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Forest Street *Footprints*

OCTOBER 2008



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK.....

Dear Friends in Christ,

When we did the interviews last spring two important questions arose. People wanted to know the difference between a full-time "settled" Pastor and a part-time minister. I tried to deal with that question in my last letter.

The second question had to do with what it would cost for each of those. That information is found in the Clergy Compensation Guidelines that the Conference published. We have put together a sheet that lists the costs for both situations and makes comparison to my current compensation. You will receive that information in a mailing that will come shortly.

It is important that you understand these things before our "visioning" event on November 8. Something you need to be aware of is that those figures are not pie-in-the-sky numbers dreamed up by a "clergy union" as one person suggested. **These are the actual salaries that churches in Massachusetts are paying their clergy.**

Please take time to look at the information and please plan to be at the meeting on November 8. Our leader, Alice Mann, is highly qualified and will lead us to some important self-discoveries.

Yours in Christ's service.....Scott

Liturgists

are needed to read at Sunday service.

Please sign up
on the sheet on the board
outside the sanctuary.



We need your voice!



Thank you and I greatly appreciate your time and consideration.



-Kasey Walko and Troop #89



Senior choir rehearsals for the Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas seasons will begin on Sunday October 19, at 11:30 following coffee hour. We need more voices in all 4 sections, so if you've been thinking it might be fun to sing with the choir, we can assure you, it WILL be!

Please come and try us out--you'll like us!

For more information, please talk with Norma Reich, Director.

FROM THE DEACON'S CLOSET

Date Reminders:

-Saturday November 8th, there is an All Church meeting.

-October 26th, Service – Carol Atwood-Lyon, Area Minister for UCC Conference – Official Visitation

-October 12th, Service – Steve Steiner and Trudi Driscoll... will structure service around the presentation of Core Committee findings and previews of November meeting.

Discussions:

-We have discussed a need for a "Wish List" for church memorials, such as replacements of the alter linens. If anyone has any ideas or thoughts, please speak to a deacon.

-We have also discussed the various versions and Revisions of the Bible to enable a uniform use throughout the church.

-Finally, in response from a request from the Church School and input from Congregation, a slight revision was made in the service giving the children more time in Church School and improving the concentration during the Prayers Concerns.

Council Meeting

October 13, 2008

7:00PM

Looking forward to seeing someone from every committee at the meeting.

Nancy Pollock, Moderator

978-681-8976 or nancyandjim95@comcast.net



Scott's Remaining Vacation Time:

October 8 through October 14.

vacation in Disney

From the Hospitality Committee:

The Fall Season is upon us, with cool night and warm days, the most beautiful time of the year. The foliage is now turning and the colors are really very bright!!!!

We are back to the fall schedule for the Fellowship Time. Everyone enjoys the Fellowship Time, after worship, time to have a hot cup of Coffee and and yummy goodies and visit with our friends, catching up on what is happening with families and the church. . Volunteers are need to provided and host the Fellowship Time. Please won't you sign up?? Won't you please check to see which Sunday will be good for you??? The sign-up is on the partition near the serving table.

Just for your information: The Hospitality Committee is going to be "short handed" during October, meaning that all members of the committee will not be around. Ruth Yanagi 's grandson is getting married in October, family coming in from California. Ruth Hattori will be gone from October 10th thru 21st to visit family in Utah. Charlotte will attend her Grandson's football games on Saturday and then Sundays are spent at the Cape, new windows being installed at her home there. Poor, Carolyn, the newest member of the committee will be "holding the fort". Please pitch in and help her if you can.

The Hospitality Committee

Charlotte Eichner, Ruth Yanagi, Carolyn Keating and Ruth Hattori



WORSHIP WATCH



- OCTOBER 5 World - Wide Communion Sunday
 Breads from Around the World
Best Wishes
Food Cart
Scripture for the Day: Matthew 22:1-14
Sermon: "Come to the Banquet "
Liturgist: Mary-Ann Thibeault-Vandette
- OCTOBER 12 Trudi Driscoll and Steve Steiner will present insights from the surveys
done last Spring.
Rev. Scott on Vacation
Scripture for the Day:
Liturgist: Barry Reich
- OCTOBER 19 Scripture for the Day: Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Sermon: "Floating On Your Back "
Liturgist: Jeff Smeltzer
- OCTOBER 26 Area Minister Rev. Carol Atwood-Lyon
Scripture for the Day: Matthew 22:34-46
Sermon: "Any Friendly Bears Out There? " Rev. Scott
Witnessing Steward:
Liturgist: Mary-Ann Thibeault-Vandette



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS:

The cold weather is coming and the Church School is collecting clean and gently used coats to donate to Neighbors in Need. As you are getting your own family ready for fall and winter, perhaps you'll come across a coat or jacket that no longer fits - please send it our way! We will have a collection box in Fellowship Hall, or you may give it to any Sunday School teacher. Our collection will continue until the end of October. Thanks so much!

POINT TO PONDER.....

If you are headed in the wrong direction,
God encourages U turns.

A request from the Trustees...

As you are probably well aware, we have many groups using our facilities and our kitchen. In general, this works well, but lately we've had a few problems with items intended for one group being consumed by another. To hopefully avoid future problems, if you put **anything in the refrigerator or freezer or if you leave food at church for a specific purpose or activity, PLEASE LABEL IT.** Put any pertinent information--such as the date, activity for which it is intended, etc.--on the label. This will help prevent both food spoilage and the accidental use of food by those unaware that it belongs to some other group or organization.

The Canvass Committee:

October marks the beginning of our annual Stewardship Campaign. The committee has met and is well into planning the campaign. We will be using the UCC theme

"The world of the generous gets larger and larger."

(Proverbs 11:14, The Messenger).

Every day is a good day to think about stewardship. What is the best you can do with your time, talent and treasure? We hope to end our campaign on Sunday, November 23 with a celebratory pot-luck supper. Please watch your mail and Sunday bulletins for more information.

Fran Lajoie
Chair



PUMKIN PATCH

Pumpkin Patch will arrive October 4th.

Open to the public: October 5 to October 31

Hours: Monday thru Friday 10AM to 6PM
Saturday 9AM to 6PM
Sunday 12PM to 5PM

Special Events: Saturday October 11 **Bake Sale** 9AM
Monday October 13 **Chowder Fest** 12PM to 3PM

There will be live music with David Vose's Patriot Fife and Drum Duo and young peoples groups from the Methuen area.

There are many ways YOU can HELP.

We still need help to **unload the truck** : Oct 4. 1:30PM

There are **sign up** sheets on the vestry dish closet doors.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served.

We need people to **mind the Patch** : any time OCTOBER 5-31

Sign up sheets will be available on the dish closet doors also.





Friendship Circle

Meeting will be Thursday October 16, 2008

at Joyce Barden's Home

56 Poor Street

Andover, MA

2:00PM

All ladies of the church and their friends are welcome!

SCOTT SEZ.....World Wide Communion Sunday October 5

On this Sunday Christians around the world will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. In honor of this we will have a special service of intinction. The bread on the trays will be from several different countries. We will circle the sanctuary and pass the cup of salvation to our neighbors as we dunk the bread each has chosen.



Free Registration until 10-18 at Weight Watchers

Pay only the Weekly Fee (\$13) to join

Jane Gutoski

Territory Manager

Weight Watchers

Meetings

Thursday 6:00PM

Weigh-in starts at 5:30PM

Friday 9:30AM

Weigh-in starts at 9:00AM