



THE UNION SPIRIT

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
105 PLEASANT STREET
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MARCH 2015

From The Pastor...

We are all tired of this weather. I'm even tired of talking about the weather. So here I am writing about the weather. But it bears recognizing the affect it has had on the life of our church.

We have worked together to make our church dynamic and diverse in doing God's work. Unfortunately, the weather has put a crimp in all of that. We have had to cancel Sunday worship, postpone three Stephen Ministry training classes, postpone the talent show, delay initiatives like the memory loss caregivers support group, and the new member class.

As your safety is our number one priority, we do not regret the cancelations and postponements. But still, it has hurt. Please bear with us during this time. We look forward to getting back on track.

Stay safe, stay warm, and keep praying.

Blessings,
Pastor Jim

Diaconate



Our church family is growing more and more every day!
As time goes on there will be babies and toddlers that will need care
while their parent's enjoy the church service.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please consider committing yourself to a two week timeslot in the church nursery
so we can offer nursery coverage to our congregation that needs it.

Please see a Deacon if you are willing to help. **THANK YOU!!**

Your Deacons: Jamie Riordan, Jen Bentley, David Young, David Repeta,
Bill Driscoll, Donna Colburn, Al Ciri, Dennis Wilburn, and Stephanie Rando



As we reflect upon the season of Lent, being it a solemn time of reflection,
we do ask in this respect that we do not have any flowers in the sanctuary.

Thank you.



Finance

The Finance Committee would like to remind you that although church service might be cancelled or you may not be able to get to service please remember that the bills do not stop coming. We also have a hefty plow and sanding bill on top of it all. If you could try to stay on top of your pledge amount that would be great!! You can either “play catch up” when you are in service or mail a check to the church.

Thank you!!!

The Finance Committee:

Laurie Mitcheson, Val Mason, Susan Powers, Susan Muise,
Chris Hoyt, Bill Dawson, and Howard Martin

Music



The Music Committee would like to
welcome new members
Pat Martin and Rachelle Croteau!



Best wishes to departing chairs
Kathy Young and Carolyn Augustson!
You will be missed!!



Trustees



The Trustee on call for the month of March is Roy Augustson.
He can be reached at 508-697-8840.

We would like to welcome Gary Martin & Vern Post to the Trustees!

A huge **Thank you** to Dick Gleason, Lu Post and Jean Chaves
for your service and dedication!! You will be missed!!!

Hopefully we won't need this information anymore but just in case here it is one more time.....

With the stormy season ahead of us there is always the possibility of Church services being cancelled. Tune into WCVB/Channel 5 or online at www.thebostonchannel.com/closings/index.html for cancellation notices. As soon as Laurie gets the word that we are cancelled she will send an email out to everyone and post it on Facebook.

Thank you, Roy Augustson, Gary Martin, Mike Mason, Vern Post & Scott Poulin



March Birthdays!!

Lauren Mitcheson – 13th

James Talbot – 13th

Lu Post – 27th

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!!



Note from Lorraine Kitchell ...

"I would like to thank everyone who helped me during this most difficult time. Losing my daughter, Joy, is very painful to me and your kindness helped me get through the services. A special thanks to Pastor Jim for changing his plans so he could do the service for us; to Pat Martin for coordinating the collation after the service and all the women (and men) who helped with that. Everything was perfect. Thank you to Laurie for putting up with my craziness. Thank you to all in the congregation, who sent a card, gave a hug, came to the visiting hours, said a prayer or was just thinking of me and my family.

*Sincerely and with heartfelt love to all,
Lorraine Kitchell
and my entire family"*

The Union Coffeehouse **Proudly Presents**

”Kindred”

Annie Barry & Katie O’Sullivan

As well as...

“FOUR FEET TWO SHOES”

Dennis O’Neil & Davey Armstrong

for Our 9th Annual - “Irish Night” - **Tonight...Everyone is Irish!!!**

Saturday March 21, 2015 - Admission: \$20.00 - Reservations Required

(All Proceeds to benefit the Youth Ministry’s Workcamp Fund)

***** FOR THIS SHOW ONLY!! *****

Doors will open @ 5:30pm for Blarney - Dinner to be Served @ 6:00pm with Entertainment to follow

“KINDRED” - Katie & Annie have a new tradition they’ve been doing for the past few years; with Annie in Florida during the winter, that makes rehearsal time a challenge for them...so they spend the week (2 weeks) prior to our show rehearsing and performing down there...and they’ve also been including Terry for some beautiful 3 Part harmonies!! Katie & Annie have both been a driving force behind this night and we hope that they will continue to be! Once again this year, in addition to having Katie & Annie (and Terry), we’re going to be bringing back a couple of friends that we introduced to you a few years ago; you seemed to love them so much, we invited them back!

“Four Feet Two Shoes” - Dennis & Davey are an amazing duo in their own right. Dennis & Davey’s music is greatly influenced by Traditional Irish & Scottish ballads, jigs and reels, and flavored with touches of reggae, ska and Rock & Roll. They have a Great Love for what they do, and it shows! Their rapport with any audience is warm...and instant.!

As most of you are aware, this show is slightly different than our regular events; we’ll offer an evening of traditional Irish Faire (Shepherd’s Pie & Boiled Dinner - Smoked Shoulder). The price of your admission will include your dinner, your refreshments (Hot or Cold) and dessert as well as all of the evening’s entertainment. One thing you can be sure of on this night; you will share a good meal, with some great people, you’ll hear some beautiful music and I’m sure you’ll share in more than a laugh or two!

We hope you’ll come out and join us for the night...and get your Irish on!

For Reservations/Meal choice, please call (508) 345-3682 or email i42golf3@yahoo.com **(Reservations will be limited to approx. 104...and some have already been taken)**

<http://www.uccofeb.org/coffee-house.html>