

United Voices Update

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AT A GLANCE...



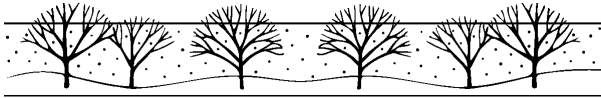
UNITED EVENTS

- **ANNUAL FINANCIAL MEETING AND VOTE ON THE FORMAL RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF MINISTRIES**

Sunday, February 7, after worship

- **BIBLE STUDY**

Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. – Small Parlor



RESURRECTION TEAM MEETING

The task of the Resurrection Team is to discern how United Congregational Church can best serve God in the years ahead. Some of the issues under consideration include staffing, possible changes in worship and mission and outreach to the larger community. Our fervent hope is to resurrect United as a vibrant growing community of faith that will have a positive influence in Worcester for a long time to come.

Team meetings will be held monthly in the Robinson room. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday January 17 following worship. All are invited to join us. For further information call co-chairpersons Tim Camp (508-798-6997) or Dorista Goldsberry (508-791-6169).

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.

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.

Please call the church office directly if you or a loved one is in the hospital. We recently learned that we are not always informed when a church member is hospitalized. We need you to help us as we try to respond to the needs of our members and friends.

DISCUSSING UNITED'S FUTURE

The first of two congregational meetings to provide information about our Board of Ministries' recommendation concerning the future of our congregation was held on Sunday, January 10 after worship. Forty-five members attended this meeting. A second meeting was held on Wednesday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m. These informational meetings provide members the opportunity to discuss details of the Board's proposal, the basics of which have been discussed at three previous informational meetings.

The formal recommendation will be sent out in a warrant before the **Annual Financial Congregational Meeting on February 7, 2010**. It will be presented for a vote during that meeting (which follows morning worship).

The recommendation of the Board of Ministries is essentially that:

1. United Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, 6 Institute Road, Worcester, MA donate all land and buildings, unencumbered (i.e., free of tenants and possessions) to Worcester Area Mission Society, UCC (WAMS).
2. United Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, 6 Institute Road, Worcester, MA, donate its endowment to the Worcester Area Mission Society, UCC (WAMS) minus \$500,000 to United Congregational Church (UCC); and minus expenses related to closure and transition of the building (including lawyers' fees, severance packages, cleaning, matters concerning Chestnut Street Nursery School and Kindergarten, and other related expenses).

Please come to the Annual Financial Congregational Meeting on February 7 in order to vote. If you need a ride to any upcoming meetings, please call the church office.

**BIBLE STUDY
WE MEET ON FRIDAY MORNINGS at 10:00 a.m.
IN THE SMALL PARLOR.**



ALL ARE WELCOME!

THANK YOU, FIRST NIGHT VOLUNTEERS

First Night at United was a success!



The performances scheduled in our building attracted large crowds and the Church Café was very busy selling hot food and a variety of beverages. The Café made over \$300 in profits which will be donated to ministries serving our community.

Special thanks go to the more than two dozen members and friends of United who helped to make the evening so successful. Everyone was hospitable, cooperative and hard working – great representatives of our community of faith! I am both awed by and grateful to all those who made my job as coordinator such a pleasant experience!

Tim Camp

If you wake up Sunday morning, and it is snowing, be assured that Church will still be held. We will not cancel worship, but we urge you to use discretion for your own safety.



**Worcester Peaceworks' 8th Annual
Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration
Saturday, January 16 1:30 p.m.**

Green Rooster CoffeeHouse

Songsters: Professor Louie and Fast Eddie
singing "Hurricane" and "Dreams"

Keynote Speaker:

William Green, Civil Rights Attorney and Activist

Peace Prize: Stone Soup

Pot Luck Dinner Free and open to the public

Info: 508-757-5873

A NOTE OF



*Dear Members of United,
(Thank you cards were received from many of the clients of You, Inc. and Community Healthlink for the Thanksgiving Grocery Cards.)*

Thank you for the gift card for Thanksgiving. It meant so much to me and my family.

Ava and Liz

Thank you for the gift card. It made it a really good Thanksgiving for me and my son. I really appreciate it.

Jennifer and Thomas

Thank you so much.

Magaly and George

Thank you for everything.

Nicole

also from Jose and Yadika, Roshina, Nancy, Cassandra, Grace, Lynda and Tyrese, Casie and Jae Lynn.

The **GREEN ROOSTER CoffeeHouse**

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



Jan 23 \$9.99	CHUCK & MUD AND THE HOLE IN THE DAM BAND – Please come down and feel the warmth of those old steam pipes, hot java and chocolate, and the music of folks!
Feb 6 \$12	OTTER / RIVER , a benefit for Camp Putnam. It's a combination of bands. Our yearly get-together for listening, singing along and even dancing. See you here!
Feb 27 \$12	THE SKY BLUE BOYS (Banjo Dan and Willy Lindner)
<i>Thanks for dropping in! We always need volunteers.</i>	

THE FOOD CUPBOARD NEEDS:

**CANNED MEATS & FISH
CANNED BEANS • SOUPS
MAC & CHEESE • PASTA & SAUCE
POWDERED MILK • CEREAL
CANNED FRUITS & VEGGIES
PEANUT BUTTER**



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.

WAYS (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

2010

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

