

Historian's Notebook

by George Blanchard

I am writing this past the Voices deadline or I should say that I am copying it from an e-mail that I received. It is an interesting bit of American history, the title is -

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died.

Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned.

Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured.

Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War.

They signed and pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

What kind of men were they?

Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists.

Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated, but they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts and died in rags.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his

family constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished.

These patriots paid the price just as our servicemen overseas are today.

Remember: freedom is never free!

THE FOOD CUPBOARD NEEDS
CANNED MEATS & FISH
CANNED BEANS • SOUPS
MAC & CHEESE • PASTA & SAUCE
CEREAL • POWDERED MILK
CANNED FRUITS & VEGGIES
PEANUT BUTTER

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS



A BIG THANK YOU goes to all who have provided cold drinks and sweets following worship this summer!

Our regular coffee hour provided by teams has resumed after church each Sunday. We are looking for a volunteer to assist Miriam Montalvo, making 6 teams.

Additional volunteers are also welcome. The coffee, cream, juice, and paper products are supplied by the church. Your job includes starting the coffee, providing snacks, and to serve and clean up. With 6 teams, each team serves coffee once every 6 weeks. Call the church office if you would like further information. 508-752-3785.

**2009
HARVEST FESTIVAL
Heifer International
OCTOBER 3 & 4
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

*\$5.00 per person
children 12 & under free
a fee will be charged for
food and pumpkins.*

**OVERLOOK FARM
216 Wachusett St., Rutland, MA
www.heifer.org/overlook**



VNA CARE HOSPICE

Autumn Grief Support Group

A general support group for adults who are coping with the death of a loved one

When: Alternate Tuesday evenings beginning October 6, for six meetings (dates below)
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Location: United



**October 6 & 20
November 3 & 17
December 1 & 15**

There is no fee for participating

To register please call
Susan Tarantino,
800-521-5539 ext. 6657
or email starantino@vnacarenetwork.org.

SECOND SUNDAY



HEALING SERVICE In accord with one of our most ancient of Christian traditions, the Diaconate would

like to offer Healing Services on a regular basis. Immediately following worship on the second Sunday of the month, the pastor and a Deacon will be available to anoint and offer a brief prayer for those of you who would like to receive this healing blessing. It is our desire as pastor and as Deacons to provide for your spiritual needs.

**JAZZ Brunch Sundays
Music Festival**

**September 27
THE DICK ODGREN TRIO**

**October 4
WPI STAGE BAND**

on the lawn at United,
immediately following worship
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



Come and enjoy the
weather,
the music, and
the food
(rain or shine)

**FREE
Everyone is invited!!**

**WORCESTER INTERFAITH'S
4th ANNUAL BEGGAR'S BOWL**
Tuesday, October 20 5:30-7:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church
111 Park Ave.,
Worcester
Donation: \$50
fully tax deductible.



All are invited to come and enjoy a hearty, homemade soup served in a hand-thrown stoneware bowl that is yours to keep at the end of the evening. Sponsored by Worcester Interfaith. For tickets or more information, call Frank Kartheiser at 508-754-5001.

A NIGHT OF GOSPEL MUSIC

A fundraiser to benefit
AIDS Project Worcester

Friday, September 25
United Congregational Church

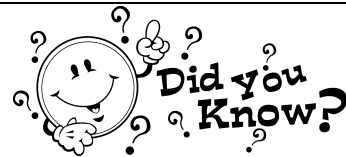


Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Program at 6:00 p.m.

Purchase tickets at
AIDS Project Worcester
85 Green Street,
Worcester, MA

Tickets are \$20 in advance and
\$25 at the door

For ticket information call 508-755-3773
or email info@aidsprojectworcester.org



**SEPTEMBER IS
HUNGER ACTION MONTH**

**Take a Tour of the
Worcester County Food Bank**

The Worcester County Food Bank conducts monthly community tours on the fourth Thursday of each month. Tours begin at 5:30 pm and last one hour. The tour provides an introduction to what the Food Bank does and informs the public on how they can help create a hunger-free community. Everyone is welcome - bring a friend, bring your children, bring a neighbor.

**COMMUNITY IMMUNITY
SEASONAL FLU VACCINATION DAY
FOR WORCESTER RESIDENTS**

Saturday, October 10
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Worcester Senior Center
129 Providence St., Worcester

No charge for vaccines

Sponsored by: Worcester Division of Public Health, Worcester Metropolitan Medical Response System, Worcester Regional Medical Reserve Corps, Worcester District Medical Society and its Alliance, University of Massachusetts Medical School, University of Massachusetts Graduate School of Nursing

**STRATEGIES FOR AN
EFFECTIVE JOB SEARCH**
October 17 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

\$20 (includes material and lunch)
All Saints Church

Corner of Pleasant & Irving Sts., Worcester
Topics include:

Developing an Effective Resume;
Successful Networking—Figuring out whom to approach; How to Succeed at Interviewing—Communicating your value to potential employers; and (woven through the day) Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction.

Facilitators include:

Career counselors, Terry Chapman Ph.D and Sam Davenport, and therapists Jennifer Berton Ph.D. and Ray Demers LCSW.

For more information, contact
Kevin Bean at 508-752-3766 x13 or
kevin@allsaintsw.org.

W A Y S (Workdays for Adults and Youth in Service) is the **Mission Travel Bureau** of the **Worcester Area Mission Society, UCC**. We are committed to creating an environment in which adults and youth may foster relationships while using a diversity of skills and talents to offer much needed services requested by local residents and area agencies.

Current Calendar

September 26, 2009

Central Massachusetts WAYS day
October 17

WAYS/MACUCC Youth Group
Workday in Central Mass.

October 9-12

Meeting Ground, Cecil County MD

January 2-9 & 9-16, 2010

MACUCC partner church in
Louisiana

March 6-14

La Romana, Dominican Republic

April 17-24

MACUCC partner church in
Louisiana

May 1

Central Massachusetts WAYS day
July 10-17

Native American Reservation,
Yakama Christian Mission, WA

July 24-29

Worcester Area Local Mission
Retreat

For more information, please call the
church office/508-752-3785



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Elizabeth Brown	2
Siobhan Petrella	6
Geraldine Hansen	
Barry Jones	7
Tim Wood8	
Richard Sisson	
Susan Hafner	13
Patricia Gibb	
Audrey White	
Marc Owanisian	16
Tristan O'Donnell	18
Dot Mason	
Audrey Simes	19
Ruth Evans	
John Petrella	
Ed Fenner, Jr.	21
Kevin Ebers	23
Kara Maki	26
Jolie Demers	27
Everett Wilcox Jr.	
Shirley Anderson	31

FIRST NIGHT PLANNING MEETING

United Congregational Church will be participating in Worcester's annual First Night celebration this New Year's Eve. The initial planning meeting for First Night will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 4th in the Robinson Room. Anyone interested in planning the menu for our church's food concession, or hosting the various entertainment events that will take place at United that night, should attend this meeting, or contact United's First Night Coordinator, Tim Camp, at 508-798-6997. Hope to see you there!



The GREEN ROOSTER CoffeeHouse

Doors open 7:30
All shows 8:00 p.m.
508-798-3010



**BE SURE TO WATCH
FOR AN EXCITING
NEW SEASON
STARTING IN OCTOBER!**

**Thanks for dropping in!
We always need volunteers.**

DID YOU KNOW? SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH

Volunteer needed!

Are you interested in learning basic nutrition and cooking skills? We are looking for a volunteer to attend Hands on Nutrition Workshops sponsored by the Worcester County Food Bank. Workshops will incorporate foods typically found at the Food Bank. Please contact Connie Stewart at 508-752-3785 for further information.