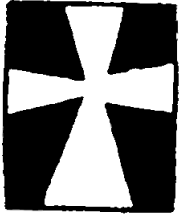


United Parish of Auburndale

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July 4, 2010 – Communion Sunday

Preaching: Jean Alexander

Sermon: “of the people, by the people, for the people”

Scriptures: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Luke 10:1-12

Reader: Bruce Hanson

Ushers: Bev Nickerson

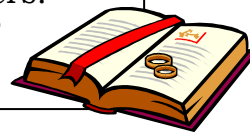
Coffee Hour Hosts: Still Available...

So often history is presented as the deeds of great leaders. Yet without the dedication and sacrifices of people whose names we never know, those leaders could not have accomplished those deeds for which history celebrates them. The story from the Old Testament about the healing of Naaman, a great general for the king of Aram, is a case in point. It has long been one of my favorite bible stories.

Summer Scripture Readers Needed!

There are many blank spaces on our summer calendar of readers.

Won't you give it a try?



Fellowship of the Concerned:

In our prayers, **Kurt Walker's** mother **Carol Howe** who was hospitalized last week.

Also **Elaine Cavanaugh's** son **David** is in Newton-Wellesley hospital after a bad fall.

Let us continue to hold **Sandra Ross, Lucia Scott** and **Mark Paris** in our thoughts and prayers this summer as each of them continues their treatments.

Cards and visits are also so appreciated by our members who are shut in and unable to be with us: **Emilie Borek** at the Scandinavian Living Center; **Martha Holmes** at Norembege Point; and **Thelma Adkins** at the Stone Institute.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Galactic Blast!**
JULY 12-16 :: 9 AM-3 PM

All UPA children going into K-5th 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 is available in the Parish Hall or you may call the church office.

Hope to see you there!!!

SUMMER CHILD CARE

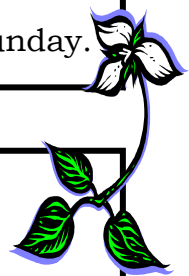
This summer we will provide nursery care for children age 4 and under. If a parent volunteer is available for the day, older children are invited to play on the playground (or when rainy, the downstairs playroom). Otherwise, they may remain in service with their family.

Parents are encouraged to volunteer coverage for one Sunday.

Think Altar Flowers:

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

Thanks, Patricia Bottomley
(617)527-7470



Monday Musing

It's always hard to say good-bye to people who have become a part of our lives the way Kurt and his family have the past two years and yesterday was no exception. Although the ranks are definitely thinning on Sunday's, there was a good turn out to thank Kurt, to give some presents and to eat the cake. And Kurt's sermon was a tribute to the many in the congregation that have not only mentored him but who mentor others in the congregation, especially the rising generations.

Next Sunday we are in the parish hall until the first Sunday in September. It always takes me awhile to get accustomed to the intimacy of the space in the parish hall after the high pulpit and the distance in the sanctuary. It isn't that I prefer one over the other, it is just an adjustment. I like the intimacy of the parish hall and the way we sing in that space.

Our hiring process is taking longer than we hoped but today Johanna Porter accepted our offer to be the next Administrative Assistant for the church. She will begin on July 13th. Please see elsewhere in the Together for information about her. I will miss Kyle who has done such a super job as our interim. He has already found a job in Minnesota and is ready to head back to the land of "Ten Thousand Lakes." If you are at the church in the next couple of weeks, I hope you will drop in and say thank you and Godspeed.

We had a wild weekend of family gathered to celebrate Bruce's 75th birthday. We had people sleeping in every possible bed and children camped out on the floor. It was such fun. It was also a reminder that these events take more out of me than they used to!

On Wednesday my grandson comes for a couple of weeks and will leave after VBS. It is always a treat to have him especially now that he is 14 and I'm sure visiting grandparents is not the most exciting thing for him. Ah yes...the passage of time brings changes to us all.

Blessings – Jean

Kurt's Korner

Dear United Parish of Auburndale:

I wanted to take one last opportunity to say 'thank you, thank you, thank you' for everything that you have done for me and my family over the last two years.

Thank you for graciously mentoring me through worship, children's time, meeting times, coffee hour, pastoral visits, and through the pumpkin patch. Your ability to teach a seminarian in your midst is a blessing. My hope for you is that you continue to provide that gift for decades to come.

Thank you to the Youth Group for allowing me to be your companion on your faith journey. You are all such wonderful young adults. I have seen your faith grow over these past two years and you have renewed my faith in the future of the Church universal. With men and women like you in charge of Christianity for the next generation, we have nothing to fear and everything to expect. Stay faithful in your doubts and never stop questioning the assumptions that you are sometimes taught. Keep your individual conversations with God going and you will not be disappointed.

I hope that you are able to take from our time together just a few moments that were meaningful and thought provoking. Even though there is a great probability that I may never see most of you ever again, know that I will always hold a piece of you with me. I hope the same can be said for you. Know that when we carry each others stories, our bond can never be broken. We are never alone in our faith. Even though we are not together, I will always consider you my brothers and sisters. May God watch over you, may Jesus walk beside you, and may the Holy Spirit be your guide always.

In Christ – Kurt

Worship in July

July 11-Scriptures: Luke 10:25-37 The Good Samaritan; Colossians 1:1-14
Preaching: Jean Alexander

July 18-Scriptures: Luke 10:38-42 Mary and Martha; Colossians 1:15-28
Preaching: Jean Alexander

July 25-Scriptures: Genesis 18:20-32 Abraham challenges God; Luke 11: 1-13 Jesus talks about prayer
Preaching: Jean Alexander

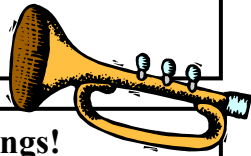
Together Summer Dates:

This week (June 29) will be the final weekly Together of the summer. If you have anything you'd like included, be sure to get it in for next week before we switch to a once-a-month summer schedule.

The Together will be sent out twice in the summer. First on **Tuesday, July 20** and then again on **Tuesday, August 24**. Have a great summer and be sure to get your notes to the office if you'd like something included!

REMINDER: Coffee Hour in July

4 – Still available
11 – The Whitehouse family
18 – Beth Viveiros



Welcome the Mood Swings!

Beginning in September, the Mood Swings Orchestra, an all female, non-profit big band group will be using the UPA Fellowship Hall as a rehearsal space. The Mood Swings play a variety of big-band styles and provide entertainment for a variety of audiences, including assisted living communities, social events, and proudly serve the greater Boston GLBT community. Welcome to the Mood Swings, we are glad to help them fulfill their mission!

Summer Suppers

We will continue something started two summers ago that provide an opportunity for people to get together and share a simple meal around a theme.

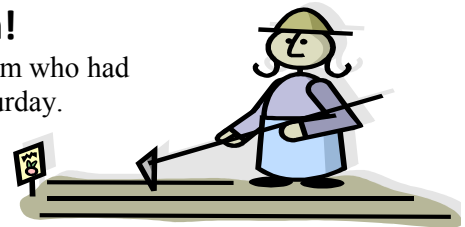
There will be two this summer. July 7th and August 4th. This year everyone should bring one dish to share with others. It will

The time will be **6:00-7:30 pm**.

The theme for July 7th is "Patriots Day." We will sing your favorite patriotic songs. You might also bring a poem that captures the spirit of the Fourth of July holiday.

Weed Smack-Down in the Memorial Garden!

Many, many thanks to Rich Frantz, Bill Hoch and Howard Whittum who had a very successful weed "smack-down" and mulching party on Saturday. There is still a bit more to do and mulch in the parking lot behind the church, so if you are so inspired, come spend a hour smacking some more weeds.



Save the Date for a New Summer Event!

Guess Who's Coming to Your Cookout

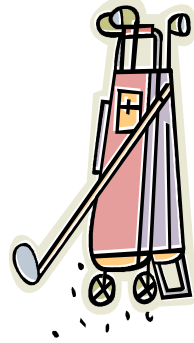
Sunday, July 25th, 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.



Bring the whole family – kids are welcome! You can sign-up on Sundays at Coffee Hour, or by emailing Carie Michael (carie.michael@gmail.com), through July 14. Indicate whether you'd like to host or be a guest for this potluck event.

Greetings from the Community Board

Join us for the 4th **Annual UPA Foresight Golf Outing** on Saturday, September 11th at the Lost Brook Golf Club in Norwood. Start time will be at 10am and this event is open to all whether you are a beginner or long time player. This years prizes are even bigger and of course the day ends with the fabulous Bruce and Shirley cookout with food a plenty. Cost is Adults \$35, Seniors over 60 and Juniors \$33. Sign up at coffee hour or call Bruce and Shirley (781)235-1256.



Maine Mission Trip in August

We now have a team of 10 for our week long Maine Sea Coast Mission Trip on August 14th. If you'd like to contribute, we've thought of a great way for you to feel part of our UPA mission.

Since this is a house repair project, Maine Sea Coast Mission needs building supplies, which they get at a local store called Ellsworth Building Supply in Cherryfield. By purchasing Visa, MasterCard or American Express cards this would help in buying supplies they need for these small house repairs.

These cards can be purchased in various amounts, starting at \$ 25 at Shaws. Cards can be put in the offering on Sundays or dropped off at the church office.

If you'd like to know more of the Maine Sea Coast Mission and their Housing Repair Ministry please look at their great website: www.seacoastmission.org

We're looking forward to our summer project. - Outreach Board - Carol Walsh

New England UMC Annual Conference Meeting June 17-19 at Gordon College

The theme of this year's annual conference meeting was "Casting Bread Upon the Water: Up river and Down Stream" and in the center of our meeting area were streams of water from each district becoming one at the bottom.

Because there was not a General Conference meeting this year (The representative meeting of worldwide Methodism which happens every four years), there appeared to be less business and fewer resolutions. The most notable aspect of this year's meeting was the full inclusion of the churches of Vermont into the New England Conference. This has been in the works for a couple of years and this year saw the finalizing of this change in Conference boundaries. In addition to making the conference larger by the inclusion of these churches, the conference acquired another camping facility near St. Johnsbury, VT, Covenant Hills Christian camp, which is owned by the Methodists but shares programming with the VT conference of the United Church of Christ.

In addition to this change the other important business had to do with streamlining the process for using the funds from churches that have closed to start new churches or to help support redevelopment in others. The New England Conference is also joining in a national effort by the Methodist Church to provide legal aid to immigrants. The United Methodist Church has been one of the leaders in protesting the current immigration laws. JFON (Justice for our Neighbors) was started by the General Board of Global Ministries and supports a network of legal clinics. The New England Conference wants to start four clinics in our conference and is asking congregations not only for financial support but for volunteers to help staff clinics. The proposed sites are Springfield MA, Providence RI, East Boston/Lawrence and Central Maine.

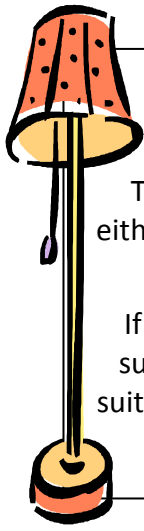
Family Camp Weekend at Irons Homestead in N. Scituate, RI September 17 – 19, 2010

The Community Board invites you to come enjoy family fellowship in a camp setting just an hour and 15 minutes drive from Auburndale. The four season lodge at Irons Homestead sleeps 32 people in 10 bedrooms and also offers a kitchen, private shower stalls, large meeting room, fireplace and a screened in porch. Cooking and cleaning duties will be shared. Camp fees are \$70/adult and



\$40/child, meals included. If you are interested in signing up, please email Carie Michael (carie.michael@gmail.com) and reserve your spot by sending a \$20 deposit for each camper to Kyle Bozentko in the church office.

Checks should be written to the UPA, with 'family camp deposit' noted in the memo line.



**Let there be light!
In the youth room...**

The youth room is in need of either table or floor lamps to give the space a cozy feeling.

If you are cleaning house this summer and find a sturdy and suitable lamp, please donate it to the youth room.

Summer Office Hours

The UPA office will resume summer hours **next week**. The office will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00-2:00 beginning next week (July 6th-July 8th).

Summer Nursery Schedule:

July	
4	Phoebe Huth
11	Emma Rochon & Phoebe Huth
18	Sophia Epstein
25	Gracie Jackson
August	
1	Sophia Epstein
8	Sophia Epstein
15	Emma & Dylan Rochon
22	Sophia Epstein
29	Sophia Epstein

Please Welcome Johanna Porter!

Johanna has accepted our invitation to be the next Church administrator. She will begin on July 13th and overlap with Kyle Bozentko during that week which will be his last week with us.

During the summer she will be in the office 9 a.m-2 p.m Tues., Wed., and Thurs. Johanna is very artistic. She has a B.F.A from the University of New Hampshire and an M.F.A from Boston University.

She has taught art and done graphic design. She has an extensive background doing just the kinds of jobs that we need done in the church office. We are delighted that she said yes.

Won't you sign up to host one (or more) of the summer "coffee" hours?

On Sunday there will be a sign-up sheet for the summer Sundays. Preparation is minimal. Lemonade is supplied by the Community Board (frozen lemonade is in the downstairs freezer). All you need to do is set out a couple of card tables and 5 or 6 chairs on the lawn under the oak trees. Bring some cookies, make up the lemonade, put it in pitchers . . . and that's about it.

Remaining dates include:

July 4; July 25 and August 22

Please sign up on Sunday at church OR sign up via e-mail to Toni Miller (tjkjkm14@yahoo.com). THANK YOU, very much.

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These Coming Weeks at UPA

Sunday, July 4, 2010

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
11:00 a.m. - Coffee/Fellowship

Wednesday, July 7, 2010

6:00 p.m. - Summer Supper

Sunday, July 11, 2010

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
11:00 a.m. - Coffee/Fellowship

Sunday, July 18, 2010

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
11:00 a.m. - Coffee/Fellowship

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

7:00 p.m. - Bristol Lodge Cooking



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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.