



Herald of Good TIDINGS

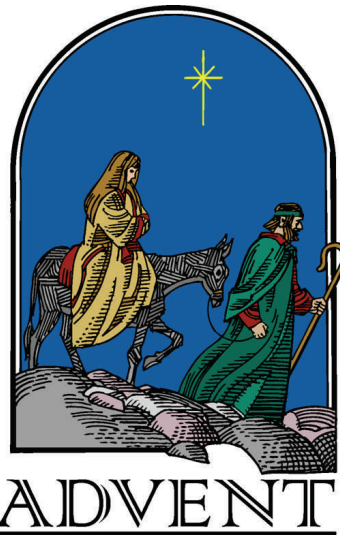
"Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah,

Advent Schedule

Nov. 29th
1st Sunday in Advent
Worship Service at 10 a.m.

Dec. 6th
2nd Sunday in Advent
Communion Sunday with
Deacons' offering
& food pantry 10 a.m.
Carols & Crafts 2-4 p.m.

Dec. 13th
3rd Sunday in Advent



~ All Are Welcome ~

Dec. 20th
4th Sunday in Advent
Lessons and Carols
During Worship 10 a.m.

Dec. 24th
Christmas Eve
5 p.m. Family Service
11 p.m. Candlelight
Communion Service

Jan. 3rd
Communion Sunday with
Deacons' offering
& food pantry 10 a.m.
Children's Pageant 11:15 a.m.

Christmas Fund 2009

Like the magi of old, we can honor the Christ Child by bringing gifts that can be used to support and honor those who have served and are serving our beloved Church. Gifts to the Christmas Fund will help Veterans of the Cross, who dedicated their lives to the ministry of the church in their years of active service. Gifts to the Christmas Fund provide resources for the Emergency Fund, which offers assistance to those who serve the church today. Gifts to the Christmas Fund help provide Pension and Health Premium Supplementation to lower-income retirees and Christmas "Thank You" Gift Checks to hundreds of annuitants. The offering is an expression of joy and gratitude to, and for, those who serve the church.

The 2008 Christmas Fund received \$1,597,490 providing assistance to nearly 1,600 families during 2009. Our goal is to raise \$1,650,000 to continue this important ministry in the year ahead.

Your gifts are needed more than ever to help the growing number of retirees whose low income annuities make it difficult to meet increased living costs. You'll find an offering envelope enclosed.



Heifer International's Celebration of Living Gifts

December 12th and 13th 11 a.m. -- 4 p.m.

At Heifer International Learning Center, Overlook Farm, 216 Wachusett Street
Rutland, MA 01543 Tel: 508-886-5002

What do you buy the person who has everything? How about a goat, a llama or a water buffalo? At **Heifer International's Celebration of Living Gifts**, learn how sponsoring animals like these can provide food and income for hungry families. You get a handsome card to give and a hungry family receives hope for a better future. Take pictures with the animals and purchase gifts from around the world in our fair-trade Shop@Heifer. Enjoy hot cocoa and cider, make gingerbread animal cookies and warm yourself by a bonfire. **Admission:** Canned goods which will be donated to a local food bank

Former Overlook Farm Director, Dale Perkins, will hold a **Living Nativity** at his nearby farm. Living Nativity performances will be held on December 12 and December 13 at 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm in the barn at Mesa Farm at 67 Muschopauge Road in Rutland. There is no charge, but attendees are invited to bring a plate of cookies to share. Hot chocolate will be available and carol singing will be included in the evening activities. For more information on the Living Nativity event, please contact:dale.mesafarm@gmail.com

The change at Heifer Learning Center at Overlook Farm regarding the Living Nativity is due to their focus on Heifer's mission of ending hunger and poverty. They have been doing a review of all of their programs and special events to ensure they are using Heifer's financial and human resources to provide the most impact.

Dale Perkins has graciously offered to continue the Living Nativity tradition for the community. Overlook Farm will be providing animals for this event.



Coffee Hour Hosts:

12/6 & 13 ~ Nominating/Scholarship
12/20 & 27 ~ Deacons
1/3 ~ Trustees
1/10 ~ Deacons
1/17 ~ Outreach

FROM THE TRUSTEES

All Committee budget requests are due no later than December 3rd.

Also, there will be no December church supper. Please pass the word.

RECENT BIRTHS

Congratulations to Gordon and Betty Goodwin on the birth of their first great-grandchild, Braden Alexander Lynch. Braden was born on October 1st and weighed in at 8 lbs., 2 oz. Proud parents are Kendra & Robert Lynch.

We also want to welcome Camrynn Amber Carnrike who was born on October 31st, and was 8 lbs. 3 oz.; 19½ inches long at birth. She's the daughter of Gretchen and Jeremy Carnrike. The proud grandparents are Don & Jen Temple and great-grandparents are Don and Marion Woodcock.

Congratulations to all!



Incarnate Love

Reflections from your Interim Pastor, Rev. Mark Seifried

*For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named*

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continuously.

The people have spoken and Advent at the church will resound with carols and the rich traditions to which this community has been accustomed for many years. I have prayed a lot to the Mighty Counselor about this issue. I've pleaded my case for recognizing the solemn nature of Advent to those who were open to meeting with me. And the final word has ruled: LOVE. I've relented out of love.

I love this congregation. I love God. I love my vocation and ministry with you. I love the Prince of Peace who I pray will be re-born in all of us every day. Love dominated my motivation to want the congregation to go through the spiritual practices of Advent, too.

I've never combined Advent and Christmas, so this will be a learning experience for me. I will pray and try to be faithful to the congregation and to the Lord, who called me to ministry. We will blend the themes of Advent with the music of Christmas. If you have any helpful ideas, I am open to suggestions.

One of the things I have learned in intentional interim ministry is that I can raise up issues which I see as concerns, but they have to be shared. There has to be "buy in" before any significant change can take root. I also know that I may not always be right. What's right for you may not be right for any other congregation. The best traditions of the church are those which are organic and rooted in local customs.

I question the things you hold dearly for their rationale. That's the crux of the interim time: examining the heart of who you are as people of God and who God is to you. When I began my ministry with you, I asked most groups I met with if there were any traditions that were immovable or immutable. Very few people responded in the affirmative, so I didn't think I would step on any "landmines." I have encountered several. Your Advent - Christmas traditions top the list as most fiery.

So I take that as a gift from you - just to lift up the fact that Advent -Christmas tradition is so dear that some are willing to fight and some are willing to articulate why it's important. The most precious gift has been to hear you witness to your faith. I hope that witnessing and testimony are expanding paths toward which God is calling the church.

As the Advent and Christmas seasons unfold, I pray that the long -expected Jesus will guide us through all that lies ahead and that His authority shall grow continuously in our lives - individually and corporately. I also pray that God's Incarnate Love prevails in our common life and in our individual families.

UCC Women's Celebration VIII (March 12-14, 2010)

This is just a reminder not to miss early registration for the **UCC Women Leaders of New England CELEBRATION VIII**. Our theme is **Together Building Bridges**. The early registration fee deadline is December 31, 2009. The event will be held **March 12 - 14, 2010**, headquartered at the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center, Burlington, VT. Sign up now to get your first workshop choices. You may go on line at <http://www.uccwomenscelebration.org> for more information as well as to register.

Don't forget also to make reservations at The Sheraton, The Holiday Inn or The Best Western. Ask for the New England Women's Celebration VIII special rate.

Got questions? Call Coordinator, Susan Waldron 860-923-2887 swaldron01@snet.net.

FROM THE CHOIR ROOM

The Story of a Snowflake Each One Is Born in Heaven*

Snowflakes are a lot like people; no two are exactly alike. When conditions are right, the snowflakes journey through varying levels of moisture and temperature result in the fantastically intricate structures that so captivate us. Like snowflakes, each one of us is born in heaven, descends to earth, and becomes ever more complex and multi-faceted — ever more *unique* - along the way.

Just as the snowflake's rough and tumble journey up and down through the winter sky dictates the shape it will ultimately take when it finally falls to earth, so the ups and downs each one of us experiences in life determines the character that we, too, will end up with.

Like snowflakes, each of us has many facets, inner aspects of our character. Our life experiences, and how we face them, determines how our characters grow and change. The fantastically symmetrical snowflakes we tend to see in illustrations are the exception rather than the rule. Irregular crystals are by far the most common type.

The same goes for us. Most of us, though we started high in the heavens from a germ of pure perfection, are less than perfect in one way or another by the time we've grown to maturity. Which is why this time of the year is so special. As the snow falls heaviest from the skies, we celebrate the birth of one person Who *is perfect* in every way.

At Christmas, we remind ourselves that while God may never have made an entirely perfect snowflake, He did make one entirely perfect human. As we see ourselves through His eyes, we are lifted up to shine in His love.

Blessings,

Heather Moore
Minister of Music

*paraphrased from *Angels on Earth* by Ptolemy Tompkins

Joyful Noyse Schedule

12/6, 12/13, 12/20	11:15 a.m. rehearsal
12/24	5:00 p.m. Service "Light One Candle"
12/27	9:15 a.m. rehearsal "Light One Candle"



Reverend Isaac Bayley's Acceptance Letter

(In 1784, Rev. Isaac Bayley became the church's first pastor.)

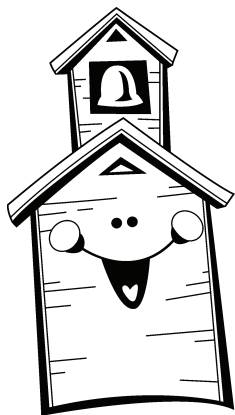
Submitted by George DuHamel and Paula Lubin, Church Historians



To the Church of Christ in Ward and
the Inhabitants of S.P. Town

Dearly Beloved, the invitation to which you have given to take the oversight of you in the Lord. I have taken into serious consideration and what answer I should make, whether to accept insufficiency of the important undertaking I have been most ready to answer in the negative, but when I consider your destitute state and condition. The unhappy consequences which appear likely to follow upon your remaining so the earnest desires on many of you that I should tarry, Me think I hear God call to me by you to answer in the affirmative and to say so to Him who I trust has called me to preach the good news of the salvation by His only begotten son. I dare not therefore, I now trusting as I hope to Him who is the great head in influence for assistance accept of your invitation to settle with you in the ministry and now my brethren and friends, I get your prayers to God for me that I may so preach and to conduct as that I may not after I preached to others be myself a castaway, pray Him who walketh amidst this golden candlesticks, holding the stars in his right hand that he would hold me and communicate Lights unto one so that I might Shine as a brilliant star in this golden candlestick, pray that I may hold fast the form of sound, words of faith and love that I may an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit and in purity that I may give attendance to read and exhortation to Doctrine and that in such manner as that my profiting may appear to all, pray for one another, pray that we may all so live in Love and Peace as that we may know by happy experience how good it is and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. I hope I shall not cease to cry to Him who performeth all things for us that he would grant us all grace so to Live as that we may live the Doctrine of God, our savior in all things whilst here on Earth and when time with us all shall be no longer, receive us to Him Self in Glory.

From your unworthy Pastor Elect Isaac Bayley



Happy Holidays from Here We Grow_Preschool

Here we go again, getting ready to welcome in another new year. "2010" is a nice even number; I'm hoping it will be a great year for all. I still live by the old saying, "don't put off till tomorrow what you can get done today." As one ages, it seems that the days go by too fast; so my suggestion to all is to get as much done on each new day. The children and staff are preparing for the holiday season and the time off it will provide. I am hoping that once we are gone for the holidays, it will give everyone time to get over the colds, sore throats and fevers that have been plaguing HWG for the past few months.

Moving on to the events which took place in November; the children of *Here We Grow* learned about the first Thanksgiving and the act of giving to others. They had the opportunity to bring in food items for the Giving Basket. Pastor Mark and Denise were kind enough to distribute the foods donated to families in need. We celebrated our "feasts" on Monday the 23rd with the 4 year old children and on Tuesday the 24th with the 3 year old children. Both days went well with help from our parent volunteers. We were treated to a yummy "friendship fruit salad", cornbread - made by the 3's, brownies - made by the 4's, cold meats, and cheese and crackers. Thank you to the "good old boys" for their help with carrying the tables and chairs to the vestry and then back to the classrooms.

With the month of December approaching, *Here We Grow* is once again participating in the Marines' "Toys for Tots" Campaign. The holiday programs will be on December 21st and 22nd. The children are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Santa. As of this writing I still have to call the North Pole and hopefully book him for our party days. So Santa Bob M., I'll be calling you soon.

The school will be closed from December 23rd -January 4th. The *Here We Grow* staff and families wish all of you a bright and safe holiday season.

Until 2010, Happy Holidays.
Dawn Murphy
Director, *Here We Grow* Preschool



Toy Collection

Library Tidings by Gloria Whitehead

**CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME
AS I PREPARE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, OUR SAVIOR**

Christmas books from both the Adult and Children's Libraries are in abundance and will fill every "taste" (yes - some recipes) disposition and yearning of the season. Many of the books will be displayed on the table in Fellowship Hall. First time borrowing? Adults - sign card in back of book and leave it in small box on table. Children - sign name, date and book number (found on face page inside, upper right corner. Library deadline for borrowing - end of January. Please return adult books to the upper drawer in the Adult Library stand. Children's books may be returned to their library stand and shelf after crossing out name, etc. Need help? Ask Charlotte Steffen, Gloria Whitehead, Jean McPherson or Debbie Pranaitis.

First Christmas - The True and Unfamiliar Story In Words and Pictures by Paul L. Maier

Little is known about the birth of Jesus Christ beyond the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. However, many important aspects came to have bearing through geography, astrology, archeology, history and astronomy as they focus further on the Nativity. So why read a book that was copyright in 1971 - 38 years ago? This is a documentary, not a legend, which explores less known features and facts of those times and, again, before the transformation of today. This outstanding religious author has included a group of interesting photos of the cities of Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Galilee (remember - 1971 - they all looked so peaceful). The "An Incredible Star" chapter devotes 6½ pages to the astronomy of the first Christmas. In hopes of creating an interest in your borrowing this book, the 12 chapters cover the following:

"The Politics: A Caesar's Census"

"The Land: Palestine the Paradox"

"The Courtship: A Galilean Couple"

"The Time: An Undatable Date"

"The Place: A Bethlehem Grotto"

"The Guests: Local Shepherds, Distant Magi"

"The Astronomy: An Incredible Star"

"The Monster: Herod the King"

"The Journeys: Up to Jerusalem, Down to Egypt"

"The Foster Father: Joseph the Carpenter"

"The Mother: Mary the Virgin"

"The Child: Jesus of Nazareth"

Tempted, but not convinced? Read pages 114-115 for some fantasy. Technical? A bit, but an enjoyable, easy read, that's only 125 pages.

This might be an unusual occasion when you'd like to look at the back few pages of *The Christmas Barn* first. It's there that you'll meet the family of Roxie Dockery who would buy only things they couldn't grow themselves. Depression days didn't escape Appalachia and the town of Murphy in North Carolina - year 1931. It's 20 miles to the Post Office so mail is usually picked up only once a week. It's evident that TV's weren't available at the writing of *The Christmas Barn*, but its authenticity is affirmed as its author, C.L. Davis, is the son of Roxie Dockery. All story characters are "real" and within the book you'll find pictures (taken by tourists) of Grandpa and Grandma and their 6 children, a 7th later. Though selected mostly for children in their teens, this book can be enjoyed by all ages. There's a simply beautiful survival message brought to light when a terrible accident harms Roxie's family and destroys their home just before Christmas. The print is next to large. The message - it's what you make of what you have that counts the most.

The Christmas Barn was given by Judy Dufault who has made extensive gifts for years to the Children's Library in honor of her grandchildren.

A Christmas Promise by Thomas Kinkade and Katherine Spencer, a novel with mystery included, is a recent gift from Cindy Ryan.

Just reaching out with thoughts of a happy and blessed Christmas to you and yours.



Stewardship Message

Prequel to the Pageant

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God ... and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us ... (John 1:1, 14a)

Prequel. Two movies this year, *X-Men Origins: Wolverine* and *Star Trek*, share that literary genre. Even Arthur Conan Doyle's *Hound of the Baskervilles* is a late-written prequel to explain to his Sherlock Holmes fans how that violin-playing intellectual became a detective. People love prequels! Prequels explain how already beloved characters came to be who they are. *Like the first chapter of John!*

When the Gospel of John was written, Jesus' Bethlehem birth was well known through Matthew and Luke's versions. John didn't repeat those stories ... John wrote a *prequel* about the amazing mysterious Word speaking the intimacies of creation, sending a love letter to humanity through Israel's history, and then becoming flesh to live among us. Of course, there would have been no prequel without Jesus' teachings and healings, sacrificial death and glorious resurrection. Prequels always explain the "before" once the "after" has made a difference.

Someday our story will be told as a *prequel*. People will write, film or sing the church of our current generation because its faithfulness explains the Good News church they know. What happens in our communities – what we say and how we give, our care for one another, uncompromising advocacy in justice issues, and mission among the manglers of the world – is more significant than we can guess! Our budgets will be recognized as blessings and the year-in year-out worship, a whispering of God's Word. So, "beam us up, angels," it's time to live the story whose *sequel* is always light shining in the darkness.

December 2009

God is still speaking,

This resource is a free service and is made possible by your gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.

**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



St. Joseph's Parish Center
(FORMERLY ST. EDMUND'S)
68 Central Street, Auburn
is having their
4th Annual Christmas Bazaar
Saturday, December 5th
9 am to 2 pm

Come browse our Attic Treasures, take a chance on raffle prizes, homemade crafts, knitted items, pastries, candy and hot dogs with homemade chili.

Children can make a craft.

Fantastic door prize: Overnight - New Year's Eve at Crowne Plaza, Worcester.

Contact: Barbara Hayes 508-754-3957

Are you starting to get a pile of catalogs every day as we get closer to the holidays? Would you like to reduce the waste from all those catalogs or control the ones you receive? There's a free service that lets you do all that. You can switch to email catalogs with the companies you want to stay connected with as well. Go online to www.catalogchoice.org and let's do our part in reducing waste and healing our planet ... "Let heaven and nature sing!"

From the Director of Religious Education



I pray you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with much love and good food. It is hard to believe that it is already December! As we begin the Advent season I would like to invite you all to an afternoon of Christmas crafts and carols on December 6th from 2:00 -4:00. Please join us for a wonderful afternoon of singing and crafting to start your holiday season.

The Junior Youth Group is attending a middle school weekend at Monadnock Bible Conference Center in New Hampshire January 8th-10th 2010. This is similar to the weekends that YOM has attended in the past. Jen has told me what an impact it has on the kids and teaching them how to move closer in their relationship with Christ. I am very excited that this weekend is geared just toward middle school students and all the changes they are experiencing. We will be having a cookie walk on December 20 to help raise money for the trip. Anyone wishing to contribute some cookies please see me, or call me at 508-832-5677 to let me know.

The pageant is coming along nicely. Some of the choir members have graciously offered to assist us in the musical numbers. Thank you to all.

I pray that this Advent season brings you joy and happiness so you will begin to understand fully the love that is given to all of us from our Father in Heaven.

With His guidance we serve.
Jean McPherson, Director of Religious Education

Fresh Green Christmas arrangements will once again be available for you to purchase during coffee hour on December 13th and the 20th. All the greens are gathered locally therefore there is no expense involved. All monies taken in will be split equally and go towards the Outreach Ark and the church's general fund. When doing your holiday shopping keep these in mind, they make lovely hostess gifts and most will be suitable to use as a table centerpiece.

We enjoy making these and hope you will support this small fundraiser.

Judy Murphy and Cindy Dube



Happy birthday to:

- Rebecca McPherson ~ Dec. 28th
- Lori-Ann Stockhaus ~ Dec. 28th
- Donald Slongwhite ~ Dec. 30th



HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
Jesus!



December is Safe Toys and Gifts Month. The first is World AIDS Day, and the 6th through the 12th is National Hand Washing Week! Hand washing is an ongoing thing, but make this week a time really to be aware.

Christmas is both a happy time for some people, and it's also a sad time for others. I have *Care Notes* about Christmas. Please help yourselves to them. It's ok to feel sad at this time of year, so don't think it isn't. These booklets might help.

God Bless you all and I do hope and pray that you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Debbie Pranaitis
Parish Nurse

Outreach News

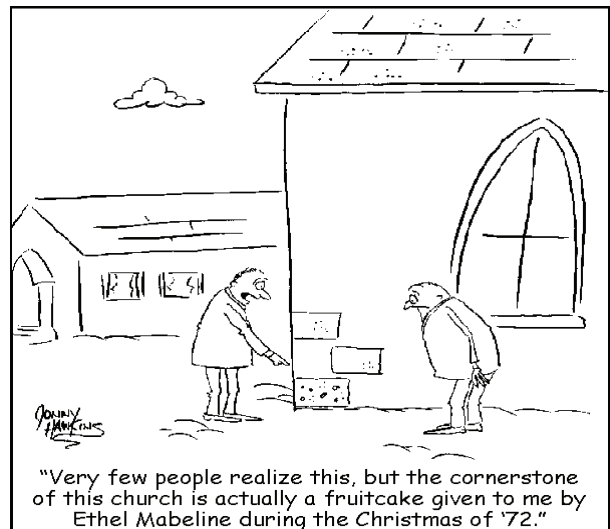
A very Merry Christmas to all! During this busy month, have you wondered what to buy the person who is already blessed with so much? **May we suggest:** supporting 'Hope For Housing' with gifts of grocery cards in denominations of \$25, \$50 or \$100. **Or,** giving the gift that will help struggling families lift themselves out of poverty by purchasing a share in Heifer International. To become a shareholder, just make a donation in any amount to The First Congregational Church and mark the memo Heifer International. During December you'll receive a card and envelop to give this thoughtful gift to someone. Stop by after church services on any Sunday in Fellowship Hall and we'd be honored to assist you with your purchases.

Thank you to all:

- ❖ For the generous response to our 'collection-in-a-sneaker' on Crop Walk Sunday. Our church was able to donate \$300.50 from the collection and our walkers were blessed with a beautiful day.
- ❖ Church World Service sends their gratitude for the donation of \$325.00 for the support of their program and blankets around the world.
- ❖ Sincere appreciation from the Veterans Inc for the gift of Pastor Mark's homemade soup and our support in their continued efforts to provide the best possible care to many veterans.



And so as
Tiny Tim most
heartily declared,
"May God Bless Us,
EVERYONE."





Olive E. (Lawrence) McLaughlin, 97

Olive E. (Lawrence) McLaughlin, 97, of Elm Towers, Worcester, died Friday, November 6, 2009 in the Auburn Life Care Center surrounded by her loving family.

She leaves two daughters, Marilyn Gaitane and her husband, Richard of West Boylston and Cherolyn J. Cariglio and her husband, Lawrence of Auburn; a daughter-in-law, Carolyn McLaughlin of Holden; seven grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. She was predeceased by two sons, David and Sidney McLaughlin; a brother, Donald, and three sisters, Cherolyn, Hazel and Mildred.

Mrs. McLaughlin was born in Union, ME the daughter of the late Reverend John E. Lawrence and his wife, Bertha (Griswold) Lawrence. Olive graduated from the New England School of Theology. Through the years, Olive had lived in Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire before settling in Worcester, MA.

Olive had worked as a sales clerk for 15 years at the former Kresges in Worcester having acted as manager for many of the departments before they closed in 1969. She later worked for several years at Zayre's and Ames Department Stores in Lincoln Plaza in Worcester before she retired at the age of 78.

Family, Church and Music made up the largest parts of Olive's life. Since childhood, with her father being a minister, Olive had been surrounded with good Christian values and beliefs that led her to live a very long and healthy life. Olive loved her family, and had a smile from ear to ear every time the grandchildren and great grandchildren visited her. She also was a faithful and long time member of Oak Hill Bible Church in Oxford, where she was once extremely active as a Sunday School Teacher, Piano Player and a member of its choir.

A Celebration of Life Service for Olive was held on Sat., November 14th at Britton -Wallace Funeral Home, 91 Central Street, Auburn. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory can be made to the Oak Hill Bible Church, Sacarrappa Road, P.O. Box 277, Oxford, MA 01540.

Bridget D. Corey, 7

Cristi Corey, a Here We Grow teacher, recently suffered the loss of her 7 year old daughter, Bridget. We are printing the obituary below and are asking the congregation to blanket this family in prayer. If you feel led to send a card of condolence their address is: 22 Oxford Street North, Auburn, MA 01501.

Bridget D. Corey, 7, died Sunday, November 15th, at home surrounded by her family. She leaves her parents, Matthew and Cristi (Cronin) Corey; three sisters, Caitlyn Cronin, Megan Corey and Emily Corey all with whom she lived; her maternal grandparents, Jerry and Theresa Cronin of Auburn; her paternal grandparents, Neil and Patricia Corey of Worcester; her maternal great grandmother, Agnes Melander; two uncles, Jerry Cronin of Auburn and Joshua Corey of Shrewsbury and several cousins.

The family would like to thank all the wonderful nurses and caregivers that helped to take care of Bridget over the years.

Bridget's Funeral Mass was held Thursday, November 19 at 10:00 AM at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 600 Cambridge St., Worcester. Interment was in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton. Memorial contributions may be made to Easter Seals Massachusetts, 484 Main St., Worcester, MA 01608 or to Make a Wish Foundation of America, Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 29119, Phoenix, AZ 85038. Arrangements were through Callahan & Fay Brothers Funeral Home, Worcester.

"I am the resurrection and the Life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies." John 11:25

“The Pumpkin Patch” is closed!

This year was a huge success. People came back to buy their pumpkins, gourds and fall decorations because . . . “the people are so nice, great selection and beautiful setting.” We want to thank all of those people who helped make the “Pumpkin Patch” so much fun and such a success.

A special thank you to Denise who always made sure the “money box” was available and for all her help behind the scene.

We hope we can open the “Pumpkin Patch” again next year.

*Thank
You*



Shirley, Jen and Diane

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