

Life Together November 2013



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Worship and Sunday Cool 10:00 AM

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THANKSGIVING DINNERS

Outreach will be collecting Thanksgiving dinners this year for families in the Lawrence area who cannot afford the traditional Thanksgiving feast. This community-wide effort is sponsored by Neighbors in Need, and they are counting on us again to share our bounty!

A signup sheet is on the Outreach bulletin board, just outside of Fellowship Hall. Please sign up by Sunday, November 24th. You may use the signup sheet or email Barbara Wrightson directly at wrightson@comcast.net. Please include your name, email address and phone number.

Please put together a Thanksgiving dinner for a family of 4 people. **Please refer to the flyer from Neighbors In Need on page 6 of this newsletter to choose items for your basket.** Try to fit the meal in one box or basket, and deliver to West Parish Church on Tuesday morning, November 26th, between 7:30 and 8:30 AM. If you are unable to make that time or if you have other questions, please contact Barbara. Thank you so much for making this drive an annual success, and best wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving!



WORSHIP FOR NOVEMBER

November 3

"Coming Up Short"

Luke 19: 1-10

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November 10

Rev. Linda Kreil, Guest Preacher

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November 17

"When It All Comes Tumbling Down"

Luke 21: 5-19

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November 24

"With What Shall We Come Before God?"

Thanksgiving Sunday

Stewardship Sunday

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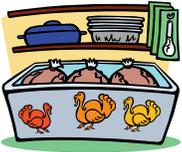
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

NOVEMBER 3RD

DON'T FORGET TO TURN
BACK YOUR CLOCKS BEFORE
BED SATURDAY NIGHT.



KOINONIA



Koinonia will meet on Monday, **November 4th**, at noon in Fellowship Hall. A meal will be provided and all are asked to share a memory of "Thanksgivings Past."

All are welcome, but please call Bette Henderson, 978 686-3404, if you are not on our calling list.

WOMEN'S EVENING CIRCLE NOVEMBER 14TH, 7:30 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL

Assembly of Children's Gift Bags For Bread and Roses



Contents will include Crayons, pencils, pens, colored pencils, paper, art paper, activity books, card games and small easy games. Any thing that will fit into a gift bag for ages 4

to 10.

Hostesses are Marty Mahoney and Pam Denny. Co-worker is Miriam Clark.

ADVENT WORKSHOP



Please join the West Parrish family in celebrating the season of Advent on **Sunday, December 8th!** Crafts and activities will be hosted from 3:00 to 5:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Christmas Caroling in the Sanctuary will be from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. Then join us for a Pasta Feast from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. All are welcome as we open our doors and our hearts to the Christmas season. If you would like to host a "Craft Station", please contact Fitz Granger at fitz@harpoonbrewery.com. We are always looking for new and exciting crafts.



November Call To Care Contact:

Ed Pass

978 475-8550

Please contact the "Call to Care" person with the names of any church member experiencing a life event in which church members may assist, i.e. birth, funeral receptions, cards, meals, etc.

HAM & BEAN SUPPER SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH 5:00 to 6:30 PM



WPC will host a Ham and Bean Supper on Saturday, November 9th. Come and join us for a delicious meal that will include Carando spiral ham, navy & kidney beans, mac & cheese, cole slaw, hot dogs, bread and dessert. Suggested donation: Adult \$10/Child \$5.

Part of the Ham & Bean Supper tradition is "pies for dessert", donated by WPC members. Please help us make this an overwhelming success by donating a home-baked pie for the event.

If you can help cook or serve, please contact: Jon Glesmann at 978-470-2998 or the office at 978-475-3528. Thank You



From the Desk of Rev. Thomas McMillan, Senior Minister



Dear Friends:

Here's hoping that by the time you read this the Red Sox have raised their first World Series championship flag since 2007. For those of you rooting for the Cardinals or just against the Red Sox, sorry.

This year's Sox surprised just about everyone. Two seasons of futility had expectations at rock bottom. Most of the prognosticators picked them to finish at the very bottom of the division. How sweet it is to be in the World Series!

Red Sox fans are sometimes accused of being fickle fair-weather types. There's a bandwagon effect whenever any team is going well, and the Sox are no exception. The question is whether jumping on and off the bandwagon depending on how the team is doing defines someone as a true fan. A little essay by Bill Senor, who teaches philosophy at the University of Arkansas suggests it takes more to be a real fan. ("Should Cubs Fans be Committed?" in *Baseball and Philosophy: Thinking Outside the Batters Box*, p. 38. You have to love the double entendre in that title.)

Bill roots for the Chicago Cubs and has stuck with them through good times and mostly bad times, so he's qualified to talk about the nature of true fandom. He says, "When you are a genuine fan of a team, you make a commitment. You like them, win or lose....It goes without saying that Cubs followers are genuine fans. The same cannot be said, for example, for many Yankee fans...For wide are the stadium gates of the winners but narrow is the way of true fandom." Bill's paraphrase of Jesus' statement in Matthew 7:13-14 about the wide and easy road that leads to destruction and the narrow gate and hard road that leads to life brings me to the point, which is the connection between being the fan of a team and being a person of faith.

A hedonist might argue that it's irrational to root for a team that sets its fans up for pain and disappointment season after season. But a true fan isn't committed to winning, but to a cause and the meaning that commitment gives. To quote Bill again:

"No one doubts that the Yankees and their fans are made genuinely happy when they add to their bounty of pennants and championships. But does anyone seriously think that their joy has the height and depth which that of the Cubs or Boston Red Sox and their faithful will experience on that fine day when their droughts have ended?" As Sox fans know, eighty-six years of frustration only made 2004 all that much sweeter.

Something similar can be said of religious faith. Bill calls eternal life the "religious analogue of winning the World Series." But the ultimate reward isn't the sole reason for faith. A life rightly lived is its own reward. Spiritual richness and meaning outweigh the cost of discipleship. Or as he says, "An eternal life of bliss is but icing on the cosmic cake."

Bill Senor has a lot more to say about faith and fandom, but his conclusion says it all: "If fidelity to something larger than yourself, and shared with people from all walks of life is a virtue, and if loyalty is also a moral virtue, then by all means, let Cubs [and Red Sox] fans and believers of all stripes be committed."

Blessings (and go Sox),

Tom

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

FOOD COLLECTION



NIN non-perishable food collection bags will be passed out on October 27th and may be returned Sunday, November 3rd or they may be left in the yellow box opposite the Nursery at any time.

244 pounds of food were collected during the month of October. Thank you!



SUNDAY COOL NEWSLETTER BEV'S BLURBS

Hi Everyone!

Fall is living up to its name! I don't know about all of you but my yard has LOTS of leaves "falling" into it and they are not even my trees giving me the blanket of orange, yellow and red. Thank you neighbor's maples. Oh well, sharing is good thing.

Sunday COOL is falling back into step as well. Attendance has been pretty regular with a good group of children each week. Since September, we have been learning from the First Book of Samuel. Along with Hannah, Eli, Samuel, Saul and David we have learned:

- ♦ prayer connects us to God, that He always hears us;
- ♦ anyone, young or old, can be called by God to serve;
- ♦ we can always trust God, He is always with us;
- ♦ that God sees beyond the outside and sees what's in a person's heart.

Our children continue to amaze and make me smile. Yes, here's the pitch again – any and all of you are welcome and wanted to help in Sunday COOL. If you only do one Sunday in the whole year, it will make a difference for everyone. Trust me; you will smile for along time to come. See me at coffee hour or contact me at 978-686-4155 or bevstrain@yahoo.com. Thank you.

As I said, attendance has been pretty good. I know there are lots of activities and responsibilities that pull all of us in many directions these days. However, I want to put a plug in for attending Sunday COOL regularly. There is a continuity to the bible stories and lessons the children are learning. Yet more importantly, there are relationships being developed. The obvious relationship (and the one we all would hope for) is between our children and God. But other connections are being made, too – to each other. The children are building friendships outside their weekday lives – within a faith community. I believe this affects the quality of

those relationships. The consistency of these connections creates a feeling of comfort and acceptance, allowing everyone to just be who they are and say what's in their minds and hearts. There is no right or wrong answer regarding so much of what's "learned" in Sunday COOL. We all need a place like that, to express our thoughts and feelings without judgment. So, bring your children every week (at least try really hard), so we can all grow together and learn from each other.

Until next time, I'll leave you with this thought.

"There's no point in being grown up if you can't be childish sometimes". *Dr Who*

Smile....

Beverly

SPY



- * Regular meeting on 11/3 @ 5:30 PM as usual, includes dinner.
- * Regular meeting on 11/17 @ 5:30 PM as usual, includes dinner.
- * Special night on 11/24 - 5:30 - 7:30 PM (usually ends @ 7:00 PM), will eat out and go shopping at Stop & Shop to buy Thanksgiving meals as part of the annual WPC outreach program.



Neighbors In Need

Adopt-A-Family

Food Guidelines for Turkey Dinner



Basic Dinner:

- Turkey—Frozen
- Ham or pork shoulder is great for Christmas!
- Potatoes (5 pound bag)
- Rice and Beans--Goya Pink beans and Goya Green Pigeon Peas ("Gandules")
Most of our clients always eat rice and beans with a special meal!
- Stuffing Mix and/or Stuffing Ingredients
- Cranberry Sauce or Cranberries
- Gravy
- Vegetables—Squash, Broccoli, Beans, Carrots, Onions, Celery, etc.—fresh is great!
- Bread or Rolls
- Dessert

Options:

- Coffee
- Cream
- Baking Supplies
- Fruit
- Rice or Pasta to make soup
- Rice and Kielbasa for stuffing

More Vegetables and Salad

Desserts:

- Pie--NOT FROZEN!!
- Pie ingredients—Apples, Squash, Pumpkin, Pecan, Mince Meat, etc.
- Cake or cupcakes
- Cake mix
- Nuts
- Candy, Candy Canes
- Candles
- Napkins

Except for the Turkey, please do not include frozen foods.

We request that you deliver your meals between 7:30 and 8:30 AM on Tuesday, November 26th, to West Parish Church..

TEMPORARY OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

Start Date: December 9, 2013

End Date: April 17, 2014

Posted on 10/01/2013

End Post on 11/07/2013

Hours: 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM Monday-Thursday 22 Hours Per Week

Contact: Betsy Collins

Email: westparishchurch@verizon.net



West Parish Church of Andover invites you to apply for the position of Temporary Office Administrator. We are looking for someone who has a welcoming personality and is self-directed, organized and a flexible team player. This candidate will demonstrate professionalism, the ability to multitask, answer phones, greet members and visitors and interact with building tenants. They will possess excellent written and verbal communication skills, computer expertise with Publisher, Word, Excel and Internet proficiency. The optimal candidate will also be an individual who demonstrates a high level of discretion over confidential matters. This position is important in that the Office Administrator is looked at as the face/voice of West Parish Church.

The right candidate will have the following skills/attributes: computer proficiency required for editing, producing and distributing church publications and emails, administrative skills for maintaining files and scheduling of church facilities, and the enthusiasm needed to support the church's ministries and volunteers.

Please email your resume and cover letter to westparishchurch@verizon.net

To find out more about West Parish Church, visit our website at www.westparishchurch.org



NOVEMBER OUTREACH CHARITY OF THE MONTH HOLY JOE'S CAFÉ COFFEE FOR THE TROOPS



United Church of Christ military chaplains have found an old way to invite U.S. soldiers into a safe and informal place where they can

receive spiritual care and good coffee. Congregations and individuals can support the Coffee House Ministry and simultaneously participate in the UCC Coffee Project by sending Equal Exchange Coffee to the military chaplains in Afghanistan, and Kuwait. Thanks to you, now 151 chaplains are able to participate.

Coffee may be an unlikely ally of the Gospel, yet in the hands of a chaplain it can enable meaningful ministry addressing an individual's normal reactions to extreme situations and allowing them to return to us as healthy functional human beings capable of loving and caring for others and themselves. In 2012, many of the chaplains in Afghanistan serve coffee at remote "forward operating bases." They also carry coffee along when they visit even more remote sites.

By offering a place to come and relax, the "Coffee House and Café Ministries" provide our military chaplains a place to establish rapport with and minister to the needs of our sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, husbands and wives—our troops. In these safe spaces soldiers come to talk and develop perspective on their experiences in war.

At this time our troops find themselves in difficult and sometimes life-threatening situations. Their daily experiences exact an extreme physical, emotional and psychological toll. Many of them are young and inexperienced in dealing with such extreme issues. Our chaplains are a first line defense against the emotional and psychological issues faced by our troops.

AN ECO-TIP FROM GREEN FAITH

A typical carrot travels 1,838 miles to reach your dinner table. Support your farmers close to home and reduce your carbon footprint by visiting farmers' markets or participating in Community Supported Agriculture:

www.localharvest.org To find more eco-tips, go to www.greenfaith.org.



HELPING SHELTER FAMILIES SET-UP HOMES

Promise Church, a new church start of the MACUCC which gathers in homes in the Weymouth/Quincy area, is collecting stamps from Shaw's supermarkets good for free dinnerware which will be given to families leaving shelters for their own apartments. The South Shore Friends of the Homeless is coordinating the distribution of the dinnerware to families in need. The Friends of the Homeless is dedicated to helping homeless families by providing food, clothing, furniture, shelter and advocacy.

Promise Church asks anyone who shops at Shaw's (and isn't collecting for themselves) to help by sending stamps to:

Judith Patt, 204 M Tall Oaks Dr., South Weymouth, MA 02190.

There is no need to paste the stamps into books, just enclose in an envelope and mail. If you would like more information on this project, please contact Judith Patt at 781-337-5592 or judithann5@comcast.net. Promise Church thanks you for your help!



WEST PARISH MUSIC

We are having a brass Sunday on November 24th, Thanksgiving Sunday. Join us to hear Peter Pulsifer (Trumpet) and Ginny Bailey(Horn) begin our holiday season.

WPC MUSIC DIRECTOR YOO-KYUNG KIM

Yoo-Kyung will sing in the Tanglewood Festival Chorus. The remaining performances are:

- ✧ War Requiem by Britten: Nov. 7, 8, 9.
- ✧ Daphnis and Chloe by Ravel: Jan 31, Feb. 1, Feb.12 (in Carnegie Hall).
- ✧ Symphony of Psalms by Stravinsky, Elegiac Song by Beethoven: April 10, 11, 12.
- ✧ She also sings Holiday Pops concerts in December.

More info can be found at <http://www.bso.org/>.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



November 20th is the deadline for the December Newsletter. Please email your articles or notices to:

www.westparishchurch@verizon.net.

AFTER WORSHIP COFFEE



After worship coffee hour will be sponsored by the Ministry of Worship for the month of November. Please join us!

KOREAN CULTURAL SOCIETY

The Korean Cultural Society of Boston will present "A Classical December Evening at Jordan Hall" on Friday, Dec. 6, 8 pm at NEC's Jordan Hall. The performers include HaeSun Paik, the first Korean to win Tchaikovsky piano competition among other fantastic instrumentalists.

More info can be found at:

http://www.sueauclairpromotions.com/Sue_Auclair_Promotions/A_Classical_December_Evening_at_Jordan_Hall_Dec_6.html

Boston Globe calendar:

http://calendar.boston.com/boston_ma/events/show/358904603-the-korean-cultural-society-of-boston-presents-a-classical-december-evening-at-jordan-hall

Yoo-Kyung is one of the founding members of KCSB and the music committee chair of the group.



POINSETTIA ORDER

CHRISTMAS 2013

As Christmas nears, it is time to order poinsettias for decorating the sanctuary and for remembering our loved ones.

The cost is \$12.00 per plant this year.

*Please complete the order form below and make your check out to :
"West Parish Church Flower Committee."*

Return this form and check to the church office or mail to:

West Parish Church Flower Committee
West Parish Church,
129 Reservation Road,
Andover, MA 01810

The DEADLINE for the receipt of orders is:

Tuesday, December 18, 2013



PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

GIVEN BY: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

Choice of Color: Red White Pink

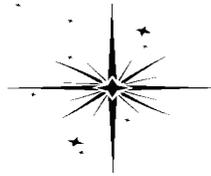
Choice of Disposition of Plant:

I will take my plant home after the 10:00 PM Christmas Eve Service, December 24th.

I would like the Ministry of Fellowship to give my plant to a shut-in.

The Flower Committee thanks you for your participation in this joyful project. If you would like to assist in the set up or contribute additional funds for the Christmas Decorations, please contact Abby Martin(978 475-3869).





West Parish Church Holiday Calendar 2013

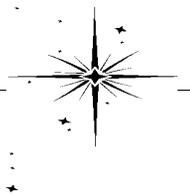


**WELCOME
THE HOLIDAYS
2013**



And he will
be called...
Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6

Nov. 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Thanksgiving Sunday, 10:00 AM Stewardship Sunday
Dec. 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 1st Sunday of Advent, 10:00 AM
Dec 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 2nd Sunday of Advent, 10:00 AM ❖ Advent Workshop, 3:00 PM
Dec. 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 3rd Sunday of Advent, 10:00 AM Treble Chorus of New England Performance ❖ Blue Christmas, 4:00 PM ❖ Christmas Caroling, 5:00 PM
Dec. 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Live Outdoor Christmas Pageant, 5:00 PM
Dec. 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 4th Sunday of Advent. 10:00 AM
Dec 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Christmas Eve Family Service 5:00 PM ❖ Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 10:00 PM



2013-2014 Chairpersons/Officers

Governing Board	
Governing Board Chair	Jerry Greer
Governing Board Vice Chair	John Pearson
Clerk	Blake Martin
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Outreach	Ellen Harmoning
Stewardship	Lisa Doucett
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Investments	David Bertetti
Operations	Pat Denny
Collector	Read Fleming/Art Clark

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Flowers	Abby Martin
Music	Ed Pass
Nominating	Joan Johnson
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Planned Giving	Frank Hopkins
Smith Purdon	Phyllis Klockow
Women's Evening Circle	Sandy Bertetti/Bette Henderson
Church Staff	
Minister	Rev. Tom McMillan
Director of Music	Yoo-Kyung Kim
Office Administrator	Elizabeth Collins
Sexton	Ed Pass
Wedding Coordinator	Kathy Vano
Cemetery Superintendent	Mark Atwood



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