beyond the communities where we live. Representatives from BFTW have come to speak during worship and given workshops on advocacy. As a result, Union Church has engaged in a letter writing campaign urging congress to maintain food stamp funding.

Long-Term Ongoing Partnerships

The Russell School

The Union Church congregation has an ongoing partnership with the Russell Elementary School in Dorchester, MA. Several years ago, the UCW Book Group members, after reading about prison and the incarceration of urban youth, worked to take on a local effort to address some of the issues we came to understand. Understanding that education is a strong antidote to violence, and lack of other opportunity, the Union Church worked with City Mission Society to identify and partner with the Russell School in Dorchester. The elementary school has 350 students, who speak 13 different languages at home and qualifies as a school-wide free/reduced lunch school. In response to the school needs, congregants have participated in several activities including: funding and joining literacy and math nights where parents learn homework strategies to help their children, creating and staffing a weekly after school Computer Coding Club, tuition support for boys attending a formative summer camp, volunteering at all-school Field Day and Ropes Course, participating in a Coat Drive where every child and siblings receive warm, new coats, supported parent leaders and School Site Council, pledged to help fundraise to save the music program cancelled due to budget cuts, and began a mentoring program. There are numerous and varied ways UCW folks can support the Russell School and our outreach efforts there in both, year-long commitments, or one-day volunteering.

Nicaragua Outreach and Service Trip

Our most extensive mission/outreach work over the past decade is the UCW travels and other outreach to San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua. Our Congregation members have completed six mission trips over the past ten years. These are intergenerational trips of youth and adults and involve year-long planning and fundraising. San Juan del Sur is a Sister City of Newton. The focus of our relationships with the people of San Juan del Sur and our work is in improving health and educational opportunities. Specific projects have included rural water projects, painting and updating schools, installing water pipes to bring potable municipal water to communities, school supply visits, and participating in the mobile library. The next trip is scheduled for February 2016.

Zambia Outreach

The Union Church in Waban partners with Communities Without Borders to help educate orphans and other vulnerable children in Zambia. Specifically, we support 18 girls in accessing secondary education. Several of our congregants have also participated in CWB's annual trip to Zambia, developing relationships while providing education, health and psychosocial support to children who have been orphaned by the AIDS epidemic.

Governance and Teams

Co-Moderators (serving two year staggered terms): The moderators preside at all business meetings of the Church and the Church Council. The moderators also oversee the Strategic Planning Committee, which is responsible for long-term planning for the Church Council.

Clerk: The Clerk keeps full and accurate records of all meetings of the Church and the Church Council.

Treasurer: The Treasurer oversees the financial affairs of the Church, makes reports on all receipts and disbursements, and the condition of all Church funds.

The Church Council: The Church Council is chaired by the Moderators. The Council consists of eight members nominated and voted upon by the congregation at the annual meeting. In addition the Pastor, Clerk, and Treasurer serve on Council. The Council meets on the first Wednesday of the month to confer on the general work of the Church. Each member of the Council is also charged as liaison to the different ministries of the church to assure communication, support and coordination.

Trustees: According to the trust agreement recorded in the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds on March 22, 1909, the property of The Union Church in Waban is held by three trustees. It is the responsibility of the trustees to see that the property is maintained, but also that the Church is maintained as a “union” church — an interdenominational church not solely part of any one denomination.

Christian Education: Develops and nurtures children’s and youths’ education and programming with the Director of Youth and Children’s ministries.

Deacons: Support the spiritual work of the church; assist the Pastor; prepare the sanctuary for all services, including communion and special services; and are aware of and lead member outreach, including all issues of care and concern.

Human Resources: Support issues relating to staff.

Website: Assesses, refines and manages the church web site in order to attract new members to the congregation. Helps create useful online services for our community, such as a member directory and recorded sermons.

Mission / Outreach: Responsible for the promotion of a general interest in the mission and outreach programs of the church. Seek out ways in which our Christian faith and Biblical heritage apply to concerns of our society locally, nationally, and inter-generationally, and develops programs for education, action, and reflection for the congregation.

Worship: Works to create meaningful, well integrated and inclusive worship.

Pastoral Relations: Assists in fostering a healthy relationship between the Pastor and the congregation in order to enhance the effectiveness of the church’s mission.

Building and Grounds: Helps preserve and protect our beautiful sanctuary, buildings, and grounds; prioritizes repairs; promotes “green” conservation decisions; determines priorities for our outside areas; and interfaces with our tenants.

Stewardship/Finance: Manages and invests the funds of the church; leads the solicitation of funds for the support of the church; and with the Treasurer prepares budget for submission to the annual meeting of the church.

Teaching Parish: Meets monthly with our ministerial intern to support and enhance his/her ministerial learning.

Contact Information for the Officers and Ministries of the Church

Officers		
Co-Moderators	Annie Gatewood	agatewood@gmail.com
Co-Moderator	Karen Weisgerber	karen@weisbrown.net
Clerk	Sandra DaDalt	smdadalt@rcn.com
Treasurer	Tony Abbiati	tabbiati@scsfinancial.com
Auditor		
Historian	Frank Laski	fjlaski@rcn.com
Deacons		
		deacons@ucw.org
Senior Deacon	Jim MacDonald	James.macdonald@eversource.com
	Judy Nagle	
	Wanda Getchell	
	Molly Owen Kiritsy	
	Ann Williams	
	Mark Smith	
Pastor	Stacy Swain	stacy@ucw.org
Pastor during Sabbatical	Christy Hearlson	christy@ucw.org
Council		
		council@ucw.org
Co-Moderator	Annie Gatewood	
Co-Moderator	Karen Weisgerber	
Clerk	Sandra DaDalt	
Treasurer	Tony Abbiati	
	Wat Matsuyasu	
	Jim MacDonald	
	Judy Nagle	
	Karen O'Beirne	
	Beth Sears	
	Frank Laski	
	Liz Caronna	
	Kent Wittler	
Pastor <i>ex officio</i>	Stacy Swain (Christy Hearlson during sabbatical)	
Nominating		
Moderators <i>ex-officio</i>	Karen Weisgerber	
	Annie Gatewood	
Member at large	Molly Owen-Kiritsy	
Senior Deacon <i>ex-officio</i>	Jim MacDonald	
Clerk <i>ex-officio</i>	Sandra DaDalt	
Pastor <i>ex-officio</i>	Stacy Swain	

Programming and Ministry Teams at UCW

Please note that the programming and ministry teams within the church are *open*. That means there is a standing invitation for participation. Please contact the team leaders to learn how you can be involved.

There is room for you! (*Please note: During Pastor Stacy's sabbatical, between August 15 and November 17, in those ministries where she is listed as the contact person, please contact Aidan Cunningham, office manager at ucw@ucw.org.*)

Building Team		
	Jeff Hadley	jhadley@iwakiamerica.com
Book Group		
	Pricilla Kelso	plkelso@verizon.net
	Tom Vawter	tbvawter@comcast.net
Christian Education		
	Karen Salides	karen@ucw.org
Choir		
	Bill Merrill	whmerrill@comcast.net
Exploring Spirituality		
	Stacy Swain	Stacy@ucw.org
Human Resources		
	Nancy Laste	nlaste@mspca.com
Internet Team		
	Scott Laughlin	eslaughlin@gmail.com
Java Gents		
	Jay O'Beirne	jobeirne@comcast.net
Lunch Bunch		
	Stacy Swain	stacy@ucw.org
Living Waters		
	Karen Weisgerber	karen@weisbrown.net
	Sandra DaDalt	smdadalt@rcn.com
Meditation		
	Larry Phillipps	phiget@aol.com

Mission Outreach		
	Kent Wittler	kwittler@aew.com
NICA Team		
	Soo Laski	slaski513@gmail.com
Pastoral Relations		
	Dan Drummond	Drummond91@gmail.com
Prayer Group		
	Karen Weisgerber	karen@weisbrown.net
	Sandra DaDalt	smdadalt@rcn.com
Russell School		
	Nancy Zollers	flnz@rcn.com

Stewardship and Finance		
	Grant Gund	ggund@copperminecapital.com
	Jay O'Beirne	jobeirne@comcast.net
Teaching Parish		
	Frank Laski	fjlaski@gmail.com
Waban Health Worship		
	Molly Owen Kiritsy	mollymok4@gmail.com
Wellspring		
	Stacy Swain	stacy@ucw.org
Worship Team		
	Stacy Swain	stacy@ucw.org
Zambia		
	Brita Gill-Austern	bgillaus@ants.edu

Staff:

Minister

Director of Youth and Children's Ministries

Music Director

Office Manager

Ministerial Intern

Child Care Worker

Assistant Child Care Worker

The Rev. Stacy Swain

Karen Salides

William Merrill

Aidan Cunningham

Amy Feldman

Lisa Barry

Ryan Barry

The Union Church in Waban

14 Collins Road, Waban, MA 02468

Office phone: 617-527-6221 • Office e-mail: ucw@ucw.org

Fax: 617-969-8717 • Minister's study: 617-965-3893