



THE HARBOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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From the Desk of the Pastor

Do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

(Joshua 1:9)

Dear Church Family and Friends,

I do not know if I can ever say thank you enough to you all for working hard and sacrificing your time and resources to help move our church forward. You mean the world to this church, to your God and to me. You are serving your church community and the world with compassion and generosity. If it was not for you, we could not be doing all the things we are doing today. Think of the just ended fund-raisers and mission activities such as:

- The recycling center led by Judy Ward, which raised \$4,279.00. Thanks, Judy!
- The Operational Christmas Child/Samaritan's Purse, led by Nancy Antonello, together we filled 23 shoe boxes with Christmas presents, to ensure smiling faces on Christmas day to children who rarely receive gifts on Christmas because of living in poverty.
- The Food Pantry Thanksgiving In-Gathering led by Alice Hamer. The congregation was able to fill many bags with food for our Local mission.
- The Indoors Yard sale led by Susan Lovering: A huge thank you to everyone who supported the 2018 HUMC Indoors Yard Sale effort, and all those who donated stuff and volunteered their time to help. Thank You! It was announced in church this last Sunday that we were able to raise \$2,000.00.
- May we also not forget the Thanksgiving Dinner, where we opened our doors to the community. The dinner was organized by Tina Gruner, and we/the guests thank you!

All the events above are evidence of your love for your church and God. True love cannot be hidden. It is expressed in words and actions as most of you in our church are doing. It is not enough to sing and say that you love God; you must also put action to it. **John 3:16** says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life." Often times I meet people who claim to love God, but their words and especially their actions say otherwise. True love is not self-seeking, it desires to please whom it loves. If we love God, we will long to do what pleases him all the time. How will God know that we truly love him if we are not showing it? I cannot wait to see you in church this Sunday! Amen!

Love in Him.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Abi Moyo".

Pastor Abi

Called to Serve ~ not to be Served (Matthew 20:28)



Announcements

1. **From the Missions Corner:** Tuesday, November 12, **twenty three Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes were delivered to the first collection center as they are processed to be delivered to their recipients. As we read this, they have been trucked to Baltimore to be prepared for ships, planes, camels, etc. (Just imagine it!) Not only did you fill 23 boxes, you also paid to ship them to whomever they are intended. Each one of these gifts brings an opportunity to share the love of our savior, Jesus Christ. That's the big goal.

To our **Mrs. Lovering** and the **Sunday School** children who assembled 11 boxes: Awesome job! The cards you made to go in each box were great! Do you know that you have wonderful mission minded hearts? As well, big thanks to everyone who contributed to our Sunday School for this part of the mission project. It takes a team!

Great job, **Carol Spahn**, for your caring oversight. Thanks to all our church family. Let's continue to pray for these Christmas gifts to accomplish the intended goal.

More Wonderful News: Our church family did a lovely job filling Thanksgiving bags for the Scituate Food Pantry! Blessings to **Alice Hamer**, our church representative ...also to **Mike** who does so much behind the scenes. Our Sunday School decorated the bags first and then you folks filled them with seasonal food. The pantry was humming with distributions last week as the needs are great.

Let's keep the Pantry in our prayer sights as we move forward. We are blessed to receive updates from Alice as well as here in the eConnect.

2. **November** is our month to provide a volunteer to assist when the Food Pantry is open. There is one (1) shift still available on Tuesday morning. Questions? See Alice. Thank you!
3. **Women's Bible Study** continues every other Wednesday at 6:00 pm. The next meeting is on November 28th, and we will continue through spring. Each week is a stand-alone study, so please join us when you are able ~ and bring a friend! Call or text Chris Longman at 517-404-6816. *"I look forward to learning and growing in faith with each of you!"*
4. **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: **Small Canned Hams** **Large Bottles of Fruit Juice**
Healthy School Snacks / Granola Bars **Juice Boxes** **Coffee (all kinds)**

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

Matthew 25:35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me...



Nov 24 Anthony Antoniello
27 Christopher Dean
28 Jackson Fitzgerald
Dec 4 Inga Freya Voelger

Dec 9 Micaela Lovering
16 Nancy Sincoski
16 Joan Nahigian
16 Alex McKinley

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





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 all who were able to help at the Food Pantry stocking all the gifts from the In-Gathering. There is still one slot open for help next Tuesday the 27th. * For a great “Indoor Yard Sale, etc.” on the 19th. \$2000.00 for our church. Praise the Lord!

Prayers for those fighting cancer: For Dr. Anne-Marie Fields, Nancy and Anthony’s niece who is fighting cancer ... prayers for healing and strength. * For Charlie (he works with Peggy’s son) who has testicular cancer ... prayers for strength, comfort and healing. * For Laura who has received her fourth round of chemo ... prayers for comfort, strength, and healing. * For Rev. Pamela Barz, minister of the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, had surgery to remove cancer ~ prayers for healing and strength. * For John Reilly ... please keep John in your prayers for comfort, strength, and healing. * For David A. Wheelwright ... continued healing. * For Barbara Crowley who is in treatment for lymphoma ~ continued prayers for healing and strength. * For Gary Thompson ... fighting colon cancer that has spread to his liver ... continued prayers for healing and comfort. * For Lila Sparrell who has bone cancer ~ prayers for strength, comfort and healing. * For Cindy McCall. * For Ellen Hayes. * For Joanne M. for strength in dealing with lung cancer and finding a new treatment that may work. * Prayers please for Brian who will need chemotherapy for the rest of his life ... it will be periodically interrupted with steroid treatments, which make Brian cranky ... prayers for patience all around. * Parker Sullivan, a young boy who is responding well to treatment in his fight against leukemia. * For Paul Finnigan ... prostate cancer. * George Neat ... prostate cancer in remission ~ now having lung issues

Prayers of the People: Prayers please for the family and friends of James R. Grande, whom we’ve been praying for, passed into the arms of our Lord last Tuesday morning the 20th. He was the father-in-law of Mike Voelger, Mary’s son. * For Barbara who’s in the hospital. Wisdom for the doctors in knowing how to treat her. Prayers for her husband Harvey, for strength and courage in dealing with the love of his life being ill. Wisdom to know how to “be there” for her. * For Miss Franny’s day surgery, that recovery is swift and complication-free. * For the family and friends of Marie M. Mitchell who entered into heaven on Wednesday the 21st after a long illness. * For all those stuck in addictive behaviors (especially Jack), that Jesus’ healing power will help them find their way out. * For all who have been left homeless and worse by the raging fires in California. For those who put themselves in danger trying to control the spread of the fire. * For Bob Richards’ Mom, that God’s love reigns supreme in their relationship. * For Charlie’s son. * For Richard and Pam who were in a car accident and their daughter, Kim. * For our Gracie who is having a rough go right now. * For 6-week old Austin who’s been diagnosed with epilepsy following seizures ~ please pray for his parents and grandparents (Ann’s cousin Marcy and Warren). * For the families of those killed and injured in the attack in the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. * Prayers for Murray for healing and salvation. * Prayers for Mel. * Prayers for everyone affected by the gas explosion fires. * Prayers for Gerard Sheehan, please. * For the peace of Jerusalem.

Please continue to keep the following in your prayers for healing and strength as they continue to recover at home or in a facility: Dan Spahn, Ruthee Burris, Declan, Charlotte’s grandson, Grace Longman, Joey Renzi, “Mr. B” following knee replacement, Wendy Murphy, and Sue Hands.



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