

United Parish of Auburndale

TOGETHER

Oct. 2, 2011

World Wide Communion Sunday



Scriptures: Exodus 16:2-15

John 6:25-35

Preaching: Jean Alexander

Sermon: "Manna, Again?"

Liturgist: Linda Wood-Boyle

Scripture Reader: Mary Reppert

Head Usher: Marcy Stuart

Ushers: Kristin and Kevin McGovern

Fellowship: Houston/Korman & Beard

The Israelites were full of complaints as they wandered in the wilderness. It was hot, and there were scorpions and snakes. And there was nothing to eat, except what God provided. Every day it was manna. And you couldn't store it or it spoiled. It always reminds me when I re-read these stories about how little gratitude I have for the daily blessing of food and the great variety that I enjoy. As we celebrate World Wide Communion this Sunday, may we remember those eating emergency rations in places of famine and those who are grateful for their daily allotment of rice.

This Sunday: Special Offering for: Neighbors in Need/World Communion Sunday

Our annual combined offering on Oct. 2 is split between Neighbors in Need (UCC) and World Communion Sunday (UMC). Neighbors in Need (NIN) supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the US. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry. Two-thirds is used by UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. World Communion Sunday (WCS) provides scholarships to UMC students in the US or abroad whose studies have a mission emphasis. WCS also supports ethnic minority scholarships and in-service training. Special envelopes can be found in your offering envelope boxes or in the pews on Sunday.



The Worship Board would like to thank **Gar O'Connell** on behalf of the congregation for designing and making this lovely new advent wreath.

We will plan a dedication on the first Sunday of Advent, **November 27th** this year.

Monday Musings

What fun we had yesterday as we blessed the animals and celebrated the achievement of the youth group in raising \$5000 for an "Ark" for the Heifer Project. I loved looking down the aisle and seeing the dogs peering out from the pews and trying to make friends with their neighbors. In addition to quite a number of dogs, we had cats, a rabbit and a goldfish. Our furry visitors were no more restless than the children on any given Sunday. I only heard a couple of barks in the course of the service. And there were no accidents although we were prepared with pet spray and paper towels!

Four of the youth, Rachel McVittie, Maddie Michael, Charlotte Huth and Laura Andersen participated in the service doing parts of the liturgy and Charlotte gave a short explanation of why the youth had decided to do the Heifer Project. During the offering they, with Karen Hernandez and me, blessed the animals. They were a wonderful addition to the service and led with great poise.

We had not done a "blessing of the animals" service for awhile so I'm glad to have done it again and I hope it will become a more regular event in the worship life of the church. It obviously works to have it as part of the regular morning worship too.

The profile committee has put their survey together with remarkable speed and I will add my plea with theirs that you fill it out THIS WEEK. They can't go on to the next part of their work until they see what you say. So please say it and soon.

Dana Dornbusch was in orange yesterday and reminded us that the "pumpkins are coming". All hands are needed Saturday morning October 8th at 8 a.m. to unload them. The good news is that we are the first stop so the pumpkins will be easier to unload. I love the pumpkin patch as you know. I love how it looks on the church lawn. I love that it brings new people to our door. I love the way it brings us together as a congregation as we work together to sell those pumpkins. I will be breaking out the pumpkin costume to wear and I hope to see you participating in this annual fund raiser. (I wonder if wearing the pumpkin costume should be part of the new minister's job description?)

This weekend Bruce and I were out three nights in a row. Quite an intense social schedule for us! All of them were fun. On Saturday we were at the Gala for Homestart the agency that helps the homeless for which our own Linda Wood-Boyle is executive director. The board recognized her 10 years there that night and the tremendous job she has done expanding their services and their budget. Kudos Linda! We are so proud of you.

Blessings to all,

Jean

P.S. Can you believe the difference Rich Frantz and Marc Ebbs made on Sunday with their chain saws? That pruning was long overdue!

Profile Plan

Take the Pulse

Probe for Insight

Draft & Refine

Finalize & Deliver

Sept. 11

Dec. 11



On Monday, many of you may have received some confusing emails about taking the UPA survey. Our apologies. Sometimes when you're running really hard to meet a deadline, mistakes are made. We appreciate your understanding, and ask, once again, for your participation as we seek to gather broad input about the priorities of the church and the qualifications we seek in a new pastor.

The #1 activity this week is taking the survey. Here is the link to the online version:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/P5KN67G>

We strongly prefer that you take it online, but paper copies are available as well, and have been mailed to members who do not have email addresses. Please remember, these 3 things:

1. We need everyone to take it! That includes Members, Participants, and both halves of a couple (if applicable).
2. It will take approximately 20 minutes.
3. **We need it completed THIS WEEK – by Saturday, October 1.**

The other key activity of the "Taking the Pulse" phase of our process is soliciting Board and Committee input. Bill Hoch will be heading up this effort. If he hasn't contacted your Board/Committee Chair already, he will shortly.

Looking ahead, here are other key dates in our plan.

Sunday, October 16

October 23 – November 5

Sunday, November 20

Sunday, December 11

Forum to Present Survey Results

"Probe for Insight" Small Group Discussions

Forum to Present the Draft Profile

Church-wide Vote on the Profile

Greetings from the Youth Minister!

What a great service on Sunday! Not only did we bless several animals including bunnies, fish and dogs, we also acknowledged the hard work of the youth at UPA by recognizing the \$5000 raised for Heifer International for an Ark of animals to help those in need around the world. Charlotte Huth wrote an excellent testimony to the ambitions of the youth at UPA which is below for you to read.

This weekend is Apple Picking with the High School youth, grades 9-12. We will leave UPA right after church and return no later than 3PM. Look for an email to RSVP. Please note that at least five youth must attend for this and all events to happen. I will also need parent volunteers to help transport.

Have a blessed week,

Karen

YOUTH GROUP DONATES \$5,000 to HEIFER INTERNATIONAL THANK YOU TO THE UPA CONGREGATION!!

About 2 ½ years ago, the Youth Group decided that we wanted to give back to the community on a global scale. We have done many things for the local community over the years, but not something for the global community. So, we researched different organizations and we decided that Heifer International would be the perfect one because it provides people who live in poverty an opportunity to have a sustainable resource.

Heifer International gives animals to families in need of food and income and is an organization that the UPA has assisted over the years. We looked through the catalogue of the different animals that you could donate; for example, a cow or two rabbits, a goat, or even llamas. But, at the end of the catalogue they had what was called "an Ark" for \$5,000; the Ark included two of each of the animals. Although we first were thinking of buying just a few animals with the funds we had raised, we decided that if we were going to raise money for Heifer International, we had to "Go Big or Go Home." So, with the help of many youth (some who have now graduated), and the support of the congregation, we raised the \$5,000 dollars and were able to donate the Ark to Heifer this past spring. We reached our goal and we made a small, but meaningful, impact on our global community. *(Continued next page)*

The Youth Group would like to give a huge thanks to the congregation for all the donations we received. We couldn't have raised all this money without everyone coming to our fundraisers and car washes and stopping by the table at coffee hour. We appreciate all your support!

Charlotte Huth and all the Youth Group

October

Apple Picking, October 2, 11:30-3:00 PM- HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Apple picking, October 16, 11:30-3:00 PM - MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Youth meeting, October 23, 11:30-1:00 PM- HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Youth meeting, October 30, 11:30-1:00 PM - MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Worship in October

October 2- World Wide Communion Sunday

Scriptures: Exodus 16:2-15

John 6:25-35

Preaching: Jean Alexander

Sermon: Manna, Again?

October 9

Scriptures: Exodus 20: 1-20

Matthew 15:1-9

Preaching: Jean Alexander

Sermon: Rules of the Road

October 16:

Scriptures: Exodus 32: 1-14

Colossians 3:1-11

Preaching: Jean Alexander

Sermon: The Dangers of Delay

October 23:

Preaching: Tom Sullivan

Chaplain at Lasell College

October 31:

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 8:1-18

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Preaching: Jean Alexander

Sermon: Don't Lose the Map (you might need it again.)

Senior Ministries Presents:

- **October 19th-A Trip to the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem Ma.**

We will gather at the UPA at 10 a.m. to visit this interesting museum. Admission for seniors is \$13.00 and we will eat lunch there or in a near by restaurant.

- **November 16-Lunch and a visit Waltham Watch Museum**

Bring a sandwich. Jean will make a pot of soup to warm us up. Then we will visit the new Waltham Watch Museum.

- **December 14-Christmas Tea 2-4 pm**

Our annual gift to the UPA. Bring a plate of cookies to share and enjoy the fellowship.

- **January 25-Lunch with Marian Knapp**

Marian has been writing columns for the Newton Tab on aging in Newton. She now has her own website and blog <http://voicesofaging.com/> She will speak to us about her thoughts on aging. Bring a sandwich and join us for lunch and conversation.

Wednesday, October 5th is the Next Monthly Meeting of the Open & Affirming and Reconciling Committee.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. At 7:30 we will have Kurtland Massorsky from BATLY (Boston Alliance of Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Youth) speaking. Included in discussion will be ongoing goals and aspirations for the youth served in this organization. Kurtland will also be open to questions.

We welcome UPA members and friends to attend. It will provide an opportunity to learn more about one of the organizations we support through the outreach of our church.

Deborah Blaisdell Martin

First Friday for Families

October 7th 6:30-8:30

Join us for a quiet evening of dinner and discussion with other parents. The topic will be stress. What are the Things that stress family life? Jean will provide us with “Fifty Ways to Beat Stress” as a conversation starter.



Child care provided

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

*Rsvp on Facebook or to Jean Alexander by Wednesday, Oct 5th.
jalexander@upanewtonma.org*



Book Group –Oct. 14 at 10 a.m.

For **Oct. 14th** the book group will be reading “Change of Heart” By Jodi Picoult. Ten members were present at our first meeting and Donna McClure baked a wonderful challah for the occasion. All are welcome. Join us in the Norton Room. (Usually the 2nd Friday).



5^h UPA OPEN (and affirming) Golf Outing

Hello all,

You have qualified for the fifth **UPA OPEN**

Costs: Please make checks out to Don Ross

Cost for adults under 60 years of age: \$28.00

Juniors 8-16 years and adults 60 years and older: \$25.00

(Cost includes 18 holes of golf)

When: October 1st

Arrive: 8:45am. Check in with Don Ross for tee times, first tee time starts at 9:30.

Where: Lost Brook Golf Club (directions below); We will be playing 18 holes. You will be called if the event is rained out and rain date will be determined.

From the church take 95 south (128 south) to exit 13-University Ave. At the first set of lights take a right and follow for approximately 1.5 miles. Take a left at Meditech Green, the club house is on your right.

Refreshments for all golfers: will be at the Ross house,
256 Auburndale Ave, Newton Ma 02482.

Start time 3:30pm: Please bring something to add to the festivities.



Auburndale Historic District

Finally, after about five years, the city and the LNA (the Lasell Neighborhood Association) were able to fund four signs throughout the historic district here in Auburndale. Designed by Caroline and Larry Schwirian, whose home is depicted on the sign, it's really a work of art. Check it out! It's down the street on Woodland near Central. The picture was taken by Steve McClure.

Patricia Bottomley

Coffee Hour Schedule Sept./October

<i>Oct</i>			
2	Houston-Korman	617	332-2963
2	Beard	617	928-1678
9	POT LUCK		
16	McClure	508	791-7676
16	Satwicz	617	467-4729
23	Pan	617	969-0129
23	Spicer	617	332-1749
30	Connor	336	793-7425
30	Membrino	617	244-2376

Save the Date:

UMC Charge Conference

*with District Superintendent Martin McLee
Sunday, Oct. 9th at 12:30 p.m.*

This is your opportunity to ask him directly about any questions or concerns you have regarding the appointment process.

You do NOT have to be on the Methodist roll to attend!



Did you know that pumpkins are grown all over the world? Antarctica is the only continent where pumpkins can't grow.

The Pumpkin Patch Opens Oct 9th!!

We'll need help with

- Unloading: Oct 8, 8:00 am; Oct 22, 9:00 am
- Selling: Oct 9 - 31
- Baking for the Bake Sale

Questions? Want to help? Contact

Dana Dornbusch

David Walsh

Mary Lou Walsh

Reminder:

***The Office will be closed
on Monday for Columbus Day.***

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Sunday, Oct. 2, 2011

9:00 a.m. - Children singing
10:00 a.m. - Worldwide Communion Sunday
11:00 a.m. - Fellowship Time
11:30 a.m. - Youth Apple Picking

Monday Oct. 3, 2011

7:30 p.m. - Common Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2011

7:30 a.m. - Bible study
7:30 p.m. - Profile Committee

Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011

7:00 p.m. - Open & Affirming

Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011

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

Friday, Oct. 7, 2011

6:30 p.m. - First Friday for Families

Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011

8:00 a.m. - unloading pumpkins

Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011

10:00 a.m. - Worship
11:00 a.m. - Fellowship Time
12:30 p.m. - UMC Charge Conference



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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.