



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!'"

This week I received a rare gift, a forwarded joke that I had not heard or received before. I do not know if I am allowed to say who sent it...so I won't. I would like to share it with you.

On the first day, God created the dog and said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years."

*The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?"
And God saw it was good.*

On the second day, God created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span."

The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?"

And God, again saw it was good.

On the third day, God created the cow and said, "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years."

The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?"

And God agreed it was good.

On the fourth day, God created humans and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years."

But the human said, "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?"

"Okay," said God, "You asked for it."

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Palm Sunday is April 1st. Our worship service will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Service will be held April 5th at 7 p.m.

Good Friday is April 6th ~ Auburn's Ecumenical Service will be held here at First Congregational Church, 128 Central Street, Auburn at 12:15 p.m.

Easter Sunday is April 8th ~ with our Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m. at Hillside Cemetery and two worship services - 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. at the church.



~ All Are Welcome ~



Happy Spring! Happy Easter! The flowers and trees are budding early this spring, which means the allergies are here earlier as well. April is Alcohol Awareness Month, National Autism Awareness Month, Donate Life Month, and National Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

It is also National Facial Protection Month, National Sarcoidosis Awareness Month, Occupational Therapy Month, Sports Eye Safety Awareness Month, and Women's Eye Health and Safety Month.

April 5, National Alcohol Screening Day

April 7, World Health Day

April 2-8, National Public Health Week

April 21-28, National Infant Immunization Week and Safe Kids Week

It's time for protection from the UV rays from the sun. This means sunglasses and sunscreen. Bike helmets should be checked. If there are any dents in them, they need to be replaced. Make sure they fit properly, otherwise, they are no good. Parents need bike helmets just as much as their children do!

Enjoy God's beautiful creations in a healthy, safe way.

Debbie Pranaitis, Parish Nurse

Coffee Hour Hosts

- 4/1 ~ Trustees
- 4/8 ~ Easter (no coffee hour)
- 4/15, 4/22 ~ Prudential Committee
- 4/29, 5/6 ~ Historian, Memorial, Scholarship & Nominating

Our next **Community Supper** is planned for
Saturday, April 28th at 5:00 p.m.
 On the menu: **Roast Pork Dinner**
 Adults \$10 Children \$5
 Servers: Memorial Committee &
volunteers needed



Happy Birthday to:

- Ernie Smith - April 9th
- Haydn McPherson - April 10th
- Bob MacLeod - April 27th

It has come to our attention that **Happy 50th Anniversary** wishes are in order for Ray & Linda Fox of Auburn who were married on January 6, 1962.

Happy Anniversary to:

- Don & Marion Woodcock who will be married 61 years as of April 8th and to
- Don & Jen Temple who are celebrating their special day on April 15th.



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So that is why for our first twenty years, we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you.

There is no need to thank me for this valuable information. I'm doing it as a public service. If you are looking for me, I will be on the front porch.

Now I do not know about the last ten years being spent on the porch barking. That just seems mean . . . but it did remind me of the changes in our lives. We want the world to stay the same. We often fear change and yet change happens none the less.

The other day Denise saw a group of little *Here We Grow* girls in the courtyard running up the steps to the choir room. As they got to the top of the stairs, they would scream and run down the stairs. I imagine they giggled as well. They seemed to really enjoy their game. When I hear the *Here We Grow* kids, which is not that often, the staff does a good job of teaching respect, politeness, and indoor voices, but when I hear them at outdoor play it sounds as if they are screaming at the top of their lungs the whole time. I wonder how long does that last?

My clergy group meets at a church in Framingham next to an elementary school. At recess those kids all seem to yell and scream the entire recess. How can the kids do that? Doesn't it hurt their throats?

So when does the screaming end? When is it no longer respectable to play the "run around and scream game?" I somewhat doubt I would be able to get a group of 40 to 50 year olds to play the "run and scream game." I think I might have trouble getting 14 year olds to play the "run and scream game." I think parents try to put an end to the scream part of the "run and scream game" pretty early. A little kid screaming can probably shut down most higher brain activity in parents.

But maybe, like the joke says, when you are a grandparent you get to play the "run and scream game" again.

May you find joy in the run and scream game of life and in other simple pleasures.

Pastor Brian

SERMON TITLES FOR APRIL

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| 4/1 "Jerusalem at the Festival" | 4/8 "What Do We Do If Others Say Nothing?" |
| 4/15 Emeritus Sunday: Rev. Ken Knox | 4/22 "The Story of Jesus" |
| 4/29 "Dwelling in God's House" - Guest Preacher: Pastor Elizabeth Magill of Worcester Fellowship | |

Children's Time:

- 4/1 "Celebrate"
- 4/8 "What Does Your Family Do for Easter?"
- 4/15 Emeritus Sunday
- 4/22 "Kids of the Unknown Father (God)"
- 4/29 "The Lord Is My Shepherd???" - Guest Preacher: Pastor Elizabeth Magill



Library Tidings by Gloria Whitehead

While the days grow longer and the sun feels stronger, we enjoy the beauty of God's handiwork through sight and sensation. Spring and Easter have so much to say and so do diverse groups of authors. Double the joy of spring with some new, inspiring thoughts from God's words interpreted by some of His flock to stimulate our minds and souls. THEN — write a line or two about the book you read and we'll put it into the *Tidings* (no names). Will you do that? Children are definitely included. Just a line or two will triple everyone's joy and may God please bless you and your families in many ways. Happy Easter to all of you from the four big bunnies on the Library Committee.

In haste and true confessions I'm calling this into Denise who is waiting to put the *Tidings* to bed. I was straightening out books in the library when I came upon this small book, *The Sunroom*, by Beverly Lewis whom you know as the author of that wonderful series of Amish stories. Beverly's inspiration for this story was a diary she kept when she was about twelve years old. For starters, Becky (her fiction name) was a talented and dedicated pianist with an 8 year old sister, a dad who was pastor of a country church in Pennsylvania, and a mother who had recently been diagnosed with a critical disease. Becky had great support for her achievements on the piano, as her mom shared a love of music. Also, Becky could confide in her mom's guidance with the concerns of a teenager. With these cherished attitudes Becky enters into a significant deal with God in exchange for her mother's life.

Finally hospitalized, the hospital rules prevent visitors 12 or under. It's then that *The Sunroom* in the Lancaster General Hospital becomes a significant salvation, and miracles begin to happen.

P.S. I did use a few tissues in the beginning, but it's all beautiful in its sincerity.

We want to thank Ron and Connie Hanks for organizing the Easter flower orders. This is no small task as they coordinate the details with the florist, prepare spreadsheets of the orders, pick up the plants at the greenhouse in Oxford, label each plant, and deliver and arrange them in the Sanctuary. We just want to take this opportunity to express our warm appreciation for all they do!



Joyful Noyse Schedule

4/1	9:15 a.m. rehearsal - "Keeping My Eyes on You"
4/8 (Easter)	9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. services "Halle, Hallelujah!" & "May You Have Peace"
4/15, 4/22	11:15 a.m. rehearsal
4/29	To Be Determined



From *Here We Grow* Preschool

Welcome to spring with its warm, beautiful and sunny days.

Throughout the month of March, we had many busy days at *Here We Grow* Preschool. New faces were seen in the classrooms because of Parent Volunteer Month. This has been a tradition at HWG for many years. The children had moms and dads who helped for a day and a few parents that were brave enough to do science experiments. Many of our parents spent time in the classroom reading to the children at the end of sessions. The staff and children say, "THANK YOU."

Neal Primeaux spent two days for class and individual pictures of the children. Thank you to the Board of Christian Ed for allowing us the use of a Sunday school room for the individual pictures to be taken in.

We held our Open House on March 7 with about 50 visitors. Once again comments were made on how well kept the church was and how bright and cheerful the classrooms are. At this time, we have two openings for the young 4's and openings in the a.m. & p.m. 3 year old classes. If you know of anyone looking for a preschool, please send them our way.

Our second, and final fundraiser, was done in March. The families of *Here We Grow* sold or ate many candy bars which then gave us a profit of about \$3,400. This money is used for the field trips taken during the school year.

Other visitors in March included: Amber Dombroski, a past *Here We Grow* student and future veterinarian, came to school and shared her knowledge about animals with our four year olds. The Tooth Fairy made a visit and spoke with all the children about the importance of healthy eating and daily brushing of our teeth.

Looking towards April, *Here We Grow* will be visited by members from the Massachusetts State Police, Auburn Police, and the Amber Alert Team. They will be fingerprinting all 4 year olds. Information will be stored on a flash drive which will be sent home with the children. Thank you to Carole and Dave Sampson's son-in-law, Joe, who was able to get donated flash drives from where he works.

We will be having Easter parties on April 4th and 5th with a visit from the Easter bunny. We will be on vacation April 16-20, hopefully enjoying warm, sunny weather.

Until next month, I hope everyone is well.

Dawn Murphy, *Here We Grow* Preschool Director

On March 18th we celebrated the baptism of Lily Maryann Hosegood.
Lily is the 7month old daughter of Chad and Lisa Hosegood.
We pray God's blessing upon Lily and her family.



FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:

What does "Step It Up" mean to you?

If it makes you think of cheering, dancing, climbing, advancing, you're getting the picture!

We'd like you to think about . . .

- How First Congregational has helped you to "step it up" to a fuller, more richly lived life in the knowledge of God and through our fellowship and shared exploration of what it means to be a Christian.
- How you can "step it up" at this time of great need to share your time, talents, and treasure with your church family and others around the world.
- How our church can "step it up" to provide even more opportunities for its members.

As the year progresses, we will be looking at ways to "step it up" in terms of stewardship and Christian living.

You will be hearing more from us later, and in the meantime, let's all think of how we can Step It Up!

Respectfully,

Your Stewardship Committee

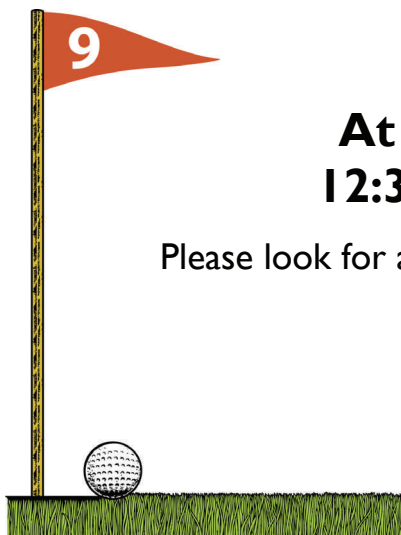
OUTREACH NEWS

On Saturday, May 5th, at 11:00 a.m. the Outreach Committee is planning a visit to the Dismas Family Farm in Oakham, MA and you're invited! As you may recall, the farm is a rehabilitative residential program for people who are homeless and former prisoners. This working farm produces crops, animals, and finished wood products, as well as jams, granola and candles. The year round housing lodges former prisoners that are expected to either work the farm or be employed full-time as they reintegrate back into society.

Our visit will include a tour of the farm, lunch (which we will provide) and a ride to the top of the haystacks (weather permitting). **Anyone wishing to join us** should speak with one of the Outreach Members: Pat Bukoski, Sue Campbell, Marilyn Plue and Debbie Pranaitis.

First Congregational Church of Auburn 11th Annual Golf Tournament Saturday, August 4th, 2012 At Pine Ridge Country Club, Oxford, MA 12:30 p.m. Registration ~ 1:30 p.m. tee-off

Please look for additional information in upcoming newsletters and church bulletins.



Save the Date

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

Sunday, May 6th, 4:00pm
The First Congregational Church of Milford

This will be an annual meeting unlike any you have experienced before! In fact, we encourage families to attend in addition to clergy and delegates. The music will be contemporary and is likely to include songs by Bob Marley, Foreigner, and Green Day.

Susan Tordella will offer an especially relevant and engaging presentation on bullying, with the assistance of Mooey, the bullied chicken.

A catered dinner will be available following the meeting.

Email Deb Holmes at central@macucc.org to register; include name, church and if you'll be attending dinner.



Massachusetts Conference, United Church of Christ 213th ANNUAL MEETING ~ June 15 & 16, 2012 Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center



Be Transformed!

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect."

~ Romans 12:2

Dear Members of the Massachusetts Conference, United Church of Christ:

How will we individually and collectively be transformed as we move together into the future of the United Church of Christ? How will we discern and work towards transformational ministries at the local, association and conference levels in the name of Jesus Christ?

Staff and Annual Meeting planners have received strong and consistent feedback on the hope that we could return to an overnight schedule. Folks wanted more time to delve into the topics and themes presented, more time to visit the marketplace, and, in particular, more time to build relationships and reconnect with friends. As a result, we are returning to an overnight format including some business, community time, worship, and theme presentation on Friday evening. We hope you will be able to join with your brothers and sisters in faith for this whole experience.

The Rev. J. Bennett Guess, Executive Minister for Local Church Ministry, one of our five Collegium of Officers, United Church of Christ will be with us keynoting on Friday evening and preaching on Saturday morning. We are gifted to have such a transformational leader present with us around this theme -- Be Transformed.

The Sturbridge Host and Hotel Conference Center is providing a special rate for early reservations (The cutoff date for the hotel special rate is May 25th.). Check the Registration Form for details. I look forward to seeing you in Sturbridge on June 15th & 16th.

Grace and peace,
Nancy Lawrence
Chairperson, Annual Meeting Planning Committee
Member, First Church in Sandwich, UCC

Register for the annual meeting online at macucc.org.
(Registration forms are also available in the church office.)

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL! I PRAY YOU ARE ALL OUT ENJOYING GOD'S BLESSING OF WARM WEATHER AND SPRING FLOWERS.

WE HAD AN AFTERNOON OF SPRING CRAFTS ON MARCH 18TH WITH EVERYONE LEAVING WITH BEAUTIFUL SPRING WORKS OF ART.

YOUTH ON A MISSION (YOM) HAVE A BUSY SPRING AND SUMMER PLANNED.

ON APRIL 1ST YOM WILL BE SERVING BREAKFAST WITH THE BOARD OF ED BEFORE OUR PALM SUNDAY SERVICE. ANY MONEY RAISED DURING THE BREAKFAST WILL GO TOWARDS THE MISSION TRIP THIS SUMMER. ALSO ON APRIL 1ST, OUR YOM "BUNNY HELPERS" WILL BE HIDING THE EGGS AND PARTNERING UP WITH THE YOUNGSTERS IN OUR ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER WORSHIP.



FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ORDERED PIES, THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AFTER CHURCH ON APRIL 1ST.

EASTER SUNDAY YOM WILL OFFICIATE THE SUNRISE SERVICE AT 6A.M. AT HILLSIDE CEMETERY. PLEASE COME TO SUPPORT THEM AND ENJOY A WONDERFUL WAY TO PRAISE OUR RISEN LORD.

APRIL 27-28 30 Hr. FAMINE

WE AGAIN WILL BE COLLECTING FUNDS TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS THAT ARE WORKING TOWARD ENDING WORLD HUNGER. EACH YOM PARTICIPANT GETS "SPONSORS" TO HELP THEM REACH THEIR GOALS WITH A FLAT DONATION. THE AWARENESS AND DISCOMFORT THEY FEEL BY GOING 30 HOURS WITHOUT FOOD WILL HELP THEM TO UNDERSTAND IN THE SMALLEST WAY HOW OTHER KIDS THEIR AGE CAN'T EAT WHEN THEY WANT AND AS A RESULT, APPRECIATE THEIR BLESSINGS.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE SUMMER

JULY 9-14 IF WE RAISE ENOUGH FUNDS, WE WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE UCC SPONSORED WORK CAMP IN SPRINGFIELD. WE WILL BE ASSISTING THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHO ARE RECOVERING FROM THE TORNADOS.

WITH HIS GUIDANCE WE SERVE,

JEAN MCPHERSON.

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

YARD SALE IN DANGER OF BEING CANCELED VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We are looking for volunteers to help with our annual yard & plant sale to be held on June 16th. Cindy Dube has successfully run past yard sales which have raised funds for the church totaling as much as \$2,500 per sale! However, this year Cindy has a prior commitment and is unable to be in charge of the yard sale, but is certainly willing to lend her guidance to those who are willing to take over the reins. Already on board is Shirley Hill who has agreed to be in charge of the plant sale, the Trustees who will take care of manning the grill, Cindy Dube will be the contact person for those interested in renting a space/table, and the Outreach Committee is willing to lend a hand as well.

Won't YOU please consider taking on a position this year?! Positions to be filled are:

1. Strawberry Shortcake Booth - includes setting a time for picking and getting a group of pickers (easy), a group for hulling, lining up biscuit bakers, and getting supplies to serve shortcake. The day of the yard sale you will need to make coffee and prepare whipped cream, and arrange for people to "man" the booth. (As you can imagine, this position could easily be divided among a few people.)
2. Someone to oversee bringing out tables and chairs the night before.
3. Someone to post signs on Friday at a few key intersections near the church. Cindy will make signs, but would love to have someone to help her for a few hours.
4. Someone to oversee breakdown of tables and make sure church yard and parking lot are cleaned up. All yard sale participants are required to take care of their own trash and return tables to where they found them, usually under the nearest sanctuary steps.

Without several volunteers coming forward we will be forced to consider canceling the yard sale this year. **We need to have volunteers in place by April 20th**, so that we can begin to advertise the yard sale. Perhaps you would like more information. Please feel free to contact Cindy at 508-832-6646 or Denise at the church office, 508-832-2845.

Please be sure to join us on Sunday, April 29th, as we welcome guest preacher, Rev. Elizabeth Magill of Worcester Fellowship. Worcester Fellowship ministers to the homeless of Worcester. Every Sunday, rain or shine, they hold worship services on the Worcester Common and distribute food and white socks. Volunteers spend time visiting with those who come out for the service. So mark your calendars and come hear Pastor Liz share what God is doing through the ministry of Worcester Fellowship.

Our thanks go out to each of you for your expression of concern during our brother's long illness. Also, for your sympathy at his passing. Your prayers helped to sustain us. It is comforting to know that others care during difficult times.

Carolyn & Donald Slongwhite

EMERITUS SUNDAY

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 15th, as Rev. Ken Knox returns to the pulpit for Emeritus Sunday.



BREAKFAST**PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST ~ WHAT'S UP WITH INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY?****FELLOWSHIP**

The Board of Ed is hosting a **Palm Sunday breakfast on April 1st**. Breakfast will be served by members of Youth On a Mission at 8:00 a.m. and will consist of scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausages, fresh fruit salad and baked treats. There is no charge for the breakfast, however a free will offering in support of Youth On a Mission will be taken. Also, a representative of Interfaith Hospitality Network will be joining us to update us on what's happening with IHN.

Please sign up in fellowship hall during coffee hour, or give the church office a call if you plan to attend, just so we will be sure to have enough food for everyone. See Jennifer Bohn or Jean McPherson if you have any questions.

**Also if you ordered an Ever-So-Humble Pie they will be available for pick up on Palm Sunday.

CRADLE ROLL ROTATION

4/1 Stephanie Sanborn	4/8* Linda Hardy	4/15 Carole Murray
4/22 Bessie Morgan	4/29 Shirley Hill	

***Please Note:** Cradle Roll will only be available at the 10:30 service on Easter Sunday (April 8th).

MIDDLE SCHOOL ROTATION

4/1 Jen Bohn	4/8 HOPpy Easter	4/15 Rich McPherson
4/22 Judy Murphy	4/29 Jen Bohn	

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications are available in Fellowship Hall, and in the church office for anyone interested in applying for a scholarship. **Don't forget, applications are due by April 15th.**

As I write this, it is in the 70's, sunny and warm. That means when you read this, it will be cold, damp and possibly snowing. That is the fun of weather. But, as the sun shines we look forward to the new beginnings spring brings. Beds need to be prepared for flowers. Gardens need fertilizing to prepare them to produce a plethora of produce. Leaves supposedly need raking...but honestly aren't leaves just lawn fertilizer? That might be a minority opinion, like my love of dandelions.

With Palm Sunday and Easter, there is time for new life; a new start, new everything. But, to get to the new life we must do the hard work and suffer through the good Fridays of life.

Now that spring has arrived, we are looking at projects to spruce up the church. **On Sat., April 14**, we will be having a spring cleaning day. We hope to clean trash out of the attic, give the kitchen a thorough cleaning, clean out closets on the stage and in the deacon's closet, and do some interior window washing and dusting.



We will start at 8 a.m. with coffee and pastry, and work until we are tired or noon whichever comes first. We have asked Craig to be the head of kitchen clean up, and one of the trustees will be the leader of dusters and window washing. (Cindy Dube and Shirley Hill are planning to clean the attic prior to the 14th and will leave a designated pile for disposal.)

Please come and help as you are able and for as long as you are able.

Pastor Brian



Sadly, our Church Family suffered several losses during the month of March. Please keep the following families in your prayers.

Pamela J. (Burdick) Chamberlain, 55, died unexpectedly on Sun., March 4, 2012 at Saint Vincent Hospital in Worcester after a brief illness. She lived in N. Oxford before moving to West Boylston in 2001. (While a resident of N. Oxford, Pam was an active member of our Church.) She is survived by her husband, James M. Chamberlain, and daughter, Caitlyn M. Chamberlain. A memorial service celebrating Pam's life was held on March 11th at the First Congregational Church of West Boylston.

Carolyn Slongwhite's brother, **Rev. Dr. Harold F. Cooper**, 74, died on March 6, 2012 after a 22 month battle with pancreatic cancer. He lived on the Cape in Yarmouthport. Besides his wife, Phyllis Cooper, he is survived by his daughter, Diana Rowe, and son, David Cooper, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. A funeral service was held on March 17th at the West Yarmouth Congregational Church.

Church member, **Kenneth W. Chaffee** of Charlton, MA, died at age 93 on March 7, 2012. Born in Oxford, MA to Alfred Brown and Mae Willey Chaffee, he was predeceased by his wife of nearly 60 years, June Virginia Wirths Chaffee. Mr. Chaffee was a resident of Auburn MA for more than 60 years, and was employed by both the Chaffee Bros. Box Company of Oxford and by the YMCA in Worcester. He served in the the U.S. Navy in WWII, achieving the rank of Coxswain, and also served in the U.S. Naval Reserve after the war. He was a member of our Church for more than 60 years, and was a life-long member of the Oxford Lodge, Fraternal Order of Masons. He leaves his sons, Kenneth F. Chaffee, James E. Chaffee and Jeffrey L. Chaffee. He also leaves 7 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild. A memorial service was held at the Britton-Wallace Funeral Home in Auburn on Monday, March 19th, 2012. Burial followed at the North Oxford Cemetery.

Callan James Guilford, 7 months old, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, March 7, 2012. He leaves his loving parents, Peter C. (Rufus) and Melissa L. (Melynn) (Mejias) Guilford; his brother, Cole J. Guilford all of Millbury; his paternal grandmother, Mary B. Guilford, and his maternal grandparents, Francisco Mejias and Barbara Mejias. He also leaves many aunts, uncles, and cousins and friends. He was born in Milford, MA. His family attends our Church and a funeral service was held here on Saturday, March 17th, 2012. Burial followed in Rural Cemetery in Southborough, MA.

There are many rooms in my Father's home, and I am going to prepare a place for you. If this were not so, I would tell you plainly. When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. John 14:2-3



We continue to hold scheduled potluck suppers (a combination of the "Spirit Suppers" and a book/movie club - "Dinner and Discussion") in the vestry. The next get together will be on **Tuesday, April 17th at 5:30 p.m.** Since we will be viewing the movie "Soul Surfer," the supper will begin at 5:30 rather than 6:00 p.m. Remember, EVERYONE is invited to join us for any or all parts of the evening.

Looking ahead to our May 22nd potluck supper, we will be discussing the book, *Where Is God When It Hurts* by Philip Yancey. A complete list of books, movies and dates is available on the table in both fellowship hall and the adult library. Please see Jen Bohn if you have any questions.

DANCE YOUR SOCKS OFF!

WORCESTER FELLOWSHIP FUNDRAISER SOCK HOP!

April 28th ~ 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

At the Wesley United Methodist Church
114 Main Street, Worcester

Join us for Food and Fun ~ It's a Fun-Fun-Fundraiser!

We'll be wearing new white socks for dancing!
You'll meet some of our parishioners, and hear about our programs.

Sliding Scale Tickets are \$1 to \$50 per person.
People who own a home AND have a job \$25 to \$50 per person
People with a rented home AND/OR a job \$5 to \$25 per person
People without a home OR without a job \$1 to \$5 per person

Please RSVP (if you can) by April 25 to:
ellie@worcesterfellowship.org

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