



**MAY 2010**

# *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, ‘Behold your God!’”*

## **COMMUNITY YARD SALE - SPACES AVAILABLE**



Spring cleaning? Don't throw that good "stuff" away. Recycle it by selling it to someone who needs it! Do you have an accumulation of things that are just too good to throw away, but you no longer need? Don't have enough to hold your own yard sale? Join us on the lawn of the

**First Congregational Church ~ 128 Central Street, Auburn**

**Saturday, June 19th, for our Community Yard Sale**

Space is available for a \$20 fee (\$15 for church members) and tables may be rented for \$5. Let us do the advertising. We promise to post plenty of signs at key locations in town and will advertise in the local newspaper. Other activities include a plant sale, chicken barbeque and strawberry shortcake booth.

Because of our location and previous yard sales we expect a large turnout.

Reserve your space today by calling Cindy Dube at 508 -832-6646, or the church office at 508-832-2845.

### **Interfaith Hospitality Network Program**

The First Congregational Church will host homeless families through the Interfaith Hospitality Network Program once again this year. The week will begin on Sunday, July 18th through Sunday, July 25th. Any help you may be able to give during this week will be appreciated.

Everyone has been wonderful with meal preparation and play time with the children. We will need overnight chaperones who spend the night at the church. This often presents a challenge, particularly during the summer. If you could commit to one night as a chaperone, it would assist in providing the necessary coverage.

Thank you for all you have done in past years. Should you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (508) 798-8765. Thank you —

Pat Bukoski

# Celebrating

*An Anniversary This Month*

Carole & Bob Murray will be celebrating their special day on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

## ESTATE PLANNING?

Have you included the church in your will or estate planning? Please prayerfully consider if the Lord would have you remember your church when completing your will.

*"One of the greatest missing teachings in the American church today is the reminder to men and women that nothing we have belongs to us."*

Gordon MacDonald, American Pastor & Teacher

## ELECTRONIC TIDINGS

Have you considered signing up to receive the *Tidings* online? We currently mail almost 300 newsletters each month. We only need 200 parcels of mail to take advantage of the bulk mailing special rate. The newsletter is saved in an 8½ x 11 format for easy printing. Why not try it for a month? You can always switch back if you decide that you prefer the "snail mail" method of delivery.

## POTLUCK SUPPER & FELLOWSHIP

Come, as we gather at the church for "Spirit Suppers" for an informal, potluck meal on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6 PM. All-ages are invited to attend.



When I looked at the National Health Observances, there are many. I have chosen some of the more appropriate ones for members of FCC. I will have information on the Health Table about the topics I will mention.

May is American Stroke Month, Clean Air Month, Hepatitis Awareness Month, Better Hearing and Speech Month, Healthy Vision Month, Lupus Awareness Month, and Lyme Disease Awareness Month. It is also Melanoma Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month, Mental Health Month, National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month, National Arthritis Awareness Month, National Bike Month, National High Blood Pressure Education Month, and National Physical Fitness and Sports Month.

May 3rd is Melanoma Monday. If you have any moles that are questionable, make an appointment to have them checked!

May 10th is National Women's Check-Up Day. If you didn't make your appointment to have your moles checked, here's another reminder. Last, but by no means least, May 12th is Fibromyalgia Awareness Day.

When you're going out, apply sunscreen. When you're done with your work and play outside, check for ticks. When riding your bikes, please use helmets, and be safe.

I'm trying to get a card ministry started here at FCC. I will have blank greeting cards in the church office already addressed and stamped. If each committee would take one at their meeting night and have each member sign it, then we can mail them out to our members, who aren't able to worship with us. If anyone has any ideas, or suggestions, I'm open to hear them. It's a way to let them know that they aren't forgotten.

God Bless!

Debbie Pranaitis, Parish Nurse

### Stewardship Message

#### Families of God

*A wandering Aramean was my ancestor. Deuteronomy 26:5*

When the people of Israel entered into the Promised Land and harvested the very first crops from their new homes, they were called to bring offerings of those crops to give to God and to share with those in their community who needed food. As part of the ritual around those offerings, each giver was to tell a story, a story common to all of them but specific to one family as well. The “wandering Aramean” was Abraham, joined by Sarah and their extended family. The story involves God in relationship to that one family which then extended out to an entire nation, a nation called to be a light to other nations.

In May, we celebrate Mother’s Day, also known in UCC circles as the “Festival of the Christian Home.” This day is an opportunity to remember that God relates to us not just as a church community or as a world -wide community of the body of Christ, but also to our families individually, no matter what their composition. It continues our ancestors’ understanding that God’s presence is known in families, and that God calls individuals and their families to order their lives around that presence, that relationship. Just as God’s love is incarnate for us most intimately in our families, so we are called to incarnate our relationship with God by how we make family choices, and that includes how we share our resources. What story would you bring to God with your offerings?

*Rochelle A. Stackhouse is the Senior Minister of The Church of the Redeemer, United Church of Christ, New Haven Connecticut.*

#### May 2010

God is still speaking,



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

The Choir and Music Committee are combining efforts with a bake sale during coffee hour on **Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 9th**, It will be a great opportunity to pick up some sweets to surprise your mom!

All proceeds will benefit our Church’s Music Ministry.



#### Joyful Noyse Schedule

5/2, 5/9, 5/16	11:15 a.m. rehearsal
5/23	9:15 a.m. rehearsal
	“You Are Good”
	Joyful Noyse Recognition

#### Coffee Hour Hosts

5/2	Personnel Relations	5/23,5/30	Library
5/9	Prudential	6/6	Prudential
5/16	BOCE	6/13	Stewardship

# Ride for a Reason

Interfaith Hospitality Network of Worcester



## Save the Date! June 12, 2010

A fun, scenic and well-supported bike ride to benefit the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Worcester

- WHEN:** Saturday, June 12 from 9 am to Noon
- WHERE:** Start and finish at the First Congregational Church of West Boylston
- RIDE:** Thirty and 15 mile options with cue sheets and marked turns; support vehicles to aid riders along the route; rest stops with food, water and first aid; celebration picnic at the end of the ride.
- ROUTE:** Through scenic West Boylston, Sterling, Clinton and Leominster; terrain suitable for novice and experienced riders.
- SIGN UP:** \$15 (with a commitment to fund raise \$200) or \$65 (with no additional fund raising)  
Children under 16 need to ride with a parent (as we'll be on open roads)  
Go to [www.ihnworchester.org/event](http://www.ihnworchester.org/event) for registration forms.

### AN OPEN INVITATION

Your Church's newly formed Renewal Team welcomes your input and participation as we work together - with God's help - to reach out to new visitors, missing and less active members, and renew our focus on God-centered fellowship. We are not a committee and your level of involvement is entirely up to you. We do value your input, comments, insight, ideas, and prayer support. Pray that we would be Spirit-filled and God-led in our efforts and decisions.

For more information, please contact current Renewal Team members: Donna Dube 508-864-8672, Todd Dube 508-864-6601, Paul & Louise Powers 508-752-2956, Mike Schillinger 508-832-9049, and Cindy Ryan 508-832-3416.



From **Here We Grow** Preschool

With the month of May rapidly approaching, we are already preparing for the end of our school year. The 4-year-old classes will be visiting Mary D. Stone School for a tour of the kindergarten classrooms. Our goal is to help them be at ease with the upcoming transition into kindergarten.

During the month of April we had visits from the Auburn Children's Librarian to read and talk to the children about visits to the library; The Tooth Fairy to introduce healthy habits and the correct way to brush our teeth and tongue, and Officer Kennedy (State), Officer Willard (State), Officer Le-wos (Millbury) and Officer O'Brien (Auburn) Police Departments at school to fingerprint all 4 year old children. The parents will be given the finished product. Thank you to all community groups for their visits and continued support.

With the nice weather upon us, we are spending more time in the outdoor playground. It looks great. Over April vacation we had it resurfaced with QuoBong. Thank you to Mark Conti Landscaping and crew, Stan MacPhee, Dave Sampson, Wayne Prouty and Steve Brodeur for getting a difficult job done.

I just received word from NAEYC that we are all set for another year. The annual report was sent in January with any and all changes and improvements which have been made since last year.

This year the 2-day classes will be visiting Stowe Farm in Millbury for their end-of-year field trip. The 3-day classes will be visiting Capen Hill Nature Sanctuary in Charlton. The 3-day classes will be traveling by bus provided by AA Transportation. Let's hope for nice weather.

Closing out the school year will be the 3 year olds' graduation, the 4 year-olds' graduations and Spree Day for all. This is our busiest time of the year, but a very rewarding time of year also. Some families will be leaving HWG for good, some for the summer and some with a year or two off until the younger siblings are of age to come back. Yes, I have already started a wait list for the year '11-'12. Whatever each family is doing, it is a time for goodbyes. We will miss each and every one of them.

Once again, some of the staff will be returning for the last two weeks of June to work the summer program. Themes this year are, *A Pirates Life for Me* and *Junior Forest Ranger*. If you know of anyone looking for a summer program, send them our way. HWG will close on July 2<sup>nd</sup> for the summer and return late in August.

Until next month, enjoy Spring.

Dawn Murphy  
Director  
**Here We Grow** Preschool



Library Tidings  
by Gloria Whitehead

*The Power of Praying Together* seemed to be an interesting topic to awaken us to new thoughts and to expand the old. Stormie Omartian, the author, has helped to change the lives of millions of people through her best selling books on prayer. Her former pastor, Jack Hayford, who was instrumental in leading Stormie to her devotion to prayer and then to prayers by others in their lives, enlightens and nourishes the books' contents.



**BOOK  
Reviews**

Perhaps fatigue diminished my enthusiasm in the opening pages. A book on prayer, and I was going to forget it. What's wrong? The second try paid off. Included in the topics at the beginning are: What is prayer? What makes prayer work? Daily prayer, time of day, knees? (why an option not an issue). Sharing with God when your day goes wrong - or right, lay it before Him, finding it difficult to pray and remedies, and a portion of praise and worship of God. Am sure you could add 6 or 7 reasons to add to the list right now, BUT on to the next portion.

*Praying Together* - thinking of family or services at church, the ill became a narrow portion as it began to explain finding a partner and the initial technique. Forming a circle of 3 or 4 people, exchanging introductions and then, newly acquainted, each beginning to share a prayer request and then praying for each other. As circles expand in size (not too large) or in quantity, there is a bonding in sharing and praying together. At this there are some wonderful stories and explanations of growth of the "praying together."

In the section on The Power of a Praying Church, Pastor Jack explains that people do have to believe that prayer does make a difference. They are emboldened if they can recognize a very real penetration into the invisible realm and they can believe with greater faith. As worship is a form of prayer, so it is there that seeing power begins. The church is the people and not the edifice providing a place to gather (our church recognizes this) and a part of a greater body of Christ.

Rather than give brief explanations of the last two sections of *The Power of Praying Together*, the following is a listing of the subtitles of each.

Uniting in Prayer to Move a Nation

If God's People Will Step in the Gap  
Will Have Eyes to See  
Will Answer the Call  
Will Humble Themselves  
Will Enter the War

What in the World Can I Do?

When God Tells You to Pray  
The Issues Are Big and You Feel Small  
Our Mission Seems Impossible  
We Stop Seeing Ourselves as Victims of Circumstances  
We Learn to Pray Beyond Ourselves

It is hoped that this report and these last two (outstanding) listings have moved you to borrow this book. It was copyright in 2003, but is incredibly timely in these last references.

## *Rising Tide*

Reflections from your Interim Pastor, Rev. Mark Seifried

*It was the best of times, it was the worst of times,  
it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness,  
it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity,  
it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness,  
it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair,  
we had everything before us, we had nothing before us,  
we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way.*

- Charles Dickens in *A Tale of Two Cities*

When I was training customer service employees, I passed on a saying that I thought summed up well peoples' experience of service: "Perception is reality." You could give two people meals that were prepared identically to one another and one would think it was the best food she had ever consumed and the other might think his was mediocre - at best.

As the citation from Dickens above indicates this dual mindset isn't novel, but it does bear some reflection. Indeed these are the best of times and the worst of times. They are also the only times we have. As a community of faith, we have to decide how we will *be church* in these times.

It seems that we are on the shore, facing a rising tide of change. We have one foot on a stable dock of everything we have known and the other foot is being pulled away by the currents which the tides of change have stirred up. Will we hold our ground and strengthen our grip on the structures of the past or will we drift with cultural trends and majority opinions? Both options seem to be fear-based and stifling to the spiritual freedom which is foundational to our Protestant tradition. True freedom will never be found in structure or in culture.

It seems that the most faithful way for us to proceed is to set out to sea in a boat, which will be powered by the wind of the Holy Spirit who blows across all cultures. On this voyage, our role is not to power the vessel or to set the course, but to listen and obey our captain Jesus.

As Jonathan Campbell said in *The Way of Jesus*, "Only as we continue to move deeper into Jesus with reckless abandon will we experience the reality of the One who holds heaven and earth together. In Jesus, there is peace in the midst of storms outside us and storms that are even harder to navigate: those within us. From resting in Jesus as our Center we also gain courage to share in the sufferings of others, not with detached sympathy, but with a joining in their passion and suffering as Jesus did."

Most of those who know the church from the inside-out realize that this is the last generation of the institutional church as we know it. None of us know what the future church will look like, but we can guess. Our past shows us that the church has thrived when it met the deep seated needs of the society around it. It grew other times, but had times of rapid contraction and reformation when it became more self-absorbed.

After almost 2 years of ministry with you, it seems to me that the Spirit has begun blowing the ship in a certain direction. The church has many gifts to be mission driven: connections through the UCC and throughout the town of Auburn. By building upon and nurturing those relationships as well as those with our mission partners such as Worcester Area Mission Society, Worcester Fellowship and Dismas House, we seem poised to ride the tide.

To some, it may seem contrived to say our power comes from Jesus and we need only obey his command. We may want to feel like we have the power. So let me rephrase that and borrow a phrase from one of the civil rights activists, Willie Barrow, who earned the nickname of "Little Warrior." He said, "If you really want to be powerful, if you really want to be influential, then just serve."

We have everything before us, we have nothing before us. Our service determines the outcome. Our faith determines our perspective. I think this is an exciting time for people of faith, and the church of Jesus Christ. As the tide rises, let us look forward in hope as we set sail. Ahoy Captain! Your crew is ready at your beckon call.

### From the Church Historians . . .

The following is an excerpt from a ledger that was stored in the Town Hall basement. It outlines step-by-step decisions made by our men in building our meetinghouse and forming our town.

George DuHamel & Paula Lubin  
Church Historians

1778 Worcester, Ss. To Mr. James Hart Jr. Constable for the Town of Ward

Greetings.

In the name of the Government & people of the Massachusetts Bay.

These are to will & require you forthwith to warn and notify the inhabitants of S'd Town Legally qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet & assemble at the meeting house in this town on Monday the Twenty fourth day of August Instant at one of the clock in the afternoon of S'd day, then & there to Act on the following Articles Viz.

1. Choose a Moderator for Said meeting.
2. To take under consideration and if they think proper concur with the Church in this Town in their choice of Mr. Joseph Reed for their pastor.
3. Grant what sum of money they may think proper as an Encouragement to Mr. Reed to Settle in the Gospel Ministry in this Town.
4. Grant such sums of money as they may think proper for the Annual support of Mr. Reed during his continuance in the Pastoral Office in this Town and Act anything respecting the foregoing articles which they may think Expendient.
5. To accept a List of Jury men agreeable to the Laws of this State.

Hereof fail not & make return of your doings to us at or before the hour of the meeting.

Given under our hands & seal at Ward this Tenth Day of August A.D. 1778

*Charles Richardson*

*Samuel Eddy*

Selectmen

*Nathan Patch*

Worcester, Ss. Ward, August 24, 1778

In obedience to the warrant I have warned the Inhabitants Qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at time & place by posting up a copy at the usual place.

James Hart Jr. Constable



## **FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

Our field trip to the Dismas Family Farm in Oakham, MA, on April 18<sup>th</sup> was very enjoyable. We grilled up hot dogs and hamburgers, toured the barn filled with different animals, then toured the home of the residents that work and live on the farm, prayed together and shared our meal together. For some it was difficult to leave the new baby lambs after having the opportunity to hold them. Website about the farm is: <http://www.dismashouse.org/news-dismas-family-farm.php>. There is talk of going back again, and we'll keep you posted when another date is determined.

We're looking for sponsors and walkers to join us on **Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** as we support CMHA's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for the Homeless. This is a 3-mile walk through the streets of Worcester for the Homeless and to celebrate the incredible strides being made towards a community in which everyone has a safe and warm place to call home. For more information, the website is: <http://www.cmhaonline.org/>. Please see one of our committee members if you're interested. Outreach members are: Deb Pranaitis, Judy Murphy, Kasey Dube and Sue MacPhee.

In Love, Hope, Peace & Understanding,  
Sue MacPhee, Outreach Committee Secretary

## **HELP FOR HAITI**

As some of you may or may not know, my Randy and I will be going to Haiti this Fall (November 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) to do our small part towards helping the Haitian people get back on their feet. We will be sponsored by, and working with, the Monadnock Bible Conference. The Monadnock Bible Conference has a ministry division they call Monadnock Bridge Builders. Since 1983 they have been reaching beyond the ministry on the mountain by sending short term work teams to Haiti to provide the good news of Jesus and physical relief to the poor. Monadnock Bible conference also supports Redeemer's Child Orphanage in Port Au Prince.

So far they have sponsored 120 teams with over 2,500 team members. Work projects over the years have included churches, schools, hospitals, clinics and orphanages. The teams also have opportunity to visit mission and relief projects and minister to the Haitian people by personal testimony, preaching, music, children's programs, and drama, depending on the team skills.

Today, over a billion people are living in absolute poverty, *making less than \$370 per year*. Because of this **50%** of their children will die before they reach age 5. Each day 34,000 children die of hunger and preventable diseases (24 every minute). Industrialized countries include only 20% of the World population but consume 80% of the food resources. In comparison, in the United States we spend between \$35 - \$40 billion every year on diets and related expenditures to reduce calorie intake. Many North Americans literally eat themselves to death. (State of the World Need, World Relief Corporation; Perspectives on the World Christian Movement, Third Edition, 1999 Institute of International Studies)

Randy and I had already obtained the paperwork necessary to work with this group and visit the orphanage BEFORE the earthquake hit, we now feel the call is even stronger. We need your help. The trip will cost approximately \$1400 each (\$2800 total) we have been lucky enough to raise about \$800 so far but still have a long way to go. Above and beyond what we raise for the trip itself, we would like to be able to help out the orphanage as well by purchasing supplies they need on an ongoing basis.

If you would like to help please make your check payable to *First Congregational Church of Auburn* and just put **Jen & Randy - Haiti** in the memo. Every little bit helps and we truly appreciate any support we receive.

"To those whom much is given, much is expected"

In His Service,  
Jennifer & Randy

## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Hello to you all. Spring is in full swing and the fragrance of flowers is in the air. Unless you have allergies it is a sweet smell. I love coming into church Easter morning to the sweet perfume of all the flowers throughout the sanctuary.

We had to cancel our Tea, Treats and Treasure event on April 11 due to lack of response. We may revisit this in the fall and add more food, which seems to be a big draw in our congregation.

Thank you to Betty Goodwin who has volunteered to cover Cradle roll for May. As of this writing I do not have someone for April so I apologize for not thanking those who stepped up to cover.

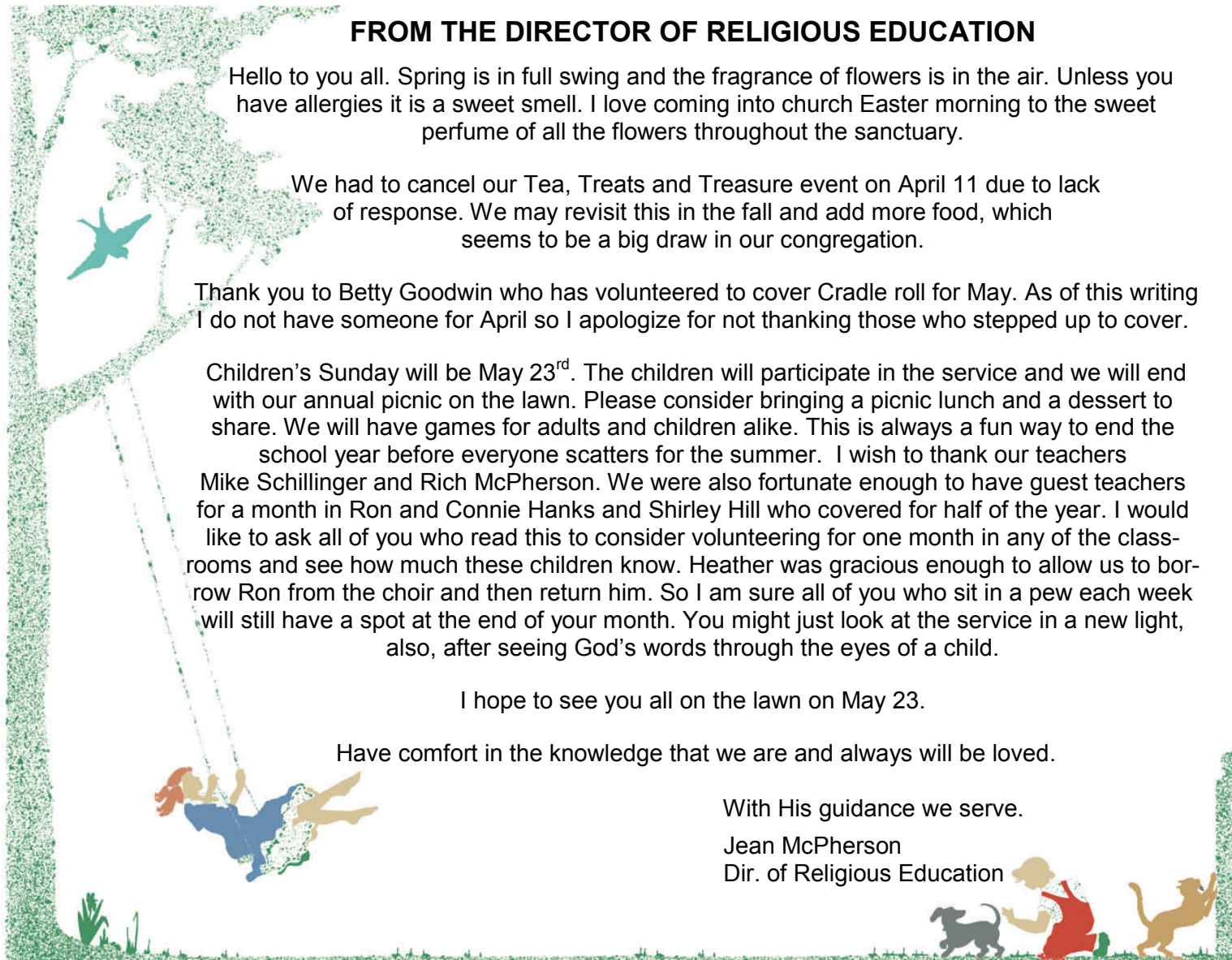
Children's Sunday will be May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The children will participate in the service and we will end with our annual picnic on the lawn. Please consider bringing a picnic lunch and a dessert to share. We will have games for adults and children alike. This is always a fun way to end the school year before everyone scatters for the summer. I wish to thank our teachers Mike Schillinger and Rich McPherson. We were also fortunate enough to have guest teachers for a month in Ron and Connie Hanks and Shirley Hill who covered for half of the year. I would like to ask all of you who read this to consider volunteering for one month in any of the classrooms and see how much these children know. Heather was gracious enough to allow us to borrow Ron from the choir and then return him. So I am sure all of you who sit in a pew each week will still have a spot at the end of your month. You might just look at the service in a new light, also, after seeing God's words through the eyes of a child.

I hope to see you all on the lawn on May 23.

Have comfort in the knowledge that we are and always will be loved.

With His guidance we serve.

Jean McPherson  
Dir. of Religious Education



### Massachusetts Conference, United Church of Christ

**211th ANNUAL MEETING June 19, 2010**

**DCU Center, Worcester, Massachusetts**

**Provoke one another . . . to love and good deeds**

The theme of this year's Annual Meeting, "Provoke one another . . . to love and good deeds," encourages our deep commitment to the community of the United Church of Christ. As always, and more importantly in these challenging times, we need one another to do the work of Jesus in the world. Our meeting this year will be one day filled with opportunity for talking together, sharing a meal together, doing business and filling our spirits with worship.

Register for the annual meeting online at [macucc.org](http://macucc.org) where you can also download a registration form. (Forms are also available in the church office, or call Denise at 508-832-2845 to have one mailed to you.)



*First Congregational Church of Auburn*

*9<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament*

Saturday August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Pine Ridge Country Club in Oxford**

**12 p.m. Registration - 1 p.m. Tee-off**

**Event features:**

**Raffle - Longest Drive – Closest to the Pin Contest – Prizes to top 3 teams**

**\$95 per player – includes golf, cart and dinner!**

**Non-golfers welcome to join us for dinner - \$30.00 per person**

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Players:

Sponsor a Hole: \$100.00

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- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

- In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_
- In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_
- or Business name: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: First Congregational Church (write "GOLF" in memo) and mail or drop off (with registration form) to the church office

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**Church World Service - Blankets+**

Blankets+ (formerly called Tools & Blankets) is a special mission opportunity that can involve all ages. Some 8,000 congregations and groups across the United States hold CWS Blankets+ events, providing funds to help people in need around the world, including the U.S.

Your contributions provide the means to transform lives and communities when they are faced with an emergency or simply struggling to put food on the table. For over 60 years, Church World Service has worked in partnership with local communities to identify their needs and access the resources they need to build the foundation for a more viable future, including:

- Blankets, tents, food and other emergency supplies in the wake of a disaster
- Tools and seeds for refugees returning home to replant their fields
- Wells for families living in drought prone areas to provide clean, safe water to drink and to irrigate crops and gardens
- Literacy training and microcredit for women struggling to realize their potential.

Church World Service Blankets+ . . . It's about blankets and so much more!

You will find an offering envelope enclosed in this month's *Tidings*. Please make checks out to First Congregational Church and note "Blankets+" in the memo section. You can place the envelope in the offering plate on Sunday, or mail it to us at First Congregational Church, 128 Central St., Auburn. Also, if you would like to make a donation in honor of a loved one, CWS has provided us with special cards for this purpose. Look for a sample card on the table in Fellowship Hall. (There is no charge for the cards.)

*For He delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper. Psalm 72:12*

**Church Camping Weekend June 25th - 27th at Oak Haven in Wales, MA**



We are looking to gauge the level of interest in our annual church camping weekend. Please let us know as soon as possible if you plan on joining us as I need to contact the campground soon with the number of sites we will need. You can call me at 508-865-6439. Also, please note that once you make the commitment to go, you will be responsible for the payment even if for some reason you are unable to make it.

Thanks for your cooperation,  
Lori Stockhaus

**The American Cancer Society Relay For Life® of Central South County** will be held at Lemansky Park in Auburn on September 10 and 11. This inspiring overnight event unites the entire community in celebrating those who have had cancer, remembering loved ones lost, and providing an opportunity to fight back against the disease. **Relay For Life** supports the Society's mission to save lives by helping people stay well, by helping people get well, by finding cures and by fighting back. You can form a team of your fellow church members, family members and friends, or walk as an individual. This is a great volunteer event for your youth to participate in community service. Volunteers are also needed to provide their time and talent to ensure the success of this year's Relay For Life event. For more information, call 1-800-227-2345 or 508-832-7272 or visit [RelayForLife.org](http://RelayForLife.org), or e-mail [swg49@yahoo.com](mailto:swg49@yahoo.com).

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Permit No. 6  
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