

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2008

PARISH PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Bereaved: The family of Nellie Thurber.

New Prayers: Kate & Tom (friends of Erin Newton); (Jessica friend of Erin Newton); Susan Blaszczak (Nancy Reimann's daughter).

Hospitalized: Joe (Linda Sharkey's father in NY); Michael Harris (Marge Butcher's great nephew at Children's; Charlie MacKenzie at UMASS (Taryn Ouellette's father).

In Transition: Rev Nancy Bush Fairlawn; Katherine Hendrickson at Beaumont (Joan Truesdell's mother); Bob Innis at Hearthstone in Hopkinton.

In Treatment: Sandy Albo (Donna Morgan's sister); Gabe Leblanc; Chloe Hemmelgarn; Doug Bugley (Sandy Horton's brother).

Continue Prayers: Tim Hogan; Polly Howard; Jack Hero; Joe Lozzi (friend of Jean Newton); Tyler Samuelson; Philip Salah; Daryl DeMichele; Joe, Julie & Justin McGuirl (friends of the Reynolds family); Suzy Moore (Carol's sister); Bruce Caron (Chris's dad).

Celebrations: Blessings on the birth of Caroline Elizabeth Fisher, born May 1, 2008, daughter of Dr Leah Doret and Dr Lloyd Fisher, granddaughter of Stephen and Gretchen Doret.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERT - SATURDAY, MAY 17 - 7:30 PM
BIG BAND! BIG MUSIC! BIG FUN!

Our church loves music! It is part of our worship and a part of our play. Music Director Curtis Richardson has put together a concert like none he's done before - partly to show his appreciation to the church and partly for the joy of sharing some of the other music he loves. The 17 member *The Point 'n Swing Band* will perform some Christian jazz selections and some great jazz and swing tunes from all eras. "They do swing right", says Curtis. **BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS AND SPREAD THE WORD!** It's at our church. Free refreshments!
TICKETS: \$10/\$5 seniors & students
See choir members, Curtis Richardson or stop by the church office

CALL TO ANNUAL BOARDS
& COMMITTEES MEETING - MAY 18, 2008

The Annual Boards and Committees Meeting of The Evangelical Congregational Church of Westborough will be held May 18, 2008 at 12:00 PM in the Vestry of the church. The purpose of the meeting is:

1. To hear and act upon the reports of the Boards, Committees and officers of the church.
2. To elect office holders, board or committee members for the ensuing year or years.
3. To transact such other business as may regularly come before the meeting.

Richard Clapp, Church Clerk

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - PLEDGE ENVELOPES

Please pick up your envelopes for the Capital Campaign this morning in the Vestry after church. If you would like to pledge and have not been contacted, you can see us at the envelope table! Also, please see us if you have not seen the video (the one starring Bob Brown, Jack Hero and some special children!) with a tour of projects needed to be done. You can request a copy of the CD to take home with you to view.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES

Email addresses for the church office have changed - The church office is now:

WestboroUCC@Verizon.net

Bonnie Rossi is now:

BRossi6@Verizon.net

We will continue to receive email at the old addresses for a few weeks. Bonnie and Lee ***always*** respond to emails received. So, if you don't get a response within a reasonable time, we did not get your email.

CRAFT FAIR BENEFIT SET FOR JUNE

Our church will have a non-juried craft fair on Saturday, June 14 from 8 AM-3 PM. It will benefit the programs and missions of our church. Please see the flyer in the April Evangel or pick one up in the Library or email camachorn@aol.com. If any of our church committees (ie. Youth Fellowship, Music, Bells, Missions, etc.) would like a free table space to make money for your committee, please let me know as soon as possible. We are selling table spaces already. To find out more go to www.freewebs.com/craftfairwecc.

There is a poster for sign-ups to help with the fair. We especially need help with the snack bar.

NOTE: Marilyn Lyle is organizing a bake sale too. Look for more details in the Evangel.

Cathie Achorn & Julie McCoskery

FUND-RAISING INITIATIVE

The church budget needs some additional fund-raising to make ends meet this year. This is a provision that we as a church agreed to when we approved the budget at the annual meeting. The Cabinet is beginning that effort but needs some volunteers for a temporary job. We need some imaginative and energetic people to help us launch some fund-raising activities. There will be plenty of help to do the work. If you are interested, please contact **Ken Gilbert** 845-1666.

STOP & SHOP & ROCHE BROTHERS CARDS

Stop & Shop and Roche Brothers gift cards are available in the Vestry every Sunday after church **and in the church office Monday-Thursday 9AM-3PM.** You pay face value for the cards, and for every card purchased the church gets a donation. Your participation is needed and appreciated as every card helps. If you and your family buy your groceries at either store, this is a **NO COST** way for you to help the church. For more details call **Doug Wales** 870-0086.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Would you like to be more involved in our Church? Joining a Board or Committee is one way to do that! The Nominating Committee is making calls, but you can contact us if you are interested. We have positions available on: Deacons, Church Growth, Christian Ed, Nominating, Properties, Stewardship, Trustees, Missions, Music, Flowers, Teaching Parish and Parish Life. Thank you for considering Committee membership.

Kari Addington at 508-836-4496
kaddington1@verizon.net

Carrie Brown at 508-366-1231
carriebrown67@aol.com

John Matson at 508-366-0241
jillmatson@charter.net

Nila Gray at 508-435-9558
ngray5@comcast.net

SENIOR HIGH FUND-RAISER

Wednesday, May 21 at the Chateau restaurant on Route 9 Westbound (off the intersection with Route 30 Eastbound; site of the former Naked Fish), anyone who has dinner or order take-out, and shows the fundraiser ticket (blue page in back of last issue of the Evangel - April 23), the Chateau will donate 25% of your check to our Senior High Youth Group. **Art Sharkey**

ATTENTION GRADUATES

We invite our high school graduates and graduates from vocational and other degree programs to celebrate their achievement with us on May 18, Baccalaureate Sunday. We encourage you to participate in the service. To find out more, call **Rev Thomas** 366-2000.

~Also~

Parents of graduating students

Please email <WestboroUCC@Verizon.net> or send a note to the church office with your student's name, name of school, location, name and location of next school if relevant, kind of degree(s), and any awards so it can be noted in the Bulletin and *Evangel*.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is August 11 -15 from 9 AM-noon. We are looking for adults and teenagers for games, class leaders, and crafts etc. Please look at your calendars and email me if you and/or your teen has the time available to be with the kids...thanks,

Jean Newton

CHANCEL FLOWERS

If you would like to grace our Chancel with flowers on a Sunday morning, please sign the flower chart in the Vestry. Flowers are given in memory of, in honor of, or for a special occasion. Please call **Nancy Gage** 366-9266 with questions.

BAPTISM SEMINAR

Baptism seminars are held after worship on baptism Sundays. Seminars are scheduled for May 11, June 15 and July 20 or by special arrangement. If you have not had a child baptized here you need to attend a seminar. Baptisms are usually scheduled the third Sunday of each month except in October, November and May, when it's on the second Sunday. Call the church office 366-2000 for forms. Contact a Deacon with questions.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

For a member or friend who needs meals, please call **Betty Gray** 366-1039.

HOSTING FELLOWSHIP HOUR

To host Fellowship Hour, please call **Linda Borglund** 870-5785.

~ STOP BY MISSIONS TABLE TODAY ~ A CALL TO ACTION TO END HUNGER!

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. By changing policies, programs and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist, *Bread for the World* provides help and opportunity far beyond the communities in which we live.

God's grace in Jesus Christ moves us to help our neighbors, whether they live in the next house, the next state or the next continent. Food is a basic need, and it is unjust that so many people must go without enough to eat. We can end hunger in our time. The *2008 Offering of Letters* provides an effective way for every Christian to respond to the calling. By encouraging our government to increase poverty-focused development assistance and improve its effectiveness, we are being advocates on behalf of those who are hungry. Specifically, we are asking Congress to:

- Increase its funding for poverty-fighting efforts by at least \$5 billion a year.

- Pass the Global Poverty Act (S. 2433) which would make the Millennium Development Goal (to cut in half the number of people who are hungry and the number of people living on less than \$1 a day by 2015) an official part of U.S. policy and require a coordinated strategy to achieve it through U.S. aid, debt relief, and trade policies.

TODAY, after the morning worship service, the Mission and Social Concern Committee will have a table in the Vestry with informational materials, sample letters, pre-written letters, and other contact information. It only takes about two minutes to write a letter that could save many lives. Our letters will receive a blessing before being mailed. By joining our voice with other people of faith, we can be a powerful witness to the decision makers in Washington. Thank you for caring.

Pamela Faustine

PET SUPPLIES NEEDED

There will be a box in the Vestry to collect supplies needed by the Metrowest Humane Society in Ashland.

The items needed are:

- cat and kitten food both wet and dry
- baby food – meat varieties
- scoopable cat liter
- large trash bags – 33 gallon size
- paper towels

Questions, Deb Merchant 366-6293.

The deadline for the next Evangel is

THURSDAY, MAY 22 for publication

Wednesday, May 28

Volunteers to assemble it are always welcome!

CALENDAR

Today	Sunday/ Pentecost/Mother's Day
8:30 AM	Mother's Day Breakfast/Vestry
10:30 AM	Worship/Church School
6:30 PM	Iglesia de Dios/Chapel
May 12	Monday
6:00 PM	Rev Thomas' PPRC/Board Room
7:00 PM	Christian Study Group/Willows
7:30 PM	Scouts/Historical Room
7:30 PM	AA/3 rd floor Kirkside
May 13	Tuesday
11:30 PM	Nursery School Director's Lunch/Vestry
7:00 PM	TRUSTEES/Board Room
7:00 PM	CEC/Kerygma Room
7:00 PM	Iglesia de Dios/Chapel/Thou Art Room
7:30 PM	Festival Ringers
May 14	Wednesday
9AM-3PM	Weavers/Vestry/Classrooms
4:00 PM	Scouts/3 rd floor Kirkside
4:00 PM	Children in Arts/Vestry/Classrooms
5:00PM	Worship Planning/Board Room
7:00 PM	Church Growth/Board Room
May 15	Thursday
10:00 AM	STAFF/Board Room
6:45 PM	Scouts/Board Room/Historical Room
7:30 PM	Chancel Choir
May 16	Friday
9:00 AM	Playgroup/Vestry
3:30 PM	Scouts/Vestry
7:00 PM	Iglesia de Dios/Chapel
May 17	Saturday
6:00 PM	Potluck
7:30 PM	JAZZ CONCERT
May 18	Baccalaureate Sunday/Youth Sunday
10:30 AM	Worship
*****	LUNCH & ANNUAL BOARDS & COMMITTEES MEETING/Vestry

The Rev Paul Thomas, Pastor
paulthom@charter.net
The Rev Elaine Gaetani, Associate Pastor
revelaineg@aol.com
Curtis Richardson, Director of Music
ccurtisrichardson@comcast.net
Jean Newton, Director of Christian Education
& Youth Ministries *ejnjen19@hotmail.com*
Karen Hodges, Student Minister
khodges@ants.edu
Lee Reid, Office Administrator
office@uccwestboro.org
Bonnie Rossi, Administrative Assistant
brossi@uccwestboro.org
Wedding Coordinator, Linda Birch
Sue Menzel & Jen Keeler, Bell Choir Directors
westcongmusic@yahoo.com
Ed Newton, Treasurer
Linda Sharkey, Assistant Treasurer
Jon Oliver, Custodian
Church Office Phone 508/366-2000
Church Office Fax 508/366-5867
General Church email - *office@uccwestboro.org*
Church web site
www.UCCwestboro.org
U.C.C. web sites
<http://www.macucc.org> (Mass Conference)
<http://www.ucc.org> (National)