

# United Parish of Auburndale

## TOGETHER

**Jan. 30, 2011**

**Annual Celebration of Outreach**



**Scriptures:** Micah 6: 1-8

Matthew 5: 1-12

**Preaching:** The Rev. Joan Murray,  
Chaplains on the Way

**Sermon:** "Through God's Eyes"

**Reader:** Beth Viveiros

**Head Usher:** The Agnew-Huth Family

**Assistant Usher:** The Agnew-Huth Family

**Acolytes:** P.J. Membrino and Eunice Kim

**Fellowship Time:** Davenport and Newman

**Roamer:** Julie Redmond

The Rev. Joan Murray was ordained by the UCC in 2002. She received her M.Div. degree from the Episcopal Divinity School. Her first call to ordained ministry was from Ecclesia Ministries where she served as minister of common cathedral, the outdoor church on Boston Common. Now in Waltham with Chaplains on the Way, a ministry she founded in 2008, Joan continues to minister with poor and homeless people. She offers a ministry of presence and spiritual care at various programs and on the streets. She facilitates labyrinth programs and provides training in pastoral care. You may learn more about her ministry at [www.chaplainsontheway.org](http://www.chaplainsontheway.org).

### **Fellowship of the Concerned:**

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Dana Dornbusch on the death of her father Paul, on Saturday January 23rd.

Our prayers are with Arlene Heiss who is now home with hospice care.

### **Notice of Annual Meeting**

## **Auburndale Congregational Church**

The 160<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Auburndale Congregational Church will be held on Sunday, January 30, 2011 at 11:00 a.m., immediately after the service of worship, in the Sanctuary of the United Parish of Auburndale, 64 Hancock Street, Auburndale, MA.

The meeting shall hear and act on the reports of the officers, elect officers, a councilor, and denominational representatives, adopt a budget for 2011, act on the Statement of Social Criteria for Investment, receive and act on the recommendations of the Executive Council, and hear and act on any other matters that may properly be brought before the meeting. ~ Sherwood Norton. Clerk

### **Call to Annual Meeting February 6, 2010**

The annual meeting of the United Parish of Auburndale will take in the Parish Hall at 64 Hancock Street, Auburndale, Massachusetts, at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 6, 2010 as part of the worship service.

All members of the UPA are urged to attend this important meeting when officers and boards, the 2011 budget, and other important matters will be discussed and voted on. The meeting will take up any other business that may properly come before it. Church School classes will be held as usual.

## **BUDGET FORUM**

**A presentation and forum will take place on Sunday January 30, 2010, at 11:30 AM** regarding the **proposed 2011 UPA Operating Budget**, in anticipation of the UPA Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday, February 6, 2011. The meeting will be held in the Centenary Room. Please plan on attending this important meeting as we discuss the UPA's finances for the 2011 operating year.

## *Monday Musings -*

Brrrr. It has certainly been more of a winter so far. I don't know where we will put more snow when it comes this week. I'm ready for a January thaw but so far it doesn't look like we will have one soon.

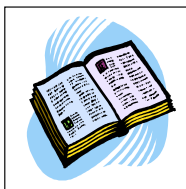
The confirmation group certainly had a taste of what it is like for the homeless when they spent Friday night in Boston at the City Reach program run by Common Cathedral. It was great hearing some of them and Mike Nilon and Karla Armenoff report on the experience Sunday. Mike did a super job organizing it. The congregation and the mentors and parents pitched in to help and the congregation did their bit by filling up Mike's office with clothing and other things to take with them.

By the time most of you read this I will have been to Bangor and back for the annual Convocation put on by the seminary there. I almost didn't go this year, but they are honoring a long time faculty who is retiring and I wanted to be there for that. Susan Davies has done so much for students and for the seminary not to mention her work with the World Council of Churches.

Next week is our big Outreach Celebration as well as ACC annual meeting, and budget forum. Annual reports will be available next Sunday. I hope you will avail yourself of these opportunities to be informed about the business of the church. Like every other church these days, we have our financial challenges. The past two years we have patched the hole in the budget with surplus from previous years. We cannot sustain that going forward past this coming year. Dave Stuart, our treasurer, does an amazing job handling the finances of the church. I hope you will thank him for his stewardship of our money.

In the meantime...stay warm and safe.

Blessings,  
Jean



### **UPA Vacation Bible School 2011**

will be held June 27- July 1  
Please Mark Your Calendars

## UPA Photo Wall

Thanks to everyone who's provided digital or hard copy photos for the wall! The final deadline is Monday, January 31. We encourage all members and participants to send in photos; casual photos and iPhone snaps are fine. Please send photos to [melissawylie@gmail.com](mailto:melissawylie@gmail.com).



## February Book Group – Feb. 11

The Book Group will meet on Feb 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the Norton Room. The book we will discuss is “Crashing Through” by Robert Kurson. Please join us. New members are always welcome. We break at 12 noon. (Meetings are usually the second Friday of the month)

In times of trouble, tangible signs of others' thoughts and prayers can mean so much. Giving a simple knit prayer shawl, easily yet caringly stitched using a simple rectangular pattern, can wrap another in the warmth and support of a whole community.

If you've ever wanted to learn (or relearn) to knit, come enjoy some time with a great group of ladies at Nancy Marzilli's house this month.



## Knitting Night

Monday January 31<sup>st</sup> - 7:30 p.m.  
27 Owatonna Street – Auburndale  
(617-964-3657)

Bring 3 skeins Home Spun Yarn & 1 pair size 13 knitting needles

*Last Sunday to sign up!*

*Saturday evening, January 29, 2011*

## *Guess Who's coming to Dinner?*

Contact Toni Miller [Tjkm14@yahoo.com](mailto:Tjkm14@yahoo.com) or 617-527-7044

Or Don Ross [don02466@comcast.net](mailto:don02466@comcast.net) or 617-965-0609

### *Celebration of Outreach*



Our Annual Celebration of Outreach this Sunday will underscore UPA's longtime commitment to community outreach through its Parish Giving program and through volunteering.

Fully 35% of UPA's income from pledges, plate offerings and fundraising is donated to non-profit organizations that minister to human needs locally, nationally, and internationally. In 2010, UPA donated \$72,889 to 35 agencies and organizations dedicated to peace, freedom, justice, and human dignity. The Reverend Joan Murray's sermon on Sunday will remind us why UPA's Parish Giving program supports at least 10 organizations that serve poor and homeless people in some way.

During coffee hour, the focus will be on the spirit of volunteerism that is also an important hallmark of UPA giving. To celebrate the countless hours that members give outside the church's doors, The Board of Outreach will encourage conversation about all the ways we've found to reach out. Anyone who is able to provide a helping hand to an organization or activity that benefits the larger community throughout the year will have the chance to fill out and don a second name tag that says, "Ask me about..." Come prepared to chat up your favorite cause!

The goal is to: 1) recognize the time and talent members are devoting to a variety of good causes; 2) help us to get to know each other better, perhaps in a different dimension; 3) swap ideas about worthwhile organizations that offer volunteer opportunities; 4) provide anecdotal evidence for Outreach about where members' hearts are when they give of their time and talents. We'd like for our Parish Giving decisions to reflect, even broadly, areas of community need where our members tend to volunteer.

We look forward to hearing all about it! The Board of Outreach

## *First Friday for Families*

*February 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 pm*

*Join us for a quiet evening of dinner and discussion with other parents. Child care provided*

*Bring a salad or dessert to share - Donation requested \$10-20*

*Rsvp on Facebook or to Jean Alexander by*

*Wednesday, February 2nd. [jalexander@upanewtonma.org](mailto:jalexander@upanewtonma.org)*



*Hey Parents and Youth,* How are you? I just wanted to say a word about our recent trip with the confirmation class to City Reach. City Reach is a program of Ecclesia Ministries, which is the same organization that offers Christian worship services on Boston Common to the street people living in downtown Boston. This vital ministry also spurred Jed Mannis to create the Outdoor Church, which currently offers Christian worship services on Cambridge Common to the street people living in the Harvard Square area. Both of these vital and hospitable ministries in community with the lost, least, and left out inspire people of faith of all ages to renew their commitment to helping people in need. The way they do this is to bring those of us who of a higher social station face to face with people who find themselves on the street. We then have the opportunity to hear the stories of the people begging for money we often walk past without a second look. Once we hear these stories of disease, addiction, eviction, and despair, each of them unique, we are forever changed.

Our youth did such a wonderful job of being present this past Friday night and Saturday morning. They listened intently to what our formerly homeless guides said. I have heard many of them retelling their parents and mentors at the church about what happened in great detail. I am truly inspired by their courage and compassion. I am also immensely proud of them, and you should be too. As a group, the youth have expressed interest in organizing a social activity at the United Parish of Auburndale to which we could invite many of the staff and congregants of the Common Cathedral. St. John's Episcopal Church of Westwood, MA hosts a similar annual event and said that they have had many positive experiences and only one minor mishap. I will be in contact with their ministry team for more guidance.

Our next youth meeting will be on Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Again just to remind you, we will be discussing what we would like to do to raise as much of the remaining money for Heifer International as we can. We are excited about our opportunity to be generous. We are excited to find a way to help a community in an impoverished country support itself better through animal husbandry. Come and contribute to this important discussion. If you are a parent, please encourage your son or daughter to come and take part.

Many blessings! *Mike*

One of the oldest churches in Arlington - and a National Historic Registry building - will be closing its doors for the last time next month.

**On Saturday 5 February at 4 pm the Pleasant Street Congregational Church** will hold its last official service, celebrating its legacy in word and song. In the past UPA and PSCC enjoyed collaboration on a number of special projects -- the most recent being hosting a performance of UPA's production of "Amahl and the Night Visitors" in 2005. All members of the UPA church community are invited to attend the service at PSCC on February 5th.

The church is located at 75 Pleasant Street (Rt. 60) in Arlington.

### **Needed: A New Advent Wreath Stand**

As many of you know, The very old wooden stand is fast fading from old age. Built with love from wood in 1983 by Martha Holmes husband, Ned, it has been part of all Advent Services since then. Hopefully one of our members can suggest someone who might be able to build us a new more traditional stand than is offered in church supply catalogues--mostly very contemporary and close to \$2,000.

Cathy Paris and I agree: lets explore alternatives first. Please be in touch with your ideas, hopefully before March 7th, the next Common Meeting night.

Thank you,

Patricia Bottomley, Chairwoman of the Alter Flower Committee  
617-527-7470 auburndalemum2@earthlink.net

Lasell College and The Community Day Center of Waltham  
Warmly Invite You to The Opening of:

### **“Homelessness From Our Eyes”: A Photography Exhibit by the Day Center Guests**

Thursday, February 10, 2011, 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Wedeman Gallery at Yamawaki Art and Cultural Center  
Lasell College *Light Refreshments*



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**This Coming Week at UPA:**

**Sunday, Jan. 30, 2011**

10:00 a.m. - Worship/Celebration of Outreach  
11:00 a.m. - Fellowship Time  
11:30 a.m. - Youth Group  
11:30 a.m. - Forum: Budget Hearing

**Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011**

7:30 a.m. - Bible Study  
7:30 p.m. - Board of Ed

**Thursday, Feb. 3, 2011**

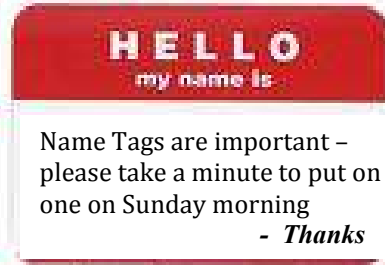
3:30 p.m. - Children's Choir  
7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir

**Friday, Feb. 4, 2011**

6:30 p.m. - Families Dinner

**Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011**

10:00 a.m. - Worship/Annual Meeting  
11:00 a.m. - Fellowship Time



**[www.upanewtonma.org](http://www.upanewtonma.org)**

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.