



February *Gleam*, 2012

**From the Pastor**

Dear Church Family:

When the disciples asked Jesus, "Teach us to pray," they were expressing a universal human need. Every living soul experiences hunger for communion with God. The prayer which Jesus taught the Twelve, known by all as "The Lord's Prayer," is an expression of humanity's daily need to encounter divine provisions.

Jesus lived an extraordinary prayer life! All of the momentous events of his life — his most wonderful teachings, his work of healing, his encounters with evil — were begun, continued, and ended with prayer. His life itself became a prayer — a living expression of communion with God in joy and sorrow, in safety and danger, in triumph and despair. It was prayer that led him into the wilderness to enter into and triumph over temptation; it was prayer that generated healing power throughout his being which enabled him to heal the sick, exorcise the demons, restore life; it was prayer that brought him to the moment of transfiguration, causing him to shine in glory; it was prayer that inspired and strengthened him to begin the long, hard journey to the cross, to take up the cross, and to offer his life for the world.

We are now approaching the season of Lent — the season of soul-searching, a time of penitential prayer reflecting our aspiration toward closer communion with God. It is a season during which we strive to bring the life we are living into alignment with the prayer, the hope, the longing for fellowship with God felt so deeply within our innermost being. When the two become properly aligned, we begin to see miracles unfolding in our life.

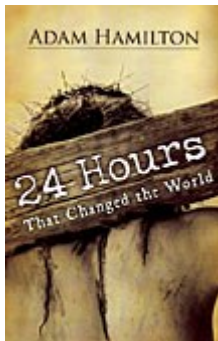
In our church, may we continue to strive toward deeper spirituality which promises to give wings to hearts that have been heavy-burdened, hoping to claim the promise Jesus whispered so long ago, "Come unto me, all you who are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

My Lenten prayer is that all the members of our congregation will see the beautiful, prayerful season of Lenten worship and Bible study as gifts which bring beauty, grace, and peace to the soul. I pray the Spirit will move deep within our congregational life, and encourage ALL the members, friends, and honored guests of our church to make these spiritual disciplines a priority of the season.

Wishing You God's Shalom -  
Charles G. Hartman, Pastor

## WORSHIP -- FEBRUARY – 2012

<b>February 5, 2012</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Old Testament</b>	<i>Isaiah 40: 21-3</i>	
<b>Epistle</b>	<i>1 Corinthians 9: 16-23</i>	
<b>Gospel</b>	<i>Mark 1: 29-39</i>	
<b>Meditation</b>	<i>Practicing the Life-Giving Presence</i>	
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<b>February 12, 2012</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b>	<b>Scouting Ministries Sunday</b>
	<b>Nory Leachon, Guest Preacher</b>	
<b>Old Testament</b>	<i>2 Kings 5: 1-14</i>	
<b>Gospel</b>	<i>Mark 1: 40-45</i>	
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>By Nory Leachon, Minister in Training, Good Shepherd UMC, Malden</i>	
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<b>February 19, 2012</b>	<b>Last Sunday after Epiphany</b>	<b>TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY</b>
	<b>Anne Hillman, Preaching</b>	
<b>Old Testament</b>	<i>2 Kings 2: 1-12</i>	
<b>Epistle</b>	<i>2 Corinthians 4: 3-6</i>	
<b>Gospel</b>	<i>Mark 9: 2-9</i>	
<b>Sermon</b>	<b><i>Letting God Move Freely – by Anne Hillman,</i></b> <b>Director of Christian Education Ministries</b>	
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<b>February 26, 2012</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>	
<b>Old Testament</b>	<i>Genesis 9: 8-17</i>	
<b>Epistle</b>	<i>1 Peter 3: 18-22</i>	
<b>Gospel</b>	<i>Mark 1: 9-15</i>	
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>Radical Immersion</i>	



**Invitation to a New Lenten Study**  
**Monday evenings, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.**  
**Tuesday mornings, 10:30 a.m. until 12 Noon**  
**February 26/27 – April 2/3**  
**Adam Hamilton's, *24 Hours That Changes the World***  
***See the sights, share the experience!***

No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. In this book, Adam Hamilton guides us through the last twenty-four hours of Jesus' life. Each chapter is designed to help the reader experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death in a way you have never done before. Whether readers are long-time Christians or simply curious about the story of Christ's crucifixion, they are invited to join the author in retracing the last 24 hours of Jesus' life.

### **Among Our People**

#### **Deaths**

Frederick Woodrow  
Charlotte Ford ~ 1/26/12

#### **Bereavement Group**

The Bereavement Group has suspended its meetings for the time being. Please call Nancy Jackson if you have any questions.

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

# A Message from our Christian Education Director

Dear Church Family,

Welcome to February where the snow falls and the wind whistles. Well, it usually does anyway. With the way this winter has been who knows what the weather will be like. I encourage all of you, no matter the weather, to join us as we learn about God and the warmth of God's love.

We will have the second of our **Mission Project Sundays** on February 12<sup>th</sup>. All of the Sunday School classes will be joining together to learn about the Delmas Children's Home in Haiti. Through stories and scripture we will learn how we can help this wonderful ministry and children who live far away. Once again, a fundraising calendar will be sent home with your children so that throughout the week they can remember what we've learned about Delmas Children's home and gather funds to support the United Methodist Children's Fund. February 12<sup>th</sup> is also **Scouting Ministries Sunday**. If your child is involved in Boy or Girl Scouts, I encourage them to come to church in their uniforms so they can be acknowledged and honored by the congregation.

New Adult Education opportunities are starting up in February. Pastor Chuck will be leading two classes utilizing Adam Hamilton's "**24 Hours that Changed the World**" Lenten devotional. Choose either Monday nights at 7:30 pm (starting February 27) or Tuesday mornings (starting February 28) at 10:30 am for an enriching study through this important church season. I will be leading one class on Thursdays at 6:00 pm utilizing the "**Becoming the People of God**" series focused on the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church. This class will begin on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

After the 10:30 service on **February 5<sup>th</sup>** we will have a **Fellowship Lunch**, and later that same day a **Super Bowl Potluck Party** from 6-8 pm. Bring a favorite game-day dish to share and enjoy time with your church family as we watch the Super Bowl (and of course the commercials). There will be another **Fellowship Lunch** on **March 4<sup>th</sup>** which will include a **Ministry Showcase**. This is an opportunity to learn more about the various ministries of our church and offer your ideas to help them grow.

Be sure to check out Calissa's article to get the details on the exciting Youth and Young Adult events coming up this month!

## Dates to remember:

<b>February 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Fellowship Lunch – noon Super Bowl Potluck Party – 6-8pm
<b>February 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Scouting Ministries Sunday
<b>March 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Fellowship Lunch & Ministry Showcase – noon

Blessings,  
Anne

## Mission Notes - February 2012

### STOP HUNGER NOW

WOW! We packaged over 50,000 meals at FUMC on MLK Day of Service that occurred on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Our Church hosted nearly 200 volunteers from age of 2 to 90. It was awesome to see so many folks bringing life to our Church and providing service to others.

We continue our efforts to collect the funds to support this project. Our Trustees, UMW Board and many other personal donations have helped us along this track. So THANKFUL! IF you would like to support this fundraising, please make your donation to the office, place in the red box, in the mission mailbox or by dropping your check in the plate on Sunday. Checks can be made payable to STOP HUNGER NOW.

The Mission & Outreach team will be hosting a fundraiser at Dockside of Wakefield in February. Please watch your church bulletin for the date and the coupon you will need. Dockside has graciously offered to provide us with 25% of checks.

Overall, the MLK Day of service was a great event and we thank you for your support!

[www.stophungernow.com](http://www.stophungernow.com)

### UM A.R.M.Y!

Guess who is coming back to our Church? The UM ARMY will be coming back to our neighborhood this summer on July 8<sup>th</sup>! We will be looking to you to welcome this fabulous group to our Church by donating snacks and the appreciation dinner. More information to come....

<http://www.umarmy.org/conference/northeast>

### FEEDING MINISTRY

The Feeding Ministry continues to look for volunteers to come help and to financially support the meal that we provide. The donation barrel is near the front door. For more information reach out to Kelly Ilebode or Fred & Shirley Hayes.

### FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

The Pantry is feeding about 300 families a week. Your assistance is much appreciated.

February - Canned Meat -- Tuna, Chicken, Corned Beef Hash, Spam or Salmon

The Pantry is also in need of cereals - both cold and hot. Donations can be left in the baskets underneath the front table.

### UPCOMING

### One Great Hour of Sharing in March!

Our United Methodist mission is to  
"make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

## **A Special Event – You're Invited! The First, First UMC Ministry Showcase!**

On **Sunday, March 4**, following the 10:30 Sanctuary Service and a light sandwich luncheon, the leadership teams of our church will be displaying a *Showcase* of the many and varied opportunities to serve your church and be engaged in ministry that suits your interests and abilities. Each Ministry Team (Worship, Nurture & Membership Care, Missions and Outreach, and Education), each Ministry Support Committee (Church Council, Finance, Trustees, Staff-Parish, Nominations, Memorials), and each fellowship group (United Methodist Women, Senior Saints, Youth & Young Adults) will have a table set up with brochures and displays of the work they do and their meeting schedules.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for everyone – veteran members who know the inner workings of our church well, as well as newcomers who are considering ways to get involved in ministry and service – to consider your place in the life of our church. There will be sign-up sheets where you can place your name and list the area, or areas, where you would like to be involved in the coming year.

This year our church is doing something entirely new. We are changing from a calendar year budget to a program year budget; and we are doing the same with the election of officers. All people who hold offices and serve on committees have been asked to extend their term of service until June, 2012. Beginning on July 1, 2012, the new term of officers will begin, and run through the program year, from July 1, 2012, until June 30, 2013.

Signing up for a committee does not automatically put you on that committee, which needs to be explained. It is the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to actually place the names of each officer and each committee member in nomination to the Church Council. This year, the Council will meet on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, to vote to elect these new offices which will begin on July 1<sup>st</sup>. It will be suggested that, when you sign up and express interest in a committee or an office, that you list first, second and third choices. There is an important reason for doing this. Some offices, like the Board of Trustees and/or Staff-Parish Relations Committee, have limited space. If, for example, 5 persons sign up for going on the Board or SPRC, only three will be nominated because that particular committee is limited in number by our Discipline. Thus, in some cases, the Nominating Committee might ask you to serve in an area that you indicated as a second, or perhaps even third choice. But in MOST cases, for most committees, there is plenty of room to add as many people as are interested in serving!

So, please mark this date on your calendar, as it should be a fun and exciting time for all! Please be sure to add your name on the sign-up sheet for attending the luncheon and our first annual *Ministry Showcase!*



### ***Hidden Treasure Cookies***

1/2 cup shortening  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 egg  
1 tblsp water  
1 tsp vanilla  
1 cup flour  
1/2 tsp baking powder  
1/2 tsp baking soda  
1/2 tsp salt  
1 1/2 cup oatmeal  
34 cup gumdrops, cut into pieces

Mix the first six ingredients until they are smooth and creamy. Gradually add the flour, baking powder, soda and salt. Fold in the oatmeal and gum drop pieces. Drop the batter from a teaspoon onto an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. You'll make 48 cookies.



### ***Spicy Hot Chocolate***

Have Ready:  
4 cups milk  
1 four oz chocolate candy bar  
1 tsp cinnamon  
1 tsp vanilla

Pour the milk into a sauce pan. Add the chocolate bar and stir over medium heat until the chocolate is melted. Remove from heat and add the cinnamon and vanilla. Set aside. At serving time, return to heat and beat the mixture with a whisk until it is frothy and hot. Pour into cups. You'll have enough for six cups.



## **How do you plan to get involved in our church services in 2012?**

As a [Worship Leader](#) you have the unique opportunity to be directly involved with the church service. Questions: Contact Pastor Chuck or Lay Leader Nancy Jackson.

You are invited to [dedicate flowers](#) in memory of a loved one or in celebration of good news. Help us create a beautiful space for us to worship together. The arrangement should be at the church by the 9:00 am service on Sunday morning. You may take it with you at the conclusion of the final service. Questions: Contact Beth at our Church office.

[Greeters](#) offer a special treat to connect with your church family and to welcome newcomers to our service. This volunteer position is greatly needed for our 10:30 am service. You would need to arrive at 10:00 am to begin greeting and passing out the weekly bulletin. Questions: See Alicia Downey or Diana Heise.

[Coffee Hour](#) would welcome a few families to consider signing up for this hospitable position. This would require making coffee and providing refreshments at 9:45 am and after the 10:30am service. Diana Heise would be happy to review the process with you.

[Ushers](#) - Collecting our offering during the service.

**All of these positions have sign-up sheets that are available across from the library. Thank you for considering, if you can provide one of these special gifts to our service.**

We also seek volunteers in other areas of our ministry for the 10:30 am service. They do not require previous experience because training is available. These include:

- \* [Filming](#) -running the camera to film our service for MMTV.
- \* [Laptop Set-up and Clicker](#) service -the laptop is used to run the slides on our video screens and the clicker is used to forward the slides.
- \* Please see Rollie Snook or Cory Allen.

## Senior Saints

Senior Saints will attend the movie showing of "*The Iron Lady*" on **Wednesday, February 1st**, for the 11:30 AM show. Meet at the church at 11:00 AM. Any one wishing to join us is most welcome.

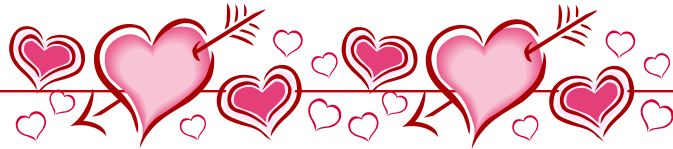
Other activities planned are: a visit to the **Harvard Glass Museum** in Cambridge, MA., on **March 13th**. Meet at the church by 12:00 Noon; on **April 14th**, a **trolley tour** of Boston is planned with a stop at Faneuil Hall to take in lunch; on **May 29th**, the Seniors plan to go to the **Salem Witch Museum**. Details will follow.

## United Methodist Women

The UMW will hold its annual **Bake Sale** on **Palm Sunday, April 1st**, in the Church Library from 10 AM to 10:30 AM. Any and all donations will be gladly accepted.

Our annual **Yard Sale** will take place on **Saturday, April 28th**, from 9 AM - 2 PM. Any article you may wish to donate for the yard sale cannot be taken to the Church at this time, as we cannot store items in the Church until April 25th.

If anyone wishes to rent a table on their own, please call Alison Burke or see Beth Murphy for a contract.



## *Thank You*

I want to thank the many church family members who eased my concerns over my knee replacement surgery just before Christmas with their visits, books, cookies and sweets from the Senior Saints (no diet for this recovery). A special thanks to Pastor Chuck who was there at the hospital prior to my 6:30 AM surgery to give Alicia and me comforting words and prayer.

With God's help and your many prayers all is well and I look forward to having my other knee done in April.

Thanks,  
Bob Downey

Your thoughtfulness warmed our hearts. The poinsettia is beautiful!  
Larry & Verna Boyd

To the Methodist Church:

What a special surprise to have you continue to support our "Pantry of Hope." The food you gave in the drive came in handy during Thanksgiving especially.

Thank you,  
First Baptist Church

## Get connected with First United Methodist of Melrose

- ⇒ The Gleam and other church announcements can be delivered via your email. Are you on the email list? If not, contact Beth in our church office or write [fumc@fumcmelrose.org](mailto:fumc@fumcmelrose.org).
- ⇒ Find us on Facebook at First United Methodist Church of Melrose [https://www.facebook.com/?ref=tn\\_tnmn#!/fumcmelrose?sk=info](https://www.facebook.com/?ref=tn_tnmn#!/fumcmelrose?sk=info)
- ⇒ Our website is full of information: [www.fumcmelrose.org](http://www.fumcmelrose.org)



## UMW Yard Sale Saturday, April 28, 2012

Save the date & your Treasures Contracts now available at the FUMC office 781-662-7060 or email: [fumc@fumcmelrose.org](mailto:fumc@fumcmelrose.org)



## Great Decisions – 2012

The Great Decisions Group will meet on Sunday evenings starting on February 12<sup>th</sup> and continue through March. Discussion meetings will be held at the home of George & Lorna Philley. The topic for the first meeting will be *Middle East Realignment*.

The briefing booklet, published by the Foreign Policy Association, is \$18.00. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact George or Lorna Philley at 781-665-9298 for further information.



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.

# A Message from our Coordinator of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

## Youth Ministry

In February, First UMC Melrose will be hosting the **LINK** ecumenical youth worship. The **LINK** is a collaboration between First UMC Melrose, First United Parish in Everett and Good Shepherd in Malden. The youth leaders of our churches are working together to create a program of worship that reflects the talents and interests of the youth from all three churches. We really hope you will join us at First UMC for worship and food on **Saturday, February 4** and **Saturday, February 18** from 7-9 pm!

In addition, FUMC's youth (UMYF) and families will meet on **Sunday, February 5** for a **Super Bowl Party** from 6-8 pm. Yes, we know the game will last longer than that, but at least we can watch the first half together! All are encouraged to attend and bring an appetizer or snack food for sharing.



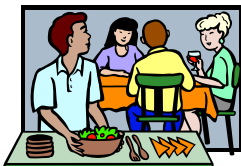
**Sunday, February 12**, UMYF will meet in the Youth Room from 6-8 pm to learn about how God shows us love and how we can show that love to others. Then we'll put love into action by creating valentines for special members of our church. Bring your creativity and \$2 for dinner.

Finally, on **Sunday, February 26**, UMYF will meet in the Youth Room from 6-8 pm for a night of activities and games to prepare us for the season of Lent. How can Lent be fun, you ask? Come and find out! Just bring your curiosity and \$2 for dinner!

Have questions? Contact Calissa Kummer ([calissa.kummer@gmail.com](mailto:calissa.kummer@gmail.com) or 513-578-4138) to learn more.

## Young Adults Ministry

This month, the **Young Adults' Final Friday** fellowship outing will take place at Stearns and Hills Bistro (505 Main Street, Melrose) from 6-8 pm on **Friday, February 24**. All young adults are invited to join us for food, fellowship, and fun! For the convenience of parents, childcare will be provided in the church nursery from 6-8. Have questions? Contact Calissa Kummer ([calissa.kummer@gmail.com](mailto:calissa.kummer@gmail.com) or 513-578-4138) to learn more.



***Upcoming Events.....***

Senior Saints Movie February 1  
"Iron Lady" February 4  
Youth LINK Worship  
Fellowship Lunch & Super Bowl Pot Luck February 5  
Church Movie February 8  
People of God Study Begins February 16  
Youth LINK Worship February 18  
Ash Wednesday February 22  
Final Friday Young Adult February 24  
Hamilton Advent Study Begins February 27  
Senior Saints Outing  
Harvard Glass Museum March 13

**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 21st .