

United Parish of Auburndale

TOGETHER

October 24, 2010

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost



Scriptures: Psalm 84

Luke 18: 9-14

Preaching: Jean Alexander

Sermon: Where Happiness Lives

Reader: Bruce Hanson

Head Ushers: Marcy Stuart

Assistant Ushers: Elizabeth and Bruce McVittie

Acolytes: Nicholas Hoch and Kathleen McVittie

Fellowship Time: Hudong Chen and Luying Pan

Guest Musician: Jessica Rucinski

According to the Declaration of Independence one of our inalienable rights is "the pursuit of happiness." But what makes us happy? And what is happiness? Is it winning the lottery? Is it achieving goals that you have set for yourself. It is making it to the top of whatever ladder of success you are climbing? Some today would say yes to all of these, but Jesus and the Psalmist have other answers.

Fellowship of the Concerned:

We continue to hold **David Jackson**, the husband of **Barbara Edmunds** in our prayers. He remains in hospice care at MGH.

Let us keep **Carol Woodworth** in our prayers as she recovers from an injury to her knee.

Congratulations to **Lynda McQuillan**. This summer **Justin Pacheco** began living with her full-time as they prepare for the final stages of this 2-year adoption process. It hopefully will be completed in late spring - early summer 2011. **Justin** has been attending church with her this past year and we welcome him as part of our church community.



Sunday, October 31st 10 A.M.

Don your costumes and come to the special observance of Halloween! This year **Halloween** falls on Sunday, an unusual occurrence. While it's roots are not in Christianity but in European pagan traditions, it touches deep places in the human heart as we grapple with fear, and evil that are certainly issues within Christianity. There will be special aspects to our worship this October 31st and afterwards, if there are still pumpkins in the pumpkin patch we will have a pumpkin carving contest and some bobbing for apples, traditional events that go with the observance.

Giving Groceries Please contribute non-perishables to the Food Pantry at Eliot Church in Roxbury. Deposit items any time into the shopping cart in the narthex.

Lost & Found Please check the Lost & Found Box in main Hall for your missing items of clothing and various belongings! Also, the office has a lost watch and a key.

Monday Musings -

It's another gorgeous October day. These days always remind me of a poem I memorized in grade school by Helen Hunt Jackson whose opening stanza is: "O suns and skies and clouds of June, and flowers of June together. Ye cannot rival for one hour October's bright blue weather." After all the wind and rain Thursday night and Friday last week, we had another gorgeous weekend conducive to pumpkin sales thanks to this "bright blue weather."

Saturday we had another fantastic turnout to unload pumpkins. Again, way to go UPA! You were terrific passing those pumpkins down the line and on to the pallets. Dana Dornbusch and I worked the last shift on Saturday, me in my pumpkin costume. I love waving to folks as they drive by so intent on their destination. When they look up and see me they almost always smile...and some even stopped and bought a pumpkin.

This Sunday there will be a second forum to discuss the Grove Street houses. I hope that many will stay and discuss concerns, responses, and ideas so that when we have a congregational meeting on Nov. 7th that we will be prepared to decide which direction to go.

It was great yesterday to have our Methodist District Superintendent, Martin McLee with us to preach and then to lead the "Charge Conference." He was very engaging and turns out to have a beautiful bass voice which he shared with us at the end of his sermon. He mentioned in the Charge Conference how impressed he was with all the children that came down when it was time for the Children's sermon. Apparently many churches he visits have very few children.

Last week, Myungeun Park went with me on visits to some of our elders. In the car she asked when I was ordained and I replied, "1971". She laughed and said that she hadn't been born when I was ordained. It is a sobering thought, especially since I will be going on to Medicare in February. I'm still shocked at the grey hair when I see myself in pictures or in the mirror. Aging sneaks up on us and part of the problem is that internally we don't age at the same rate or the same way as we do externally. There is this disconnect. Clint Eastwood who is 80 and still making great movies commented on that in an article in the paper this past Sunday.

Myungeun will be preaching for the first time on November 28th the actual anniversary of my ordination and the date that Kurt Walker will be ordained in his home church in Bridgeport MA. Some of us will be going if you would like to go with us.

Blessings, Jean

The Pumpkin Patch is Still Open: So Add More Pumpkins to Your Collection!

Thanks to everyone who helped last weekend. We are getting our 2nd (and last) delivery this Saturday at 8:00 a.m. Please join us again and help us unload.

The patch will be open from Oct 10 – 31.

Hours are: 10-6, M-F, 9-5 on Saturday & 11-6 on Sunday

We'll need your help with selling and baking.

- Sales: no previous experience is necessary. Please sign up at coffee hour.
- Bakers: pre-heat your ovens! Help ensure our bake sale is well stocked with goodies.
- Drop off baked goods at the patch anytime.

Questions? See Dana Dornbusch
Mary Lou Walsh, or David Walsh



Dinners for Families ARE BACK

UPA families with children are invited to dinner with Mike Nilon and Jean Alexander. There is no agenda except for food and conversation. It's a chance to get to know one another better and exchange the joys and frustrations of parenthood. The main dish is provided. Each family brings a simple salad or dessert. Sign-up is essential since food and child care is being provided.

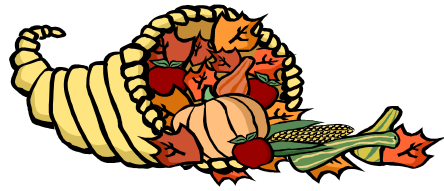
- **Friday-October 22nd 6-8:30 pm** is for families with preschool children or children in elementary school. There will be child care and pizza for the children downstairs and the adults will dine upstairs.
- **Friday-November 12th 7-9** is for families with Middle School and Sr. High Youth.

You can sign up on Sunday's in the parish hall or by calling or e-mailing the church office. Office@upanewtonma.org

The Garden Club

We are planning to meet the first Tuesday of
Nov. at 9:30 a.m.

Patricia Bottomley



Inquirers Meeting, October 24th 11:30 a.m.

Have you been attending the UPA for several weeks or months and would like to know more about us?

Or you think you might like to become a member, but don't know how to do that.

The Membership Cultivation Board will

host a gathering on October 24th that can answer your questions.

The session lasts approximately one hour and child care will be provided if needed.

If you would like to attend or have further questions please e-mail **Natascha George** at natascha.george@gmail.com

or **Jean Alexander** jalexander@upanewtonma.org

Attention UPA Parents and Children:

Recently, the BURR Cooperative Preschool playground was left in a terrible state, just a day after the parents from the coop had spent time and energy cleaning it up. There is now a lock on the gate, though we have a key in the church office. While there are other neighbors that borrow this playground space, we have a particular responsibility to put away toys, re-cover the sandbox and treat the space with care. This message was told to the church school children in class with a reminder of the appropriate and respectful behavior required in order for us to use the playground. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact: **Katie Jackson**.

HONORING UPA MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED OR ARE NOW SERVING

The United Parish of Auburndale wishes to honor those in our congregation who have served, or who are presently serving in our nation's military, diplomatic, or peace corps on this year's Veterans' Day, November 7, 2010.

We would like to update our list from the one we prepared in November 2008, so any additions to that list, or new listings, will be appreciated. If your 2008 information is still valid, no need to update.

Please include the name, military rank or rating, branch of service, dates of service, geographic area of service and any other brief information you think is of general interest.

We want to honor all who have served, or who are now serving, so if you are aware of members, family or friends in the congregation who are currently away from us, please encourage them to get information to us. Please send (or e-mail) information to:

Jim Miller

67 Bourne Street, Auburndale MA 02466
(617) 527-7044 or e-mail tjkjkm14@yahoo.com

Thanks to all!

Senior Lunch-Wednesday October 27th- Noon

The Senior Ministries group is at a crossroads. Because of a loss of leadership, this past year's activities were primarily put together by myself with the help of Carol Roush and Carol Smith.

It has been increasingly difficult to find activities in which all members of the group can participate. I would like feedback from the group about whether or not to continue with a monthly luncheon for fellowship purposes or whether to disband efforts in this area. It is also the case that we have retired members who might like a different kind of group. However you identify yourself, please come on October 27th.

Bring a sandwich to share. I will make my famous pumpkin soup. We will create once again the miracle of the loaves and fishes and discuss where we would like to go from here.

Jean Alexander

Adult Forum: 11:30 a.m. This Sunday, October 24, 2010
On-going Conversation on the Grove Street Houses

As you may know, the church owns two houses at the end of the church property known as 87 & 89 Grove Street. A Sub-Committee of the Board of Property has been charged with finding a long term solution and use for the buildings. This Committee hired an architect to prepare detailed drawings and a plan for renovating both houses. This past spring those plans were provided to two contractors for review and quoting.

The Committee on 87-89 Grove Street and members of the Board of Property met in June 2010 to consider alternative options given the higher-than-expected price quotes received from contractors who evaluated the project. The Committee prepared a set of recommendations for consideration by the Parish Council and the membership to consider which will be presented at this forum.

This forum will provide a context for further discussion since the initial forum on September 26th. Please come and add your voice to the discussion. A congregational vote is scheduled for **November 7th** with regards to the houses.

UPA Families Feeding Families - October 31 and November 7, 2010

This year, we'll be focusing our fall collection on the Grow Clinic's **most-needed items for children** (rather than the general food pantry-type items). A list of these items will be printed in the next two issues of Together, so please stay tuned! (Or get a head start by viewing <http://www.bmc.org/pediatricsgrowclinic/donate/inkinddonations.htm> -- see Priority Supplements, Supplies, and Clothing lists – items on the Food list welcome but not our focus this year). Please see Julie Redmond with questions at 617.964.4164 or bmrjmr@yahoo.com. Many thanks. *The UPA Boards of Christian Education and Outreach*

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 over a calming cup of tea (at Natalie Austrian's house this month) and a bit of gently guided instruction from other group members as needed, so we might make several prayer shawls as gifts together.

Knitting Night: Mon. October 25th 7:30 pm, 20 Ware Road – Auburndale (617-332-7026)



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

(JoAnne Fabrics, WalMart, etc have supplies)

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This Coming Week at UPA:

Sunday, Oct. 24, 2010

- 10:00 a.m. - Worship
- 11:00 a.m. - Fellowship Time
- 11:30 a.m. - Adult Forum – Grove St.
- 11:30 a.m. - Inquirer's Class
- 2:30 p.m. - MBA Fall Meeting in Milton

Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2010

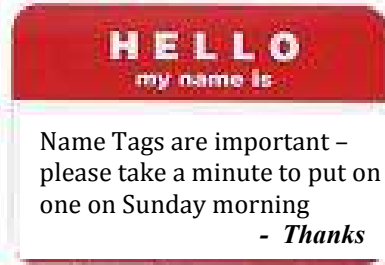
- 7:30 a.m. - Bible Study

Thursday, Oct. 28, 2010

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

Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010

- 9:00 a.m. - Children sing in worship
- 10:00 a.m. - Worship/Halloween Service
- 11:00 a.m. - Fellowship Time
- 12:00 a.m. - Last Pumpkin Patch Day



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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.