



THE UNION SPIRIT

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
105 PLEASANT STREET
EAST BRIDGEWATER, MA 02333

SEPTEMBER 2015

From The Pastor...

It's good to be coming back to normal life after the summer. I hope you had a chance to rest and relax. Meg and I did, including a week in beautiful Boothbay Harbor, ME. I am very glad to be back and ready for a dynamic program year.

I'd like to list a few of the things I am looking forward to. We will be working with other churches in all three Bridgewater towns to build a labyrinth at Sachem Rock Farm. A labyrinth is not a maze. A maze is designed to confuse you. A labyrinth is close to the ground and is basically a circular prayerful/meditative walk into the center then back out. There is a lot of interest in this and it will be a chance for us to work with other church folks to do something good for the community.

Along with Sunday school, Youth Ministry, and Work Camp we will be having a Confirmation class that will begin soon. We are on an every other year pace for Confirmation. Anyone from eighth grade and above is welcome. As far as the Sunday school goes, we are going to try tying my sermon message to the messages that the children get.

I will be starting what we are calling "Sermon Talk Back." Not every Sunday, but when I think appropriate, 15 minutes after worship ends we'll do an informal get together so folks can reflect on the sermon together. I often hear of couples discussing the sermon while driving home. It might be fun for all of us to hear each other's reflections.

I'd like to start a daytime Bible study. I'm thinking of Tuesday afternoons. I don't want to say what it might look like because I'd like the folks who participate to have input on what we might do. If there is enough interest, I might do an evening Bible study as well.

There are some other things that I'm planning to do but we'll hold off on those for now. Let's make this the best program year ever at Union Church. It will be if we stay close to our Lord.

Faithfully, Pastor Jim

Diaconate

Worship Schedule

Our last Wednesday evening service will be on
Wednesday, September 2nd at 7:30 pm.

Our first Sunday service will be on
Sunday, September 13th at 10:00 am.

East Bridgewater Business Association's **17th Annual Business Expo & Family Fun Day**

Saturday, September 12, 2015
10am - 2pm • FREE Event and Fun for All

Joe's Crazy Critters • Train Rides • Live Music
Jump House • Demonstrations
Games • Face Painting & More

at the E. B.
Town Common

RAFFLES and Give-Aways
from Local Businesses

Bridgewater Savings
BANKING



Union Church has joined the EBBA and will be participating in this fall fair.

This is a project designed to promote the work of
Union Church in the community and help grow our congregation.

Any questions please see a deacon!

MISSIONS COMMITTEE



Thank you to all those who contributed their time and donations to the Mainspring House during the summer.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Recent disbursements from Missions were to:

The Salvation Army



Massachusetts United Church of Christ Basic Support



Please speak to a member of the Missions Committee if you know of a local charity in need.

Mary Jane Coakley, Donna Driscoll, Howard Martin, Lu Post, and Kim Wilburn

Fair News

We really need to start thinking of items to donate to the fair, and what you can do to help. Our fair is less than 3 months away!!



- Do you have an abundance of garden vegetables? Think about making jams, jellies, relishes, pickles or salsas. We will be having a Jam and Canning station again this year.



- Are you crafty? Do you knit or crochet? Do you love to sew? Knitted or crocheted scarves, mittens, hats and dish clothes are true winners. Table runners, napkins, placemats, any fleece will make wonderful treasures. Snowmen, nativity scenes, Santas, Angels or other Thanksgiving and Christmas knick knacks will warm someone's home this holiday season. Also items that are not Christmas or Thanksgiving would be an added bonus. Easter, Spring, 4th of July, Americana, etc...

Attic Treasures

- Organizing or Cleaning? Start a pile for attic treasures.



- Is baking your talent? Cookies, cakes, breads, and pies are always wonderful confections. How about homemade chocolates, granola, trail mix?

The dates of the fair are Friday and Saturday, November 20th and 21st. Our theme is a Harvest Festival - so lots of Thanksgiving and Christmas goodies are welcome.

*****First Fair Meeting will be Sunday, September 13th after church service**



Food Pantry



The end of summer is upon us and with that the food pantry is entering the busy season. We will begin preparing for the Thanksgiving and Christmas distributions. We will be looking for strong backs to help out on those days. More information to come in the October newsletter.

I would also like to say thank you to all of those people that gave of themselves in time, talent and treasures to support the pantry this summer. We have seen an increase in usage and that will have a tendency to carry over into the holiday season. In that regard we are always in need of donations. For this month we could use toilet paper and paper towels. If you are willing to donate please bring them on Sunday mornings and leave them in the box in the vestry or place them in the pantry window. We love to thank our donors so please leave a card with your name on it in with your donation.

Blessings,
Your Food Pantry Team



Youth Ministry

Hear ye, hear ye...

Youth leaders needed for both youth ministry and
Confirmation.

Contact Pastor Jim or Meg.

A large variety of talents needed.

Don't be left behind!



Yoga



By Rachelle Croteau

When: Thursdays from 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm

Where: in the vestry
starting September 3rd

Who: Ages 13 and up

How much: \$5 per class or donation
Kids under 18 are free

All proceeds go to the Youth Ministry
Bring your own Yoga mat, towel or blanket

Celebrating September Birthdays



- 4 – Susan Muisse's Birthday
- 11 – Jacob Hoyt's Birthday

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



MUSIC

SAVE THE DATE

Have you noticed how much fun the choir seems to be having?

Well, they definitely are!!

Please join us on Wednesday, September 2nd
for our first rehearsal of the season.

All that is needed is a love for singing.

You do not have to read music - our fantastic choir director will
teach you all that you need to be a member of the choir.

The more the merrier
so mark your calendar

September 2nd at 7:30 pm in the Leland Room.

The Union Coffeehouse 2015-16 Season

Hello everyone, we hope that you've had a Wonderful Summer!! September is upon us and soon we'll be gathering together on Sunday mornings for Worship and welcoming the excitement of the "new" Church year! We hope that you'll be just as excited for what promises to be an outstanding season of music! For those of you who have come before; we hope you'll consider bringing a friend (or two) who loves music as well. For any who are thinking about it, we hope that you'll stop by and see what it's all about...in either case, we're sure you'll be pleased.

As always, we like to take this opportunity to say Thank you for your continued interest and your support of The Union Coffeehouse! One of the primary purposes of this venture is to help raise additional funds and awareness for our Church, as well as all of the programs and efforts that it supports...as we all try to live like Christ and to be his hands and feet in the World.

Music is a wondrous thing, one of life's greatest gifts. The melodies, the lyrics and being there in that moment can instantaneously send us back in time or take us on a completely new journey. By presenting the Artists we do (up close and personal) we hope to provide our congregation, as well as the local and regional community the opportunity to experience some of these amazing artists and the beautiful music that they create. Whether it's for the first time or the latest of many, we hope you'll come and experience the Union Coffeehouse this year!!

We have an outstanding line-up for you this season and we hope that you'll join us as we Kick-Off the 2015-16 Season on Sunday, September 13th when we will be welcoming.....Garnet Rogers!!!

Saturday September 13th – Garnet Rogers

(Fund Raising event for the Wounded Warrior Project)

Saturday November 28th – Pat Wictor

Saturday January 30th – Kerri Powers

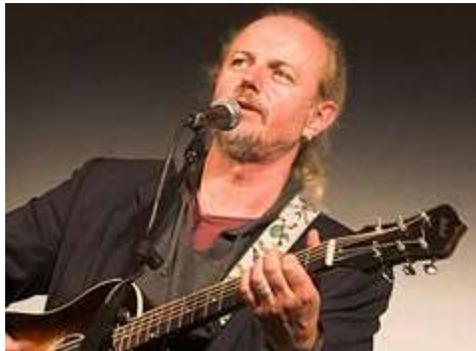
Saturday March 19th – Kindred

(By Reservation Only - Annual Irish Night including full sit down meal)

The Union Coffeehouse

Proudly Presents

Garnet Rogers



Sunday, September 13th – 2:00 pm (Doors open @ 1:30)

Admission - \$20.00

105 Pleasant Street – East Bridgewater MA - Union Congregational Church

Born in Hamilton, Ontario to parents of Nova Scotian descent, Garnet Rogers spent many hours in front of the old floor model radio listening to Grand Ol' Opry broadcasts and harmonizing with his brother, the late folk legend Stan Rogers. Since then, Garnet has established himself as a formidable solo artist.

Hailed by the Boston Globe as a "...charismatic performer and singer — one of the major talents of our time," they continue by saying that "Garnet's vocal and instrumental talents are complimented by an undeniably powerful physical presence — close to six and a half feet tall — with the lungs to match.

" With his "smooth, dark baritone" (Washington Post) his incredible range and thoughtful, dramatic phrasing, Garnet is widely considered by fans and critics alike to be one of the finest singers anywhere. His music, like the man himself, is literate, passionate, highly sensitive, and deeply purposeful.

**Speaking of Purpose, proceeds from this event will be donated to benefit
The Wounded Warrior Project! This Projects purpose is to:**

- To raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of injured service members.
- To help injured service members aid and assist each other.
- To provide unique, direct programs and services to meet the needs of injured service members.



So please join us on Sunday, September 13th to kick-off the 2015-16 season at The Union Coffeehouse and Support a Great Cause!!

September 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Office Hours – 1 – 4 pm Trustee Mtg – 7:15 pm Youth Ministry Leader Meeting – 7 pm	2 Office Hours 9-11 am Food Pantry Delivery – 10 am AA – 7 pm Service 7:30 pm Choir Practice – 7:30 pm	3 Yoga – 6:30 – 7:45 pm	4 Office Hours 9-12 pm	5
6 AA – 6:00 pm	7 Office Hours 9-12 pm & 7-9 pm CE Mtg – 6:30 pm Boy scouts – 7:00 pm	8 Office Hours – 1 – 4 pm Deacon Mtg – 7:15 pm Girl Scouts - 6 – 8 pm	9 Office Hours 9-12 pm Food Pantry – 12:30 – 2:00 pm AA – 7 pm Finance Mtg – 7:15 pm	10 Yoga – 6:30 – 7:45 pm Girl Scouts - 6 – 8 pm	11 Office Hours 9-12 pm	12 Memory Loss Support Group - 9:30 am
13 Worship & Sunday School - 10 am Men’s Breakfast – 8 am YM – 11 am Missions Mtg – 7:15 pm Bells – 11:15 – 12:15 pm EBBA Expo – 10 – 2 pm Coffeehouse – Benefit Concert – Garnet Rogers 2:00 pm AA – 6:00 pm	14 Office Hours 9-12 pm & 7-9 pm Boy scouts – 7:00 pm	15 Office Hours – 1 – 4 pm Girl Scouts - 6 – 8 pm	16 Office Hours 9-12 pm AA – 7 pm Choir Practice – 7:30 pm	17 Yoga – 6:30 – 7:45 pm Boy Scout Committee Mtg – 7 pm	18 Office Hours 9-12 pm	19
20 Worship - 10 am YM – 11 am Bells – 11:15 – 12:15 pm Music Mtg – 11:00 am AA – 6:00 pm	21 Office Hours 9-12 pm & 7-9 pm Boy scouts – 7:00 pm	22 Office Hours – 1 – 4 pm Girl Scouts - 6 – 8 pm	23 Office Hours 9-12 pm MainSpring Meal AA – 7 pm	24 Yoga – 6:30 – 7:45 pm Girl Scouts - 6 – 8 pm	25 Office Hours 9-12 pm	26 Food Pantry 9:30 – 11 am Boy Scout Training – 8 – 12:30 pm
27 Worship - 10 am YM – 11 am Bells – 11:15 – 12:15 pm AA – 6:00 pm	28 Office Hours 9-12 pm Exec. Mtg – 7:15 pm	29 Office Hours – 1 – 4 pm Girl Scouts - 6 – 8 pm	30 Office Hours 9-12 pm AA – 7 pm	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 10px;"> <p><i>Any changes or additions to this calendar please see Laurie.</i></p> <p><i>You can email her at office@uccofeb.org, call 508-378-2874 or leave a note in her mailbox.</i></p> <p><i>Thank you!</i></p> </div>		

