

United Parish of Auburndale

TOGETHER

May 22, 2011,

Fifth Sunday in Easter - Children's Sunday



Scriptures: Psalm 103: 1-5

Mark 10: 13-16

Preaching: Nick Satwicz

Head Usher: Denise Chicoine & Bill Hoch

Assistant Usher: Barbara Seal & Tessa Kadar

Acolytes: Steven Kann & Natasha Sharma

Fellowship Time: Mary Reppert & Sarah Andersen

Although Sunday school will continue into June, our children will lead our worship this coming Sunday sharing with us how they are growing in faith. I always look forward to hearing from one or more of the graduating seniors although it is always bittersweet to watch them go off to college. This group of graduating Seniors was my first confirmation group here. Can it be possible they are graduating? Following the service will be the annual children's musical, another highlight of the year.

For this special Children's Sunday service, children are asked to sit in the front pews with their class and teacher.

Fellowship of the Concerned:

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to **Karen Newman** and the entire Newman family on the death of her mother **Marjorie O'Neill** on Saturday, May 14th.

Congratulations to **Shirley and Bruce Wong** on the birth of their first grandchild **Emily Kathleen Farrell** born to their daughter **Stephanie** and Son-in-law **Peter** on Saturday May 14th

Susan D'Amore wrote to us last week: "Please extend my thanks to the UPA family for the cards, e-mails and phone calls. At the end of what seemed to be a few very long days a card or e-mail would be there to brighten my day. I hope to see everyone soon.

Anna Undenge invites the UPA Church (I call it my family) to my graduation on May 22 at 4 pm in March Chapel, Boston University School of Theology, 745 Commonwealth Avenue.

The Lord has been faithful to me in all these academic years.
Thank you very much for supporting me in every challenge I experienced.

Save the Date:
Gay Pride Parade
June 11th



Graduation Announcements

UPA families who have children graduating this year: please contact the church office so we can congratulate these graduates as a congregation in the upcoming weeks. Send an email or make a phone call to the church office this week so we can recognize the accomplishments of this year's graduating class.

Call the office (617)964-8516 or email us at office@upanewtonma.org soon!

Monday Musings

It may have been rainy and gloomy outside yesterday, but inside the sun was shining as we celebrated the rite of confirmation for 5 of our young people and honored all 9 who had completed the confirmation process this year. Each group is special but this one was remarkably kind to one another and the pairings of mentors and confirmands were especially good. Since October they have been on two overnight retreats, had two classes with Mike and me, read the Gospel of Luke and discussed it with their mentor, had a mission experience with City Reach in January, and met regularly with their mentors to discuss different aspects of faith. In addition some attended a Roman Catholic Mass and others the Mosque in Wayland. They did all this on top of their already busy schedules. While not all of them decided to be confirmed they all took the process seriously as evidenced by their statements of faith which were printed in the Bulletin. I was proud of them all and am so grateful to their mentors for their dedication.

One of the reasons I have always loved being a parish minister is that you get to be a part of the real lives of people. On Saturday when I checked my e-mail at the end of a rather long day there were two in my in box, one from Karen Newman saying that her mother had died and that she had received that news just as they had landed for Brady's graduation from college. In the other was the news from the Wongs about their first grandchild who had arrived safely after a difficult pregnancy. I married Stephanie and Peter and now they are parents. Last week I went to see Martha Holmes our eldest elder who is now in hospice care. She is now in bed but while I was there she opened her eyes, saw it was me and gave me her wonderful smile. Birth, death and everything in between are held by the church. This is the privilege of ministry.

On Friday and Saturday I co-led another Boundary Awareness Training for the Metropolitan Boston Association of the UCC here at the UPA. There were 15 in attendance, and a large number of seminary students, including Amanda Harmeling as well as two chaplains. I always sort of dread leading them because they take so much time, and yet each time I do it, I am enriched by the conversation and the questions and am glad to have done it. There were many compliments on how beautiful and well maintained our building is, a reminder that this is not true of all churches!

Speaking of boundaries, Rich Frantz and Gar O'Connell have been putting windows in classrooms and office doors so that we are finally in compliance with our Safe Sanctuary policy. As I write this they are putting my door back on its hinges after putting a small window in it. Thanks guys!

Given the weather report for this week, make a smile be your umbrella. It is the only sunshine others will see.

Jean

Hey Youth,

What's happening? This Sunday will be our annual youth service. The youth and children's program will be guiding our church in worship. It will be a fun and exciting day for the younger members of our community, and we hope that you will all attend and actively participate. If you have not already committed to doing something in our worship service and are interested, please contact me as soon as possible at (857) 919-6840. We still need actors for our skit and musicians to play music at the beginning and the end of the service.

After church, the children's choir will perform a musical selection. We hope you will make time to attend that and watch them perform. After they finish, we will go as a youth program to the Knotty Pine. This will be my first visit to that praised breakfast spot, and I hope that all of you can make it.

Lastly, in the month of June, we will be going to Six Flags as our final trip. I will be circulating more information about our trip in the near future. It is my hope that we will be able to find a date, which works for many if not all of you, so that you can come with us. The best choices are Saturday, June 18, Saturday, June 25, and Saturday, July 2. Please contact me to speak up for yourself regarding which dates you might be able to come with us and which you might not. The more information I have regarding your schedules and plans, the better I will be able to help make sure that the maximum youth possible attend.

Hope all is well with you!

Peace,

Mike

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contact: info@stambandet.org



Vacation Bible School

June 27-July 1
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET?

If you haven't call or e-mail

Mike Nilon

mnilon@upanewtonma.org

Ready to Join the UPA?

New members will be received on June 12th, Pentecost Sunday. If you are interested, please contact Jean Alexander 617-964-8516 or

jalexander@upanewtonma.org



Calling all “Bakers” for the June 4 Yard Sale Bake Table

The Community Board could use your help

As you know, the **UPA Yard Sale** is coming up on **Saturday, June 4.**

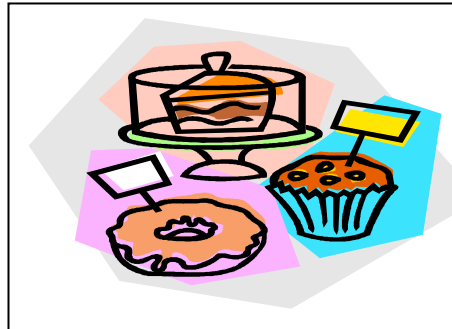
Lots of goodies to sell are needed: **cakes, pies, brownies, cookies, bars.** You are asked to package your cookies/brownies/or bars so they are ready for sale, for example:

- 2 *large* brownies/bars to a package or 3 smaller brownies/bars
- 3 good-size cookies to a package or 4 smaller size cookies.
- Cakes and pies should be covered with plastic wrap.

This event is a **major** fundraiser for the UPA. We hope to make it a successful one. With your help we will. **Please add your name to the sign-up sheet during coffee hour, or call the church office (617-964-8516) and ask Johanna to add your name to the list.**

If you have questions, feel free to call or e-mail:
Toni Miller, tjkjkm14@yahoo.com, 617-527-7044

The Community Board thanks you in advance for your help and support.



Last Chance to Sign up for the UPA Maine Sea Coast Mission Trip: August 13-20, 2011

Come spend a week volunteering and camping on the coast of Maine. This will be the second year UPA has volunteered with Maine Sea Coast Mission's Housing Repair Ministry up in Cherryfield, Maine (about 45 minutes north of Bar Harbor). This is a great week helping families in Washington County doing house repairs. Last year our team of 10 learned how to shingle and in the week we shingled a cabin for young mother and child to live in. Few skills are needed except your wish to help and enthusiasm.

A \$ 50 fee per person will hold your space. Families are welcome. Children 15 years and older can sign up with an adult. Families with younger children, there is another option. Please call Carol Walsh for details at **781-820-1833** or email her at **clesliwalsh@hotmail.com**. We would love to have people with with carpentry skills join us.



The Annual Newton Mayors Prayer Breakfast May 25th, 7:30 a.m.

For many years this event has been an opportunity for the interfaith community of Newton to gather. If you would like to attend this event with me this year, tickets are \$25.00. Steve Grossman will be the speaker.

Please let me know no later than Thursday, May 19th if you would like to go with me. Jean Alexander

Charge Conference – CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

All Methodist members of the the UPA are asked to attend a Charge Conference on **May 26th at 7 pm** for the purpose of recommending Myungeun Park to the ordination process of the New England Conference of the United Methodist Church. The Rev. Linda Wood-Boyle will preside in the absence of the District Superintendent.

UPA Families Feeding Families collection May 15 & 22

Each fall and spring, the UPA collects and delivers important items to the Grow Clinic at Boston Medical Center, which supports local children referred with Failure To Thrive. Our spring 2011 FFF collection will focus on the Grow Clinic's **most-needed items for children**, rather than the general food pantry type items.

- Bright Beginnings Pediatric Soy supplement (\$35.00/case)
- Duocal (\$78.00 per case)
- Enfamil Next Step Soy Formula
- Poly Vi Sol with Iron liquid vitamins
- Flintstones Complete chewable vitamins or equivalent
- Unisex diapers for ages 6 months to 3 years – sizes 3 & 4 in demand

A list of all items may be viewed at

<http://www.bmc.org/pediatrics-growclinic/donate/inkinddonations.htm>

-- please see Priority Supplements, Supplies, and Clothing lists. (Items on the food list welcome but not our focus this Spring.) Please bring your donations to church anytime between 5/15 & 5/22. See Julie Redmond with questions at 617.964.4164 or bmrjmr@yahoo.com. Many thanks!

The UPA Boards of Christian Education and Outreach

Phoebe and I would like to thank all the people who donated to City Reach. It was a very humbling experience. We learned a lot about how others find happiness when nothing is going right. It also refreshed just how grateful we are for everything we have. We appreciate Youth Group for providing these experiences for us. And importantly, thanks Kris Finn and Mike joining us!

Phoebe and Charlotte



The UPA Yard Sale is Back!

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

How will the UPA Yard Sale be conducted this year?

Each individual or family who has items to sell will be given a large table (or two) and a cash box. We ask that you price and sell your own items with the proceeds going to the UPA. Please plan to bring along small bills/change to be able to make change at the beginning of the day. The yard sale is to be held outside. If it rains, we will hold it inside.

How will I know how to price my items?

You may begin to drop off and organize and price your items in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, May 31. We will have pricing guidelines and pricing stickers for each family or individual who wants to participate. We will also have experienced "yard sale pricers" ready to help you on Friday, June 3th and early morning June 4th.

What if I only have a few items?

We will have tables set aside for those who only have a few items so they can be combined with others. We ask that you still price your own items and plan to help out with selling on June 4th.

What will the UPA provide?

The UPA will advertise the Yard Sale in local papers, set up tables outside, promote the sale on June 4th with balloons and other eye-catching flags and arrange for Goodwill or Morgan Memorial to send a truck at 1:00 p.m. for items not sold.

Why are we having the Yard Sale?

The UPA Yard Sale has been an important FUNdraiser for many years. We hope this format will continue to help raise funds for the UPA while giving people an opportunity to sell their "extras" and clean out their closets. We also hope that **everyone** will participate and enjoy time spent with UPA friends.

I'm not sure how to participate.

If you have any questions about the Yard Sale please speak to Cathy Paris or Lynne Austin-Tolley.

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Sunday, May 22, 2011
9:00 a.m. - Children's Choir
10:00 a.m. - Worship/Families Feeding Families
11:00 a.m. - Fellowship Time
11:30 a.m. - Children's Musical
Monday, May 23, 2011
7:00 p.m. - Children's Musical
Tuesday, May 24, 2011
7:30 a.m. - Bible Study
Thursday, May 26, 2011
3:30 p.m. - Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir
7:00 p.m. - Charge Conference
Sunday, May 29, 2011
10:00 a.m. - Worship
11:00 a.m. - Fellowship Time/Pot Luck



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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.