



# THE UNION SPIRIT

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
105 PLEASANT STREET  
EAST BRIDGEWATER, MA 02333

## OCTOBER 2014

From the Pastor...

“I will sing of your love and justice; to you, O Lord, I will sing praise.” Psalm 101: 1

It is great to be back in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings and to find the rhythm of life again. Sunday School has started back up and we are off and running in the program year.

There are new initiatives that we are starting that you should be aware of. After a successful pot luck book/movie night this summer we will continue to have Friday evening pot luck sessions with different themes. Sept 26 will be on prayer. I have become aware that some folks would like to learn more about what prayer is and how to pray. We'll discuss different types of prayer and different prayer techniques. Along with your dish, bring whatever questions you may have.

There are enough youth and adults interested so there will be a youth group starting this fall. We have actually opened it up to the other churches in town. If you know someone who would be interested, please speak to Meg.

I have sat with some folks, including our dearly departed Martha Russell, to plan their funeral. I would like to offer that to all the folks at Union Congregational Church. If you would like to select readings, hymns, and specify do's and don'ts, just book some time with me. I'll figure out a way to have a file, either paper or electronic in case I'm the first to go so the church will have access to the information.

Also, Stephen Ministry training will begin hopefully in mid-October. We are hoping to have the training completed by early next year.

Let's make this program year the best ever at Union Congregational Church!

Blessings,  
Pastor Jim

# Diaconate



*October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>*

*Bells Across America* is being coordinated by  
our resident firefighter, David Repeta  
& Chaplain for the E. Bridgewater Fire Department, Pastor Jim.



The AED for our church is HERE!!

The Trustees will be coordinating its placement and possible date for instruction, along with update of CPR. Some of the certificates with George are expiring this month.

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## Trustees

**The trustee for the month of October is Dick Gleason.**

He can be reached at (774)296-9194.



# FAIR UPDATE



- ❖ We are asking members of the congregation to sell raffle tickets for a beautiful handmade Christmas Advent Calendar. Sandi Colwell and her mother have been hard at work making this a must have treasure. Booklets of 6 tickets are sold for \$5. Sell them to neighbors, friends, co-workers, and family members. Raffle tickets will be available next Sunday to pick up. Money and unused tickets are due back by November 2nd.
- ❖ Craft workshops will be Sundays, right after church until 2 pm on October 19, 26, and November 2. We will be working on puzzle pins, wreaths, center pieces, and other crafty ideas. If you are available please join us. The more the merrier as many hands make light work. If you have a group craft project to be made for the fair, please email Val Mason at [valsbaskets@gmail.com](mailto:valsbaskets@gmail.com).
- ❖ We are asking each committee to donate a gift basket for the raffle table. The gift baskets should have a minimum value of \$30. Committee Chairs should let Val know what type of basket the committee will be donating by October 26th.
- ❖ Attic Treasure drop offs can commence on October 26th. Please leave items in the hallway downstairs. Paula and Mary Jane will price and organize the Attic treasure room. No large furniture items will be accepted. Thank you in advance for your gracious donations.
- ❖ Please sign up to help and bring in donations for Heavenly Confections, and the snack bar. There is lots of white space on the sign-up sheets. They are on the wall by the Leland room in the vestry.
- ❖ Your talents and treasures are much appreciated for this years fair. I hope everyone will be able to donate, contribute, share in fellowship and shop at our Harvest Festival Fair. We are looking forward to handmade craft items, scrumptious baked goods, famous Vermont Cheese, Furry Friend treats, Kids Fair, Famous Snack Bar, treasures from our Gardens, Special homes for our attic treasures, and so much more. Without your generous donations we will not be successful. I thank you all for your continued support and generosity. We are truly an awe giving church.
- ❖ We will again have our Sanctuary beautifully decorated with quilts, quilted wall hangings and other handiwork. Please give Lenore your quilts and handiwork on Thursday, November 6th for display along with a typed description of the quilt.



Flyer is attached to the end  
of this Newsletter!



# Finance

A Balanced Budget totaling \$139,951 for 2014 Operating Expenses (General Fund) was approved at the Annual Meeting held on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014. After reducing this amount by \$6840 (automatic transfers from Parish House Rent Acct to Parsonage Mortgage) we need an average weekly envelope income of **\$1596** and an average weekly miscellaneous income of **\$964 (\$2560 total)**. The miscellaneous income consists of loose offerings, Miscellaneous Gifts, transfers from Fair Fund, additional Parish House Rent Account transfers, and income from various other fund raisers.

As of Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> our average weekly envelope income was **\$1655** and our average weekly miscellaneous income was **\$757 (\$2412 total)**.

*Reminder: UCC Fellowship Dues are \$19.10 per person.*

## Green Slips

The finance committee is in the process of updating our policies and procedures but one of the things that we wanted to make everyone aware of is our Green Slips. These are slips of paper (that are green) that you would fill out to get reimbursed for something that was already approved or to allow finance to pay a bill. If you do not have a receipt for something that you want paid or to reimburse you, you will not get reimbursed. For accounting purposes we need to have receipts showing where the money has gone. Please fill these slips out with as much information that you have. Please indicate what budget line item that the money is to come from and have the chair of your committee sign it. This is what the green slip looks like if you don't already know...

TO WHOM PAID	DESCRIPTION/CATEGORY	AMOUNT APPROVED
		\$
		\$
		\$

All committees should have some green slips on hand.

If you need some there are some in the empty slot at the mailboxes or you can get them in the office or let Laurie know and she will put some in your mailbox.

# Music



We would like to thank all of the people who shared their special musical gifts with us for the summer services.

The talents in this church are truly unique.

And a special thanks to our wonderful Organist/Choir Director for delightfully playing!!

If anyone would like to join the choir please speak to a member of the music committee or choir.

*"I don't sing because I'm happy; I'm happy because I sing."*

*~ William James*

All Voices Welcome!!

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## Women's Contemplation Group



Friday Oct 3rd, 2014 7-8:30 pm

You are invited to an evening of meditation, foundational readings, and sharing of our life journey. This group will include Christian discussion and support for each other as we discern how God communicating with us. This promises to be an enriching, supportive time.

You do so much for everyone else, take some time for yourself!

This group will meet on the first Friday of each month, with different themes & facilitators each month.

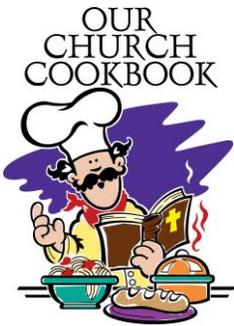
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# Collation Committee

A wonderful service that we offer here at Union Church is to coordinate and serve snacks or a luncheon following funerals for members and friends of Union Church. Would you be willing to bake, set-up or serve? Our hope is to form a committee to share the work load. If you cannot commit to being on a committee but could bake, we could certainly use your help as well. If you can help in any capacity please see Lenore Christensen, Pat Martin or call the church office.



## Missions

The Missions committee is working very hard on preparing the cookbook and having it ready to sell at our church fair in November. Thank you to all who sent in recipes!! It's really going to be a great cookbook!! They are no longer accepting recipes but are looking for humorous stories or cooking mishaps that you would like to share. Please send it to Laurie in the office. Typed via email or an attachment would be best ([office@uccofeb.org](mailto:office@uccofeb.org)) but if you would like to hand write it you can leave it in Laurie's mailbox.



## From the Office



We are in the process of updating the church directory.

We need to update our records and make sure that we have everyone's correct address, phone number and email address.

There's a sheet in the vestry that you can fill out when you're in church or you can send Laurie a quick email so she can check it with what she has. If you're not currently receiving emails from the office you can email the office ([office@uccofeb.org](mailto:office@uccofeb.org)) and Laurie will add you to the email list.

# Attention Businesses!

We would like to have one page of advertisements in the directory. If you own a business and would like to put an ad in please let Laurie know. All you would have to do is give Laurie a business card or the information that you would like in the ad.

The cost would be \$25 per 1/8 page ad.



We are currently trying to confirm a couple of dates to take the directory pictures. They will be in mid-November just in time to have the picture for the holidays (ie holiday gifts or cards). As soon as the dates are set we will let you know so you can mark your calendars and schedule a time.

# Harvest Festival Fair

Union Congregational Church  
105 Pleasant Street  
East Bridgewater, MA  
Friday, Nov. 7 5:30 - 8:30 pm  
Saturday, Nov. 8 9 am - 2 pm

Unique  
Crafts

Attic  
Treasures

Famous  
Cheese  
Station

**Friday Night ~  
Ziti and Meatball Dinner**  
\$ 8 per adult,  
\$4 kids 12 and under  
\$20 per family of 4

**Saturday ~  
Snack Bar serving Coffee,  
Baked Goods and Hot Lunch  
Items**

**Heavenly Confections ~  
Homemade Baked Goods,  
Cookies, Pies, Breads for your  
Thanksgiving Feast**

**Quilt Show ~  
Handmade, Vintage, Modern  
Quilts on Display**

Silent  
Auction

So much  
more

**Handmade  
Christmas Advent  
Wall Hanging Raffle  
Tickets \$1, 6 for \$5**