



## THE HARBOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*October 31 ~ November 7, 2018*

### 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 Members and Friends:

The service last Sunday was a very joyous and inspiring one with the Dedication of my granddaughter Maita Khloe Kangai, the choral group from Zimbabwe enlivening the gathering, and Bishop Bawa's excellent sermon. I hope we can continue with such celebratory services every so often. This next Sunday is the All Saints' Sunday. We will be celebrating some of the saints who passed away to be with the Lord this year. Their names will be read aloud or said by their loved ones, and the sermon title for All Saints' Sunday will be: "Saints Were People Just Like Us!" Some of the folks we will be remembering this Sunday worked hard to make this church what it is today. This is also the same week that we will begin our "Stewardship Campaign for 2019." Our church has ministered faithfully in this community since 1825 when the first Methodist Society was organized. In 1866, the present building lot, where our church stands today on First Parish Road, was purchased for two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225.00).

The church was built and dedicated in 1868. If my research and math are correct, this means that our church has served this community for 193 years. We thank God for those gathered here today, as well as those who have gone to be with the Lord, who gave themselves to the Lord ~ year after year ~ not out of duty, obligation, guilt or fear ~~~ but out of love. Thank God that the church is still here, still strong in faith, because generations of members have supported its mission with generous gifts of gratitude and joy, doing God's work here on earth. Now my brothers and sisters, it is up to us to keep the mission and the fire going. May we all because of this church continue to grow in worship, fellowship, small groups, mission opportunities and more? We are growing in missions for Jesus Christ and for our extended family here on earth. Your generous gift will continue to build the web of caring and community for all. So when you receive your Pledge / Tithe letter this week or next, please "count your blessings," search your heart, and consider increasing your pledge for 2019. Our new Finance Chairperson **Wayne Thompson** is coordinating Consecration Sunday on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Try to make November a month of prayer, as we prepare the way of the Lord. Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing from the Finance Team and some special, deeply personal messages from members of our church family who feel blessed to be among us. Please use this time to reflect on the many ways you count yourself blessed and then give gratefully, generously, and joyfully in support of our mission in 2019. God has given us another chance to turn the corner. I will be happy to see you in church again this week. May the Lord bless you!

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Moyo".

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



## Announcements

1. **Women's Bible Study** continues every other Wednesday at 6:00 pm. The next meeting is on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 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!"*



### Operation Christmas Child

Shoebboxes are due back this Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. They need to be returned along with the paperwork and \$9 per box for shipping and the evangelical ministry guide. Thanks and blessings to all who have participated. ~ Missions Committee

3. We have begun our annual **Thanksgiving In-Gathering for the Food Pantry**. Bags decorated by the Sunday School children were distributed last Sunday. Those bags (and any others) are due back to the church on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks for continuing this tradition. **November** is our month to provide a volunteer to assist when the Food Pantry is open. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in Bruce Hall for those who wish to take the opportunity to serve on either a Tuesday morning or a Thursday afternoon. Questions? See Alice. Thank you!
4. **Bottle and Can Redemption** at the Transfer Station is OVER! A big round of applause please for Judy Ward who single-handedly organized and staffed this important fundraiser for the church. And kudos to the many industrious helpers who sorted, bagged, toted, counted, drove, and ran all over 3A picking up the runaways! The monthly total was **\$4279+** the ones donated throughout the year so look for the final amount soon. Judy was able to secure July 2019 for the church so rest up for now...
5. **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...*

6.  Please join the Mission team as we read and discuss the book **REFUSE TO DO NOTHING** by Shayne Moore and Kimberly McOwen Yim. It's a study on finding our power to abolish modern day slavery. We'll meet on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm at the church with our observations and suggestions. ~ Dianne Thompson

7. **HUMC Bakers** did it again! We provided yummy desserts for the Thursday senior lunches at the Congo Church. THANK YOU so much!



<b>Nov 5</b>	Pastor Abi Kiera Reidy Siobhan Reidy	<b>Nov 20</b>	Diane Evans Stephen Smith
7	Warren McClanahan	22	Rebecca Jane Hollis
17	Tyler Shannon	24	Anthony Antonello
19	Tommy Lovering	27	Christopher Dean
		28	Jackson Fitzgerald

*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](mailto:kerryrenzi@yahoo.com) or Mary Voelger at 781-545-9000 or at  
[zackzipp@aol.com](mailto: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:** To have Francina home and with us for worship on Sunday along with Barbara Crowley. Barbara is doing well, feeling well and settled into her new “digs” in Kingston. \* To add to the celebration, we had the pleasure of the Zimbabwe Choir and Bishop Emmanuel Bawa from Zimbabwe, as well as the Dedication of Maita Khloe Kangai, granddaughter of Pastor Abi and Sheillah. What a wonderful worship service it was ... and followed by a pot luck luncheon that was very well-attended and supported.  
\* God is Good All the Time; All the Time God is Good!

**Prayers for those fighting cancer:** For Dr. Anne-Marie Fields, Nancy and Anthony’s niece who is fighting cancer. \* For David A. Wheelwright ... surgery was successful ... continued 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 third round of chemo ... 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 ... please keep John in your prayers for comfort, strength, 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:** For the families of those killed and injured in the attack in the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. \* For Gene who is seriously ill and for his wife Jeannie as she cares for him. \* For Nancy and Bob Anweg’s infant grandsons, Ethan and Gabriel, who are in the NICU at South Shore Hospital ... prayers for healthy long lives. \* For all those affected by Hurricane Michael. \* Continued prayers for Tina Perkins the 53-year old mother of three with hereditary heart conditions ... prayers for her doctors to find help and answers, for healing and strength. \* Prayers for Mark who has the flu. \* Prayers for Murray for healing and salvation. \* 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 for Liz Watson and family. \* 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:** Ruthee Burris, Linda Lynch, Declan, Charlotte’s grandson, Alice Hamer, 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.



Prayers