

United Parish of Auburndale

TOGETHER

Jan. 09, 2011

First Sunday after Epiphany



Scriptures: Isaiah 42:1-9

Matthew 3:13-17

Preaching: Jean Alexander

Sermon: When the Light Dawns

Renewal of Baptism

Reader: Sonia Parker

Head Ushers: Rebecca Dolloff and Nancy McGrath

Acolytes: Kathleen McVittie & Chase Gallivan

Fellowship Time: Lundberg/Beam & Day/Rochon

Roamer: Rachelle Ross

We are heading into the longest period of Sundays after Epiphany that I ever remember. This season ends with the beginning of Lent which this year isn't until March 9th and Easter isn't until April 24th, the last Sunday of the month. This first Sunday always remembers the baptism of Jesus by John and this year's version is from Matthew. Baptism for Jesus is an epiphany, it is an event that changes his life because God reveals who he is. During this long season we will remember, as a congregation, epiphanies that have changed us or at least changed how we looked at something.

Annual Reports Due January 15th

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Fellowship of the Concerned:

Our prayers of sympathy are with the **Stuart family** on the death of **Marcy's** mother, **Suzanne Fall**, who died on December 26th in Middletown Ct.

Congratulations to **Lucia Scott** whose last radiation treatment was this Monday, January 3rd.

Senior Ministries Calendar 2011

Note: January meeting is now on the 12th

January 12th Noon - Bring a sandwich and Sail Away with Walter Piescik who will do a show and tell about his adventures "kiting."

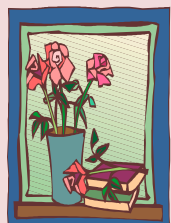
February 23rd Noon - Bring a Sandwich - Bruce Hanson will talk about his time in the 1960's working at the National Council of Churches, Division of Religion and Race and how it was involved in the Civil Rights Movement.

March 16th - Bowling at Fairway in Natick-11 a.m. – leaving the UPA @ 10:30 we will bowl for an hour and then have lunch at a nearby restaurant.

April 13th - A visit to the American Heritage Museum in Concord and lunch in the Colonial Inn.

May 18th – 1:30 Miniature golf in Natick

June 15th – River trip in Ipswich and lunch at Woodman's



Book Group Return!

Our first meeting of the new year is **Friday Jan. 14** at 10:00 a.m. in the Norton Room. Over the holidays we have been reading any of the James Herriot stories. Please join us. Anyone is welcome. We break at 12 noon. (Meetings are usually the second Friday of the month)

Monday Musings -

It was a good week away. We all made it to Sunday River Maine ahead of the storm and the snow did not deter the skiers. There were four adults Maya, Harlan, Bruce and moi, one teenager, Miguel, and the two Brooklyn Granddaughters, Naja, 10 and Kai 7. It was in many ways a typical family vacation. We managed to pass various viruses to one another. We played games and did a jigsaw puzzle. Bruce and I did our grandparent duty with sick children so the parents could ski. We ate a lot of junk and most of the Christmas cookies. I didn't think about church and I don't think Maya and Harlan thought much about their work, although I caught them doing e-mails on their Blackberries a few times!

I had saved the latest Sara Paretsky mystery for vacation and she did not disappoint. I also was able to finish *The Emperor of All Maladies* a history of cancer. It doesn't sound like light reading, but it was so well written and so helpful in understanding the ways we have tried to treat cancer historically. It also described the current changes in understanding the causes of the disease and the new treatments. I highly recommend it.

I hope your holidays were also filled with rest, good times with your friends and families, and fun too. I know that for some in our congregation there was illness and death in this time. Those experiences don't wait for holidays. I pray that for those whose holidays were hard that you had the support and care of others in this time.

And now back to work. A new year with all its promises and challenges awaits us all.

Blessings,
Jean

Save the Date

Saturday evening, January 29, 2011

for

Guess Who's coming to Dinner?

Sign up at Coffee Hour on January 11, 18 or 25

Or Contact Toni Miller Tjkm14@yahoo.com or 617-527-7044

Or Don Ross don02466@comcast.net or 617-965-0609

First Friday for Families

January 7th 6:30-8:30 pm

Join us for a quiet evening of dinner and discussion with other parents. Becky Connor and Mike Nilon will lead us in a discussion on the spirituality of parenting from the NPR series "Speaking of Faith"

Child care provided

Bring a salad or dessert to share

Donation requested \$10-20

Rsvp on Facebook or to Jean Alexander by

Wednesday January 5th. jalexander@upanewtonma.org



From the Open & Affirming And Reconciling Committee

Please join us for a forum on **Jan 9th at 11:30** when our guest will be a representative from Waltham House. For the past three years Waltham House has been one of the organizations that the UPA has supported with our Outreach dollars. The Open & Affirming and Reconciling Committee has also provided dinner and pumpkins for the residents on two separate occasions.

Waltham House is a group home program designed to provide a safe and supportive living environment for up to 12 gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) youth ages 14-18. We will hear what programs are working and what programs have been improved to provide the services needed for this age group. This home was the first residential group home designed specifically for GLBTQ in New England.

Thank you. David Walsh

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND



Martin Luther King Jr.

Newton Community Celebration

Monday, January 17, 2010, 10:00 a.m.

Congregation Mishkan Tefila, 300 Hammond Pond Parkway
Chestnut Hill, MA. 02467

Congressman Barney Frank, Mayor Setti Warren, Supt. David Fleishman

Reflections by Newton School Students

Newton All City Honors Chorus

Newton North Jubilee Singers

Myrtle Baptist Church's - The Love Tones

PLEASE BRING non-perishable food items, which are being collected for
donation to the Newton Food Pantry.

Co-sponsored by the City of Newton, Newton Interfaith Clergy Association, The Newton
School Department, and The Foundation for Racial, Ethnic & Religious Harmony

A Poinsettia Thank you!

Dec. 12 was quite a sight to behold in our sanctuary - celebrating the Christmas to come with garlands, stars, wreaths and of course poinsettias on the altar. Thank you to all!

Jean Alexander and Bruce Hanson – In loving memory of Nate Rother.

Anonymous

Auburndale Book Club – in memory of our founder Margaret Jernigan.

Also in memory of Anne Borek and Harriet Coyle. And in honor of Betty Meyer, Emilie Borek and Arlene Heiss.

Auburndale Garden Club

Roger Carpenter – Celebrating the life and birthday of Dorothy Carpenter

Elaine Cavanaugh

Pan-Chen family – Merry Christmas

Ann Houston

Natascha George and Doug Cornelius

Jim and Toni Miller in memory of loved ones

Barry Wong and Marion Heller and Casey – Holiday blessings to all. We are so thankful to our UPA family for your support.

John, Sara, William & Wyatt Zakrzewski and Mary Freeman – in loving memory of Sara's father, William Freeman

Also, thanks to the Altar Committee members and others who helped put all the beauty together – Mary Lou Walsh, David Walsh, Bruce Hanson, Marjory Reynolds, John Connor and Carole Smith.

Patricia Bottomley, *Altar Committee*



Worship in the Sundays after Epiphany

For many Christians the last day of Christmas, January 6th is the real celebration of Christmas. In many Eastern traditions it is when the Magi bring gifts not Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Yet in the west by January 6th our Christmas celebrations are long gone. The Sunday's after the feast of Epiphany are a time when we reflect on certain themes such as baptism, the call of God, and the nature of the church.

Why is it called Epiphany? Because in the Greek word it comes from means a manifestation of God. In more modern usage it means the sudden realization of something that illuminates the whole. It can be a self truth that has eluded our detection. Modern fiction is full of epiphanies. An epiphany has also often led to discoveries in science and other fields.

In the Worship Board in December we shared epiphanies we had experienced in our lives. Most of them were small revelations that changed how we looked at someone or something. During these Sundays after Epiphany we are going to have opportunities in worship to share our own epiphanies. The worship board has agreed to "Prime the pump" in hopes that you will be willing to share ones that have in some way changed your life.

January 16-Scriptures:

Preaching : Myungeun Park

January 23-Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

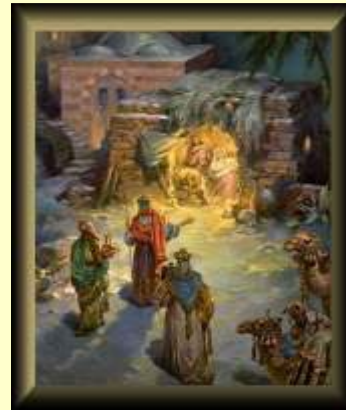
Matthew 4:12-23

Preaching: Jean Alexander

January 30 Annual Celebration of Outreach

Preaching: The Rev. Joan Murray

Chaplain and Executive Director of Chaplains on the Way who works with the homeless in Waltham. For more info see www.chaplainsontheway.org



Youth Update :

Dear youth and parents,

Happy New Year! We will be having youth group this Sunday, January 9th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the UPA Youth Room. We will order pizzas for lunch. In the spirit of the New Year, we will be discussing making resolutions, taking new directions, and the importance of being flexible. We will also look over the activities we have planned for the winter. I hope to see you soon!

Peace, *Mike*

Hello United Parish,

In a few weeks, our confirmands, Karla, and I will be going to St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Boston to participate in City Reach. We will be going **Friday, January 21st by 7:00 pm**. This program will put the confirmands into direct contact with people who have lived on the street. It is a tremendous learning opportunity for us all.

However, before we go, we need to gather several items to help contribute the work that Common Cathedral, our host organization, does.

We need all of your help to gather these things. We certainly cannot do it alone. We especially need help gathering the bigger items, such as overcoats and baggage.

Here is the list of things we need to bring:

Clothing and Other Supplies:

Carrying cases and other baggage (totes, fanny packs, backpacks, suitcases with wheels that work, etc)	New white socks
Travel-size toiletries such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, lotion, toothpaste, chap stick and shaving cream	New underwear
Used Nylon jackets, pants, ponchos, and raincoats	New white T-shirts
Used jeans, khakis, and other casual pants	Used sweat shirts and sweat pants
Used waterproof boots, comfortable shoes, and sneakers	Sleeping bags and blankets
	Used sweaters
	Used T-shirts
	Used Belts
	Used Long-sleeve shirts
	Used hats, waterproof gloves, and coats

I know the list of things they want is long, but I am fully confident that we, as a congregation, can gather all of these things together. Please bring whatever items you have to the church these next few Sundays. I will warehouse them until the day for us to go to St. Paul's comes. Thanks you all for your support!

Peace, *Mike*



The 2011 Coffee Hour Schedule is just about complete. You should be receiving it by week's end.

It would be helpful if you would write down "your" Sunday on your calendar (date book . . . I-phone . . . Blackberry . . . whatever). That way it won't come as a complete surprise when you get a reminder letter.

Most people are in the same slot they were in this year. Please remember that it is up to you to make switches if the need arises. You have all done a fantastic job hosting and finding people who are able to swap Sundays. The congregation along with the Community Board thanks you.

When you receive the schedule please let Toni Miller know if there are any misspellings or incorrect phone numbers. Thanks, Toni Miller (tjkjkm14@yahoo.com)

Maine Seacoast Mission trip will be August 13-20.2011

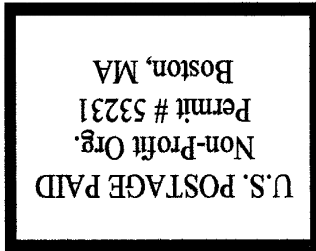
*Since this is the season for giving, sharing and receiving, the Outreach Board would like to let you know that Maine Seacoast Mission trip will be August 13-20.2011. Since there maybe families that will make decisions soon about summer camp, we wanted to let you know this house repair mission week dates are set. We're hoping that this summer, families will join the team for a worthwhile, rewarding and fun week. More details in January or if you have questions please call **Carol Walsh**, of the Outreach Board.*

Find Yourself on the UPA Photo Wall

The Photo Wall has been updated, but it's not complete.

- * Are you new to the parish? (Members and participants are both welcome.)
- * Do you have a new member in your family?
- * Were you unable to have your picture taken for the 2009 Photo Directory?

If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please take a picture for the UPA this holiday season! You can submit a Christmas card photo to Johanna in the UPA office, or email a digital photo to melissawylie@gmail.com. Please send all photos by Monday, January 10. The Membership Cultivation Board will get them printed, labeled, and posted, so you can find yourself, or your family, on the photo wall.



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This Coming Week at UPA:

Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011

- 10:00 a.m. - Worship
- 11:00 a.m. - Fellowship Time
- 11:30 a.m. - Youth Group
- 11:30 a.m. - Waltham House Adult Forum

Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011

- 7:30 a.m. - Bible Study

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011

- 12:00 p.m. - Senior Lunch
- 7:00 p.m. - Open & Affirming

Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011

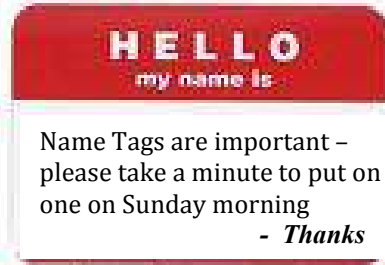
- 3:30 p.m. - Children's Choir
- 7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir

Friday Jan. 14, 2011

- 10:00 a.m. - Book Group

Sunday, Jan. 16, 2011

- 10:00 a.m. - Worship
- 11:00 a.m. - Fellowship Time



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The **ELIOT CHURCH Food Cupboard** in Roxbury - Non-perishable items are collected each week in a shopping cart located in the narthex. Please contribute.

The United Parish of Auburndale is an Open and Affirming/Reconciling Ministries Congregation:
"Recognizing that the church historically has not always welcomed all persons, we affirm the God-given worth and dignity of every individual as our sister or brother, and we welcome all persons, including those who are gay, lesbian bisexual or transgendered to the full life and ministry of the United Parish of Auburndale. We celebrate all relationships founded on the principles of God's love, compassion and faithfulness and embrace the responsibility to work against all forms of discrimination.