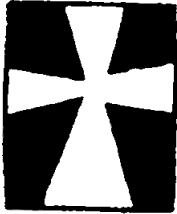


# United Parish of Auburndale

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### June 6, 2010 – Communion Sunday

Preaching: Jean Alexander

Sermon: “Healing is a Miracle”

Scriptures: 1 Kings 17:17-24; Luke 7:11-17

Reader: Ron Rohda

Ushers: David and Janice Habermehl

Assistant Ushers: Mary Lou Walsh

Acolytes: Nicholas Hoch, Gracie Jackson

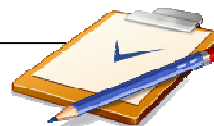
Church School Roamer: Julie Redmond

Coffee Hour Hosts: The O’Connell and Paris Families

In our stories for this Sunday healing is a way of pointing us not only to the power of God, but of establishing the credentials of those God has sent to provide prophetic spiritual leadership. They raise questions of how we understand healing today and who is/are the Gods we turn to for healing.

### **Reminder:**

If you or someone you know has not received a newsletter recently, please let the church office know so we can get your name back on the email or snail-mail list ASAP!!!



## FELLOWSHIP OF THE CONCERNED

Our prayers are with Roger Carpenter on the death of his wife Dorothy, on Thursday, May 20th. Services were held on Monday at the Eaton and Mackey Funeral Home in Newton Corner. Roger and Dorothy had been married 68 years this past Christmas.

Prayers also for the family of Rick Holcomb, a former member, who died this past week in Nashua NH.

Our continuing prayers are with Sandra Ross who has finished her radiation treatments and begins further chemotherapy. She is still at the Spaulding Rehab Center in Cambridge.

And also with Mark Paris and Lucia Scott as they continue with their treatment.

Please also remember former member Jean Stewart who is having treatment for a recurrence of cancer.

We welcome Kyle Bozentko back to the church office this week. He had emergency surgery this past Monday, which is why you did not have a Together last week. We pray for his continued recovery from the surgery.

Congratulations to former seminarian, Jack Amick, who did his field work here 2005-6, on his ordination as an Elder in the United Methodist Church his past Sunday in Michigan. and to Kurt Walker on his graduation from Andover-Newton Theological School this past Saturday and on his approval by the Pilgrim Association of the Massachusetts Conference UCC to hold an ecclesiastical council on June 17th.

Congratulations also to Bruce Wong who received the Carroll Center's "Employee of the Year" award on Thursday, May 27th.

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### **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](mailto:office@upanewtonma.org) soon!

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Galactic Blast!**

**JULY 12-16**

**9 AM-3 PM**

All UPA children going into Kindergarten through Fifth grade are invited to participate.

This year we can expand the number of children, so feel free to invite a neighbor or a friend.

A Sign up sheet will be available starting May 1st in the Parish Hall or you may call the church office.

## Monday Musing

Last was not a quiet week at the UPA. Pentecost Sunday I came in early, as I usually do, and the first thing I saw was that all the emergency lights were on. There was no power in the church, none. Even the phones wouldn't work. Thank goodness for a cell phone so I could make numerous calls trying to find out what was wrong. It turned out to be a problem on the street and a half hour before the service, the power magically came on. It makes one realize how totally dependent we are on the electric grid. ( It turns out a squirrel was the cause of our power outage. I'm sure the squirrel is no longer with us!)

Despite these rough beginnings it was a lovely Pentecost Sunday. We had three baptisms, a bouncing (literally) baby Kevin Barberio and Caroline and Caleb Cornelius. Each came with God-parents, grandparents, friends and other family members. If you haven't figured it out, I love baptisms, and it always feels like a gift when we have them.

Then Monday morning before I left the house, I got a call from Kyle Bozentko, our Church Administrator, saying he was in the hospital and having emergency surgery. Suddenly all plans for the week had to be re-thought and reworked. It was already going to be a short week for me in the office because I was facilitating my second round of Boundary Awareness Training for the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ. Thank goodness for Kurt who knew how to run the risograph and who made sure we had bulletins for Sunday and for Dorothy Carpenter's funeral last Monday afternoon.

The Associations of the Mass. Conference now require all ordained clergy, even retired clergy to take two days of "boundary awareness training." This has become mandated because even Protestant denominations have clergy who engage in misconduct of various kinds. Clergy have access to people in unique ways because of who and what they represent, and they can knowingly and unknowingly cross emotional or physical boundaries that do damage to their parishioners. Some of them are blatant such as sexual misconduct, but others are more subtle. While this training probably won't deter a true predator it does help clergy who are naïve, or new to the profession, or simply at a vulnerable place in their own lives clarify appropriate professional boundaries. In addition the new ways of communicating through technology pose other quandaries for clergy and congregation. In my former ministry in Maine, I had many occasions to deal with clergy misconduct of various kinds. The damage it did not only to the "victim" but to the congregation and the minister's family had long lasting repercussions. So it is a good thing for Conferences and Associations to require this and I'm happy to be one of the facilitators for the conference.

It was a wild and crazy week last week and it was very good to see Kyle's face this morning. Here's to a less eventful week. -- Jean

**Youth Group: June 13<sup>th</sup> - "Mission for Peace"** - Youth AND Adult Forum. Leah Raczynski is a High School student who will be giving a presentation to share with us her thoughts and memories of her recent trip to India. The UPA helped her go on this trip.

**End of the Year Party - Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>** - End of the year party at the beach. Come have fun, sun, food and relaxation on the beach. We'll meet at the UPA at 9:00am on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. This should get us to the beach by 10:30. Lunch and drinks will be provided. All you need to bring is your bathing suit, sunscreen, and a towel. We will be heading back at 4:00pm and will be back at the UPA between 5:30pm and 6:00pm.

## From the Book Group

We will meet on **Friday, June 11**  
from **10:00 a.m. – noon** in the  
conference room at the church.

For June we will be reading *The Nine* by  
Jeffrey Toobin.

Come join us for our last meeting until  
September – Happy Summer Reading!



## Think Altar Flowers:

We have openings for altar flowers on the  
calendar for plenty of dates in June  
{and as always through the summer}  
Consider Donating for All Occasions!

Thanks, Patricia Bottomley  
(617)527-7470

## REMINDER: Coffee Hour in June

June –

6 – O’Connell Family; Paris Family  
13 – The Lind family; the Ross/Venti Family  
20 – **Ice Cream Social**  
27 – Carol Smith; The Sessler Family

## 2010 Boston Pride Parade Save the Date:



Saturday, June 12.

Hope to see you there. Guaranteed,  
you’ll have a great time!

For the next few weeks the Open &  
Affirming Committee  
will have a table during the coffee hour  
where you can

**SIGN-UP** to join us and ask questions  
about the parade.

### **For instance:**

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

1. How long is the parade route? Does everyone walk the whole route?
2. How long does it take to participate?
3. I have a child who is *x* years old. Should I have concerns about what she/he will see or hear?
4. Where does the UPA group assemble before the parade?
5. Do I wear anything special?
6. How do people along the parade route identify us as the UPA group?

***We can answer these  
questions – stop by and see us  
and,  
of course, come to the parade  
and march with us !!!***

## Adult and Youth Forum - June 13<sup>th</sup>

Leah Raczynski will reflect on her recent trip to India at a special adult and youth forum on June 13<sup>th</sup>. The trip was supported by the UPA community and all are welcome to hear Leah share her thoughts and memories surrounding her travels.

## SENIOR MINISTRIES PRESENTS

### "A Tour of Turkey"

Jean Alexander and Bruce Hanson will show you a pictures of their remarkable trip. (We promise not to show the whole 600!) Bring a sandwich. Drinks, chips and pickles will be provided as well as a Middle Eastern treat for dessert, Sona Ekesian's baklava. Please let us know you are coming by signing up on Sunday morning or by calling the church office so that we may have a seat at the table for you.

### **Worship in June** **"Really Good Stories"**

The next couple of months feature some of the best stories in the Bible. This year the Old Testament features stories of Elijah and Elisha during June and July. As a child these prophets fascinated me, and I have a special fondness for their stories still today. During this year of the lectionary we are in the Gospel of Luke, the most literary of the gospels and he too knows how to tell a good story. As we head into summer and times of gatherings with family and friends, we often tell stories so it seems appropriate to focus on our faith stories during this portion of the summer.

### **Scriptures for June**

June 6-Communion Sunday

Scriptures: 1 Kings 17:17-24

Luke 7:11-17

Preaching: Jean Alexander

June 13

Scriptures: 1 Kings 21:1-21a

Luke 7:36-8:3

Preaching: Jean Alexander

June 20-The Ice Cream Social

Scriptures: 1 Kings 19:1-15a

Luke 8:26-39

Preaching: Jean Alexander

June 27

Scriptures: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

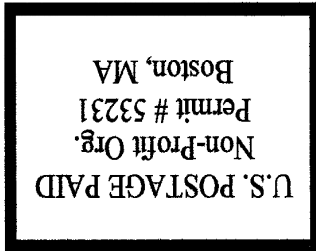
Luke 9:51-62

### **Life Choice Hospice seeks Volunteers** **Volunteer Training - June 14 and 17, 2010**

Life Choice Hospice seeks compassionate individuals to serve hospice patients and families. Volunteers act in a number of capacities, including providing emotional support, companionship on visits, facilitating self expression through music and crafts, recording life histories, reading to patients, running errands and supporting loved ones through their grief.

You will be trained comprehensively and supported throughout your service by our skilled multidisciplinary team. Please call the Volunteer Coordinator at (781)487-2201 or Cathy Paris at (617)969-4343 if you are interested.





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**This Coming Week at UPA**

**Thursday, June 3, 2010**

3:15 p.m. - Children's Choir  
7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, June 6, 2010**

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:20 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Coffee/Fellowship  
11:30 a.m. - Youth Group



**[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.