

United Voices Update

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AT A GLANCE...

UNITED EVENTS



- **ANNUAL FINANCIAL MEETING**
Sunday, February 22, after worship
- **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER**
February 24, 5:00 to 7:30 p.m., Robinson Room
- **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**
February 25, Noon and 6:30 p.m., Large Parlor
- **INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK**
Hosting Homeless Families March 8 – 15
- **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**
Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Small Parlor



March 21, 2009

Plan ahead for the

CHUCK & MUD

30th ANNIVERSARY SHOW

at the **Hanover Theatre** featuring

- the Hole in the Dam Band
- Riverbend
- Blackstone Valley Bluegrass Band
- Rick Porter

and many more surprise guests.

This is a benefit concert for
Chestnut Nursery School.

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22 After Worship**

Coming up!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper FEBRUARY 24

Don't cook on Fat Tuesday! Join us for an evening meal and fellowship in the Robinson Room from 5:00 to 7:30 pm. Pancakes and fixings will be served during the entire event, so stop in for an hour or a few minutes, as your schedule allows.



**Needed: Electric griddle pans
Cooking/set-up/clean-up help.**

For more information, please contact
Lisa Owanisian at 508 835-3502 or

lowanisian@charter.net.

Event sponsored by the
Parish Life and Education committee

I.H.N. HOSTING IN MARCH

United Congregational Church will be hosting homeless families for the Interfaith Hospitality Network the week of **March 8-15, 2009**.

Anyone wanting to find out more about our hosting can stop by the information/sign-up table in Robinson Room on Sundays, or call Hosting Co-Coordinator, Tim Camp, at 508-798-6997.



OUR PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Terry Fitzgerald is usually at the church Tuesday through Friday. She is also available evenings and Saturdays for appointments as needed. Monday is her day off. Her home phone number is 508-753-5867, e-mail: tfitz47@charter.net.

Please feel free to contact the Pastoral Relations Committee if you have any concerns, suggestions, or affirmations. Members of the Pastoral Relations Committee for the Rev. Dr. Terry Fitzgerald are:

Ray Gaspari Marcus McCorison
Peg Manoogian Stacey Mott

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
FEBRUARY 25
Noon and 6:30 p.m.
Large Parlor**



If you need to contact the church on Sunday morning, you may now leave a message on the church answering machine. Follow the instructions contained in the greeting to leave a message. The Sunday Host, Ed Bourgault, will be checking for messages frequently on Sunday mornings.

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



Feb 28 \$12	PLAIN FOLK – Worcester's best!
Mar 14 \$12	FISKE & HERRERA and ROB ADAMS
Mar 21	CHUCK & MUD – 30 th ANNIVERSARY SHOW AT THE HANOVER
Mar 28	DON WHITE AND THE LOOMERS
	Thanks for dropping in! We always need volunteers.

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE CHRIST CHILD!

The Pension Boards, and the United Church Board for Ministerial Assistance, write to THANK YOU and the members of your congregation for your support of the Annual United Church of Christ Christmas Fund Offering.

Gifts received by the Christmas Fund during calendar year 2008 totaled \$1,597,000. This sum represents the largest number of dollars ever raised for the ministry underwritten by the Fund in its 106 year history!

Approximately ninety-four cents of every dollar raised will become a direct gift to more than 1,500 retired and active clergy and lay employees in the United Church of Christ. The Christmas Fund provides for supplementation of small pensions, help in paying health benefit premiums, emergency grants and gifts at Christmas time to about 900 low-income retired clergy and lay employees.

During January 2009, there have been 26 requests for assistance. In past years we have received eight to nine requests a month. It is clear that the need is greater than ever and that we are fortunate to be part of a church whose members are so generous when it comes to supporting those who serve.

Again, a big THANK YOU! on behalf of all those who will benefit from your generosity during these economically challenging days.

Sincerely,

The Reverend Dr. M. Douglas Borko
 Director, Ministerial Assistance

2009 PANCAKES AT THE FARM
March 14 & 21 9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
Heifer International/Overlook Farm
216 Wachusett St., Rutland, MA

Observe the maple sugaring operation, tour the farm, and enjoy a hearty pancake breakfast with maple syrup and pork sausage.

Admission \$10.00, Children (3-10) \$5.00 (Under 2) free
Reservations are required 508-886-2221



VNA CARE HOSPICE
Spring 2009 Grief Support Group
 A general support group for adults
 who are coping with the death of a loved one

When: Alternate Tuesday evenings
 beginning February 17, 2009
 for seven meetings (dates below)

Time: 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Location: United Congregational Church, UCC



2009

February 17

March 3, 17, and 31

April 14 and 28

May 12

There is no fee for participating in this group
 New members accepted up until the 2nd or 3rd meeting

To register please call Susan Tarantino 800 521 5539 ext.
 5624 or email starantino@vnacarenetwork.org

AN AFTERNOON OF INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

Bringing people into harmony through better understanding of each other. Speakers from Buddhist, Jewish, Muslim and Christian traditions.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 4 – 6 p.m.

First Congregational Church of Sutton, Boston Rd. Sutton

Music by Emmanuel Baptist Church of Worcester

Child Care provided • Refreshments

Sponsored by the Millbury/Sutton Ecumenical Clergy Cluster

RSVP the Sutton church at 508-865-6914

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.

THE FOOD CUPBOARD NEEDS:

✓ ✓ ✓ PEANUT BUTTER ✓ ✓ ✓
 MAC & CHEESE • PASTA & SAUCE •
 POWDERED MILK
 SOUPS • CANNED FRUITS & VEGGIES • CEREAL

