



THE HARBOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Harbor UMC Family and Friends,

I hope I find you well. I am writing to let you know that our church is well and alive! Great and exciting things are happening at the Harbor UMC. Sunday April 29th Dianne Thompson and our mission committee members organized a Human Trafficking information meeting held after the worship service in Bruce Hall. The meeting was well-attended. The presenters helped us understand that human trafficking is taking place in our own backyard. We were made aware that human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery and occurs in every state in America. We were all surprised to learn that every year ~ men, women and children fall into the hands of traffickers, both in America and abroad. Almost every country in the world is affected by trafficking, whether as a country of origin, transit or destination for victims. Dianne Thomson and Nancy Antoniello we are so grateful for bringing this wealth of information to our church. We truly appreciate how the mission committee is galvanizing our church to do God's work.

This last Saturday, May 5th **six** of our church members attended the Fresh Expressions Vision Day, which was organized by our District at the Crawford United Methodist Church in Winchester, MA. I am happy to report that our church had the highest number of people at this meeting! We learned a lot about fresh expressions which is a form of church for our changing culture, established primarily for the benefit of people who are not yet members of any church (which) will come into being through principles of listening, service, incarnational mission and making disciples (and) will have the potential to become a mature expression of church. Those who represented our church were Tina Gruner, Nancy Antoniello, Sheillah Moyo, Ed Meade, Chris Longman and, yours truly, Pastor Abi Moyo. I hope those who attended the training can help our church to begin fresh expression meetings here at Harbor UMC. We want all those who represented us to know that we are grateful for putting our church on the district map.

I am sure most of you by now are aware that the old furnace in Bruce Hall had broken down and that a replacement furnace would cost \$6,800. I am happy to announce to you that so far we have received donations totaling \$6,053, which means we only need \$747 to reach our goal! THANK YOU to Judy Ward and Mike Hamer and all the Board of Trustees Committee members who led the Furnace Fund drive. I have faith that this Sunday, May 13th with your help, we will be on our way to reach our goal. The financial support has been received from both members and friends of the Harbor United Methodist. I hope you will be in church this Sunday to celebrate reaching our furnace fund goal. Do not forget that this Sunday is Mother's Day! It is another opportunity to express to God our thanks for the gift of our mothers. There are two other items that I want to lift to your attention today. *First*, on Sunday, June 10th at 10.30am we are thrilled to be hosting again Rev. Dr. David Abbott, the director of the New England Foundation who's an expert

in keeping churches financially healthy. During coffee fellowship, Rev. Abbott will be joining us to answer some of our questions. The *second* thing is to thank all our church volunteers ~ most of whom work behind the scene. What makes Harbor an exciting place these days is how people are learning to put their differences aside and work together in love and unity. May we not forget that no single person can catalyze a movement and change the narrative of the community or city. God is calling us to work together to see spiritual, cultural and social renewal taking place in our church or town.

Happy Mothers' Day to all the women in our church! Come and thank God for your mother. Sheillah and I thank God for our son TK who is graduating this weekend with a degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Maine. We thank God for such a Mothers' Day gift to Sheillah!

Love in Him,
Pastor Abi



Announcements

1. **Annual United States Post Office Food Drive THIS SATURDAY, May 12th**
Please be as generous as you can for our Scituate Food Pantry. Leave your bag of donated food in/on your mailbox for the mail carrier pick-up.



2. **Women's Bible Study:** We'll meet again next Tuesday, May 15. For more information, contact Chris Longman at (clong350@yahoo.com) or (text or call) 517-404-6816.

3. **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)

The immediate needs are: **Spaghetti Sauce** **Flavored Rice,**
Coffee – Ground & Instant – Regular & Decaf **64 oz. Juice**
Jello **Pudding Box mixes** **Ketchup, Mayo**

Any and all sizes of donated items are needed; larger sizes are appreciated by larger families.
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.

4. On **Sunday, June 10th** Dr. David Abbott, the director of the New England Foundation, will preach about keeping churches financially healthy. During coffee fellowship, he'll be available to answer some of our questions.
5. **October 6, 2018:** The Bishops District Day with pastors and all church leaders in our churches. Location TBA. Please ~ all leaders mark your calendars!



May 9 Amber Rinehart
12 Lisa Moura
13 Joanne McNally
23 Frank Longman
25 Jillian Sincoski

June 1 Ashley Avila
4 O'Keefe's Anniversary
9 Tom Murphy
10 Dave Evans
Janet Ryan
13 Katelynn Sullivan
16 Alan & Cindy's
Anniversary

Please let me know your birthday. We'd love to celebrate YOUR day!

A great big “Thank You” goes out to our church family for your caring spirit with regard to missions! During the past few weeks, a great number of you have been involved with:

- the Human Trafficking presentation organized by Diane Thompson.
- the assembling of 1000 Food Pantry info bags for distribution by the postal service under the leadership of Alice and Mike Hamer.
- the contributions to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) offering.

On this coming Saturday, May 12, Scituate residents may use the Food Pantry bag and envelope to make donation of food or money. Even in our blessed town, the needs exist...

The happy news about the UMCOR offering is that we received \$285! Offering envelopes are still available should anyone wish to make a contribution on this coming Sunday.

Well, we knew it was only a matter of time...

The old furnace that powered Bruce Hall has been replaced by Anderson Fuel and it's warm inside! Thank God! So far, donations total \$6,053 which means we only need \$747 to reach the \$6800 cost! Many thanks to all who have donated. We're almost there!



**Thank you,
Anderson
Fuel!**





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: For the glorious spring weather we have been having, giving all of us a chance to enjoy God's amazing creations. * Thanks and praise for Judy Ward who stepped up (again) to teach our children while Sue and family were in Florida for a family celebration. * Please remember our Food Pantry and the bags provided by the USPS for filling and then pick-up by your mail carrier this Saturday, May 12th. Thank You.... * Praise God for He is Good!

Prayers for those fighting cancer: For James Grande who's been diagnosed with several types of cancer ... prayers for strength and comfort. Cindy McCall Ellen Hayes
For Gary Thompson ... fighting colon cancer ... having severe side effects from his treatments ... prayers for strength, comfort and healing. For Barbara Crowley who is in treatment for lymphoma
For Lila Sparrell who has just completed her 2nd course of treatment for bone cancer ~ prayers for good results. For Joanne M. for strength in dealing with lung cancer and finding a new treatment that may work.
Prayers please for Brian who is in the midst of 8 months of daily chemotherapy and weekly injections.
Dan, fighting prostate cancer Dianne ... friend of Jan Hawver Paul Finnigan ... prostate cancer
Parker Sullivan, a young boy who is responding well to treatment in his fight against leukemia
George Neat ... prostate cancer in remission ~ now having lung issues
Janet, friend of Dot Harris, has a fast-moving type of brain cancer ~ prayers for her and her Family.

Prayers of the People: .Prayers for travel mercies as Pastor Abi and Sheillah go to Maine for their son TK's graduation on May 14th. * For Mike Voelger as he had a defibrillator placed in his heart on Monday, May 7th. Prayers for a quick and complete recovery. * Prayers for Mike Davies who is seeing a cardiologist today, Thursday the 10th. * For the family and friends of Emily Robinson's sister, Catherine Murphy Whitcomb who passed into the arms of her Lord this past week, in Florida. Emily was blessed to be with her at that time. * Prayers for Mela ... quick recovery and all the care she needs. * Please keep John S. in your prayers as he faces thyroid surgery tomorrow, Friday the 11th. Prayers for successful surgery with no complications, quick and complete recovery. * For Tom Watson who has become very ill while on vacation in Florida. He has already been in the hospital for more than 2 weeks and doctors say it could be months before he is better. Cards can be sent to: Tom Watson c/o Mary L. Murphy, 4080 Ironwood Circle #207C, Bradenton, FL 34209. Prayers for healing, comfort, strength for Tom and prayers for Liz as she watches over Tom. * For Jane Hollis's sister, Lorrie who has had a bad fall, broken pelvis. She is now in rehab and will have a long difficult recovery. Prayers, please, for comfort, strength and healing. * For Carolyn Harbour who is enjoying a two-month visit with her son Larry and his family. Also prayers for good health while there in Virginia and traveling. * For the peace of Jerusalem. * Prayers of healing for Harvey after his surgery. * Prayers for Charlotte's grandson Declan who is ill. * Prayers for Elizabeth Flaherty who is suffering from vertigo. * Prayers for Ann's friend, Fred Buckley who's "... pain is fairly under control, but there are so many other things that go awry. Keeping it together somehow. REALLY appreciate your thoughts and prayers!"

Please continue to keep the following in your prayers for healing and strength as they continue to recover at home or in a facility: Coni Wessman, Grace Longman, Joey Renzi, Carolyn Harbour, Ann's friend Peg McDonald, Wendy Murphy, and Sue Hands.

For all in nursing care: Peggy's sister Claire, Lucy Morris, Evelyn Murphy, and all others. Please bless them with comfort and peace. Grant that their caregivers are kind, compassionate, and very well trained.

