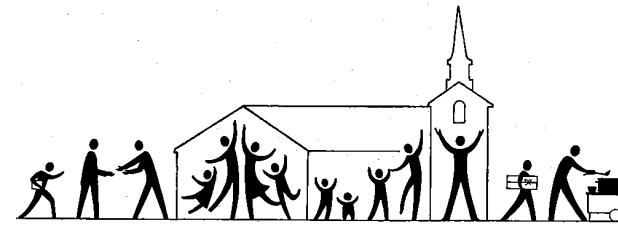


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THE BEACON

JOY'S COMPLETION

"A State of Economic Anxiety" captures the eye on the front page of the October 19, 2009 issue of the Boston Globe. Even though most stated residents believe that a recovery is underway, according to the article, they are experiencing increased anxiety about it: they fear that it could easily unravel and that it will take a long time to fully recover. While the survey upon which the article is based was limited to Massachusetts, I have no doubt that it applies nationwide.

I was reflecting about the economic anxiety when I came upon a quotation from the French political thinker and historian, Alexi de Tocqueville, from his 1835 book, Democracy in America. Commenting on American's propensity to believe that prosperity could satisfy their longing for happiness, he noted a "strange melancholy that haunts the inhabitants...in the midst of abundance" followed by the observation that "the incomplete joys of this world will never satisfy [the human] heart." I thought de Tocqueville quite profound and immediately associated this statement with the stewardship theme: *Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. But in a time of economic angst, how does one discover joy?

God gave us the material things of the

good earth for our stewardship, use, and enjoyment. I think de Tocqueville was getting at the fact that the deep desires of the human heart transcend what the material world in all of its goodness can satisfy. There is always more desire than can be fulfilled by this world. Thus, no matter how persistent we are in the pursuit of slaking these deep thirsts, we always stay thirsty. As C. S. Lewis wrote, "If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world [something supernatural and eternal]." Each of us is God's work of art, God's poem, and nothing will ultimately quench the yearning until we are with Him.

In the meantime, one of the best ways of addressing these deep longings is by practicing the virtue of gratitude for all of God's good gifts. Out of the ground of thankfulness spring other attitudes and practices like simplicity and generosity that prepare us for the complete joy for which we are made. As we approach Thanksgiving, we can thank God for the good things of the world that give incomplete joy at present, and look forward to the complete joy for which we are made.

Pastor Phil

MEMBER NEWS

NEW BABY: Garret James Nugent was born on September 17 to April and Jay Nugent. He weighed in at 7 lbs 3 oz, measured 19 ¾ inches and joins big sisters Chatham and Julia in the Nugent household.

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE for the most up to date calendar, current events and various registration forms/permission slips as well a rehearsal schedules, youth and children's ministries information.

SYMPATHY TO: Rick and Susan Cram and family on the death of Rick's father, Hark, on October 3rd.

WEDDING: Matthew Hammond, son of Dave and Sue Hammond of Medfield, married Kelsie Bell on September 12, 2009 in Boulder, CO. Brother Peter served as Best Man. Good luck to Matt and Kelsie from their family at UCC Medfield.

MEDFIELD FOOD CUPBOARD - Specifically from UCC for November, they have asked for cookies, crackers, canned chicken, juice (box and bottle), cereal, and jelly, but will gladly accept other non-perishable items. Please place your donations in the baskets located in the corner of the Narthex.

NOTE FROM A&O

Frequently our income from pledges falls behind during the summer months and once September arrives we begin to make up ground toward meeting our commitments. This year, however, we seem to be running further behind than normal at this point in the year: approximately \$90,000. We want to thank everyone for their pledges and ask that if you are behind on yours that you would make an effort to become current so that we don't have to make any cuts in our vital ministries and missions. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Rich Holbrook, A & O team leader.

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STEPHEN MINISTRY



Mental health professionals believe that **losing a job** is one of life's **biggest stressors.**

Worried feelings range from mild distress to devastation. Feelings about job loss, whatever they are, may change frequently or stay the same for a long time.

Some of these words may describe what people feel:

Overwhelmed	Depressed	Resentful	Humiliated
Tense	Discouraged	Worried	Embarrassed
Sad	Terrified	Preoccupied	Overcast
Dull	Disbelieving	Dependent	Panicky
Wired	Anxious	Negative	Worried
Wart	Confused	Slack	Trapped
Guilty	Distraught	Powless	Stupid
Mood	Angry	Intimidated	Demotivated

God's Words of Hope

And we know that God renews everything he wants together for the good of those who love him and are called by him.

— Romans 8:28

Stephen Ministry provides confidential emotional and spiritual support and care... through the act and work of listening... to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness. For more information, speak to one of the Stephen Leaders: Pastor Phil, Faith Care, Cheryl Fisher or Rick Stone... or call the church office at 508-359-2351 and ask for Pastor Phil.

"These fine encouragers are another excellent help each other!"
— Thea McCullough

YOUTH NEWS

In October, Senior High students

- Met on Sunday evenings for worship with *live music for students/by students!*
- Had an introductory mission trip meeting with parents and students to discuss the plans for the 2010 YouthWorks! mission trip to Mingo County, West Virginia from Sunday, June 27th to Saturday, July 2nd.
- Packaged, wrapped and mailed sixteen “care packages” for the new college freshman.

Delivered soup, sandwiches and Christian fellowship to our homeless friends in Boston on Saturday, October 3rd.

A BIG **THANK YOU!** – to the congregation and friends for enthusiastic-support of our holiday pie fund-raiser and to the Ever So Humble Pie Company of Walpole for partnering with us again this year .We sold 267 pies/apple crisps! Proceeds will support the 2010 mission trip. **Pie pick-up will be on Saturday, October 31 from 12-1:30PM in Fellowship Hall.**



The next **Youth Soup To Go** night is **Saturday, November 14th.** We need a few more cooks and a few more delivery team members! Please sign up in the Narthex! 8th and 9th grade confirmation students and all Senior High students are invited to participate! (8th graders to cook, 9th graders and SHF to cook and/or deliver) Forms are in the church office and on the uccmedfield.org website.



Focus on Youth and Senior High Fellowship students are again **invited to participate** in **City Mission Society's “Christmas Shop”** by purchasing a gift for a young person their own age (see gift tags for details). Gift tags will be available for FOY students on 11/16 and for SHF students on 11/15 **All gifts should be brought to church – UNWRAPPED – by 12/6.** Thanks in advance for sharing with others so generously!

On **Sunday, December 20th from 12-4PM** , all **9th grade confirmation students** and all interested Senior High students (**students participating in the mission trip are required to attend**) – will travel to Winchester to help at **City Mission Society's “Christmas Shop”**. Details to follow but save this date!!!!

WELCOME & FRIENDSHIP

COFFEE HOUR - GUESS WHAT'S NEW ???

One of the goals of the Welcoming and Friendship Ministry is to provide fellowship opportunities for people attending both worship services. One important arena for that fellowship is...you guessed it...coffee hour! In fact, Randy Hammer in his book ***52 Ways to Ignite your Congregation in Practical Hospitality*** states that “one of the best ways to assimilate newcomers is during the coffee/fellowship time following worship.” We couldn't agree more!

It has become apparent to us that purchasing snacks for our ever increasing congregation can be a big undertaking for one host family. **So, starting on November 1st, the church will purchase the snacks for coffee hour BUT we still need you.** Our coffee hour prep team will continue to make the coffee, but we need YOU to extend biblical hospitality to our guests and friends by helping with the set-up, serving and clean-up. Hosting coffee hour is an opportunity opened to the whole family – mom, dad and kids.

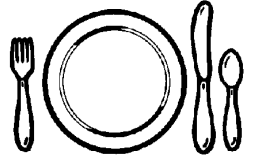
If you could take just one Sunday during the year to help us make coffee hour a warm and inviting place, we would appreciate it. Check the sign-up boards in the narthex for the 9:30 service or the meeting room for the 11:00 service. You can also contact Kathe Farris at 359-1171 or kathe@thanktank.com with any questions.



WELCOME TABLES – Many thanks to all those who are providing a warm welcome to guests and regular attendees who enter our doors each Sunday. We now have two welcome

tables--one in the front foyer and one at the entrance near Fellowship Hall.

DINNER GROUPS—Six dinner groups with 8-10 people in each are in the process of scheduling their first meals together.



Each of the six groups will try to meet three or four times during the year and we know they will have a great time getting to know new friends and spending more time with those they already know! Try to take a picture of your group during one of your dinners and we will add your photo to our upcoming Welcoming and Friendship page on the UCC Medfield web site. Enjoy!!

THE MEDFIELD INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held in **our sanctuary on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00PM.** Representatives from all the churches in Medfield, as well as Temple Beth David in Westwood, will take part in the service. We hope you'll take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to thank God in the context of the larger Medfield community.

**December Beacon
Deadline**

**Thursday
November 19
9:00 AM**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

PEEKING THROUGH THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WINDOWS YOU WOULD HAVE SEEN:

- **Pre-k 1** students talking about all the things God made, how they can help care for those things, and who helps take care of them!!!
- The children in the **pre-k 2 class** hopping and giggling while playing Hullabaloo and then talking all about bees for Heifer Education Day.
- The **kindergarten students** listening to the story of Faith the Cow and then coloring thank you notes for Heifer Sunday.
- The **first graders** making their own burning bushes after reading the story from the kindergarten Bible they received last year.
- The **second graders** telling some of our new students all about the festivities for Heifer Sunday and all the ways we can help others.
- The **third graders** listening to a story about Partmatma from India and how much a gift of a water buffalo from Heifer International helped his family.
- The **fourth grade students** reading the book Beatrice's Goat, then sampling goat milk and listening to fast facts about the benefits of goats.
- Our **fifth grade students** reading the story of how baby Moses was taken from the Nile River and raised as an Egyptian and then breaking into teams to play a Nile River game.
- The **multi-age class** talking about how a goat can help a family and learning that goat hair can be used to make clothing and blankets.

November Stewardship Project: Winter hat and mitten collection

Our November stewardship focus will be **"WE ARE HAVING A BALL KEEPING KIDS WARM"** this winter. Throughout the month, all Children's Ministry students will be asked to bring in new or gently used winter hats and mittens for children served by Cradles to Crayons. We will launch this project in Children's Church on November 1st.

Casting for the Christmas Play: "Through the Eyes of the Magi"

On November 1st at 10:45, we invite ALL 3rd-5th graders to our casting of the Christmas Play, **"Through the Eyes of the Magi"**. This play was written by our own Judy Weiner and will take place during **both the 9:30 & 11:00** worship services on Sunday, **December 13th**. There are both speaking and non-speaking parts available as well as a stage crew/props group. The schedule is below for the rehearsals. If your child is trying out for a speaking part, please remember participation in the play is a commitment and we expect that no speaking part character will miss more



than one practice without permission from the directors or producers of the play. In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact Judy Weiner at 508-520-8770 or her or her email Judy.Weiner@me.com.

The **Practice Schedule** is as follows:

Sundays November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and
December 6 at 10:45 am
Saturday, December 12 - 8:30 Cast Party
and Dress Rehearsal

STEWARDSHIP

Six Steps for Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

As part of our stewardship ministry message on Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity, we are advocating six financial planning principles to be used as essential steps in learning to live simply and generously. Please take time to review these principles and Scriptures. They make a great table devotional for you and your family, and are particularly topical in this season of gathering and giving thanks to God. By practicing these biblical principles, all of us can find greater simplicity, contentment, generosity, and joy for our lives.

Pay your tithe and offering first. Put God first in your living and giving.
(2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

Create a spending budget and track your expenses monthly.
(Proverbs 27:23-24)

Simplify your lifestyle; live below your means. **(Matthew 6:19-33)**

Establish an emergency fund.
(1 Timothy 6:9-12)

Pay off your credit cards, use cash/debit cards for purchases, and use credit wisely. **(Proverbs 22:7)**

Practice long-term savings and investing habits. **(Luke 14:28)**

With God's help, everyone can save more and give more by eliminating waste and reducing debt. In addition to exploring biblical principles of financial management, we will learn ways to assess our financial situation and develop a financial plan that will allow us to experience the true joy that comes through simplicity and generosity.

We are fortunate that Blanchard Warren, an expert in simplifying household finances, will hold a two-hour workshop open to the public on Thursday, November 12, at 6:30PM in the Great Room. Please call the church office if you're interested in attending the workshop.

On Stewardship Sunday, November 22, Pastor Phil will have the final message in his sermon series. We will be distributing pledge cards for you to record your personal commitment for the coming year, and inviting you to come forward and place your cards on the altar. Once all gifts have been brought forward, they will be consecrated during the worship service. Join us in worship as we celebrate and consecrate our gifts to the ministry of our church in the coming year. We can live as people of hope, learning how to live with simplicity, contentment, generosity, and true joy!

Yours in Christ,
The Stewardship Ministry Team

For the Lord your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete.

Deuteronomy 16:15

MORE MISSIONS

Following the incredible devastation that resulted from Typhoon Ketsana, the South Pacific tsunamis, and the earthquakes in Sumatra, the Missions Team has directed \$10,000 towards relief efforts in the affected areas. A five thousand dollar donation was made to the Pacific Disaster Fund of the Wider Church Ministries, one of the United Church of Christ's church partners. This organization together with other UCC partners, is conducting damage assessments, providing immediate relief of food, water and shelter, and making plans for immediate and long term relief. In addition, the Missions team has given five thousand dollars to World Vision's Emergency Response Fund. This donation will help provide family relief packs that contain items such as emergency food, clean water, hygiene kits, and shelter material. Please keep all the families affected by these disasters in your prayers.

Closer to home, the Missions Team has authorized a \$1,000 grant to Medfield's Meals-on-Wheels program, which is administered by HESSCO. In this current economic climate, the need for these services continues to increase. On average, approximately 35 Medfield elders take part in this very important program, which is designed to bring a nutritious noontime meal to all participants.

Just a reminder that The Bridge House, a men's prison release home, is still in need of large men's clothes (especially size 44 blazers and up), as residents get ready to enter the workforce. Ties are also very much appreciated!


Due to several scheduling conflicts, we will now be assembling World Vision Care Giver Kits on Friday, November 20th at 7:00 PM. The Missions Team has funded \$3,500 to pay for the costs associated with this project. These kits will provide much needed supplies and basic medications that can improve and prolong the lives of those living with AIDS while protecting caregivers and preventing the spread of infection. Please look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. We hope many of you will be able to join us for this important undertaking!

Finally, we are delighted to welcome Jennifer Grant to the Missions Team! She has graciously offered to coordinate our local programs collections. We thank her for her time, dedication and talents!

Upcoming Soup To Go Dates:

November 7
November 14 (SHF)
November 21

December 5 (SHF)
December 12
December 26



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

November 1	8:30 9:30 10:45 11:00	Communion and Teacher Meeting Children's Church Tryouts for Christmas Play Regular Sunday School
November 8	9:30 & 11:00	Regular Sunday School
November 15	9:30 & 11:00	Regular Sunday School
November 22	9:30 & 11:00	Regular Sunday School
November 29	9:30 & 11:00	Regular Sunday School

October Stewardship Project : Heifer International

The writing of this column is taking place BEFORE our Living Gift Market for Heifer International on October 25th but a huge **THANKS IN ADVANCE** for all your support of this initiative. We will let you know how many arks we were able to purchase in the December Beacon. We are blessed to have the leadership of both Betsy Loeffler and Rachel Brown on this project—thank you Betsy and Rachel for all you do to promote the partnership of UCC Medfield and Heifer International.

The Parent Link: November —In this issue the topic is being thankful to God. Even during tough economic times or family hardships, we all have blessings for which to be grateful. Parents learn practical tips for instilling an attitude of gratitude in their children—and in themselves. Highlights include: ideas for turning on children's "gratitude lights," prayer starters on thankfulness, teachable moments that will work for children of all ages, family experiences that will make thankfulness visible for everyone to see, information and discussion questions about the upcoming movie Disney's *A Christmas Carol* and the new album from American Idol winner Kris Allen.

Classroom Volunteers-November

As part of our Safe Church initiative at UCC Medfield, two adults are required each week in every Sunday School classroom. Each month several Sundays will be staffed by teacher aides and the other weeks will be staffed by parent volunteers. **If you are unable to attend your scheduled date, please try to switch with another parent or call Susan Holbrook at church (359-2351) or at home (359-8378).**

	<u>11/1</u>	<u>11/8</u>	<u>11/15</u>	<u>11/22</u>
Pre-k1	P. Mormann	R. Cunningham	Koterba .	V. Ruud
Pre-k2	Hudson	Fuqua	Colleran	Nugent
Kindergarten	Sarris	Merck	Smith	Young
1st Grade	Previte	Shea	Southwick	Sullivan
2nd Grade	Thompson	Manning	Masella	Grigg
3rd Grade	Mitchell	Lozzio	Murray	Teachers
4th Grade	Phenegar	Luczak	Perry	Farrell
5th Grade	Bock	Compton	M. Whelan	J. Grant

I HAVE NOT SCHEDULED VOLUNTEERS YET FOR NOVEMBER 29TH WHICH IS THE SUNDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING - IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER THAT DAY, PLEASE EMAIL SUSAN AT SHOLBROOK@UCCMEDFIELD.ORG

CRADLES TO CRAYONS MINISTRY

Warehouse workdays—On October 2nd, eight women travelled to the Quincy warehouse to work a three hour shift. We had a great time and filled orders for 66 children. We have two more workdays scheduled for 2009. If you can join us, please sign up on the C2C board in the narthex.

Tuesday, November 3rd
Thursday, December 3rd

Local Donation Site—Kathy Mills and her driving “angels” continue to transport carloads of donations down to Quincy on a weekly basis. The word is spreading about this amazing organization and we are grateful to the Mills family for the use of their garage for this ongoing collection. **BY BOARD OF HEALTH RULES, C2C CAN NOT ACCEPT STUFFED ANIMALS.**

MISSION GRANT—Cradles has been desperately low on their stock of pants for both boys and girls this fall and this severely limits their ability to supply clothing packs. In response to this great need, the C2C steering committee decided to use a portion of the 2009 mission grant to purchase jeans and sweatpants. We delivered 120 pairs of jeans and sweatpants on October 21st..

SORTING BAGS—Check the C2C table outside Susan’s office for bags of newborn caps, socks and underwear that need to be sorted

and packed in Ziploc bags. There are also several bags of summer hats that need to be washed before we can sort them and pack them away until spring!!

Pajama Party—Our **second annual pajama** party to benefit Cradles to Crayons will be held on Friday night, November 6th from 6:30-7:30. This is our CM students chance to come to church wearing their pajamas!!! We ask attendees to bring a new or gently used pair of pajamas to the event. Heidi Willson will be leading the event with songs, games and storytelling. We will end the evening with cookies and milk.

C2C Community Notes
One of **Medfield brownie troops** (with several UCC Sunday School students) completed a very successful clothing drive for C2C at the Wheelock School. On October 22nd, the girls gathered at the church to inspect and sort over 50 bags of donations.

Cub Scout Pack 200 has designated C2C as their community service project this year. At their October pack meeting, they collected winter coats and have two service days scheduled at the Quincy warehouse in November.

Blake Middle School Community Service Project—a representative from C2C spoke to the 7th graders at the Blake Middle School during an assembly on October 7th. Students at Blake will be collecting winter clothing this fall.



MUSIC

THE COMMUNITY SINGERS
Sunday, November 22, 2009
at 4:00 p.m.

Join the Community Singers for their 21st annual fall concert, featuring Thompson’s “Frostiana” and songs in celebration of the American spirit.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING
Friday, December 4, 2009
at 7:30 p.m.

Join us for an old-fashioned carol sing after the town tree-lighting to hear a preview of our Christmas service music along with plenty of opportunities to sing your favorite carols, featuring our Sanctuary Choir, our Chapel Bell Ensemble, and the Montrose School handbell choir.

BACK BAY RINGERS
Sunday, December 13, 2009
4:00 p.m.

One of Boston’s premiere handbell ensembles present an afternoon of challenging bell arrangements of some of our favorite Christmas carols.



The Boston Pops OWLS Event

🎵 December 14, 2009
 🎵 Light dinner at 5 p.m. concert at 8 p.m.
 🎵 Cost is \$41 per person

Tickets are available for our next event, a light dinner and a trip to The Boston Pops. We will meet at the home of Dick and Diane Tlapa for a light dinner before leaving for the concert. Contact Joan Parsons (508-359- 9735) or Mary and Otto Preikszas (508-359-8104) or sign up in the Narthex to reserve your tickets. Please let us know if you are willing to drive or if you would prefer a ride.

MISSIONS

TRI-VALLEY HABITAT UPDATE

Things continue to progress in the construction of a South Shore Habitat for Humanity house in Medway led by the Tri-Valley Local Partnership Committee (LPC). The site plan for 9 Walker Street has been approved and plans are underway for clearing the lot, excavating and pouring the foundation in early November. Drive by the house (.2 miles off Village Street) to see our progress!

One key component is the participation of the prospective homeowner family in the construction of their house. The family selection process, based on need, ability to pay (at cost with a no-interest loan) and willingness to partner, is nearly complete. The family will be introduced at a ceremony at the site in early December.

Work teams will be scheduled once the foundation and decking are in place. We also need help with fundraising and providing lunches and snacks for work crews. If you want to be involved, sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or contact: Mike Polagye (508-520-0865) or Marilyn Whelan (508-541-8738).

PRAYER SHAWL

Wow! We had a great response to our workshop last month. We prayed for new needle workers and God answered our prayers. We were blessed to have teachers to demonstrate how to knit or crochet, and new patterns to keep our ministry interesting. Thanks to all who helped out and thanks to all for coming and learning how to create a symbol of God's comfort and love. For those of you who missed it, please join us at any of our meetings to become part of this exciting ministry and time of fellowship.

We meet in the parlor on the first and third Thursday of every month at 12:30 PM and the second and fourth Tuesday at 7:30 PM. There is no need to sign up and supplies are always on hand. For additional information please contact either Michelle Luhrmann 359-1586 or Donna Luft 359-4420 for daytime meetings, and Sally Harris 359-4203 for evening meetings. If you prefer email, please contact Carol LaFreniere at cladedah@aol.com

MISSION: POSSIBLE - HOLD THE DATE Saturday, January 30

Please mark your family calendars for a CHURCH-WIDE day of service and fellowship on **Saturday, January 30**. We are assembling a broad range of mission options so that EVERYONE (age 5 and up) has a chance to get involved and give back in a personally meaningful way. Daycare will be provided. There will be a church-wide dinner that evening so we can share our day's experiences. Stay tuned for a complete list of mission options and sign-up details.

Special Note to Patriots Fans: January 30th is the week *after* the conference championships and the week *before* the Super Bowl, so there will be no conflicts.

FORUM RESULTS

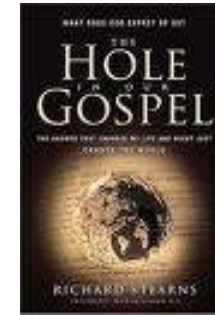
Open discussions were recently held to gather input on the future roles and responsibilities of a new Associate Pastor. More than fifty people participated among the four different forums. The current objective is to develop a job description and commission a search committee to be ratified at the annual meeting on January 10, 2010.

In a vibrant church such as ours with many ministries, these discussions are one way to help decide priorities. Some aspects of the position quickly became obvious while others are still being decided. For example, all agreed we need a full-time, ordained minister. Responsibilities would include sharing in the responsibility for worship, administering sacraments and pastoral care, and additionally, it seems important that the person help people make connections (from first contact with the church through out their spiritual development), identifying and nurturing people's spiritual gifts and then matching gifts to ministry opportunities. In some churches, this role is known as director of congregational life. Other areas of focus could include leadership development and fostering small group ministries.

As for personal qualities, opinions were offered regarding consideration of gender, age, personality, or denominational background. There was consensus that the person demonstrate good people skills. One person noted that a pastor cannot be "all things to all people" and fulfills his/her ministry in a covenantal relationship through the support and participation of the congregation. This is a helpful perspective to keep in mind as the process moves forward.

The next step is to write a job description and form a search team. If you have feedback, or feel called to serve in this discernment effort, please contact the church moderator Steve Groff at 359-5651.

NEW BOOK STUDY



The Hole in Our Gospel by Richard Stearns is a powerful book about Jesus' call to all Christians to demonstrate God's love for a hurting world. Stearns describes his own journey from corporate CEO to president of World Vision; a journey that he made

with a great deal of initial reluctance. Learn how God spoke to him to encourage him to embrace the task of continuing Jesus' work to heal and feed and comfort and love the least and the lost among us. Listen to the heart-breaking stories of the people that he has met from all over the world; people ravaged by war, disease, and extreme poverty. And consider – What does God expect of us?

This may be a first step for you in hearing about how we can be a part of God's stunning vision for a redeemed and reclaimed world; or it may be another step in a journey that you want to share with others. **Please join us in January as we begin a 6 week study of *The Hole in Our Gospel*. Look for sign up sheets in December.**

Our Steering Committee's purpose is to provide opportunities for Christian fellowship throughout the year that appeal to women of all ages. Attending one of our events is a great way to meet other women of faith, share experiences, develop friendships and receive support from one another. Please consider joining us at one, or all of our upcoming events.

Upcoming Event

Back by popular demand

“Catch Your Breath” Coffee

Sunday, November 8th

2:00 – 4:00 PM

In the Parlor

This will be an informal gathering of UCC women and friends as we spend some much deserved time reconnecting and catching our collective breaths before the holiday rush begins. Join us in the Parlor for beverages, sweet treats, and fellowship.



Save the Dates

December 8th at 6:00 PM for the Advent Dinner/Cookie Wrap.

**UCC Women's Retreat
April 23rd and 24th**

We have selected a retreat leader and are currently exploring possible topics. We will be returning Old Sea Pines Inn, Brewster, MA. Stay tuned for more information. You might want to put this on your 2010 calendar now!

Steering Committee members: Kim Bond, Pat Bois, Wendy Cohen, Rosemary Cunningham, Laine Hendy, Cindy Karg, Gayle Kendall, Darrah O'Connor, Chris Taft,