

United Parish of Auburndale

TOGETHER

April 24, 2011 Easter Sunday



Holy Week

Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Service of Tenebrae
And Holy Communion

Good Friday

7:00 p.m. At the UPA and
shared with the Parish of the Messiah
The Rev. Suzanne Colburn, preaching

April 24 Festival of Easter

Preaching: Jean Alexander

Anthem: "Easter Cantata" by Hovhanness

Sermon: "The Open Door,

The Narrow Gate, The Road to Life"

Scriptures: Colossians:3:1-4, Matthew 7:7-14

Reader: Bruce Hanson

Head Usher: Marci Stuart & Mahala Davenport

Assistant Usher: Mary Lou and David Walsh

Acolytes: Natasha Sharma & Nicholas Hoch

Fellowship Time: Community Board

Roamer: Don Ross

Fellowship of the Concerned:

Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Cheryl Sessler, Sarah Wyman, and Bill Wyman** on the death of their son and brother, **Will "Chip" Wyman** on April 14th. A Memorial Service will be held at the UPA on **Tuesday, April 26th at 1:30 pm**. In lieu of flowers the family asks that you follow Will's example and indicate that you would like to become an organ and tissue donor or contribute to the New England Organ Bank.



Still time to celebrate **EASTER Sunday** with a lily for the altar.

Two ways to contribute to this offering:

- 1.) We will buy an Easter lily for you and bill you – (approximately \$8.00 each). Please contact Johanna at the office.
- 2.) You may drop off your potted plant before Saturday, April 23 at 10:00 a.m.

(please label your plant and leave it in the altar room)

As always, thank you for sharing – it is your generosity that makes our Easter altar so beautiful. ~ *The Altar Flower Committee*

First Friday for Families

May 6 6:30-8:30 pm

Join us for a quiet evening of dinner and convivial conversation. Child care provided

Bring a salad or dessert to share

Donation requested \$10-20

Rsvp on Facebook or to Jean Alexander by

Tuesday May 3rd. jalexander@upanewtonma.org



Monday Musing - Holy Week

This morning while I sat drinking my coffee as the sun came up and thinking about the intersection of holy week and the death of Will Wyman, an old spiritual came into my head:

“Jesus walked this lonesome valley. He had to walk it by himself.
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him. He had to walk it by himself.”

Grief is definitely a lonesome valley, even when surrounded by those who love us. No one can take the pain of our grief away. We just have to go through it in our own way and on our own timetable. And when we face any difficult experience it is the same way. The love and care of others can help but it can't take pain and fear away. We just have to go through it trusting that God won't let us lose our way.

After yesterday's forum so ably done by Lyman Jackson and Elizabeth McVittie, a member on her way out commented on what a helpful series "Preparing for Death" has been. I have heard that from others and am glad. The one area we have not touched on is the funeral service itself, and in June, I will offer a forum on that topic. I have also purchased two books that will be donated to the church library, *The Undertaking* by Thomas Lynch a funeral director and poet who writes movingly from his perspective and another by theologian and preacher Tom Long, *Accompany Them With Singing* on funeral practices.

On Saturday night as the wind and rain blew fiercely against our house, I wasn't sure that the weather was going to be very celebrative for Palm Sunday but it cleared off and the sun shone and it was lovely. I'm told the music was good, but since I was singing, I couldn't really judge. I was working too hard to stay synchronized with Jane Leikin as we sang our duet. The children's processional was joyous as usual. And there was definitely a feeling that we were together in supporting Cheryl and the others who were mourning Will's death.

Now we are in Holy Week and each day brings us closer to what I think are two of the most important services of the Christian year, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. If you have never been to one of these services, I hope you will consider doing so this year. I think you will find that they make the celebration of Easter a richer experience.

Blessings,

Jean

Easter Offering

This year the Outreach Board agreed to help some of our neighbors in Newton after receiving this e-mail from the Newton Housing Authority. Your donations will help these residents who have lost everything, begin to rebuild their lives.

Last Sunday, April 3rd., we experienced a terrible, two-alarm fire at our Jackson Gardens Development in the Nonantum section. Fortunately there were no fatalities or serious injuries. One resident was hospitalized for smoke inhalation but is now released.

All of the residents are now with family or friends. Four units were badly damaged by smoke, fire or water and are now off-line. One of the units was totally destroyed. None of these residents had apartment insurance. We have begun the difficult task of cleaning, sanitizing and rebuilding the units so that we our residents who are displaced can move back into their homes. Although the units can be cleaned, much of their belongings are now discarded and not able to be salvaged. This building is home to elderly and disabled residents.

Hey Youth and Parents,

We had a wonderful day yesterday selling baked goods at the Boston Marathon. We set up a table in Newton Lower Falls just a few blocks away from Becky and John Connor's house. They graciously allowed us to use their home as our base camp. Thank you Becky and John! We sold a lot of sweets and earned over \$90 for Heifer International. We also had a ton of fun! Though we did sell a lot of goodies, we do have delicious treats left over and will be offering them at reduced prices this Sunday at coffee hour. Look for a table set up in our usual spot. Please come and buy some delicious brownies or cookies.

We will be participating in the Walk for Hunger, which supports Project Bread, whose mission is to alleviate, prevent, and ultimately end hunger. We will meet in the early morning, say 6:30 am, the day of the walk, Sunday, May 1st. Although I preach during that Sunday morning service, I may be walking with you until Newton Center, which is 7.5 miles from the starting line. Others who cannot do the full walk will also have the opportunity to stop here. You are encouraged to raise money if you have time, but more than anything we hope you can join us for the show of support for such a worthy cause. Please contact Mary Lou Walsh or me if you have any questions. These all promise to be great opportunities for us to grow!

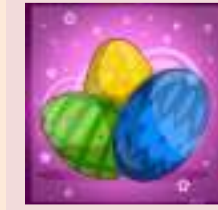
Peace,

Mike

Church School Easter Announcement:

Children will go to regular church school classes for a shortened lesson on Easter. After the lesson, classes will go to the downstairs dining room for crafts and activities. At 11:30, children and parents should gather in the Fireside Room to line up for the **Easter Egg Hunt**.

--The Board of Christian Education



May 1st -Concert by the "Tremble Clefs"

Since September a singing group specifically for those with Parkinson's disease has been singing in our parish hall every Monday. It is sponsored by Jewish Social Services. It has been a treat to hear them each week. On **Sunday May 1st**, they will do a "concert" after church in the parish hall as part of our fellowship time. Much of it will be a sing-a-long of familiar songs. Please join us for this special time.



May Book Group –May 13 at 10 a.m.

For May 13th the book group will be reading “A Voyage long and Strange” By Tony Horwitz, adventures in early America. All are welcome. Join us in the Norton Room. Usually the 2nd Friday)



The UPA Yard Sale is Coming Soon!

June 4th 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Sign-up sheets for the Yard Sale will be at Coffee Hour on Sunday. We need to know who wants a table, who wants to bake and who wants to be around to help?

Please watch the Together for updates. Start thinking about your stuff!

CAN YOU HELP?

HELPING HANDS are needed for the Memorial Reception
Tuesday, April 26, 1:30 p.m.

A reception will be held at the conclusion of the memorial service for Will
"Chip" Wyman, Cheryl Sessler's son.

Volunteers are needed for the following:

- * Setting up
- * Helping out during the reception
- * Cleaning up
- * Food donations: baked goods, cheese and cracker plates, or fruit

If you can help, please either e-mail or telephone Toni Miller
(tjkjkm14@yahoo.com or 617.527.7044).

With sincere thanks.



The Knitting Group

will be meeting again at
7:30 on Monday, April 25th
at Natalie Austrian's house

20 Ware Rd., Auburndale, MA
617-332-7026

All are welcome.

Office Hours to Change. Johanna Porter has added another part-time job to her life and with the approval of Staff-Parish Relations Committee will adjust her UPA hours.

The new church office hours will be 8:30-2:30 Mon-Fri until the end of June. During July and August there will be a further reduction in office hours until September when we will return to 8:30-2:30.

Dear UPA,

Thank you so very much for your ongoing support of the youth ministry at the United Parish of Auburndale! Because the confirmands learned so much from and so powerfully talked about their trip earlier this year to St. Paul's Cathedral, many of the older youth who have already been to **City Reach** decided that they wanted to go back to engage face to face with men and women who have been living on the streets. Thus, once again, we need to collect items that would be useful to someone living on the street. Please look through your closets to see if you have any of the following that you can do without. Put the items outside my office by **Friday, April 29th at 5 pm**. We also will need to gather food for ourselves and to show hospitality to the homeless guests who will be invited into St. Paul's.

- All kinds of carrying cases such as backpacks, tote bags, fanny packs, small suitcases with wheels (used and in good condition)
- Travel-size toiletries such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, lotion, chap stick, toothpaste, and shaving cream in small sizes, as well as tooth brushes and disposable razors, and tampons in small quantities for the 20% or so women (please no aftershave or mouthwash containing alcohol).
- New white socks (there can never be too many of these)
- New underwear (again, there can never be too many and be sure to bring 80% of the underwear for men)
- New white T-shirts for men
- Sleeping bags & blankets (clean and in good condition)
- USED CLOTHING, including:
 - Sweat shirts and sweat pants (especially hooded sweatshirts)
 - Nylon jackets and pants, ponchos, and raincoats
 - Sweaters
 - T-shirts
 - Long-sleeve shirts
 - Jeans, khakis and other casual pants (80% for men)
 - Waterproof boots, comfortable shoes, and sneakers
 - Hats, waterproof gloves, coats
 - Belt
- Small pieces of felt, buttons, and other banner-making supplies that your group would like to use

As always, we are very grateful for your continual and energetic support!

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Sunday, April 24, 2011
10:00 a.m. - Worship/Easter Sunday
11:00 a.m. - Fellowship Time
11:00 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt
Tuesday, April 26, 2011
7:30 a.m. - Bible Study
1:30 p.m. - Memorial Service
Thursday, April 28, 2011
3:30 p.m. - Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir
Friday April 29, 2011
6:00 p.m. - Leave for City Reach
Saturday April 30, 2011
4:00 p.m - Return from City Reach
Sunday, May 1, 2011
10:00 a.m. - Worship/Communion Sunday
11:00 a.m. - Fellowship Time
11:30 a.m. - Tremble Clef Concert



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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.

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.