



January *Gleam*, 2011

From the Pastor

Dear Church Family:

Only a small number of people witnessed the miracle: a few shepherds, who came in their rags, and followed their hearts; three wise men, who came with their riches, led by a star. The shepherds had nothing, and found everything. The wise men had everything, yet found something more! Together, even as the world went on about its business, unsuspecting of this incredible moment, they knelt in quiet adoration -- the simple and the wise, shepherds and kings, side by side.

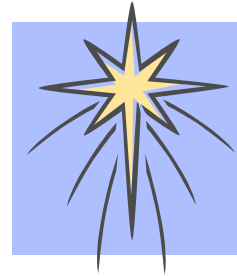
We, in the church, stand at the doorway of Epiphany, the season of the manifestation of Christ to the world. Because of Christmas, our shared life, like the coming year ahead, is sparkingly new! There remains much darkness in our world, but we are a people who have seen the light! It is the light of love and of life. And the wisdom of Saint John still admonishes us: *If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another; and truly our fellowship is with Jesus Christ, the Righteous.*

As the world goes on about its usual business, we begin the New Year as a people who have knelt in quiet adoration, because we have seen the place where heaven touches earth. Given his assurance that the Kingdom of God is within us, among us, let us go into the world as a people of light and hope and love! No matter what we encounter in this world of conflict, no matter where we find ourselves, may each of us recognize the mystery of our faith: *we possess heaven in our hearts!*

Christmas did not mark the end of our journey. It was only a new beginning. Let us walk in the light, journeying in companionship with the One who called himself the "Light of the world," and remembering that he has also called *us* to shine - "You are the light of the world!"

It is Epiphany. Let your light shine!

Peace and Joy,
Pastor Chuck Hartman



WORSHIP -- EPIPHANY – 2011

January 2, 2011	EPIPHANY/NEW YEAR COMMUNION
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 60: 1-6</i>
Epistle	<i>Ephesians 3: 1-12</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 2: 1-12</i>
Meditation	<i>Rise and Shine</i>
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January 9, 2011	1st Sunday after Epiphany BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 42: 1-9</i>
New Testament	<i>Acts 10:34-43</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 3: 13-17</i>
Sermon	<i>Claimed, Marked, Filled</i>
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January 16, 2011	2nd Sun after Epiphany HUMAN RELATIONS DAY MLK Sunday Tribute
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 49: 1-7</i>
Epistle	<i>1 Corinthians 1: 1-9</i>
Gospel	<i>John 1: 29-42</i>
Sermon	<i>Come and See – The Beloved Community</i>
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January 23, 2011	3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 9: 1-4</i>
Epistle	<i>1 Corinthians 1: 10-18</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 4: 12-23</i>
Sermon	<i>The Choices We Make</i>
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January 30, 2011	4th Sunday after Epiphany - Christian Education Sunday – YOUTH SUNDAY
	SPECIAL PROGRAM LED BY THE YOUTH OF FIRST UMC!!!
	Please note: One service only – at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary!!

A Message from our Christian Education Director

Dear Church Family,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful time over the holidays. I thought of all of you on Christmas Eve and wished you all the blessings I felt being with my family. I am very excited to start of this New Year as we grow our Sunday School, Youth, and Adult Education programs. I have truly enjoyed the past few months getting to know you and the church and am ready to hit 2011 running!

Pastor Chuck will be continuing his listening sessions this month with the **Pastor Listening Session with Parents of Youth** on January 9th after the 10:30 service. Parents are invited to share their hopes and dreams for the youth program as well as hear what the youth had to say on December 19th. Parents, please make an effort to attend this session; we need to hear from you. Speaking of youth, Sunday, January 30th will be **Youth Sunday**. Junior and Senior High Youth will have full run of the service. Look forward to an energetic and imaginative service.

New **Adult Christian Education Classes** will be starting up all month. Pastor Chuck's **Intro Bible Study** has begun. Please contact him if you wish to join. I will be leading a course on **Interreligious Encounters** which will begin meeting on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm starting **January 13th**. Feel free to drop me an email if you are interested in this course. Moon will be leading a regular **Bible Study** starting in January as well. Please contact him and/or sign up on the sheet across from the library so that he can schedule a time for the course.

Also remember the wider church activities coming up this month and early February. Saturday, January 15th is the **Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service** in Melrose. Come to the church anytime 9am-2pm to help create care packages for our troops. 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.

Things to remember:

Acolyte Coordinator Needed – if you are able to donate a small amount of time to help with acolytes, please let me know

Dates to remember:

January 9th – Pastor Listening Session with Parents of Youth – 11:30

January 15th – MLK Jr Service Project – 9am-2pm

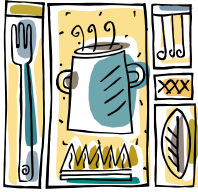
January 30th – Youth Sunday – 10:30 service

February 12th – All-Church Game Night & Potluck – 5-8pm



Blessings,

Anne



Feeding Ministry
Tuesday, January 25th
 St. Paul's Church
 26 Washington St., Malden

Please sign up to donate desserts, helping hands or cash. Any questions, please contact Kelly Ilebode at 781-397-7813.



ANNUAL REPORTS
DUE: Tuesday, January 19, 2011

Please note that ALL Annual Reports are due in the church office by Tuesday, January 19, 2011. All persons who chair committees, or hold an office, are expected to submit a report. This will give the office some lead time to print and have the report book available prior to the

Charge Conference on
Sunday, January 30.



Transportation to Church

Are you in need of a ride or are willing to drive another to church? Please contact either the Church Office at 781-662-7060 or Linda Field at 781-662-8027.

Great Decisions

The Great Decisions discussion group will meet on Sunday evenings beginning in February at the home of George & Lorna Philley.

Sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association, Great Decisions is program that explores eight of the most significant challenges facing the world.

The topics for this year are as follow:

1. Rebuilding Haiti
2. National Security
3. Horn of Africa
4. Financial crisis
5. Germany ascendant
6. Nonproliferation
7. Crisis in the Caucasus
8. Global governance

The briefing booklet is \$20.00. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact George or Lorna at 781-665-9298.

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

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

New Member

Anne Hillman

Deaths

Robert Wadland ~ 12/17/10

Marie Waste ~ 12/12/10

Vera Woodley ~ 12/12/10



We would like to express our sincere and heartfelt gratitude to our church family for wonderful support during Dick's illness and death. We felt the love I church during the inspiring funeral.

Rachel Dunn and family

Thank you all for the beautiful Poinsettia Plant delivered to me in the hospital by Linda. It certainly brightened up my room! I am home now and feeling much better.

Sincerely,
Esther Parsons

To Bob Downey and his crew,

Thank you for the delightful Christmas Breakfast on Sunday, December 91. It was tremendous!

Mary Cail



The following members and friends have sent Holiday Greetings to the First United Methodist Church:

Mary Cail
Audrey Whitehead
Gayle Thistle
Rachel Dunn & family
Beverley & Christine Lamson
Fred & Shirley Hayes
The Barnums
Donna Safreed
John & Dorothy Ramsdell
Holly, George, Jared & Nick Peddle
Regina Lucas
Susan Mayo
Sandy Swenson
The Rhuda Family
Lorna & George Philley
Elaine Assaf
Margret Streckert



Senior Saints Event

Tuesday, March 15th
Planning Session
At 11:30 a.m.

All are welcome!



Upcoming Events

- MLK Day of Service January 15
- MLK Community Dinner January 17
- Annual Reports Due January 18
- Feeding Ministry January 25
- Youth Sunday January 30
- Game Night & Pot Luck February 12

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

Contracts will be available from the church office.

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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FIRST CLASS
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This material was mailed January 4.

February GLEAM Deadline
Will be on Monday, January 24th.

Martin Luther King Day of Service



The Melrose Human Rights Commission in cooperation with other Melrose civic and religious organizations is planning a Day of Service for Martin Luther King, Jr. on Saturday, January 15, 2011.

The day will begin at 9 am in the Melrose Veteran's Memorial Middle School cafeteria where volunteers will sign up for a particular project. The volunteers will then proceed to their work sites for the day, reconvening for a closing ceremony at 3 pm. Save the date and join us for **"a day on, not a day off!"**

First United Methodist Church Melrose has chosen a wonderful and worthwhile project for our church work site: **"Helping our Troops"**-a program designed to support our American Heroes from Massachusetts fighting overseas. By fulfilling the "Wish Lists" of local soldiers from MA stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan by providing care packages from home on a monthly basis.

Here's how you can help from now until January 15th: FUMC will be collecting items from "A Soldier's Wish List" in a special collection box in the church hallway. Too busy to shop? Monetary donations will be most welcome to defray shipping costs.

"Helping Our Troops", located in Stoneham, MA has sent over 8400 packages to our troops overseas. Since December 2006, H. O. T. has supported over 12,000 soldiers including 156 combat units and 3 combat hospitals.

On January 15th we will sort and package the donations collected from FUMC to be delivered to Stoneham for delivery overseas.

Please give generously to this exciting cause! The wish list found on the reverse of this page can be used as guide for your giving.

THANK YOU!!

SOLDIER'S "WISH LIST" ITEMS

Most recent requests (Winter 2010): Handwarmers, chap stick w/spf, hand sanitizer, hand lotion, white tube sox, individual wipes travel size, air freshers, tuna pouches, mac'n cheese packages, dried fruit, sunflower seeds.

Drinks: Presweetened instant Kool-Aid, Lemonade, Tang, Tea, Coffee, Powdered Gatorade, Hot Chocolate and Powdered Crystal Light.

Snacks: Anything Little Debbie, Applesauce Cups, Bean Dips, Beef jerky, Beef Sausage Logs, Bowl Appetite Dinners, Breakfast Bars, Bubble Gum, Jell-O/Pudding Cups, Licorice, Lifesavers, Microwave Popcorn, Mints, Oreos, Pasta Anytime Dinners, Peanut Butter, Pop Tarts, Powdered Mil, Pretzels, Any type of Seeds, Raisin, Nuts, Ready to Eat Soups, Saltines, Sardines, Slim Jims, Canned Salmon, Cereal, Cheese Dips, Chips, Salsa, Pre-packaged Cookies, Crackers, Cup O'Noodles, Dinty Moore Meals, Dried Fruits, Fruit Cups, Velveeta, hard Candies, cough drops, lollipops.

Toiletries: Bar Soap (regular size), body wash, Bounce sheets, Chap Stick, Roll-on deodorant, Q-Tips, disposable razors. Room fresheners, shampoo, conditioner, sun block, toilet paper (individually wrapped), toothbrush, toothpaste, handy-wipes, moisturizer, band-aids, shaving cream, mouthwash, nail files, odor eaters, feminine hygiene products, hand sanitizers, insect repellent.

Medicines and vitamins: Tylenol, eye drops, foot powder, aspirin, Roloids, Pepto Bismol, Tums, Imodium AD, Cortisone cream, Motrin, Vitamin C Chews and supplements, Neosporin.

Miscellaneous: Paper, writing pads, peel'n seal envelopes (as gummed flaps stick together in the heat). Qt./Gal. Ziplock Bags, chilly willy neck coolers, AA and AAA batteries, pens (black ink).

Fun Stuff: Disposable cameras, note pads, cards, dice, poker chips, puzzle books, travel size board games, Uno, Dominos, Game Boy, video poker games, Chess, Checkers, Yo-yos, crossword puzzles, word finds, balls.

Personal items: Small hand towels, white tube socks cotton, bandanas (washed and softened) to shield there faces from sand. Small medical kits to carry on missions.