

United Voices Update

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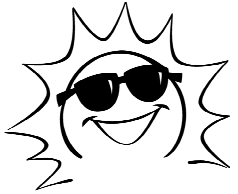


UNITED EVENTS

- **INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK**
August 30 – September 6 at United

SUMMER COFFEE HOUR

Many thanks to all our coffee hour hosts for providing us with goodies, coffee and juice to enjoy while we talked with old friends and made new ones after worship.



Our Summer Coffee Hour will be starting on July 5. If you are attending summer worship, please consider bringing a cold drink (or a few treats) to share! Cups and napkins will be provided.

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.

DUE TO SOME SCHEDULING CONFLICTS, TERRY WILL NOT BE PREACHING ELSEWHERE IN JULY.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Victoria Page	2
George Blanchard	3
Leesa Trim	4
Thomas Sweeney	5
Ralph Montalvo	6
Glena Sisson	
Joan Kielinen	
Robert Wadleigh	9
Jason DeFalco	10
Terry Ann Fitzgerald	11
Jordan Barnes	12
Nancy Bradley	13
Gina Boisse	16
Marcus McCorison	17
Lisa Owanisian	
Dorothy Davis	18
Isabella Maria Montalvo	
Nancy Blanchard	
Everett Holmes	20
Ian O'Donnell	26
Susan Tarantino	29

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Marilyn Sullivan	5
Bob Bourgault	8
Marc Montalvo	10
Frederic Gibb	11
Janice Wilcox	13
Wendell Wright	
Samina Dahlheimer	14
Ragnor Gustafson	18
Guy Metcalf	25
Faith Bourgault	29
Matthew Dzaugis	30
John Page	31

WALK FOR THE HOMELESS A SUCCESS!



On Sunday, May 17th, six persons from United Congregational Church participated in Worcester's Walk for the Homeless. This annual event, supported by our church for many years, funds many of the local programs offering shelter and services to people who otherwise would have no place to stay. The Walk also seeks to raise awareness of the growing problem of homelessness in our community. A recent survey estimated that over 1,000 persons are living on the streets or in emergency shelters each night in Worcester County, and that families with young children make up an ever-increasing proportion of those in this predicament.

Because of our church members, who generously sponsored the walkers, and the Wider Church Ministry, which matched all donations dollar for dollar, United Congregational raised over \$1,100! These proceeds will allow organizations like the Interfaith Hospitality Network, the Central MA. Housing Alliance and Friendly House to provide more help to those who so desperately need it. Anyone wanting a complete list of good works supported by the Walk can call me at 508-798-6997.

Thank you, everyone who walked or made a donation to a walker! Your generosity and compassion for others shows that our congregation is still alive with the Holy Spirit. May God bless each of you in return!

Tim Camp

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.

**OUR DISCERNMENT PROCESS:
A CHANGE IN DIRECTION**

First Baptist Church, with whom we had conversation about merger exploration, has determined that the time is not quite right for them to proceed with this exploration. Their Governing Board has voted not to continue with the conversation. We trust that, as God has been with us on this journey, God will continue to guide us and lead us to new possibilities. We continue to pray as we consider our next steps.

IHN HOSTS NEEDED

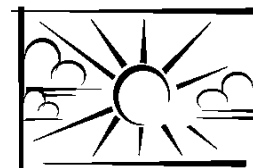
United Congregational Church will be hosting homeless families participating in the Interfaith Hospitality Network from August 30 through September 6. Volunteers are needed to set up Christian Education classrooms as temporary living quarters, purchase supplies to be used by our guests, cook dinners, serve as evening hosts, or sleep overnight at the church. Training is available for new volunteers, and first time hosts will be paired with experienced volunteers. For more information contact Tim Camp (508-798-6997).



VNA CARE HOSPICE
SUMMER GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

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

- When:** *Alternate Tuesday evenings beginning June 16, for seven meetings (dates below)*
- Time:** *6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.*
- Location:** *United Congregational Church*



- June 16 & 30*
- July 14 & 28*
- August 11 & 25*
- September 8*

*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.6657 or email
starantino@vnacarenetowrk.org*