



THE UNION SPIRIT

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
105 PLEASANT STREET
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SEPTEMBER 2017

A Message from Pastor Jim...

A month or so ago, I was with a group of experienced pastors. I mentioned that soon we'd be back in the program year. They groaned and said things like, "I don't even want to think of that." I guess they have been pastors so long that they dread the ramp up of church activities and pastor activities.

I feel the opposite way. Maybe it's because I haven't been a pastor for my whole adult life that I get excited to get back to the program year. When you get this, Meg and I will be on vacation. We'll have a chance for relaxation and renewal and come back ready to get into it with enthusiasm.

I certainly hope that you have had time for relaxation and renewal as well. Let's get back to church life and do it with energy and vitality. A year ago, we began at this time the process of considering becoming an Open and Affirming church. We had our vote and Union Church is 'ONA.'

That was the first part of a church vitality program that Jamie Mitcheson, our Moderator, is leading. You will be hearing more about that going forward. We'll be asking you to fill out a survey on your views of Union Church.

Whatever activities we participate in, both in church and beyond. Let us always keep close to Jesus.

Blessings,
Pastor Jim



DEACONS

September will be a busy month!

Pastor Jim and Meg will be back from their vacation.

Saturday, September 16th:

EBBA (East Bridgewater Business Assoc.)

Business Expo and Family Fun Day.

Our Church will have a booth there
so stop by and say hello!

Sunday Worship will begin on September 10th

Rally Sunday will take place on September 17th

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday Worship Service will be televised On Cable TV.

A Church Vitality Survey is in the making ... stay tuned

Trustees



Continued THANK YOU
for the very generous
boiler donations.

The installation process has begun!!

*September Trustee of month is
Roy Augustson*

Christian Education



The first day of Sunday School will be
Sunday, September 10th

We are looking forward to
seeing everyone again!

Music

Thank you so much to all of our talented musicians who provided the music for our summer worship services. It was very nice to hear many different types of music.

If you have a favorite hymn that has not been sung in a bit, please give the name of the hymn to Pastor Jim or Parnel. We will try to use it. Anyone who loves to sing is welcome to come to choir rehearsals.

New members are always welcome.

The ability to read music is helpful, but not a requirement. Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 PM. The choir meets the first and third Wednesday of each month, and Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM.

*Music
is the prayer the heart sings*

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



Thank you!!

Bev Fanning would like to Thank everyone for the cards and well wishes after losing her beloved dog, Luci.

Celebrating September Birthdays

- 4 - Susan Muisse's Birthday
- 11 - Jacob Hoyt'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 your family. Thank you!!

More Birthdays in September...

- 1 - Gloria Estefan
- 1 - Barry Gibb
- 1 - Lily Tomlin
- 5 - Michael Keaton
- 5 - Bob Newhart
- 15 - Tommy Lee Jones
- 16 - B.B. King
- 18 - James Gandolfini
- 19 - Mario Batali
- 20 - Sophia Loren
- 21 - Stephen King
- 21 - Bill Murray
- 22 - Bonnie Hunt
- 23 - Jason Alexander
- 23 - Mickey Rooney
- 23 - Bruce Springsteen
- 25 - Michael Douglas
- 25 - Barbara Walters

Did you know who else has a birthday in September?

Here's a recipe for you to try!!



Have an idea or thought for the newsletter? Let Laurie know! You can submit ideas to her at office@uccofeb.org Let her know what you think!! Keep an eye out for the October newsletter for more!! 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!

September 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 AA – 6:00 pm	4 Labor Day Office Closed!	5 Trustee Mtg – 7:15 pm Girl Scouts – 6:00 pm	6 Office Hours 9-12 pm Food Pantry Delivery – 11 am AA – 7 pm	7	8 Office Hours 9-12 pm	9
10 Worship & Sunday School – 10:00 am Bell Rehearsal – 11:30 am – 1:00 pm AA – 6:00 pm	11 Office Hours 9-12 pm Boy Scouts – 7:00 pm	12 Girl Scouts – 6:00 pm	13 Office Hours 9-12 pm Food Pantry – 12:30 – 2:00 pm AA – 7 pm Finance Mtg – 7:15 pm Deacon Mtg – 7:15 pm	14 Boy Scout Committee Mtg – 7 pm	15 Office Hours 9-12 pm	16 EBBA Business Expo and Family Fun Day EB Commons 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
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