



THE UNION SPIRIT

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
105 PLEASANT STREET
EAST BRIDGEWATER, MA 02333

SUMMER 2017

Dearly Beloved,

“Preach the gospel at all times. Only when necessary, use words.”

–St Francis of Assisi

With all of the rancor and ugliness in our national political debate, it has been hard for me to feel good about our country. Still, I remain a flag waving, voting, parade attending lover of our country. It is more of a struggle these days.

When I was young I wanted to change the world. Now I know that I only have the power to change myself. I am brought back to the above quote from St Francis of Assisi. In a time when hate and violence seem to be winning, I need to resolve to be even more loving and peaceful.

I know the power of words spoken from the pulpit. But that is a relatively small part of my work in this world. I need to more selfless, more kind, more giving. I will be the best American, best pastor, best husband, best sibling, best man I can be.

I think if we all approach our lives like that we become the best chance the country has.

God Bless, Pastor Jim

Trustees



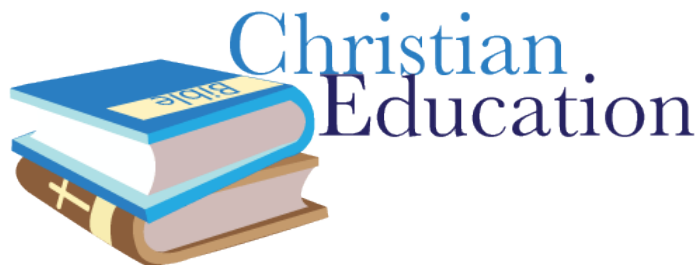
The Trustees wish to thank the Member and Friends of Union Church for the terrific response to help fund our Boiler Replacement Project.

We are very grateful and thank you sincerely.

The new Boiler is scheduled for installation in August.

Trustee of Month-July - Gary Martin - cell 719-447-7129

August – Scott Poulin – 508-378-9828



The Christian Education Committee is planning a great fall, including our participation in the annual East Bridgewater Business Association's Expo to be held at the town common on Saturday, September 16 - stay tuned for details! The first day of Sunday school is September 10th. See you then!

Music

If you would like to play an instrument or sing (solo or with a group), please see Parnel, or a member of the Music Committee and choose a week that works for you. Anyone is welcome to try. Summer worship is typically smaller than our usual Sunday worship, so there is not as much pressure – try it out and have some fun!!

If you love to sing, please consider joining the choir in the fall – new members are always welcome. Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 6th at 7:00 PM.

Your Music Committee,
Rachelle Croteau
Patricia Martin
Sherrie McCullough
Barbara Putt
Kathy Young



Diaconate

Don't Forget our next Church Picnic on August 9th.
Bring a Dish- Bring a Chair and enjoy the summer evening with our Lord and friends!

Also, please inform Pastor Jim whenever someone is ill or in the hospital.
Jim would like to visit with these folks.

As always, please let Jamie Reardon know when her Card Ministry is needed. She continues to send cards to those who are sick, hospitalized or in need of a simple, "Hello."

Finance

Thank you to all that have kept up with their pledge so far this summer! We really appreciate it. If you are away or just can't make it to our Wednesday worship you can send your check into the church or drop it by during office hours (Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am - noon).



Thank you!!

Celebrating August Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 8 - Chris Hoyt's Birthday
- 14 - Connie Burgess' Birthday
- 19 - Charlie Muisse's Birthday
- 24 - Val Mason's Birthday
- 30 - Rachelle Croteau's Birthday



If you would like to add a birthday or anniversary to the newsletter just email the office (office@uccofeb.org) or put a note in Laurie's mailbox and provide these dates for you and/or your family.
Thank you!!

Any changes or additions to this calendar
please see Laurie.

You can email her at office@uccofeb.org,
call 508-378-2874 or leave a note in her mailbox.

Thank you!

August 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Office Hours 9-12 pm Food Pantry Delivery - 10 am Worship - 7:00 pm AA - 7 pm	3	4	5
6 AA - 6:00 pm	7 Office Hours 9-12 pm Boy Scouts - 7:00 pm	8	9 Office Hours 9-12 pm Food Pantry - 12:30 - 2:00 pm Cookout & Worship - 6:00 pm AA - 7 pm Finance Mtg - after worship Deacon Mtg - after worship	10 Boy Scout Committee Mtg - 7 pm	11	12
13 AA - 6:00 pm	14 Office Hours 9-12 pm Boy Scouts - 7:00 pm Exec Mtg - 7:15 pm @ the Mitcheson's house	15 Trustee Mtg - 7:15 pm	16 Office Hours 9-12 pm Worship - 7:00 pm AA - 7 pm	17 Boy Scout Planning Mtg - 7 pm	18	19
20 AA - 6:00 pm	21 Office Hours 9-12 pm Boy Scouts - 7:00 pm	22	23 Office Hours 9-12 pm MainSpring Meal Worship - 7:00 pm AA - 7 pm	24	25	26 Food Pantry - 9:30 am- 11:00 am
27 AA - 6:00 pm	28 Office Hours 9-12 pm Boy Scouts - 7:00 pm	29	30 Office Hours 9-12 pm Worship - 7:00 pm AA - 7 pm	29	30	