



From the Pastor

November Glean, 2011

*They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share,
thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future,
so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.*

1 Timothy 6: 18-19

Dear Church Family:

In just a few short weeks, our families will gather in the chapel and sanctuary to begin the worship celebration with the wonderful hymn acknowledging the ways our God has crowned the year with goodness:

*Come, ye thankful people, come, Raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.*

*God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple come, raise the song of harvest home.*

As we anticipate our harvest celebration, I would like to thank everyone who has submitted your "estimate of giving" (pledge) card for the coming year, as a sign of your gratitude to God for the blessings bestowed upon us this year; and a sign of your hope and trust that God is paving new paths of ministry and mission for our church in the year to come. Each of you is an important and vital part of the ministry of First UMC, Melrose, and an important part of God's work in our community and in the world. Through your financial gifts – and presence and participation – you will continue to be a vital link, and play a most important part in changing the lives of children and youth, and ministering to those in need, and welcoming others into the embrace of Christ.

Over the past several weeks, we've been looking at how we relate to our earthly possessions, how we make money and spend it, how we deal with debt, and how we live a life of gratitude, no matter what we have. We have talked together about generosity, and most, if not all of us, have seen that we can never have the life we want most – a life of joy – until we learn to give the gift of generosity. Generosity changes us. We were created to be generous, and our generosity can be a great blessing in our lives. I sincerely pray that, through your giving, you will indeed find that blessings flow back into your life – blessings that you're not even expecting and that surprise you. I pray that you *will* find that *your* generosity changes the world as it changes one person at a time. This is my harvest/thanksgiving prayer for you, and for our entire congregation.

My hope is that you will find yourself blessed as you experience joy in giving and sharing generously. Our church shines its brightest, and we are at our very best, when we agree together that the most important question for us to ask is . . . *how can we be a blessing to our community and the world?* It is this question that connects us to God's vision of who we are, and what we shall become.

Thank you for all that you do to make possible the many ministries of our church! You do, indeed, make a difference here!

In Christ, with a grateful heart,

Pastor Chuck



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NOVEMBER WORSHIP, 2011

November 6, 2011 21st Sunday after Pentecost **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

All Saints Memorial Communion

Remember to bring flowers to be placed on the altar;
and submit photos of the "saints" of our church!

Scriptures: *Ephesians 1: 11-23* and *Revelations 21: 1-7*

No Sermon - Full Liturgy for Memorial All Saints Communion
– both Chapel & Sanctuary

November 13, 2011

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Gospel:

Matthew 25: 14-30

Sermon

Investing in God's Market

November 20, 2011

Last Sunday after Pentecost

Reign of Christ the King / Thanksgiving Sunday

Old Testament:

Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

Epistle:

Ephesians 1: 15-23

Gospel:

Luke 18: 9-14

Sermon:

Thanksgiving Temptations

November 27, 2011

1st Sunday of Advent

9:00 A. M. Chapel & 10:30 A. M. Sanctuary

HANGING OF THE GREENS SERVICE



Prayer Shawl Dedication

We would like to dedicate any Prayer Shawls, Lap Robes or Baptismal Blankets on November 13th. Anyone who has these prepared, please deliver them to the church office or call Linda Field at 781-662-8027.

A Message from our Christian Education Director

Dear Church Family,

Wow, I can't believe it is already November. I don't know about you, but the fall went by very quickly for me. Now we are looking at wrapping up the fall and preparing for winter.

The first Sunday of November will be our first **Mission Project Sunday** for all of our Sunday School classes. We will be learning about Selah Mission Project located in Hamburg, Arkansas. See if you and your children can find Hamburg on the globes we sent home from Sunday School the first few weeks. We'll learn about how the Selah Mission Project helps kids in Hamburg and how we can help them too through our prayers and our gifts.

The following Sunday, November 13th will be **Church Family Bowling** at 3pm at Ryan Family Amusements in Malden. Young and old are invited for some wonderful fellowship for the afternoon. November 20th is **Ingathering Sunday**, so get ready to bring in your wonderful donations to help out the Food Pantry. Also, November 27th will be the first Sunday of Advent, and we will celebrate with our traditional **Hanging of the Greens**. Let me know if you and your family would like to participate in leading this service. Finally, be on the lookout for more information about the **Church Potluck & Family Christmas Party** on December 3rd from 6-8pm during Melrose Home for the Holidays. It will be a great time of food, fellowship, and Christmas Carols.

Sunday School classes will also start preparing in November for the **Sunday School Christmas Pageant**. We will have music rehearsal after church on November 20th, and December 4th to get ready for the pageant on December 11th. Please mark those dates on your calendars to allow Michael and the kids time to learn the music. On December 4th after the music rehearsal, we will provide a pizza lunch and then have a costume fitting. We will have a **Dress Rehearsal on Saturday, December 10th** at 4:30pm. Last year's pageant was so much fun, and I can't wait to see the kids shine again this year.

I am very proud of our youth and the way in which they led our worship on October 30th. Thank you to all the youth who participated and encouraged us to worship God in new ways. Thank you to the congregation for joining them with open minds, hearts, and spirits as they expressed their religious devotion. The future pattern of our Youth Program is starting to take shape. In November, there will be opportunities for Youth Worship with other area youth groups. The hope is that this will become a regular part of our youth fellowship. Also, Calissa Kummer has graciously agreed to begin coordinating youth group for our church. Look for emails from her about fellowship opportunities.

A Message from our Christian Education Director Continued

Dates to remember:

- November 6th – Sunday School Service Project – Selah Mission Project, 10:30 service
- November 13th – Family Bowling Fellowship – Ryan Family Amusements, 3pm
- November 20th – Ingathering Sunday – 10:30 service
Pageant Music Rehearsal – 11:45-12:15
- November 27th – Hanging of the Greens - No Sunday School
- December 3rd – Home for the Holidays – Church Family Potluck & Christmas Party, 6-8pm
- December 4th – Pageant Music Rehearsal – 11:45-12:15
Pageant Costume Fitting & Pizza Lunch – 12:15-1pm
- December 10th – Christmas Pageant Rehearsal – 4:30-6pm
- December 11th – Sunday School Christmas Pageant – 10:30 service

Blessings,

Anne



Among Our People

Weddings

Melissa Stevenson & David O'Brien
10/15/11

Tammy Griffin & David McClay
10/8/11

Baptism

Lillian Keegan
5/7/10 ~ DOB

Deaths

Effie Thistle ~ 8/28/11
Julia Lally ~ 9/27/11

Coming Thursday, December 1, 2011

Charge Conference with

Rev. Dr. Martin McLee, D.S.

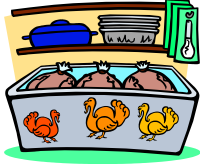
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7:30 P. M. Charge Conference

**Come, Join Your Ecumenical Faith Community
INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

Tuesday, November 22, 2011
Trinity Episcopal Church

7:00 P. M.



**Feeding Ministry
Tuesday, November
22nd**

St. Paul's Church
26 Washington St., Malden

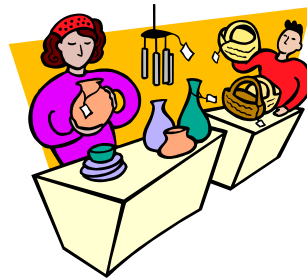
Please sign up to donate desserts, helping hands or cash. Any questions, please contact Kelly Ilebode at 781-397-7813.



**All Church Fair
Saturday, November 5th**

Please help with the Fair. Every idea counts, every minute helps, every chore. Still need donations for the Silent Auction too.

Thanks in Advance



**FUMC Fall Craft Fair
Saturday, November 12
From 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**

Save the Date and tell your friends!
Table cost is \$20.00. Crafters only, please.
Not enough crafts to sell to rent a whole table?
Consider sharing one with a friend.

Contracts available from the church office.
Coffee, donuts and a light lunch will be sold.
Free Admission. Please join us for a fun and profitable day!

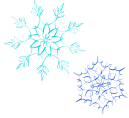


**UMW Bake Sale
Thanksgiving Sunday, November 20**

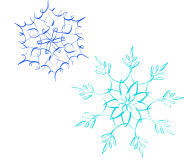
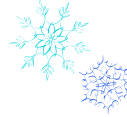
Let us help you with your Thanksgiving baking! Sale in the library during coffee fellowship. Customers and donations greatly appreciated!

**United Methodist Women's
Annual Christmas Tea**

to be held Wednesday, December 7, 2011
at 1:00 p.m.

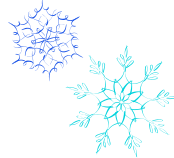
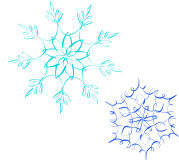


2:00 p.m. Musical Program



Home for the Holidays

Pot Luck & Christmas Party
Saturday, December 3
6-8 pm



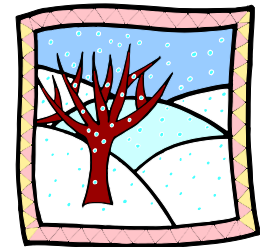
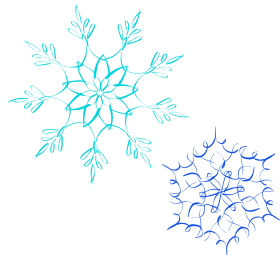
Join us for Food, Fun, Fellowship
and Caroling!



Senior Saints
Tuesday, December 13th, 2011
11:30 a.m.

Pot Luck Lunch and
\$10. Gift Exchange in the Library
All are Welcome!

All are welcome.



Thank you

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the beautiful
cards, visits and love that you have given
to me. I am truly grateful to each and
every one of you.

Much Love,
Betty Whittier

Are you a Hope Giver?



Have you ever heard God speaking to you? Have you heard a silent voice echo within your body? At first you think you are imagining it, and then there is that moment, that hesitation, where you say within yourself "is that you Father?" Then you feel a warmth spread through you from an ember you had long thought was dead. His breath fanning the fire inside until you feel every part of its heat envelope you. With gratitude, you realize that He has not left you alone in this harsh, sometimes cold world. Once again, you have hope." - Kelly Ilebode (Miracle of Faith)

Many times as a child, this experience happened to me. I lived in a world where I would slowly lose hope simply because of my hunger. A hunger that would hurt so deeply, that my stomach would cry out with pain. Before I even knew about "God", I knew that there was someone...there had to be. I knew, because whenever I would talk to "Him" as a young child asking for food, a neighbor would then magically show up at my mother's door with a casserole, or a bag of groceries. Sometimes, I even thought He would deliver it himself, because the door bell would ring and no one would be there. But a box would. A box filled with wonderful silver cans of pure heaven. I tried to tell people about my "gift". How I could just speak to the "nice man" and food would come. Of course no one believed me but I knew He was real and eventually I would stop telling people; but....every time, after my little belly was full, I would run to my room and thank him for feeding me. I learned several years later, this was called prayer.

My second foster home was that of a Baptist Minister. Entering that little Church in Jackman, Maine for the first time, I felt the same feeling I had when I was hungry and then fed; the warmth spreading from my heart, through my veins causing the goose flesh to hit every inch of my skin. I turned and I asked the Minister who's house this was (not knowing what a Church was, never having been in one) – and he said "This is God's house". I smiled – I finally knew the name of my friend.

I was seven at the time yet the memories of these events changed my world and live with me to this day. My experiences of hunger as a child are a blessing to me. I couldn't see it then, but I see it now. I could not be an advocate for the poor without having been poor myself. I could not speak on hunger, having never been hungry myself.

Each neighbor that left food at my mother's house listened to their inner voice. Which I believe is the voice of God. Their heart filled with the heat of compassion, empathy and love. They filled the void in my body left by hunger, which led me to God, who filled the void in my heart.

We all have the opportunity to show God's love each and every day. What an impact you can make just by giving hope through the feeding ministry. With your generosity, we can show others that people still care and there are good people out there but even more important, we are saying to God, our Father, that we are truly grateful for each and every blessing he has given us – by giving some back.

Matthew 25:35-40

³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?' ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?' ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'



Peace be with you all!
Kelly Ilebode



Tuesday Morning Advent Study:

Tuesdays, 10:30 A. M. until 12 Noon

November 29, December 6, 13, 20

**Take a journey with Adam Hamilton,
author of our previous stewardship study, *Enough*.**

Journey with Adam Hamilton as he travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in this fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. Hamilton approaches a world-changing event with thoughtfulness. Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heart-felt as you walk along this road.

November is going to be an exciting month for our youth!

Starting this month, First UMC Melrose is teaming up with First United Parish in Everett and Good Shepherd in Malden to begin a program of worship and fellowship for youth. The youth leaders of our churches are working together to include youth from all churches and create a program of worship that reflects their talents and interests. We really hope you will join us!

Our first ecumenical youth worship services will take place on **November 4th and 18th** in the 2nd floor sanctuary of **First United Parish of Everett** (460 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149). Worship will run from 7:00 PM - 9:00PM, and pizza will be provided! Youth interested in carpooling from First UMC, Melrose, or participating in worship music (instruments and vocals) should contact Calissa Kummer (calissa.kummer@gmail.com or 513-578-4138).



Greetings ~ Long time since I have written for the Gleam!

If you missed “*An Afternoon of Song*” on October 16th I’m sorry for you. Our new organist, Michael Dauterman, did not play the organ, but sang and is gifted with a beautiful baritone voice. He was accompanied by Jessica Ruzinski on the piano. Jessica attends Harvard and is outstanding on the piano. Michael and Jessica played two duets. We are very blessed with Michael as our organist and with his lovely fiancé Calissa in the choir. It was an outstanding program and be sure to attend their next concert.

Afterward we Methodists needed dinner which was catered by Diana and Larry Heise and it was delicious! We had Chicken and Ziti (big chunks of chicken) and then the most delicious lasagna I have ever eaten, by my looks I have had my share of lasagna! We had home-made meat balls and sauce that was super with cake and coffee for dessert. It was a terrific day, one long to be remembered!

On the 18th of October a group of us went to the Olde Mill in Westminster, MA for lunch. We all had a delightful lunch, many laughs, tour of the country side, some foliage and a visit to the gift store! There were 14 in our group and we were honored to have one of the oldest members of our church with us, Ed Perkins. Who enjoyed the day very much! We will have another get together in December so join us – we are the Senior Saints.

Remember the Fair on November 5th 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Do bring a home made goodie for the Bake Sale and buy one to take home!

Thank you!
Mary Cail

MISSION NEWS—FALL 2011

Food Pantry

Our food pantry needs your help as they are feeding more families than ever. An in effort to increase our giving we ask that you and your family concentrate on bringing one type of product during the month. **Please give each or any week of the month!**

November—Canned Vegetables

Suggestions: Corn, Green Beans, Beans, Peas or Carrots

December—Cereal

Suggestions: Cheerios, Corn Flakes Raisin Bran, Cream of Wheat, or Oatmeal

January—Peanut Butter

Suggestions: Creamy, Crunch, Honey Nut or Old Fashioned

February—Canned Meat

Suggestions: Tuna, Chicken, Corned Beef Hash, Spam or Salmon

March—Beans

Suggestions: Canned or Dry - Kidney, Pinto, Split Pea

April—Soups

Suggestions: Hearty Vegetable or Meat Stews or Soups

May—Pasta and Sauce

Suggestions: Canned Sauce or Tomatoes, Pasta of all shapes and Kinds

June—Fruit

Suggestions: Canned or Dried Apples, peaches, pears, or oranges

Feeding Ministries

Our annual roast beef dinner, as part of our participation with the Bread of Life, will take place on the 22nd of November. Please sign-up to assist with the planning, cooking or baking desserts. A cash donation is always welcome. This ministry is serving more people than ever so please assist us in making this a successful endeavor. Donations can be placed in the barrel by the front door or by contacting Kelly Illebode.

Grocery Totes

COMING SOOOOON!!!!!! As a fundraiser to support our Mission Projects, we will begin selling re-useable grocery totes in Late Nov! These totes can assist your family with carrying just about anything but more importantly it will remind you to think of the food pantry on your visit to the grocery store. You may even just want to pick up 2! Contact Diana Heise for more information and watch your weekly bulletin for an announcement about sale dates!

Giving Tree Time is coming!!

As we move into November, you will notice a very special tree will be put up in the hallway outside the sanctuary. The upcoming weekly bulletins will host further information about this very special ministry! This tree will be filled with tags representing children that are in need of a special gift this holiday season. We ask that you take a tag and purchase a gift for the child. Please bring your gifts back to the church-unwrapped- by Dec 18th. Contact Kathy Stewart or Diana Heise for more information.

Protestant Chaplaincy Council – Giving

We continue our monetary support of the Council with a gift from our mission funds.. The purpose of the Protestant Chaplaincy Council is to initiate and maintain the ministry of the Protestant Chaplain at the Melrose Wakefield Hospital, and to provide spiritual, moral and other support for his/her ministry at the hospital. For further information, contact Gail Blanchard or Fred & Shirley Hayes.

MLK DAY OF SERVICE – Saturday, January 14, 2012

Yes, I am getting this information out to you EARLY! We are undertaking a big project this year as part of Melrose's Martin Luther King Day of Service. We ask that each and every one of you participate to make this a successful venture!

Our Project: STOP HUNGER NOW

What: Packaging 50,000 meals!

Why:

The Stop Hunger Now program was founded in 1998 to eradicate the international hunger problem. The food that is packaged is a Rice/Dehydrated Veggie/Soy Vitamin mixture. It is sent to schools and served as a meal for those being educated. The program works in two ways - to break the cycle of poverty and hunger - by providing education and nutrition.

There are several great videos on You Tube that offer you more information about Stop Hunger Now's mission and videos on packaging events completed by other Church groups.

60 Second Meal Packaging Promo: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICp4zQ2eRZE>

Mission Video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m5CAkxAZ6GA&feature=channel_video_title

Andrew Sullivan Explaining the Process: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZyJ0hJfoNk>

You may remember that our Annual Conference participated in the Stop Hunger Now mission. They packaged a few hundred thousand meals in a very short amount of time.

How can you help?

◆ Fundraise

- ◆ The program asks that we provide 25 cents for each package.
- ◆ Participate in our upcoming fundraisers for Bruggers & Kelly's restaurants. And share it with your friends too!
- ◆ Provide a gift during our special collections, one each month until this mission project.

◆ Participate

- ◆ Day before to set up the event.
- ◆ Day of - packaging with several other members of our church family and neighborhood.

◆ Promote

- ◆ Tell your friends & co-workers about the event. They may want to contribute their time or dollars.

Please watch your bulletin for more exciting information on this project! Our Church is organizing the largest MLK Day of Service project that Melrose has ever seen. Join me in making our Church the talk of the town... for a good cause!

*Thank you for supporting the mission ministries of First Melrose!
Please feel free to contact Diana Heise if you have any questions.
heisefamily@live.com*

Upcoming Events.....

All Church Fair	November 5
All Saints Sunday	November 6
Craft Fair	November 12
Celebration Sunday	November 13
Family Bowling	November 13
Interfaith Thanksgiving Service	November 22
Hanging of the Greens	November 27
Advent Study Begins	November 29
Annual Charge Conference	December 1
<i>Home for the Holidays</i>	
Pot Luck & Christmas Party	December 3
UMW Christmas Tea	December 7

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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December GLEAM Deadline
Will be on Monday, November 21st .