



THE HARBOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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From the Desk of the Pastor

Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing.

Instead, let us encourage one another all the more...

(Hebrews 10: 25)

My Dear Family of the Harbor UMC,

This coming Sunday, October 7th, congregations around the globe will celebrate World Communion Sunday. Most of us have heard about World Communion Sunday but may not know much about it. It began in 1936 in the Presbyterian Church. Since then, the celebration has grown into an international ecumenical celebration of Christian unity. It is another way the Lord calls us to connect with the world and with each other. In any community, being involved in the work of God with others is very important, because what you get out of it is directly related to what you put into it. You will be so much more fulfilled when you move from sitting on the sidelines to getting actively involved in the many activities and life of your church. God is calling all of us to get involved. Therefore, this Sunday we will all get involved in celebrating the almost universal Christian practice of breaking bread with one another. We will also be remembering both the night of Jesus' betrayal, when he instituted what we now call the Lord's Supper as a lasting remembrance ~ of both his life and sacrifice for the world. I hope you can be there this Sunday morning as we lift up the bread and the cup together for the world and the glory of the name of Jesus.

May you also not forget that this October is our month at the bottle and can redemption center. Please sign up on the calendar in the Bruce Hall to help at the transfer station. You can also call or talk to Judy Ward. Do not forget that this project is important for our church, as it is one of our major fundraisers. I hope you can help so that the burden is not on the shoulders of just a few people.

I also hope to see you next Wednesday, October 10th at 7:00pm in the church for the Church Conference with our District Superintendent, Rev. We H. Chang. Everyone is invited to attend. The SPRC will meet with the DS from 6-7pm. See you next Wednesday in church at the conference at 7.00pm! For anyone who can make it this Saturday, October 6th the Bishop is meeting with both clergy and laity at the Community United Methodist Church, 493 Lincoln Ave, Saugus, MA 01906.

Love in Him,

Pastor Abi

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



Announcements


- Bishops Day in the District is Saturday, October 6th.** Location TBA and will be announced by the DS soon. I hope a good number of people from our church can attend.
- Church Conference on October 10th at 7:00 pm.** The District Superintendent Rev. We Chung will begin by visiting the pastor and his family at the parsonage at 5:00pm. He will then meet with the Staff-Parish Relations Committee at 6:00pm at the church. The Church Conference meeting begins at 7:00pm. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.
ALL committee chairpersons should begin now writing their reports for the Conference. Please give them to Pastor Abi NOW please.
- October Dessert Bakers** are needed for the 4 Thursday senior lunches at the Congo Church. See the sign-up sheet in Bruce Hall or speak with Mary Voelger.
- Bottle and Can Redemption** at the Transfer Station is beginning soon. See the October calendar in Bruce Hall to sign-up for this important fundraiser or speak with Judy Ward.
- Women's Bible Study** is starting up! Please speak to Chris Longman (clong350@yahoo.com or 517-404-6816 with your preferred day and time.
- 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...

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Please join the Mission team as we read and discuss the book **REFUSE TO DO NOTHING** by Shayne Moore and Kimberly McOwen Yim. It is a study on finding our power to abolish modern day slavery. Books have been ordered, with the opportunity for more sign-ups. Day and time to be announced. See Dianne to sign-up..
~ Dianne Thompson and the Mission Team



Oct 4	Kimberley Elliott	24	Kayla Pintarelli
	Bryan Pretzer	26	Michael Sheehan
5	Nathan Sharpe		Ella Sharpe
6	Parker Ryan	27	Bill Rhodes
14	Wally Hollis	Nov 5	Pastor Abi
21	Ed Meade		Kiera & Siobhan Reidy

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 a weekend of glorious autumn weather * For the gift from R&C Farms that will allow us to fill bags with treats for the homeless on Halloween. * For the reminders of how we are all connected to God and each other. * Thanks for travel mercies for Ann and Patrick returning from a visit with her cousin Tommy who had hip surgery and an ablation procedure for A-fib. Both were successful. Thank you to prayer warriors!

Prayers for those fighting cancer: For Charlie (he works with Peggy's son) who has testicular cancer ... prayers for strength, comfort and healing. For Laura who just received her second chemo treatment ... prayers for comfort and healing. For Rev. Pamela Barz, minister of the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, had surgery to remove cancer ~ future treatment unknown ~ prayers for healing and strength For John Reilly diagnosed with prostate cancer ... surgery scheduled for October 10th ... comfort, strength, successful surgery and healing. For James Grande who has esophageal cancer ... prayers for strength and comfort. For Cindy McCall For Ellen Hayes For Barbara Crowley who is in treatment for lymphoma For Gary Thompson ... fighting colon cancer ... no longer in treatment, his choice ... prayers for healing and comfort. For Lila Sparrell who has bone cancer ~ prayers for strength, comfort and healing. 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 Dan's prostate cancer is in remission. Continued prayers as he struggles with the residual effects of the chemotherapy For 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

Prayers of the People: Prayers for safe travel for all who came last weekend for Skye's wedding. And for blessings on Skye and TJay on their wedding celebration last Sunday and ever after. * Prayers for Dr. Ford and Judge Kavanaugh. * Prayers for Murray for healing and salvation. * Safety for Francina as she visits Nicaragua and her sister Dorothy. Please also bring her home safely to us. * Prayers for Mel. * Prayers for Barbara, that the biopsy proves negative. * Prayers for everyone affected by the gas explosion fires. * Prayers for all those dealing with the flooding in North and South Carolina. * Prayers for Gerard Sheehan, please. * Prayers continue to keep Liz Watson and family in your prayers. * Prayers for Linda L. who suffered a heart attack and is now at South Shore Rehab. * For the peace of Jerusalem. * Prayers for Charlotte's grandson Declan who is ill.

Please continue to keep the following in your prayers for healing and strength as they continue to recover at home or in a facility: Alice Hamer, Shirley Lynam, Grace Longman, Joey Renzi, Ann's friend Peg McDonald, Don White, Wendy Murphy, and Sue Hands.

For all in nursing care: Ruthee Burris, 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.

