



The Clapboardtree Spire

News From First Parish of Westwood, United Church
340 Clapboardtree St., Westwood, MA 02090

SEPTEMBER, 2009

Welcome Back!

After the fastest summer ever, it's almost time to gather again for worship and fellowship at First Parish!

Homecoming Sunday is Sept. 13th

- Join us for 10AM intergenerational communion worship and Blessing of Our Spaces, in the Meeting House. Sermon: "Meeting House on a Rock: The Labors of Many"
- After worship, cross the street to the Parish Hall for **church school registration** and an **All-Church Cookout**.

Coming Up

- **Tuesday, Sept. 15th**: Church leaders gather for Communications Committee (7PM) and Church Council (7:30 PM) in the Stage Classroom
- **Sunday, Sept. 20th**: Commissioning of Church School Leaders and Learners - and the first day of church school! Sermon: "Meeting House on a Rock: A Light and a Lightning Rod"
- **Sunday, Sept. 27th**: 10AM worship and Meeting House 200 Birthday Celebration, with regular church school classes. Sermon: Meeting House on a Rock: For the Living of Our Days". A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

Come to the All Church Picnic

On Sunday, Sept. 13th everyone is invited to cross the street after worship for an All-Church Cook Out! If the weather is fine, we'll enjoy tables outside in the sunshine – if it's not, we'll gather in the Parish Hall for "burgers & dogs" with all the fixings, hosted by the Ministry of Spiritual Life & Fellowship.

Here's how you can help:

- If you can help set up tables, stop by the Parish Hall at 9AM on the 13th.
- Everyone is invited to bring a plate of dessert to share. Donations may be left in the Parish Hall before worship.

Questions? Contact the church office. We can't wait to see everyone back on Sept. 13th!

Happy 200th Birthday!

On **March 1, 2009**, our beautiful "Meeting House on a Rock", turned 200 – and it's time to celebrate this amazing achievement!

- On July 25, 1808 the frame of the building was raised; it was completed in late February and dedicated on March 1st by Rev. Thomas Thatcher.
- The original building stood 47 feet square, and held 53 oblong box pews, with galleries up above and 4 windows on each side.
- In the 200 years since, our church has undergone many changes, the most notable being the 1969 addition extending the building to its current size, and the 2004 enlargement of the altar space.

At the 10AM worship service on Sunday, September 27th we will host a 200th Birthday Celebration in the Meeting House, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. We hope you will come to celebrate with us all we are and all we hope to be! Mark your calendars now, watch your mail for details, and invite anyone you know who might enjoy being part of the festivities!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

September 1	Patricia Wright
September 2	Allie Damren, Molly Howard Caroline Kendall, Jack Kendall Stephen Kontrimas, Elizabeth Vaccaro
September 4	Samuel Cutler
September 5	Lilianna Bayer, Barbara Perry
September 8	Regan Wagner
September 10	Daniel Bailey
September 11	Marj Higgins, Daniel Powers Ashley Walker
September 13	Alexander Peters, Laura Peters
September 14	Gwen Anderson, Ralph Sautter
September 16	Barb Worth
September 17	Thomasine Berg, Elise Burgess Nancy Dempze, David Porter
September 18	Laura Stanton
September 21	Sharon Keleher
September 23	Geoffrey Morrison, Tom Rowe Elisa Walsh, Chris, Jed Delisle Kyle Sullivan
September 25	Christopher Abbadessa Terry Connaughton, Louisa Genest
September 26	Barbara Goodrich
September 27	Donna MacClary, Jake Pfaff Elizabeth Shaw
September 28	David Blomquist, Pat Johnson
September 30	Ashley Candella

Anniversaries

September 2	Sara & James Christian
September 8	Ray & Dot Beaton Roger & Anne Christian David & Janice Russell
September 10	Chris & Debora Pfaff
September 11	Bob Mancini & Laura Stanton
September 17	Lee & Karina Adourian Lisa & Chris McKeown Eric & Suzanne Peterson
September 20	Dennis & Melanie Cabral
September 25	Jim & Linda McKenzie Ron & Joy Sudduth
September 27	Peter & Pamela Kane
September 28	Paul & Cindy Worthington- Berry

Lifetimes

In Celebration:

- A special happy birthday to Jean Fitch, who turned 90 years young on July 17th!

In Memoriam:

- On June 6th, *Joseph Blum, Jr.* A funeral was held at Folsom Funeral Home on June 11th.
- On June 18th, Cyndi Gardiner's father, *Thomas Ames*. A funeral was held at First Parish on June 22nd.
- On June 20th, *Dr. Bart Smith*. A memorial service was held at First Parish on June 27th.
- On August 25th, *Tish Verzino's father*. A service was held in New York over Labor Day weekend.
- On August 27th, *Barbara E. Johnson*, daughter of Pat Johnson. A memorial service was held at 1st Parish on August 30th.

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From Pastor Chris



This month starts with Homecoming Sunday on September 13 and includes Church School Registration and an All Church Picnic to follow. The month ends with the celebration of the 200th Birthday of our Meeting House. This holy house has invited generations to see and celebrate the crossroads of our daily lives with that of God's unfailing love for us. At this significant milestone, we have the opportunity to gather and to celebrate the gift that this meeting house has been to its own faith communities, the community of Westwood and those beyond. Here we can re-affirm our commitment to see that the purposes of this meeting house are kept alive for another two hundred years. Our hope is to have a full house to mark this historic occasion, so save that date and plan to join with us.

For the First Parish faith family, September marks the start of a new ministry and program "year". Many familiar things will be happening in this year ahead and there will be some new things to experience as well. Exciting

indeed! So let me leave you with three thoughts as we gather anew and hopefully refreshed from the summer season...

Tell people about this church....whether they are 8 or 80. There are lots of people looking for a faith community to call home – to worship and learn with, to be supported by and to support. There is plenty of open seating every Sunday morning in our sanctuary. If being a part of this church makes a difference for you, it can for others. Remember that you are here because someone – a parent, a friend, a neighbor – brought you through the doors. Now it is your turn. Personal invitation is the best way to attract and, more importantly, retain new members.

Don't be afraid to get involved. God has given each of us any number of gifts. Think of what you can give to the church and to others through the church. Is there a group you would like to create? A mission you would like to see happen? A program you would like have in the church? A service that you could provide to the church family? An area of church life you would like to participate in -worship, education, mission, fellowship, church growth? We are called to be disciples and participate in ministry our whole lives - not just when we are younger, not just when our obligations to children and family are over, not just when our lives are steady.

Remember the importance of keeping Sabbath – of taking the time each week to worship in community, thanking God and growing in faith. Worship is not judged worthy based on what you get out of it. If it is, then it is entertainment. You may get nothing out of worship on a particular Sunday, but your presence may help someone else get something they need.

Nurturing faith is a life long process. That happens for all ages through worship and study. And for parents, if your desire is to live up to the baptismal promises you made for your children to have a faith, that cannot happen without a commitment to faithful participation. In this sense, it is no different than the commitments made to any number of activities and/or sports programs. I appreciate that often parents are put between a rock and a hard place to "choose" between worship and playing a game or some other activity. But it is getting too easy in our society to say "faith can wait until after..." Look at it from the other side, are there times when you can say, "that event can wait until after worship"? There is always a choice involved, and sometimes it will be difficult. This is not about the church "winning out", rather it is about balance and developing full lives, and for believers, without time for God, there is little hope of that happening.

Thank You

Thanks to all who offered prayers, well wishes, and expression of comfort while I have been recuperating from a broken ankle. Your support is appreciated. Fortunately crutches have not gotten in the way of my doing most

things. But when those occasions arise, I am grateful for the offers of help. I hope to back on two feet soon!

Pastor Chris

Want To Lend A Hand In Leading Worship?

First Parish is blessed with a roster of about ten folks who regularly assist Rev. Dodge in leading worship through participation as scripture readers and leaders of selected other worship elements.

If you would like to join this group and be a reader on a once every two to three month basis, we would welcome you in this important endeavor. Please e-mail me at eli-habsfan@aol.com if you wish to be added to our roster of readers.

We will be holding a brief gathering in September to talk about the importance of and basic techniques of worship co-leadership. We'll also briefly review a couple of other related tasks that this reader role entails.

Thanks
Mike Ellis

Our Picture Directory Is Almost Ready

After months of collecting pictures, our new Picture Directory is almost ready. But it's *still* not too late to submit your picture if you haven't already done so! **If you would like to be included, please submit your picture no later than Sunday, Sept. 13th!**

The Directory will be available as a PDF digital file, which will be emailed to those interested in receiving it. **If you would like to receive a digital copy, please email the church office.** You can then either keep the file on your computer for reference, or print it out.

Those who do not have access to email may request a black and white print copy from the church office. Please give us a call to let us know if you need the Directory in that form.

Children Can Help With Worship Too

There are now three ways that church school children may participate in the worship service. Along with opportunities to be a **Lay Reader**, there will be two new opportunities - **Chime Ringer and Candle Lighters**. Each week our worship service will begin with the chiming of the hour from the choir loft. Worship will also include a time to "gather around the light" where the light will be brought in and the altar candles will be lit. Then at the conclusion of worship, the light will be taken out as a reminder that we are called to follow "THE LIGHT" into the world and our week ahead.

Chime ringers need to be able to count to ten or follow instructions well. Given the nature of the task, candle lighters must be 10 years old and above. There will be training for all three roles and of course adult guidance on each Sunday. Names of interested children will be collected in Church School in the coming month.

Neighbors In Need Offering

On Sunday, October 4th our Neighbors In Need special mission offering will be gratefully received. Through our gifts to NIN, the United Church of Christ offers hope to millions of people, transforming lives, the nation and our world.

Informational inserts will be included with the bulletin throughout September, and offering envelopes will be available in the

church office and the pew racks. Please prayerfully consider your donation and give generously.

Donations (with "NIN" on the memo line) may be sent to the church office, brought to church on Oct. 4th, or placed in the offering plate during any worship service.

From Our Moderator, Bob Deininger

I hope everyone enjoyed the summer months, which go by all too quickly. Fall is a busy but exciting time at First Parish. I would like to take this opportunity to review some of the activities that the leaders have been working on in the summer as well as preview some upcoming activities for the fall.

Many leaders have been reading *Power Surge: Six Marks of Discipleship for a Changing Church* by Michael Foss. The book looks at how the world is changing and how some churches are moving from a membership to a discipleship model to foster spiritual growth. Each chapter ends with questions for prayerful reflection which are very thought-provoking. We plan to re-read some of the chapters and discuss the questions during the quarterly leadership meetings which have been scheduled for 6 p.m. on 10/4/2009, 12/6/2009, 2/7/2010, and 4/18/2010. Please mark your calendars!

The membership/stewardship team, which has a delegate from each ministry as well as two at large members, has met a couple of times. We are planning an all member canvass in the late October / early November time period. Stay tuned as we will keep the congregation apprised of the theme and timing of the stewardship campaign. We will be recruiting volunteers to help with stewardship visits to people's homes. Training by Andy Gustafson, the Associate Conference Minister for Stewardship and Financial Development, will be provided. This is a great way to meet and/or re-connect with members/friends while helping to support First Parish! If interested in helping us with stewardship visits; please contact me (BDein@aol.com, 781-255-9020).

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in church; and continuing the spiritual life-affirming worship, fellowship, education, and mission work that you all do.

Attention Church Leaders

Our new church year is about to begin, and it's time to get out those calendars and set aside some important dates!

- Ministry Chairpersons are reminded that Communications Committee will meet at 7PM on Tuesday, Sept. 15th in the Stage Classroom. Please come prepared to share plans and goals for the 09-10 year. Church Council will follow at 7:30 PM.
- Many leaders have already purchased their copies of *Power Surge* and have started their reading. If you still need a copy of the book, please contact the church office.
- Leadership Suppers have been scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 4th, Dec. 6th, Feb. 7th, and April 18th at 6PM in the Parish Hall. Watch your mail and email for additional details as these dates get closer!

Electronic Giving At First Parish

Did you know that you can make your contributions to First Parish electronically?

Our Electronic Giving Program has been successfully in place at First Parish since 2007. The advantages to this program are that it reduces the number of checks that you need to write, and the church benefits from greater stability in contribution levels.

If you are interested in receiving more information about this program, please contact Treasurer Cathy Ellis at 781-326-5344 or at treasurer@firstparishwestwood.org.

Donna Bertazzoni
Church School
Administrator



The Next Generation

But charge Joshua, encourage and strengthen him, because it is he who shall cross over at the head of this people and who shall secure their possession of the land you will see.
-Deut. 3:28

Every generation experiences a changing of the guard...OK, many of them. Even Moses, the greatest of all the prophets, doesn't escape this test. After leading the Israelites throughout their 40-year Exodus trek, tantalizingly he is shown the Promised Land yet God doesn't allow him to enter. Instead he is charged to encourage and strengthen the next person for the work that lies ahead.

I suppose this lesson holds true in some degree for everyone in a leadership role, but especially for Christian parents. We do not live for ourselves alone. We are part of a people, the people of God. While we guide our children to discover the love of God we are trying to prepare them to take steps into a spiritual and cultural landscape that we will not enter. We may glimpse their future, but we cannot know it. Our payoff is doing our faithful best to give them the tools to build up the body of Christ. For this we need the support of the church community.

Each year in the church school has its unique circumstances. Adapting to prepare the ever-changing 'present' generation for their spiritual future, the Sunday school responds as its children age and change over. This fall some superb Sunday school teachers are moving on, or preparing to. They have done their best and we wish them well in their new roles. It means that we will need new teachers this year. Please consider teaching as an opportunity to make a meaningful difference. If you feel called to help, contact Nancy Brind, chair of the Ministry of Education and Discipleship, or me. You will have wonderful role models, excellent curriculum and the assurance of our God, whose name can mean, "I will be what tomorrow demands."

Questions? Call me.

Donna

Welcome To a New Year of Church School!

The First Parish program year begins on Sunday, September 13th!

- Join us in the Meeting House for 10AM intergenerational , with communion.
- Church School Registration will follow at 11AM in the Parish Hall. See page 9 for a registration form, or print one out from our website (www.firstparishwestwood.org)
- Afterwards, all are invited to an All-Church Cookout in the Parish Hall!

Save the Date:

- **Tuesday, Sept. 9th:** Teacher Meeting at 7:30 PM in the Stage Classroom
- **Sunday, Sept. 13th:** Homecoming Sunday, Church School registration, CE meeting
- **Sunday, Sept. 20th:** Teacher Commissioning and the first day of church school
- **Sunday, Sept. 27th:** 10AM worship & Meeting House 200 Birthday Party! Church School classes.

Church School Update

Sunday, Sept. 13th: Homecoming Sunday!

- 10AM intergenerational communion worship
- 11AM church school registration
- All-church Homecoming Cookout in the Parish Hall

Sunday, Sept. 20th:

- 10AM worship & Teacher Commissioning
- 10:15AM church school classes

Sunday, Sept. 27th:

- 10AM & Meeting House 200 Birthday Celebration!
Regular church school classes will be held.

Rosie's Place Needs Your Help

One of the ways First Parish reaches out to those in need is by providing sandwiches and fresh fruit for the lunch program at Rosie's Place in Boston. More and more women and children are coming to rely on Rosie's Place for their meals, and our contributions on the third Monday of each month really make a difference.

Three or four more volunteers are needed to provide 12-14 ham & cheese or turkey sandwiches just twice during the year, November through May. A large container is left outside the Parish Hall the night before for anyone needing to drop off their contributions before 9AM on Monday morning – or sandwiches can be left in the Parish Hall refrigerator on Sunday.

If you can help, please contact Rosie's Place Coordinator Thelma Bruno at 781-329-9610.

Fox Hill Bible Study

Rev. Chris Dodge will meet with the Fox Hill Bible Study group on Sept. 17th at 10:30 AM.

If you live at Fox Hill Village and would like to begin attending the Bible study, contact Pastor Chris.

Retired Men's Club

The Retired Men's Club will open its 2009-2010 season on Thursday, September 17th at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall. The meeting will begin with a coffee & doughnut fellowship, followed by guest speaker, Tom Viti.

All meetings are held in the Parish Hall at First Parish on the third Thursday of each month, from 9:30-11:30 AM, unless otherwise noted. All retired men are welcome to attend.

If you have not received a schedule in the mail, please contact the church office.

Nursery Volunteers Are Needed

The First Parish Nursery will re-open on Sunday, Sept. 13th for all children two years old and younger. Each Sunday we need a volunteer (preferably 2 volunteers) to care for the precious children of our church and of visiting families.

This is a wonderful opportunity to care for the children of our church – whether you are currently a parent of a young child, a grandparent, a parent who wants to volunteer with your teenage child, or someone who simply loves children. The Nursery room is filled with many toys, games, puzzles, coloring pages and crayons...lots of fun things to entertain and play with the children.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Cathy Ellis (781-326-5796).

Senior Moments Fellowship

The Senior Moments Fellowship Group will meet on Thursday, September 10th at 11:30 AM in the Parish Hall. All seniors are invited to bring a bag lunch – coffee and dessert are provided.

This is a great opportunity to gather together, just because it's fun! The group meets on the first Thursday of every month in the Parish Hall, unless otherwise noted. If you did not receive a postcard with the yearly schedule, please contact the church office and one will be mailed to you.



**From Our
Faith
Community
Nurse**

Welcome back to church everyone. I hope you had a fun-filled, safe and relaxing summer whether in Westwood or on vacation. It seems that at least several times a week we hear and read more about the “obesity” epidemic. As I am a person who does well watching what I eat during the day, but have the nighttime munchies, I thought I would share an article with you from the August/September issue of “today’s Health & Wellness” magazine.

Night Moves – 8 ways to conquer the munchies.

1. AWARENESS FIRST.

Nighttime is often a vulnerable time of day. You may have had a crazy day or maybe it’s the first chance you have to focus on your personal life and you’re tempted to reach for some high-calorie comfort food. It’s easy to blow a day of healthful eating with just 10 minutes of nighttime snacking. Knowing what to expect is helpful.

2. KEEP LOW-FAT, LOW-CAL SNACKS ON HAND.

Clearly, if you don’t have unhealthy snacks and trigger foods on hand, you are less likely to eat them. Stock up on fruits, vegetables, and other healthy snacks like air-popped popcorn and low fat yogurt (If needed, have your own shelf in cupboard and frig that is off limits to rest of family. Hopefully, the rest of the family will reach for the fruits etc. too).

3. LATE NIGHT TEA.

Brew yourself a pot of delicious decaffeinated tea and make it your end-of-night ritual. Let nothing pass through your lips after the tea. (Brush your teeth after the tea; it makes it easier to not eat).

4. GET CREATIVE.

Do you like to knit, crochet and/or cut and paste? Keeping your hands busy is helpful. The trick is to set up your craft ahead of time. Plan your meals and plan your after-dinner activity. If you don’t have the yarn and crochet hook right there next to the sofa, you are likely to reach for food instead.

5. GET BUSY.

Many people eat at night because they are bored. Take a dance class or join a book club. Make your nights fun and interesting. Get out of the house. Socialize. Join the choir!

6. TURN TELEVISION COMMERCIALS OFF.

If seeing food is a trigger, switch the channel or turn the television off.

7. STRETCH IT OUT.

If you are watching TV, stand up, sit down, and shake it all about. Get on your stationary bike or the treadmill.

8. PLAY MUSICAL CHAIRS.

Sometimes the simple act of moving, moves a craving, moves a mood. Moving changes your internal state. Move from one chair to another.

I hope these 8 ideas will be helpful. They were written by Janice Taylor, a weight loss coach. The items in parentheses are my additions.

Peace and Blessings,
Margery Eramo, RN, CHM
Faith Community Nurse

It's Almost Pumpkin Time!

For the sixth year, First Parish will be the temporary home of HUNDREDS of beautiful pumpkins for our annual "Pumpkins With a Purpose" fundraiser – this year from October 9th through October 31st! YOUR HELP is needed again this year to make our Patch a success.

How can pumpkins have a purpose? These pumpkins are on a mission! Not only are they beautiful, but proceeds from their sale go directly to First Parish outreach programs, making them hard working pumpkins indeed! Last year's efforts raised almost \$4000 for First Parish mission efforts – so we hope YOU will plan to be a part of the team!

How You Can Help...

The Patch is open in October, 5 hours every day until Halloween. Sign up sheets will be posted In the Parish Hall in mid-September. Volunteer help is needed...

- **selling pumpkins** every day. Save an afternoon or morning or two during the week – or a weekend – to help us sell all those pumpkins.

- **opening and/or closing the Patch** every day. Our pumpkins must be put safely to bed and protected from the elements. Typically the Patch is opened at 10AM and closed at 5.
- **doing regular "quality control" inspections.** The Patch needs to be inspected, the less-than-perfect pumpkins discarded, and stock consolidated on a regular basis so things stay attractive and our customers find only perfect pumpkins.

We also need a new tent. If anyone knows of one, please contact the church office!

Pumpkin Delivery Day is Friday, October 9th at 5PM! Save the date now - and watch the weekly announcements and next month's Spire for additional details!

Questions or suggestions? See Mission & Service Chairperson Tish Verzino or Judy Holbrook in the church office.

Usher Schedule

Sunday, Sept. 6:
(9:30 AM Summer worship at First Baptist Church)

Sunday, Sept. 13: Homecoming Sunday
Martha Crawford (C)
Ron Atntz
Stuart & Carol Maynard
David Friedl

Sunday, Sept. 20:
Fred Rice (C)
Charlie Domina
Peter Kane
Nancy Hyde

Sunday, Sept. 27:
Doug Hyde (C)
Jerry Verzino
Mike Gettings

Coffee Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to supply refreshments and host Coffee Hour on the following dates. If you would like to help, please contact the church office or sign up in the Parish Hall.

Sunday, Sept. 13th: Homecoming Sunday
Coffee Hour hosted by the Ministry of Spiritual Life & Fellowship

Sunday, Sept. 20th:
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Sunday, Sept. 27th:
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Altar Flowers

Sunday, Sept. 13th
Given by the Grey family, through the Endowed Memorial Flower Fund, in memory of Ethel & Chesley Newell and Jeanne Ranger.

Sunday, Sept. 20th
Given by Barbara, Judith and

family, in loving memory of Robert & Charlotte Gillespie.

Sunday, Sept. 27th
Given by Marjorie & Bruce Higgins, in memory of Kenneth A. Ball.

**Church School Registration Form
2009-2010 School Year**

Date: _____

Please check if you are a Visitor today: _____

Child's Name:

Birth date:

Age:

Baptism date (if applicable):

Academic Grade:

Allergies:

Mother's name:

Occupation:

Address:

Phone:

Father's name:

Occupation:

Address (if different):

Phone (if different):

Family email address: _____

Suggestions for nurturing your child:

learning style
special interests

Emergency Contact during church school hour:

- I will probably be in the church building
- Other:

If the Church School is in need of help in the following area give me a call:

- Teach/Substitute
- Driving
- Telephoning
- Food for special occasions
- Classroom or Nursery Helping Hand
- My suggestion:
- Sorry, I am unable to help at this time

Would you like to be contacted?

- Christian Education Director
- Church School Teacher
- Pastor

Other information that would assist us in working with your child:

September At-A-Glance

*First Parish is a busy place –
so keep this one-page summary on the 'fridge to help you keep it all straight!*

Sunday, Sept. 6th:

Last 9:30 AM Summer Union Worship Service – hosted by First Baptist Church, with Pastor Chris Dodge in the pulpit.

Monday, Sept. 7th: Labor Day

Enjoy the last day of summer vacation! The office will be closed.

Thursday, Sept. 10th:

Senior Moments Fellowship meeting in the Parish Hall at 11:30 AM. (Page 6)

Sunday, Sept. 13th: Homecoming Sunday

10:30 AM worship resumes, church school registration begins, and we'll gather for an all-church cook out. (Pages 1 and 6)

Tuesday, Sept. 15th:

- Communications Committee: 7PM in the Stage Classroom
- Church Council meeting: 7:30 PM in the Stage Classroom

Thursday, Sept. 17th:

- Retired Men's Fellowship group meets in the Parish Hall at 9:30 AM. (Page 7)
- Fox Hill Bible Study meets at 10:30 AM.

Sunday, Sept. 20th:

10AM worship & Teacher Commissioning. Church School begins.

Sunday, Sept. 27th:

- 10 AM worship & Meeting House 200 Birthday Celebration - church school classes

Coming Up

For those of you who like to plan ahead, here are some future events for your calendars!

- **Neighbors In Need Offering:** Sunday, Oct. 4th (Page 1)
- **Leaders Supper Meeting:** Sunday, Oct. 4th at 6PM (Page 3)
- **Pumpkin Delivery Day:** Friday, Oct. 9th at 5PM (Page 8)
- **Progressive Supper:** Saturday, Oct. 24th
- **St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble concert:** Friday, Nov. 13th at 7PM

-Daily Lectionary- September 2009

These lectionary readings are from A Daily Lectionary-Scripture readings for Every Day based on the New Common Lectionary. Please share this resource with members of your church.

**The readings listed for Sundays are from the UCC Desk Calendar and are not part of the daily lectionary cycle.*

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>New Testament</u>	<u>Epistle</u>
Tues	Sept 1	1Chron 29:1-13	Mark 14:1-9	James 3:1-5
Wed	Sept 2	1 Chron 29:14-25(26-30)	Mark 14:10-16	James 3:6-12
Thurs	Sept 3	2 Chron 20:1-19	Mark 14:17-31	James 3:13-18
Fri	Sept 4	2 Chron 20:20-30	Mark 14:32-42	James 4:1-6
Sat	Sept 5	2 Chron 36:11-23	Mark 14:43-52	James 4:7-12
*Sun	Sept 6	Isa 35:4-7a	Mark 7:24-37	James 2:1-10(11-13)14-17
Mon	Sept 7	Prov 1:1-19	Mark 14:53-65	James 4:13-17
Tues	Sept 8	Prov 1:20-33	Mark 14:66-72	James 5:1-6
Wed	Sept 9	Prov 3:1-12	Mark 15:1-15	James 5:7-12
Thurs	Sept 10	Prov 3:13-26	Mark 15:16-32	James 5:13-20
Fri	Sept 11	Prov 4:1-19	Mark 15:33-39	Phil 1:1-11
Sat	Sept 12	Prov 30:1-20	Mark 15:40-47	Phil 1:12-20
*Sun	Sept 13	Isa 50:4-91a	Mark 8:27-38	James 3:1-12
Mon	Sept 14	Prov 30:21-33	Mark 16:1-8	Phil 1:21-27
Tues	Sept 15	Job 1:1-22	Mark 16:9-20	Phil 1:27-30
Wed	Sept 16	Job 2:1-13	Luke 2:41-52	Phil 2:1-5
Thurs	Sept 17	Job 3:1-26	Luke 3:1-14	Phil 2:6-13
Fri	Sept 18	Job 4:1-6,12-21	Luke 3:15-22	Phil 2:14-18
Sat	Sept 19	Job 4:1,5:1-17(18-27)	Luke 4:1-13	Phil 2:19-30
*Sun	Sept 20	Jer11:18-20	Mark 9:30-37	James 3:13-4:3,7-8a
Mon	Sept 21	Job 6:1-13	Luke 4:14-30	Phil 3:1-7
Tues	Sept 22	Job 6:14-30	Luke 4:31-47	Phil 3:8-11
Wed	Sept 23	Job 7:1-21	Luke 4:38-44	Phil 3:12-21
Thurs	Sept 24	Job 8:1-22	Luke 5:1-11	Phil 4:1-7
Fri	Sept 25	Job 9:1-15	Luke 5:12-26	Phil 4:8-13
Sat	Sept 26	Job 9:16-35	Luke 5:27-39	Phil 4:14-23
*Sun	Sept 27	Est 7:1-6,9-10;9:20-22	Mark 9:38-50	James 5:13-20
Mon	Sept 28	Job 10 :1-22	Luke 6:1-11	Philem 1-14
Tues	Sept 29	Job 11:1-20	Luke 6:12-26	Philem 15-25
Wed	Sept 30	Job 12:1-25	Luke 6:27-38	Heb 1:1-7



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