

*Sing through the darkness and sing in the light, Sing with the morning and sing in the night;  
Sing when your eyes have been clouded with pain, Sing in the sunshine and sing through the rain;  
Sing when it's autumn or winter or spring- Nothing can touch you as long as you sing!  
What tho' the roads may be dark when you travel, What tho' the hills you must climb will be steep-  
What tho' life promises little but sleep, Sing to the future and what it may bring  
- Nothing can break you as long as you sing.*

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WESTBOROUGH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 12, 2012

10:00 AM

*The 6th Sunday after Epiphany*

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

PRELUDE

*The Water is Wide*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Our Living Church*

INTROIT

*Rooted and Grounded in Love*

Barbara Hamm

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pedro Silva

*Leader: Come all wonderers and worriers, come and rejoice! God joins with us now as  
we gather in Christ's name to sing our praise this day!*

**People: Come Passionate and Fiery Spirit! Deepen and enthrall us with the music you  
have composed in our spirits, sounded in our hearts, set on our lips, and  
played through our bodies to echo God's image moving in us.**

*Leader: Let us be tuned again to the timeless timely words, visions and spirit of the  
psalmists, that we may be delighted and redirected through the gifts of music  
and musicians, and rejoice at the mysterious link of songs and souls!*

**All: God is here! Let us celebrate, sway and snap! Let us clap, wiggle and dance!  
Let all that breathes praise God!**

\*GATHERING HYMN #701 *Shall We Gather at the River*

HANSON PLACE

\*UNISON PRAYER

**Holy God who makes music in our hearts and creates symphonies of the universe,  
we praise you for the songs of creation: for cycles and seasons; for the whispering**

wind and splashing waves; for song birds and bebop; for pipe organs, and native beats. Stir us with new rhythms, and expand our joy with the improvisation of your Holy Spirit. Sing your love song through us and move us together for service and justice in the celebration of love, through Jesus Christ who makes us one.

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER (New Zealand)

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-Bearer, Life-Giver, Source of all that is and that shall be. Father and Mother of us all. The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly way be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For your reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.**

PRAISE

*Jazz Gloria*  
Festival Ringers  
directed by Sue Menzel

Natalie Sleeth  
arr. by Sondra Tucker

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PSALM 30:1-12 DIALOGUE

Rev. Legerstee and Willie Sordillo

HEBREW BIBLE READING 2 Kings 5:1-15(*page 293*)

Pedro Silva

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:40-45(*page 813*)

Rev. Elaine S. Gaetani

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*Wade in the Water*

MEDITATION

Rev. Dr. Dirkje F. Legerstee

SERVICE OF RESPONSE

\*HYMN # 592

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

PENTECOST

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Elaine S. Gaetani

PRAYER SOLO

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

soloist, Sara Purcell

## OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Invitation: *“God so loved the world” that God gave us Jesus Christ...the heart of God was moved by love to give us the greatest gift ever given. In response to that love, we bring our gifts this day as a sign of our gratitude for all that God has given us, and all that God is doing in this world that God continues to love so much.*

OFFERTORY ANTEHM     *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*     Mary McDonald

\*SUNG RESPONSE # 592 Refrain     *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*  
**Every Time I Feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.**  
**Yes Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.**

## \*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of light and love, we offer our offerings so that new life may be experienced by people in our community and around the world. Some will receive it as clean water; others as encircling arms; still others as being taught to read. For all who need medical care, peace from violence, food to quiet a starving belly or the warm smile of a friend, we ask that these gifts, and our lives, will preach the gospel of your love. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN # 717     *Let All Things Now Living*     ASH GROVE

## \*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE     *We Are One in the Spirit*     Peter Sholte  
arr. by Barry Sames

We welcome and give thanks for the musical gifts of Willie Sordillo, Dave Clark, Scott Hirsch, soloist, Sara Purcell and the Festival Ringers: Linda Duncan, Max Keeler, Gen Benton, Kris Knutrud, Judy Ellis, Kathy Todd, Betty Gray, Margaret Gray, Donna Morgan, Deb Lukey, Kathy LeBlanc, Jen Keeler, Jessie Olson and Sue Menzel, who contributed to our worship today.

*Worship Notes: The opening poem is from (Rev. Dirkje's husband) Steve Mague's Great-grandmother Lincoln's scrapbook.*

**Pam Faustine** greeted you this morning.

**Doug Hall** and **Ed Newton III** are Deacons of the week.

**Brett Borglund** is Trustee liaison.

**Join us for refreshments and fellowship downstairs following worship**

**PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2012**

New Prayers: Dorothy & Homer Angers (dear friends of Sue Menzel); Linda Palatka (Cathy Achorn's sister); Larry and Sue (friends of Allison Caron).

Continued Prayers: Charlie Flood; Richard Nichols; Monica Osborn and son Christopher; Amy and daughter Lily (friends of Gen Benton); Lisa DeArmond Wagner; Jeremiah & Jayson Goodall (Wendy Roberts' nephews); Bill Goodall (Wendy Roberts' brother); The family of Bruce Blackmer (friends of Justine Lovely); Audrey Birch (Dick & Linda Birch's sister-in-law); Michael Newton (deployed to Afghanistan); Sheila Currie (dear friend of Mary McLeod); Renee Jansen (sister of Deb Boucher's sister-in-law); Beverly Campbell (friend of Nancy Walker); Fran Kelly (Megan Huber's mom); James Hight; Ruth Burke and her children (friends of Kathy and Gabe Leblanc); Jose and Zoila Del Cid (friends of Carolyn Bent); Jamie (Judy Ellis' son); Adam Bent and wife Amanda (Carolyn Bent's nephew); Thalia Genes and Susan Tobias (friends of Phyllis Newton); Joan Jacobs.

Facing Surgery: Allison Caron.

Bolton Manor: Richard Clapp.

Beaumont: Shirley Hero (recovering from hip replacement); Marge Lightbody.

Visitation Request: If you have a prayer or visit request, please note it on the "A Note to the Pastors" card in the pews and put it in the offering plate or hand it to a Deacon. You can place prayer concerns on the church's email distribution list at [epayers@uccwestboro.org](mailto:epayers@uccwestboro.org). If you would like a prayer request included in today's service, please let a Deacon know prior to the start of worship.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**A TIME OF CHANGE FOR THE FESTIVAL RINGERS**



Today marks a day of change for the Festival Ringers. We welcome two new ringers – Jessie Olson and Max Keeler. They are currently in high school and are part of this year's confirmation class. Jessica & Max started ringing chimes in kindergarten in the Jubilant Chime Choir, ringing their way up to the Parkman Bells.

Today is Margaret Gray's final Sunday. We are sad to lose such a fine person and musician, but we are sending Margaret and David off to their new beginnings at Penn State with our blessings and prayers that they will be happy and will be settled in quickly.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank Deb Lukey for ringing with us while her mom, Karleen Chase is enjoying the Florida sunshine.

## GROCERY CARD SALES



2012 Goal: \$12,000

2012 YTD Sales: \$1109.25

**Valentine's Day:** Be sure to use your Stop & Shop or Roche Bros gift card to purchase cards, flowers, sweets and more for your special someone. If you're going out to dinner, both grocery stores have a wide variety of gift cards to restaurants. **On sale:** Grocery cards are available each Sunday after worship, at Kirkside during office hours, or add your name to our delivery list. Thanks! Sue Menzel 366-1268, Sally Petersen 366-5159 or [sbpetersen4@gmail.com](mailto:sbpetersen4@gmail.com), Nancy Quimby 898-3463 or [nquimby11@charter.net](mailto:nquimby11@charter.net)

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONCERT – FEBRUARY 26 th

The Congregational Church of Westborough will host an uplifting afternoon of music, once again celebrating African American History. This has become an annual event among the joint churches led by choir director Curtis Richardson. Choir members from the Congregational Church, Pleasant Street Seventh Day Adventist Church from Worcester, and many more from other houses of worship in Westborough and surrounding towns will be joining us for this special event. The concert will be held on **Sunday, February 26, at 4pm**. Spirituals and gospel music will celebrate and honor Black History Month. Among the songs are “Down to the River to Pray”, featured in the movie “O Brother, Where Art Thou?”, as well as “Peter, Go Ring Dem Bells”, “Ride Up in the Chariot”, and “Lift Every Voice and Sing”. Free will donations will be accepted and all proceeds from the concert go towards music ministry. There will be a reception in the vestry with refreshments afterwards. It’s open to the public and all are welcome.



In the Spirit of Feasting as a preparation for the season of Lent,

The Parish Life Committee invites you to an

## **All-Church Pancake Luncheon**

**Following worship in the Vestry on February 19<sup>th</sup>**



Lent often begins with Shrove Tuesday , the day before Ash Wednesday which falls on February 22<sup>nd</sup> this year. To Shrive is to confess and to be shriven is to be absolved from sin. Shrove Tuesday inaugurates the season of lent as a contemplative time of self-examination, confession, prayer, and fasting . Another name for Shrove Tuesday is Pancake Day! Pancakes use up the flour, eggs, sugar, and fat from the larder before the season of fasting . Feasting and merry-making are the roots of the Mardi Gras which ends with "Fat Tuesday." Come and eat on Pancake SUNDAY!!

## CHURCH SCHOOL UPDATE

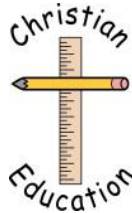
### **-Today - February 12th – Jazz Service**

Children in Grades 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> are invited to attend the Jazz Service with their Families. Regular Church School Classes will be held for grades K-3<sup>rd</sup>.

**-Youth Group AFTER CHURCH TODAY – Grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>** grab a snack and then meet in the Kerygma Room to make Valentines for Seniors during coffee hour and then travel together to local facilities to deliver them. Please join us!!!

### **-February 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> – Combined School Vacation Week Classes**

Following the “Children’s Word” children in grades K-3<sup>rd</sup> will meet together in the K/1 and 2/3 classrooms. Grades 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> will meet in the Kerygma Room (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> classroom).



### **Exciting New Curriculum Coming in March:**

**“Deepening Communion” with Pedro Silva** - Grades 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and SENIOR HIGH welcome!!!  
(To be held on 3 Sundays, beginning March 4th at 10:00 am at Kirkside.

**“What’s So Amazing About Polar Bears” – Teaching Kids to Care for Creation** – Grades K-3<sup>rd</sup>  
Volunteers are needed to help with both of these special programs. Contact Kathy Reynolds ([kreynolds118@comast.net](mailto:kreynolds118@comast.net)) to volunteer for one or more Sundays in March.

**Save the Date – June 10<sup>th</sup> – Children’s Sunday Service – Presentation of 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles and more!!!**

**THE EVANGEL** – Share your story with us. Deadline FEBRUARY 15, published FEBRUARY 22.

**BULLETIN** – deadline WEDNESDAY

**HOSTING COFFEE HOUR** – You can too! Call **Linda Borglund** 870-5784.

**BAPTISM** – Call the church office 366-2000 or speak to a Deacon.

**SUNDAY GREETERS** – Contact **Linda Birch** 870-9911. Help us to welcome new friends.

**LITURGIST** – Contact **Lynne Caldwell** 366-7635.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** –If you would like to celebrate or honor a person or event with flowers, you can sign the chart in the Vestry or call **Chris Mosher** 366-2250 or **Nancy Gage** 366-9266.

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

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** – If you would like to learn more about serving on a Board or Committee, call **Rich Lord** 366-3835 to serve on church boards or committees.

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*Lisa Coffey, Church Office Phone 508/366-2000*

*Bonnie Rossi, church office [brossi6@verizon.net](mailto:brossi6@verizon.net)*

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*General Church email – [WestboroUCC@Verizon.net](mailto:WestboroUCC@Verizon.net)*

*Church web site [www.UCCwestboro.org](http://www.UCCwestboro.org)*

*U.C.C. web sites - <http://www.macucc.org> (Mass Conference) & <http://www.ucc.org> (National)*



*Our vision: Embodying Compassion, Embracing  
Change, Growing Together in Faith and Love  
(May 2011)*



**CALENDAR - FEBRUARY 12<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>**

- Feb 12            Sunday/Communion**  
 10:00 AM        Jazz Worship (grades 4-8 remain for worship)  
                     Church School for K-3<sup>rd</sup> only  
 11:15 AM        Congo Kids and Jr. High Youth Group  
 11:15 AM        Music Committee/Kerygma Room & Sanctuary 1:15  
 2:30 PM         Beaumont Service  
 3:00-5:00 PM   Concert Rehearsal/Choir Room  
 5:00 PM        BSA Leadership/Board Room
- Feb 13            Monday**  
 4:00 PM        GSA/Vestry  
 5:30 PM        BSA/Vestry  
 6:30 PM        Search Committee/Board Room  
 7:30 PM        BSA/Historical Room  
 7:30 PM        AA/3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Kirkside
- Feb 14            Tuesday**  
 9:00 AM        AVPCC/Board Room  
 11:00 AM       Westboro Woman's Club/Vestry  
 7:00 PM        BSA/Vestry  
 7:30 PM        Festival Ringers/Bell Loft
- Feb. 15           Wednesday**  
**EVANGEL DEADLINE**  
 4:00 PM        "Journey Home"/Choir Room  
 4:00 PM        GSA/Vestry  
 6:00 PM        Confirmation Class/3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
 6:30 PM        GSA Leaders/Vestry  
 7:00 PM        Cabinet/Kerygman Room
- Feb 16            Thursday**  
 2:30 PM        GSA/Vestry  
 4:15 PM        Parkman Bells Rehearse  
 5:00 PM        Youth Choir Rehearse  
 7:30 PM        Chancel Choir
- Feb 17            Friday (no scheduled events)**
- Feb 18            Saturday**  
 1:00-5:00 PM   Private Event/Vestry
- Feb 19            Sunday**  
 10:00 AM        Worship & Church School  
                     Parish Life Pancake Lunch following worship  
 3:00-5:00 PM   Concert Rehearsal

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West Main & Church Streets, Westborough, Massachusetts



WE WELCOME VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS!

Our mission is to create a safe place to worship God, and to honor and explore God's promises, fulfilled in Jesus Christ; where Christ calls us to transforming relationships; and where we embrace gifts of the Spirit and build them into a ministry of love, care, acceptance, diversity, grace and hope within our church, our community and beyond.

