



The Gleam – May, 2011

From the Pastor

Dear Church Family:

I write this pastor's message for the May *Gleam* with a very heavy heart – a heart weighed down with profound joy and gratitude, as I contemplate in the *afterglow* of what seemed to me a very glorious Easter Sunday. Our Easter worship was beautiful this year, for a number of reasons. First, I want to thank all the members and friends of our congregation for turning out in larger and healthier numbers to celebrate the wonder of the resurrection. Adding to the joy of Easter, the Sunday School children staying with us during the whole service made the day extra-special!

Music filled the air on Easter Sunday; and I am so grateful to our guest organist, Kathy McDougald, our guest soloist, Anna Johan, and our guest trumpeter, Justin Renfrow, for the richness they added to our worship experience. Kathy has been with us for several Sundays; and I have deeply appreciated her gentle grace, and the skills she shared in both Chapel and Sanctuary services. Our choir was wonderful on Easter Sunday; and I want to express my deep gratitude to them for staying the course during very difficult times – I might suggest a new theme song for these very special people – quoting a line in the chorus: *Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?* Thank you choir, for sharing your gifts with your church throughout the season of Lent, and on Easter Sunday.

And speaking of music, I can still remember when I was a “wee lad” singing in the Junior Choir in my home church, Glendale UMC. Allow me to quote from one of the children's Easter anthems that was always a favorite of mine, and still is: *In Joseph's lovely garden, the Lord Christ's tomb was made, and there his broken body to rest was gently laid. A great rock strongly sealed it, that death might have full sway; but God sent down an angel to roll the stone away.*

How it felt like we were entering Joseph's lovely garden when we passed through the sanctuary doors on Easter! The altar & floral arrangements were absolutely magnificent, thanks to the tireless efforts of Jan McNary (not to be confused with the gardener at the tomb on the first Easter!) and her loyal crew of helpers, each of them splendid artists: Jan's husband, Frank, Paula Fowlie, and Wendy Warren. All of these very special Easter gifts were shared by such gifted persons: beautiful music, the loveliest of gardens, and one thing more -- a table for resurrection communion so meticulously "set" by Dot Pearl and Jan McNary (substituting for Joan Green). The next time you see these folks, thank them for the special "touch" they gave to our celebration of Easter. And the next time you see Joan (Sanctuary Communion Steward) and Dot (Chapel Communion Steward), and Dot's helper, Ginnie Bryant, please thank them for tireless providing communion through the entire season of Lent.

This makes me think of the many other folks who give of their time and talent throughout the year, adding to every worship experience in both our chapel and sanctuary services. They are indeed very special people - almost too numerous to mention - but please share a word of appreciation to our liturgists, greeters, and ushers, and to our various individuals and committees who provide that special time for coffee, refreshments, and rich fellowship Sunday after Sunday.

All of this is simply a very personal celebration, on my part, of how well the laity of our congregation work together for the common good of the "body of Christ" - the church they love and serve.

In closing, and in the spirit of my Easter message, let me invite our congregation to take to heart the most important encouraging word from the joy and victory of Easter: that, because we are, indeed, the "body of evidence" that the resurrection is real . . . **may we never forget our first love**, for in lifting up and sharing the presence of the risen Christ, we as a congregation will always have the strength to *rise . . . and walk with him in newness of life*.

With joyous and grateful alleluias!
Pastor Chuck



May Lectionary

May 1, 2011 **Second Sunday of Easter** **EASTER COMMUNION**
First Reading *Acts 2: 14a, 22-32*
Epistle Reading *1 Peter 1: 3-9*
Gospel Reading *John 20:19-31*

May 8, 2011 **Third Sunday of Easter** **FESTIVAL CHRISTIAN HOME**
First Reading *Acts 2: 14a, 36-41*
Epistle Reading *1 Peter 1: 17-23*
Gospel Reading *Luke 24: 13-35*

May 15, 2011 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
First Reading *Acts 2: 42-47*
Epistle Reading *1 Peter 2: 19-25*
Gospel Reading *John 10: 1-10*

May 22, 2011 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
First Reading *Acts 7: 55-60*
Epistle Reading *1 Peter 2: 2-10*
Gospel Reading *John 14: 1-14*

May 29, 2011 **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
MEMORIAL SUNDAY
First Reading *Acts 17: 22-31*
Epistle Reading *1 Peter 3: 13-22*



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1 p.m. Monday through Friday.**

Dear Church Family,

Welcome to May! Hopefully we have moved past the crazy weather of April and will experience some real spring sunshine this month. I am excited for warmer days and hopefully some better baseball playing out of the Red Sox.



May will be a fairly normal month for Sunday School. Classes will run as usual, although the kids will be participating in the Mother's Day service on May 8th. Please be prepared to have your child stay after church for 10 minutes on May 1st so we can rehearse our special offering to mothers. The children will also begin preparing with their classes for Children's Sunday on June 19th.

Unfortunately there was not enough interest in the Youth Mission Trip to do it this year. Moon will be organizing two smaller events for youth fellowship this summer, and we will explore trying a mission trip in a future year. This means that the Auction scheduled for May 1st has also been cancelled. If you donated an item to the auction, please come to the church office to pick it up or let me know that you want it donated to another fund raiser.

We will be having Vacation Bible School this summer for children in grades Pre-School -Fifth for the week of August 1-5th. Please be on the lookout for sign-ups in the next few weeks.

The Intro Bible Study class with Pastor Chuck will continue this month. The Interreligious Encounters class will be wrapping up its exploration of other religions with Buddhism on May 5th. Anyone who is interested is welcome to come by for this class.

Dates to remember:

May 1st – Church Family Luncheon – 11:30am

May 8th – Mother's Day – 10:30 service

May 21st – Church Family Fellowship at Wolf Hollow – noon

June 19th – Children's Sunday & Father's Day – 10:30 service

Blessings,
Anne



This is so belated that it's embarrassing, but I want to sincerely thank everyone for the cards, calls, and prayers after I broke my arm in June and again in August. Thank you, Chuck, for visiting and praying with us.

Most of all, I want to give huge thanks to Shirley and Fred Hayes, who came every other week for five months and brought enough delicious food each time to last us many days. Shirley and Fred's wonderful visits were very bright spots in a very difficult year, and Rollie and I could never thank them enough. We are so blessed to have such dear friends.

We appreciate everything so much and ask God's blessings on our wonderful church family.

Helen Snook



Dear First United Methodist Church,

I am loving this beautiful prayer shawl (using it now). Please pass my gratitude on to the wonderful people at your church for the shawl, and for their prayers.

With much Love,
Mary O'Donnell
(Kim Wiklund's friend)



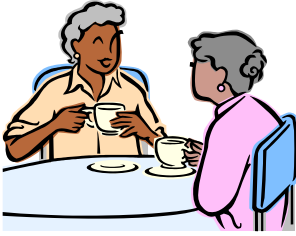
Food Pantry
Third Sunday of every Month

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!



Feeding Ministry
Tuesday, May 24th
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-



Widows & Widowers Group

The next meeting of the Widows & Widowers Group will take place on Tuesday, May 17th, 2011, at 2:00 P.M. in the Church Library. We would encourage anyone who has suffered the loss of a spouse or loved one to come and share his/her experiences with us.



The Prayer Chain is a group who are contacted by Linda Field and Mary Cail to pray for Church Family members, friends and family during time of need. Anyone interested in joining the Prayer Chain please contact Linda Field at 781-662-8027, Mary Cail at 781-665-9378 or leave your name at the church office.

Senior Saints

The Senior Saints met on Tuesday, April 12th, at the Stearns & Hill Bistro to make plans for future events. Here is a list of what has been planned:

Saturday, May 21, 2011

Visit to Wolf Hollow Sanctuary (Route 1) in Ipswich, MA. -- **The entire Church Family is welcome to join us.** We will leave the Church at 12 Noon as we need to be seated by 1:15 P.M. After the program, we plan to stop at a nearby Ice Cream shop. **YOU MUST CALL EITHER THE CHURCH OFFICE BY MAY 15 IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND.** Price of Admission: \$7.50 for Adults, \$5.00 for Seniors and Children Ages 3-17.

Tuesday, June 14, 2011

Trip to The Pickety Place Restaurant, Mason, N.H. - Meet at the Church at 9:00 A.M. Cost of Meal is \$24.79 which includes tax and tip, but does not include cost of the van. Deposit of \$12.50 is **required** by May 8th.

No meeting in July or August.

Tuesday, September 20th, 2011

Trip to Lowell National Park Museum, Lowell, MA. (Details to come.)

Tuesday, October 18th, 2011

Tentative trip to the Museum of Russian Icons in Clinton, MA., and then have lunch at the Olde Mill Restaurant in Westminster, MA. (Details to come.)

The School of Christian Mission All Things Made New

Date: Friday, July 15th 1:30 PM to Sunday, July 17th Noon

Place: Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH

NEW THIS YEAR: There will be only one weekend. Participants will take one study.

Studies offered:

- ⇒ Coming Out on the Side of Grace: Forgiveness & Reconciliation
- ⇒ Haiti
- ⇒ Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity

Southern New Hampshire University is set in the outskirts of Manchester, NH. The housing is in suites with shared semi-private bathrooms; handicapped accessible buildings; air-conditioned classrooms; cafeteria dining. Five meals are included, Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast.

Registrar for the weekend school: Kim Gontarz, 603-424-9534, kgontarz@juno.com

A one day Korean language school will be available on Saturday July 16th. Registrar for the Korean school: Esther Chung, 978-562-0502 estherc@gmail.com

Dean: Sharon Jones, 207-377-8620, mesophia565@yahoo.com

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NEC Education & Interpretation

Registration Forms available on the UMW Bulletin Board
in church hallway.

O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing! An Afternoon of Methodist Song Saturday, May 14, 2011

Join other Boston-area Methodist churches for a hymn-sing that will take place at Boston University's Marsh Chapel. The event will also include anthems from local church choirs and a chance to fellowship with one another. We hope you will join us in this opportunity to share our gifts and friendship with one another!

Upcoming Events

Mother's Day	May 8
Wolf Hollow Family Event	May 21
June GLEAM Deadline	May 23
Feeding Ministry	May 24
Memorial Day	May 30
Children's Sunday	June 19

BREAD OF LIFE

**Volunteer Recognition Banquet
Monday, May 9, 2011 at 5:30 pm
Anthony's, 105 Canal St., Malden**

We invite every Bread of Life volunteer and supporter to join us for a complimentary dinner. Please RSVP to Gabriella Snyder Stelmack at Bread of Life (781) 397-0404 by May 2nd.

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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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June GLEAM Deadline
Will be on Monday, May 23rd .