



Gleam, February, 2011

"You have heard it said . . . but I say unto you . . ."
Jesus of Nazareth

From the Pastor:

The gospel readings through the month of February invite us to listen again to the first part of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. The beatitudes, the challenge to become salt and light, to practice a new kind of righteousness that exceeds the boundaries of deuteronomic law, the invitation to imitate the lilies of the field and the birds of the air – all serve to challenge Christ's beloved community to make different choices from those encouraged by law and culture. Every choice we make should be life-giving and life-affirming. Jesus will deliberately push the boundaries of our ways of thinking and behaving, with a fresh, new word about what it really means to love our neighbors, and to live a life that is rooted in deep, abiding, and *genuine* faith.

What Jesus actually teaches is shocking. It is radical. It is subversive. His words sound completely naïve – even foolish. Indeed, Paul is going to tell us in one of our epistle readings that *the foolishness of God is higher than the wisdom of humanity!* And when Jesus begins to teach us about such foolishness, we will listen politely; but we will all find it hard to believe that we are expected to take them seriously. This would change us. This would change the world.

Come . . . and join us for worship that will root and ground us in the life-transforming Word of God spoken by Jesus – to us, in our place, in this moment of our history. I look forward to seeing you in worship this month. The one guarantee I can offer . . . is that you will hear words from Jesus that you won't hear anywhere else! And if you really let these, his words "sink in," you will never be the same again.

Wishing you peace, hope, and love,

Pastor Chuck

February Worship Forecast

February 6, 2011	5th Sunday after Epiphany	COMMUNION SUNDAY
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 58: 1-14</i>	
Gospel	<i>Matthew 5: 1-20</i>	
Communion Meditation	<i>Restoring Beauty</i>	
Opening Hymn	# 733 <i>Marching to Zion</i>	
Children's Welcome	TFWS # 2233 <i>Where Children Belong</i>	
Children's Hymn	#	
Song of Peace	TFWS # 2171 <i>Make Me A Channel of Your Peace</i>	
Hymn of Preparation	# 402 <i>Lord, I Want to Be a Christian</i>	
Closing Hymn	# 92 <i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	

February 13, 2011 **6th Sunday after Epiphany**
Scouting Ministries Sunday

Please note: **All** scouts are invited to come to church in your uniforms!
We will share a special liturgy celebrating Scouting Ministries

Old Testament	<i>Deuteronomy 30: 15-20</i>
Epistle	<i>1 Corinthians 3: 1-9</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 5: 21-37</i>
Sermon	<i>Honor and Shame</i>

February 20, 2011	7th Sunday after Epiphany
Old Testament	<i>Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18</i>
Epistle	<i>1 Corinthians 3: 10-11, 16-23</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 5:38-48</i>
Sermon	<i>Expanding Our Boundaries</i>

February 27, 2011	8th Sunday after the Epiphany
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 49: 8-16a</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 6: 24-34</i>



A Message from our Christian Education Director

Dear Church Family,

Welcome to February! We've settled into the New Year, have remembered how to handle insane amounts of snow, and are hunkering down to wait out the cold weather. Let's be sure in this cold month to take advantage of the warm fellowship we find at church.

We will be continuing our work to strengthen the youth program this month with a **Youth Program Planning Meeting** on Sunday, February 13th following the 10:30 service. This meeting is for youth and their parents as well as all youth leadership. We will be discussing the feedback gathered from the Pastor Listening Sessions, our plans for this spring, and the **Youth Mission Trip** we are organizing for this summer. This mission trip will take place August 13-21st when our youth will travel to Grand Rapids, MI to offer their help to Metro Ministries and Trinity United Methodist Church. The mission trip will be open to all junior and senior high youth as well as any parents who are interested in chaperoning. Further details will be provided at the Planning Meeting.

February 13th is also **Scouting Ministries Sunday**. All of our Boy and Girl Scouts are invited to wear their uniforms to church this Sunday in order to be recognized and participate in the 10:30 service. On Saturday, February 12th we will be having an **All-Church Game Night & Potluck Dinner** from 5-8pm. Bring your favorite game and a dish to share and join your church family for a few hours of fun. Also please mark on your calendars the **All-Church Pancake Dinner** on Tuesday, March 8th to start off our Lenten Season.

Both the Intro Bible Study and Interreligious Encounters classes are continuing this month. Please contact Pastor Chuck or myself if you still wish to join. As well, Moon will be starting his **Adult Bible Study** course this month. Please contact him and/or sign up on the sheet across from the library so that he can schedule a time for the course.

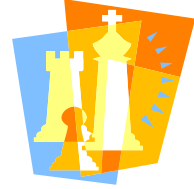
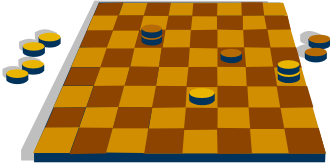
Dates to remember:

February 12th – All-Church Game Night & Potluck – 5-8pm
February 13th – Scouting Ministries Sunday – 10:30am Service
February 13th – Youth Program Planning Meeting – 11:30am
March 8th – All-Church Pancake Dinner – 6pm

Blessings,

Anne





All-Church Game Night and Potluck Dinner Saturday, February 12th 5-8pm

Bring your favorite game and a dish to pass and join your church family for some fellowship.

A sign-up sheet will be posted outside of the library. All are welcome!



Youth Program Planning Session Sunday, February 13th 11:30am

We will be discussing plans for the program for the rest of the year including the Youth Mission Trip to Grand Rapids, MI on August 13-21.



Dear Youth Group Families,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Christ! I hope everything goes well with you.

I would like to share with you a few things happening this year with you. The plan for a mission trip to Michigan is finally confirmed thanks to Anne's efforts and cooperation by her home church. It will be a great and exciting time for our youth group in this summer. However, it is really hard to give up an opportunity to go to UMARMY camp for those who expect it this summer. Well, you've got nothing to worry about. No matter how many students want to come to UMARMY camp, I would be willing to come with them. Although we are focusing on our summer camp to Michigan since it seems to help our youth group bond together, it is still such a great chance to get to know other students from different churches. Think about it. You could go for both youth group

What do we need for successful summer camps now? We need preparation, fund raising, participation, and, of course, prayers. My hope is to create many events through which we can do what we need to do. I would really appreciate your prayer and support for our youth group and upcoming events!

It seems that we could have a joint youth group fellowship with our neighbor church at least occasionally. Communications are in progress with Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Malden, and I am expecting a good outcome from that. As soon as I confirm the combined fellowship plan with Good Shepherd Church, I will inform you.

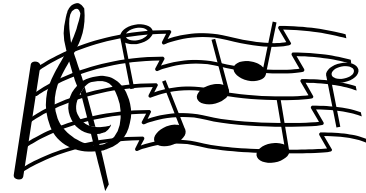
If you have any question or suggestion, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Blessings,
Moonkyum Kim



Singing in Church –



God didn't give us bad voices, no matter what the teacher, parent, spouse or offspring or even YOU may have told you. Discover the wonderful gift you've been given - your voice!!

The UMC choir in Melrose welcomes all adults. All voices are welcome, trained, un-trained, high, low, confident, or maybe not. I want you to join the choir for the joy of singing for proclamation of God's words and fellowship. The choir rehearses at 7:00 pm -8:30 pm on Thursdays at the choir room and leads worship every Sunday at the 10:30 am service.

The following are the usual, but inadequate reasons NOT to sing I am tone deaf - *A rare occurrence!* I don't like the music choices - *They might grow on you!* I've been told that I have a bad voice - *Don't believe it!* It's not "cool" to sing in public—*Don't believe it!* I don't read music—*At least read the text!*

I am filled with energies and ideas for the upcoming Easter season, but I am still looking for more members, especially male singers. Help me spread the news of our need, so we can soon have a true four-part choir with a solid bass section! There have to be good bass singers within families registered in our community of faith. In the mean time, have a meaningful and spiritual journey with God's help!

Musically,

Saeah Lee, Interim Director of Music

Food Pantry

Food Pantry

Third Sunday of every Month

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Deaths

Roland Nicklas ~ 9/3/10

Herbert Taylor ~ 1/23/10

Non-perishable food donations may be left in the large basket in the church hallway. Food is distributed each month to the various food pantries in our area. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Prevention Education Workshops

The New England Conference sponsors workshops concerning sexual ethics for our pastors and key laypersons during each quadrennium.

ATTENDANCE AT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SESSIONS IS MANDATORY for all persons serving as **pastors** in our churches, and is **highly recommended for laypersons serving on Staff Parish Relations Committee, working with children and youth, etc.** Pastors especially should plan to stay for the entire event. Each workshop is scheduled for a Saturday from 9am-2:30pm. Lunch and child care will be provided. Workbooks will also be available. Costs will be \$25 for one person attending from a church; 2-4 persons at \$20 per person; 5 or more persons at \$15.

Trained facilitators will guide each of these meetings using materials by Marie Fortune's Faith Trust organization.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW and spread the word.

Note: The workshop most convenient for our church would be the one scheduled in Belmont on March 12. We will need to be putting in a reservation, with a specific number of attendees. **Please, at your earliest convenience, let Pastor Chuck or Elaine Nordstrom, chair of SPRC, if you want to register for this event.**

March 5, 2011

Dover, NH (St. John's UMC)
Leominster, MA
Old Town, ME
Springfield, MA (Trinity UMC)

March 12, 2011

Augusta, ME (Green St UMC)
Belmont, MA
Montpelier, VT (Trinity UMC)
Plymouth, NH
Taunton, MA (Memorial UMC)

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Joseph Canova	Custodian

Church Office Hours are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Upcoming Events

Youth Sunday	January 30
Game Night & Pot Luck	February 12
Youth Planning Session	February 13
All-Church Pancake Dinner	March 8
Senior Saints Planning	March 15

Save the Date... UMW Indoor Yard Sale
Saturday, April 30th
9 am to 3 pm

Contracts will be available from the church office.

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TV Ministry

Telecasting of the Sunday morning 10:30 worship services are on MMTV (**Melrose Cable Channel 3 & Verizon Cable Channel 39**) at the following times:

Sunday at 9:00 A.M. & 5:30 P.M. and
Monday at 8:00 P.M.



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March GLEAM Deadline
Will be on Tuesday, February 22nd.