



THE HARBOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Church Family Members and Friends,

I hope I find you well. We are incredibly honored to have our newly appointed District Superintendent of the Boston Metro Hope District, We Chang, joining us for worship on Sunday, January 21st at 10:30am. He will bring a message of love and a call to service. He will also help me to install our new leaders who were elected at our last Church Conference. It is truly an honor that our District Superintendent will be our guest preacher. He is also planning to join us at the Coffee Fellowship Potluck in Bruce Hall after worship and is willing to listen and answer many of the questions we have for him. I speak on behalf of our leadership team and the whole church when I say that we are excited that we have been blessed to begin the New Year with a visit from our District Superintendent. I, therefore, invite you all not to miss this service ~~ whether you are a long-time member of our church or new to us, I encourage you to attend and begin to get involved with your local community. Remember, there are many ways to get involved in your church. You can do that by praying for your church or pastor's family, serving or volunteering in one of the teams, or being the "hands and feet" when offered the opportunity. Right now, we are looking for someone to *chair our Finance Committee*. Your support and involvement in this endeavor will help to support your pastor to focus on other things. With a finance chairperson, the impact we may have in our stewardship campaign I have no doubt would help to put our church on the path of a great future. For the last two years, your pastor has been filling this role, and it is not appropriate that he continue to do that. I, therefore, plead with you for the love of God to pray and see if God is calling you to take up this role. Feel free to let me know if you want to know more about this role; I will be happy to sit down with you and explain.

May I also remind you that the *Celebration of Life for Nancy Thurson* has been scheduled for Saturday, January 27th at 11:00am here at the Harbor United Methodist Church. For those who want to send their sympathy cards to her family, here are the addresses of her two children: *Karen Eadie, 375 Chestnut Street, Hudson, MA 01749 and/or Inger Thurson, 817 Woodlands Way, Abington, MA 02351*. Nancy Thurson's heart ~ even in death ~ was attached to her church family and friends. She served faithfully in Her Church. Therefore, she made it clear that in lieu of flowers, all contributions in her memory should be made to her church, The Harbor United Methodist Church, 55 First Parish Road, Scituate, MA 02066. I pray that we can all gather on that day to celebrate the life of one of the leading woman in faith ~ Nancy Thurson. Directly after the service, there will a collation in Bruce Hall to celebrate her life, where the family will generally meet and fellowship with all the people in attendance. See you in church this Sunday.

God Bless,
Pastor Abi

Dear Church Members,

We are looking for someone who can volunteer to lead our Finance Team. Please find both the roles of the chairperson and the team below. Prayerfully consider this and talk to me.

Responsibilities of the Finance Chairperson

1. The finance chair works with the leadership team chair, the church staff, and other ministry leaders to fulfill the mission of the church. The finance chair also works with the trustees to handle designated gifts and bequests in accordance with The Book of Discipline.
2. This person will guide the work of the finance team through the year, including planning agendas and presiding at meetings and planning for the stewardship campaign including pledges, tithes and offerings.
3. This leader will gather all budget requests to be reviewed by the committee, which also include the Lay Leader, treasurer and the financial secretary, and ensure that the congregation and pastor are informed about the church's financial situation, and recommend to the church council any changes that need to be made in the budget after it has been approved.
4. This leader is accountable to the charge conference through the church council or leadership team.
5. He or she will work with a committee of three to six people. Please see the role of the committee below.
6. The chair should write a financial article in the eConnect to inspire people to give.

Responsibilities of the Team

1. The finance team annually compiles a budget for supporting the mission and vision of our church and submits the budget to the church leadership team for review and adoption. During the year, the finance team recommends any changes to the approved annual budget to the church leadership team.
2. This team is responsible for developing and carrying out plans to raise enough income to support the budget that has been approved.
3. Both the finance team and individual members need to engage in spiritual practices that attend to God's will and direction. Team members need to hold one another accountable for decisions and actions that fulfill the mission and vision of the church.
4. The finance team recommends to the church leadership team proper depositories for church funds and carries out the church leadership team's directions about administration and disbursement of funds and about procedures for the church treasurer and the financial secretary.
5. There are three tasks not specifically assigned to the treasurer, financial secretary, or the chairperson of the team on finance by the Discipline. Keeping these responsibilities separate is essential in maintaining segregation of duties.

These tasks are: (1) approving payments for expenditures; (2) signing checks; (3) reconciling bank accounts. While the treasurer, financial secretary, or finance chairperson may be authorized to do any one of these tasks, no person should be authorized to do more than one. No persons related to one another should perform any two or more of these three tasks.

6. This team arranges for an annual audit of financial records and makes a report of this audit to the charge conference.
7. The finance team has the responsibility for sharing with disciples a biblical understanding of abundance and generosity and stewardship of all resources.
8. The finance leaders of the church are accountable to the charge conference through the church council.
9. New language was added to the 2016 Book of Discipline that expands/clarifies the responsibilities of the pastor about giving. Paragraph 340.2.c. (2)(c) now reads: "To provide leadership for the funding ministry of the congregation. To ensure membership care including compliance with charitable giving documentation requirements and to provide appropriate pastoral care, the pastor, in cooperation with the financial secretary, shall have access to and responsibility for professional stewardship of congregational giving records."

Thank You so much,

Pastor Abi for Nominations Committee



Announcements

1. **"Maura's Hopeful Mission"** is being supported by our own **HUMC Missions Team !!**
Adult Coat Drive, as well as Gloves, Hats, Mittens, Scarves + Blankets for the Boston Homeless

You are invited to bring in these items and place them in the designated collection basket. Please take a good look at your closets. This week's weather is brutal. You may also donate \$ for hand warmers. We'll be collecting through **Friday, January 12th**. On Saturday the 13th the donated items will be sorted by volunteers at the First Trinitarian Church in preparation for the next trip to the city. For more info, call Nancy Antoniello (545-7031) or Lisa Ryan (508-277-8573).

2. **Scituate Food Pantry:** is open!



Food Pantry hours: TUESDAY: 10am-12:45pm for clients (9am-1pm for donations)
THURSDAY: 3:30-5:30pm for clients (3:30-6pm for donations)

Isaiah 58:10-12 Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.

3. **Women's Bible Study:** We'll meet again next Tuesday, January 23rd. For more information, contact Chris Longman at (clong350@yahoo.com) or (text or call) 517-404-6816.
4. Please start thinking about the **Scituate Historical Society's Annual Turkey Dinner** here at HUMC on Saturday, February 10th. They're already selling tickets at the Little Red Schoolhouse.
5. Judy Ward will be organizing the collation following Nancy Thurson's service.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Please lift the following in prayer, that they may be strengthened, guided, and healed.
If there are other prayer concerns that you wish to have on the Prayer Chain,
please contact Alice Hamer at 781-545-4112 or

Kerry Renzi at 508-513-7193 or kerryrenzi@yahoo.com or Mary Voelger at 781-545-9000 or at
zackzipp@aol.com Updated information is appreciated.

*“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests
With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.” (Ephesians 6:18)*

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank you for all your prayers and positive thoughts! Wendy Murphy is working on her continued recovery (from a fall off a horse). * Many thanks for all the “hands and feet” who helped Lee restore her home, following the fire and flooded basement. * For bone-chilling cold weather that will hopefully kill a lot of cold and flu germs! And a warmer upcoming week to warm us up ! God is Good All the Time !!

Prayers for those fighting cancer: Janet, friend of Dot Harris’s, has a fast-moving type of brain cancer ~ prayers for her and her Family. Paul Finnigan ... prostate cancer Ellen Hayes Cindy McCall
Dianne ... friend of Jan Hawver Gary Stohler ... pancreatic cancer Dan ... prostate
For Brian ... prayers for good news after Pet Scan George Neat ... prayers for good results after radiation
Parker Sullivan, young boy fighting leukemia, responding well to treatment, prayers for continued success
Amanda ... ovarian cancer and recovering from surgery related to the cancer.

Prayers of the People: For comfort and peace for all of Nancy Thurson’s Family and friends as we acknowledge the huge void her passing has left in our hearts. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at the church on Saturday, January 27 at 11:00am. * For Julianna, that she will be able to put her life together and will know God is the one leading, guiding and protecting her. Prayers also that she will find meaningful work to do, quickly. * Healing prayers for Skye McCall after hip surgery, and for Bill and Colleen as they help. * Healing prayers for Michael Voelger (father) who’s in ICU with sepsis. * For Jane and Wally’s son Charles who is suffering from shingles that are near his eye. * Special hugs and prayers for Grace. Surround her in your loving embrace. * Prayers for Lila Sparrell, that she has good news in the results from her testing. * Prayers that Donald J. Trump would have a strong relationship with God. That God will strengthen his relationship with his wife and family and that God will give him wisdom for where God has placed him. * For Joanne M. for strength in dealing with lung cancer and finding a new treatment that might work. * Prayers for Carolyn Harbour who’s home with oxygen and visiting nurses. * Prayers for the people of Zimbabwe. May God watch over them and bring them peace and safety. * Prayers for Pastor Abi and Sheillah’s daughter who’s expecting and is on bed rest until she delivers (due in March). * Prayers for Jacob Apprille who has a rare blood disease and surgery. * Prayers for Meredith. * Prayers for Christine Lovering (Tommy’s grandmother) that her mobility improves with exercises at home. * Prayers for Tina’s sister and her niece Kylie, going through a difficult time. * Prayers for Wendy Murphy’s continued recovery. * Prayers of patience for Coni Wessman while she awaits surgery early next month. * Prayers for Peggy’s brother who’s having health issues and going through a difficult time. * Prayers for Janet Simon who has on-going health problems and is now at Spaulding Rehab. * Prayers for Grace Longman who’d love cards and notes from all of us: Worcester Recovery Center, Unit E2~Grace Longman, 309 Belmont Street, Worcester, MA 01604. Please keep her in your prayers going forward. May God work miracles on her behalf. * Prayers for Joey ~ may he feel God’s love and accept help so that he may enjoy a long and happy life. * Prayers for Kerry, Joey’s mom, for strength, patience, and especially God’s guidance.

Please continue to keep the following in your prayers for healing and strength as they continue to recover at home or in a facility: Kay Spurr, Debbie Zenallis, Peggy’s sister Claire, Hope Crowell, and Sue Hands.

Also continued prayers for: Chanda and Family for Pastor Abi’s sister Rumbi... for Chris McNally that his newest meds continue to work as well as they have thus far.

For all in nursing care: Charlie Antoniello, Lucy Morris, Martha Rotchford, Evelyn Murphy, Joe Rota, and all others. Please bless them with comfort and peace. Grant that their caregivers are kind, compassionate, and very well trained.

Blessings on all the men and women in the service of our country and for healthcare workers everywhere.
* Please bless Pastor Abi and his family. Bless our church with continued growth both in congregants and financially..... and blessings on all in our Church Family.

