

United Voices Update

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AT A GLANCE...

UNITED EVENTS

- **FALL CLEAN-UP DAY**
Saturday, Oct 18 All church work day
- **POMMERN VILLAGE CHOIR FROM TANZANIA**
Sunday, October 19 at 4:30 p.m., at United
- **FIRST NIGHT PLANNING MEETING**
Sunday, October 19 at 9:00 a.m.
- **SEMINAR ON RACISM**
Sunday, October 26, November 2, and 9
- **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**
Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Small Parlor



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

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.

REQUESTING COLLEGE ADDRESSES



Please forward the email and mailing addresses of your college student(s) to the church office. We would like to keep in touch with each and everyone! Thank you!

FALL CLEAN-UP DAY – SATURDAY, OCT. 18

All Church Work Day

We are renting a dumpster and would like to clean out all the nooks and crannies, with emphasis on the basement. Come join fellow members and friends for as long as you can.



Several Exciting Events are scheduled this Fall at United and your help is needed to extend a

BIG WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

during these events:

POMMERN VILLAGE CHOIR CONCERT

October 19

4:30 p.m. Reception Large Parlor
5:30 p.m. Concert Sanctuary

209th Annual Meeting of the MACUCC

Saturday, November 1, 2008

The Annual Meeting is a great opportunity to meet with members from other UCC churches in MA.

A DAY WITH MARTHA GRACE REESE

Saturday, November 15, 2008

9:00 a.m – 3:00 p.m.

Gay Reese completed a 4 year Lily Study of Evangelism in Mainline Protestant Churches, and her remarkable book, *Unbinding the Gospel*, focuses on how congregations can reclaim the lost art of Evangelism.

To be eligible for this workshop, a pastor and a team of at least five lay people must read and do the exercises in *Unbinding the Gospel*. There will be follow-up coaching of teams after this event.

Call the Church office (508-752-3785) to volunteer or find out more about each event.

Dear All,

Sorry it took so long to thank you for my Birthday card, but here it is! Many thanks to all of you to remember my day or I should say days of Ninety Five.

I had a knee replacement just before the birth date, so had to be in the hospital quite awhile, but came out feeling very well, as I am, to this date.

Love to all,
Jean Thomas



You are invited to a luncheon and discussion following worship Sunday, Oct 26. The Rev. Liz Magill, a member of United, will speak about the mission of the Worcester Fellowship Ministry, a ministry that works with the homeless and is "dedicated to ending isolation through spiritual care and community". This event is sponsored by the Wider Church Ministry.

**FIRST NIGHT PLANNING MEETING
SUNDAY, OCT 19
9:00 a.m.**

First Night is a great opportunity to introduce the Worcester community to United and volunteers are needed for food preparation and serving, greeting and other jobs on First Night! During this planning meeting, we will explore ways to simplify hosting First Night and discuss innovative ways to welcome our visitors. Your input is very important! If unable to attend this meeting, call United's First Night Coordinator Tim Camp at 508-798-6997.



THE FOOD CUPBOARD NEEDS:

Meals in a can



During the month of Sept. our Food Cupboard volunteers said they were very busy, and the latest data illustrates just how busy they were! The total number of people receiving food assistance in Sept. was 8% higher than Aug. 2008 and 12% higher than Sept. 2007. In addition, a few families came to the Food Cupboard twice in September, and at the Worcester County Food Bank Partner Agency Meeting held on September 25, other agencies reported they were experiencing similar increases.

The bulk of our food comes from government programs (USDA and MEFAP), and we are allowed to give out this food once a month. When we have donated food available, we put together a bag to give to these families, and MEALS in a CAN are needed for these supplemental bags.

The **GREEN ROOSTER CoffeeHouse**
Doors open 7:30 All shows 8:00 p.m.



Oct 25 \$25	Aztec Two-Step – Rex Fowler and Neal Schulman have received critical acclaim throughout their long career with their ability to write memorable songs and deliver them with concise harmony and amazing guitar licks. Please reserve your seats in advance for this show. Call 508-798-3010.
Nov 1 \$15	Tony Bird – an American folk music transplant from Zimbabwe, all his songs are filtered through his Third World experience.
Nov 8	Go see ZONKARAZ , with Chuck & Mud opening at the Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts.
Nov 15	Amy Gallatin and Still Water (featuring the amazing Dobro player, Roger Williams).
Nov 29	TELLEBRATION – The weekend storytellers all over the world celebrate the spoken word and ply their art.
	<i>Thanks for dropping in! We always need volunteers.</i>

**SEMINAR ON RACISM
October 26 - November 9**

To continue the exploration of racism in our society, we are offering a Racism Seminar to be held on three consecutive Sundays: October 26, November 2 and November 9. The meetings will be held either after worship from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. or 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. We are asking those who would like to participate to let the office know which meeting time they prefer. Please call the church office (508-752-3785) if you are interested in attending and to obtain a copy of the booklet " *Even the Stones Will Cry Out for Justice: An Adult Forum on Institutionalized Racism*".

WAMS WORKDAY

The Worcester Area Mission Society (WAMS) will hold a workday on Sat., Oct. 25. This is an opportunity for youth (14 years and older) and adults to help non-profit organizations and city residents with clean up and construction projects. There is a \$10 registration fee and those participating are asked to raise \$20 for materials to be used for the project. Individuals with all levels of skills are encouraged to participate as projects consist of several tasks requiring all skill levels. Participants may also be asked to bring their own tools. Go to the WAMS website (wamsucc.org) or call the church office (508-752-3785) for more information.

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 SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOK GROUP
ALL ARE WELCOME!!**



We welcome new members, and we would be happy to have former members rejoin us, as we miss your lively input. Come for just one discussion or several. This is a very informal group. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. Look for information on the next meeting coming soon.

FRIDAYS 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study

Small Parlor