



•Prayers of celebration for Ed and Faith Bourgault on the marriage of their son David Noel to Amanda Fitzgerald.

•Prayers of healing for

Ginny Woodbury recovering from surgery.

•Prayers of healing for Connie and Sam's

daughter, Kate Stewart, recovering from surgery.

•Prayers for strength and healing for Guy Metcalf recovering from hip surgery.

•Prayers of healing for Dan Lewis who has had eye surgery.

•Prayers of healing for Martha Eck, who has been hospitalized.

•Prayers of comfort for Lynne Roethel's friend, Mary Ann Thomas, whose husband died recently.

•Prayers of comfort for the Bourgault family on the death of Roy's sister-in-law, Mary.

•Prayers of comfort for Liz Brown's son-in-law and family on the death of his Aunt Judy.

•Prayers of healing for the Rev. Margaret Flad who has had major surgery.

•Prayers of comfort and strength for Lucia and her father and brother on the death of her mother, Leona.

•Prayers of healing for Marc Montalvo who has had surgery.

•Prayers of courage and strength for all men and women who are serving in our Armed Forces, especially in areas of conflict.

•Prayers of courage and peace for the families of soldiers who have died and have been injured.

•Peace and hope for the Iraqi people who are still held captive by unremitting and devastating violence.

•Prayers of hope for all people and countries in the grip of war, conflict, and disease.

•Prayers for the people of the Congo, the Sudan, Kenya and Tibet

•Prayers of hope and healing for those living with HIV/AIDS.

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.

Please be considerate...

Many of us are involved with projects, ministries and events sponsored by United, and it is tempting to just "ask a simple question" or "say a few words" pertaining to church business to others on Sunday mornings. It has been brought to our attention, however, that some feel interruptions of this nature before and/or during the worship service disrupt the flow of the service and their personal thoughts and prayers. Please be considerate of your fellow worshippers and speak to them at another time.

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.

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Terry Fitzgerald is usually at the church Tuesday through Friday. (508-752-3785 ext. 106) 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.

DEACON ON CALL 508-752-6592

DEACON ON CALL provides assistance to the congregation and the community at large every Monday, and any time Terry is out of town or unavailable.

Please feel free to contact the Pastoral Relations Committee if you have any concerns, suggestions, or affirmations.

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ANNUAL REPORT FROM PASTOR APRIL 2008

Not just my Annual Report – but ours together!

Reflecting on the past –

Celebrating the UCC at 50 years at General Synod in Hartford, CT

Celebrating with the Rev. Ann B. Day and Donna Enberg, as their transforming and

“church-changing, life-changing” ministry with the Coalition for Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender Concerns of the UCC was honored at their retirement by General Synod

Apple picking with church folks of all ages

Having delicious soup at a luncheon discussion with our Muslim visitors

Worshipping with the wider community on World Aids Day

Continuing our new tradition of the Shepherd Knapp/Children's Pageant

Growing in wisdom with the Confirmation Class

Being in communion with less mobile members with phone calls to them on

Communion Sunday

Having warm pita bread, made by the Sunday School children, for Communion

Being surprised and abundantly grateful for a joyous celebration of 5 years of ministry

together

Seeing the sun rise with worshippers on Easter morning

Visiting, praying with so many of you at home and at church

Discussing Scripture, eating, experiencing laughter - and tears - at Bible Study

Making presentations and attending conferences, wrestling with the questions of new

ways of being an urban church in the 21st century

And so many other holy moments with you and on your behalf...

Moving into the future –

Moving from intense preparation, small group discussions, task team research, reports, assessment, hearing other churches' stories

To discernment and proposing an answer to the questions – *What is God calling us, the Body of Christ here at United Congregational Church UCC, to be and to do in relation to our mission and our building? Where? How?*