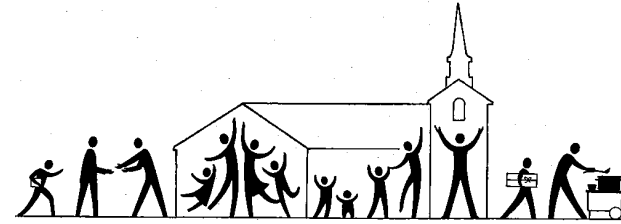


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THE BEACON

COURAGE TO SERVE

Courage is on my mind. It's one of the virtues that I have always both desired and wished I possessed in far greater abundance. Because of the virtues of faith, hope, and love (the greatest of them all), courage doesn't always appear on the Western church's radar scope. But it should.

The more time that I spend in the gospels with Jesus, the more I see the courage that was interwoven throughout everything that he said and did. To be sure, it was not a kind of heroic courage borne of the isolated individual, but the quiet courage based on the trust that God was present, available, and utterly reliable. No doubt verses from the Hebrew Scriptures exhorting the people to have courage and in which Jesus was immersed reverberated through his mind: verses like Deuteronomy 31:6 which says, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you"; and Joshua 1:9 which reads, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

He constantly enjoined his band of fearful followers to be courageous and he exhorts us to follow him with courage. But he didn't expect them and doesn't expect us to do this on our own. He poured out the Spirit on us to help us to grow the kind of trust and courage that he desires in our lives. One of the notable differences between the disciples pre-Pentecost

and post-Pentecost was the amount of courage they exhibited. In Acts 2 Peter preaches boldly to the Jews on the day of Pentecost. Acts 4:13 describes how the religious rulers were amazed by the courage of Peter and John as they preached the gospel. Paul urged disciples to "Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong" (1 Cor. 16:13). The Spirit with which we are anointed is, if anything, the Spirit of boldness and courage.

Gary Haugen writes in *Just Courage*, "God doesn't call us to *try* to be brave but to *train* to be brave." And we need the Spirit and one another to create the conditions for courage to grow in us. God has called us to minister to a fallen world which turns out to be a dangerous mission. But, as II Timothy 1:7 says, "God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline." The Spirit weaves courage and love together as we take the risks of mission and ministry to which God calls us. As Haugen writes, "[God] asks: Do you want to be brave, or do you want to be safe? Jesus wants us to realize that it's a choice, and he wants to help us make the joyful choice. Most importantly, Jesus wants us to know that he takes care of us so well that it is actually safe to be brave." My hope is that together we allow the Spirit to train us to be brave so that we can minister more effectively in the world that God loves.

Pastor Phil

ORDINATION TRACK

Did you know that one of our members is on the track for ordination as a pastor in the UCC? Our church is delighted to sponsor Mary Perry on this adventure. Following the guidelines of the Metropolitan Boston Association (MBA) of the UCC, we have formed an "In Care" team to oversee and help Mary for the duration of the process.

Mary's Care Team has five members. They are: Dan Woodman (Chair), Pastor Phil, Marge and Ken Swedeen, and Sandy Van Ness. On May 11 a vote of the team was taken to recommend that Mary be taken "In Care" with the Committee on Ministry of the MBA. The MBA will be responsible for making sure that she meets all of the academic and practical requirements necessary to ultimately become ordained. Our group will work with the MBA to do whatever we can to give Mary guidance as well as "hands on" pastoral experience. We ask that you keep Mary in your prayers as she embarks on this challenging and important process.

FROM A&O

As we enter the summer months, the Administration & Operations Team expects both our income and expenses to be at or close to budget. While church activity and attendance drops off significantly during the summer, some of the programs (see articles in this Beacon) and many of the church's expenses, such as salary for our staff, do not. We encourage all our members and friends to maintain their planned giving during the summer months so that the church can continue to operate smoothly during the summer without having to draw down on reserve funds. We wish you the very best for a safe and happy summer, wherever your plans take you!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

***For the months of July and August,
the office will be open
Monday through Thursday, 8:30-12:30
Closed on Friday.***

MISSIONS

The Missions Team was delighted to have the Rev. Burns Stanfield join our congregation on Mission Sunday. His powerful message, along with the many displays in Fellowship Hall, resulted in a very special morning focused on loving our neighbors as ourselves. Our new Missions brochure is now available and can be found in numerous locations throughout the church. Please pick one up and read about all the exciting mission activities going on throughout the congregation!

The Missions Team was also pleased to make a \$5,000 donation to Cradles to Crayons, which will be more specifically allocated by Susan Holbrook and her advisory group. It has been very exciting to watch this important ministry grow, and we wish them well as the organization prepares to move into a bigger and much improved warehouse in the near future.

An invitation has been made to leaders of the First Haitian Church in Brockton and their children's choir to join us in worship next fall. The goal is to have both of our children's choirs sing together and to learn first-hand about the challenges faced by many of their members and their extended families due to the January earthquake. In March, the Missions Team sent a donation of \$3,400 to the church, to be distributed by their pastor to 17 families with relatives still in Haiti who were devastated by the earthquake. When the funds were actually distributed, the number of families was expanded to 22. In a visit to the church to take photographs for a poster for Mission Sunday, John Edgar met two individuals whose families had received our gift. Each of them had lost a family member in the earthquake and expressed their gratitude for our help. Our thanks to John and Gayle Edgar, who had a connection with the children's choir director, and pursued this, with the encouragement of their *Hole in Our Gospel* discussion group and the Missions Team.

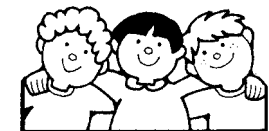
SOUP TO GO

The Soup To Go Mission Coordinating Team is eager to get back to serving our homeless friends in Boston. During our hiatus we have seen or spoken with a number of our street friends who have only reinforced how much they value what UCC Medfield's STG ministry has meant to them. We have used this time to re-evaluate our mission and quickly, passionately and unanimously agreed that our original purpose remains sound: *In Christian love, we seek to serve primarily the unsheltered homeless by providing caring companionship and nutritious home-style food or other resources including clothing and personal care items.*

We invite interested members of the congregation to join us on **Wednesday, June 16** at 7:30 in the Parlor as we brainstorm about how best our congregation can return to service through Soup To Go. We continue to research and consider options for the mission from partnering with other churches or organizations serving the homeless in Boston to licensing a mobile van. We know that God has a plan which will emerge through your prayers and wisdom.

GIVING OPPORTUNITY

Children who live in the Appalachian region of our country are extremely poor and many of them have no books to call their own. Kevin Holbrook challenged our CM students to share some of their gently used books with the children with whom our mission youth group will interact. **WE ARE LOOKING FOR PICTURE BOOKS AND EARLY READERS ONLY.** The drop off deadline is **June 6** so that we can ship the books down prior to the SHF's arrival at the end of June.



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CRADLES TO CRAYONS

Sorting party - We held a sorting party for bathing suits and summer hats on Wednesday, May 12th at the church. Thank you to Betsy Loeffler, Joyce Gibbons, Susan Ott, Barbara Yates, Chris Komine and Susan Holbrook for their help. Special thanks to Don and Ginny Eilertson for delivering all the sorted items to the warehouse.

Workdays in the Quincy Warehouse - UCC Medfield participated in two workdays at the Cradles warehouse in May. We had over 20 people volunteer this month.

Looking ahead, we have two dates booked for June. We meet at the church at 9:10 am and carpool down to Quincy for a 10-12:30pm workday (**note new ending time**). We are back in Medfield by 1:15 pm. Sign up for one or both on the clipboards in the Narthex.

Tuesday, June 8th
Wednesday, June 9th

Off-site Sorting Bags - Stop by the Cradles to Crayons shelving unit in the main stairwell (right off the narthex) to pick up a bag or two of socks, underwear, tights or newborn caps that need to be packaged into Ziploc bags. Detailed instructions are included with each bag including a suggested prayer before you start!!

Local Donation Site

Kathy Mills' house
6 Wild Holly Lane
Medfield, MA 02052

No need to call ahead; donations may be left on Kathy's covered front porch. **Due to recent generous donations, C2C is currently inundated with toys, and can no longer accept any gently used toys at this time.**

Most Needed Items

Crib sheets
0-6 month size boys' clothes
Spring/fall jackets
Baby board books
New boys' underwear,
Size 2T through youth 18/20
Shoes and sneakers
Cars seats
Pack 'n Plays
Strollers
Safety gates

What Cradles can't accept

Car seats over five years old
DVDs/CDs/VHS tapes/computer games
Religious books/toys, including Christmas/
Easter/Hanukah/Kwanzaa related items
Books about families
("I Love Mommy," "Daddy and I")
Underwear/socks out of their packages
Military related or violent toys/games
Oversized plastic play structures and slides
Large backyard toys, baby pools, and
structures
Stuffed animals
Ice skates
Used hygiene products/baby food/
breastfeeding supplies
Used arts and crafts/coloring supplies
Cribs - due to the recent drop-side crib recall,
C2C is no longer accepting cribs of any
kind



Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry!

MEMBER NEWS

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY - 26 of our 29 students were confirmed on May 16 between the two services. Three students were out of town and will be confirmed in the next few weeks. Please welcome our newest members:

*Ashley Haughton Alemian
Alexandra Nichole Barbato
James Robert Basiliere
Jaime Ann Blackmon
Andrew Robert Bond
Blake Tyler Brown
Brian Richard D'Amore
Shelby Ann Doolity**
Jenna Kathryn Mach Faltas
Abigail Darling Grant
Lindsay Sarah Gursha
Tyler Vaughn Hogan
David John Holman
Christian John Honan
Sarah Elizabeth Honan
Lindsey Wells Kinsellagh
Bethany Anne Komine*
Keith Robert LaFreniere**
Darah Annabella Hamilton Meister
Abigail Kling Mills
Alexis Louise Nasraway
Emily W. Ott
G. Joseph Ouimette
Connor James Quinn
Gehrig Clifford Schilling
Mekenzie Shapiro Smith
Hunter Lauren Stahl
Patrick Kirkham Sullivan
Noah Thomas Willson*

*Confirmed on May 23

** To be confirmed in June

MEDFIELD FOOD CUPBOARD - Specifically from UCC for June, they have asked for **jelly and jam, laundry products, and canned pears**, but will gladly accept other non-perishable items. Please place your donations in the baskets located in the corner of the Narthex marked for the Food Cupboard. Thank you.

WELCOMED INTO MEMBERSHIP MAY 23: After attending a one day new member session on May 2, fourteen individuals elected to join UCC Medfield. Eleven were received into membership on May 23. Three had a scheduling conflict and will be received in the next few weeks. They are:

*Robert & Sharon Bond
Kim & Bob Bond, Jr.
Pam & Ashley Campisano
John Edgar
Kurt & Kristin Hudson
Terri Lynch
Sally Thayer
Erin Touhey
Jeannie & Tom Walsh*

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We will not meet in the months of June, July and August on a scheduled basis. If we decide to meet on the spur of the moment, we will contact our members through email. If you need to request a shawl please contact one of the names below. To our members, don't forget to keep knitting over the summer! Supplies are available on a continual basis in the upstairs cabinet. See you in the fall. For additional information please contact either Michelle Luhrmann 359-1586, Donna Luft 359-4420, or Sally Harris 359-4203. If you prefer email please contact Carol LaFreniere at cladedah@aol.com.

DEADLINE FOR 'BEACON' SUBMISSION — NONE!!!!

UCC Medfield is going green this summer, so there will be NO July or August "Beacon."

Please check the church website for up-to-date information.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

JUNE SCHEDULE

June 6	8:30 9:30 11:00	Teacher Meeting/Communion Children's Church Regular Sunday School (SS) LAST DAY OF REGULAR SS
June 13	9:30	SUMMER SS BEGINS
June 20	9:30	Summer Sunday School
June 27	9:30	Summer Sunday School

PEEKING THROUGH THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WINDOWS YOU WOULD HAVE SEEN:

Pre-K1 students listening to the story about Jesus reading the Bible in the synagogue and then making their own scrolls with straws and paper.

The Pre-K2 class talking about prayer--- how we pray and who or what we pray for--and then making a prayer journal.

Kindergarten students making bookmarks that say "Jesus Loves You" to put in their gift Bibles

The first graders learning why Paul's name was changed from Saul and how he escaped Damascus by sliding down a wall in a basket.

Second graders listening to the story about Paul and Barnabas and then playing the game "Down the Wall with Paul."

Third graders each making a scrapbook that reflects some of their favorite Bible stories and activities from this year's Sunday School class.

Fourth grade students updating their classroom map to highlight the cities Paul visited and where he started churches.

Fifth grade students looking up the scriptures that relate to the different verses of the *Apostle's Creed*.

The Multi-Age class talking about the how the early Christians worked together to spread the Good News and then playing a game where their class had to work together to solve a puzzle or task.

The Parent Link The June issue of The Parent Link was emailed to all CM families in mid-May. The July and August issues will be emailed to you as they become available.

Children's Church on June 6th Our last Children's Church service for this school year will be held on June 6th during the first part of the 9:30 worship service. Our fifth grade students will participate in a special candlelight cross-over ceremony from Children's Ministries to Youth Ministries and our first grade students will lead everyone in the Lord's Prayer.

Summer Sunday School & Nursery Care Our "**Fun in the Son**" summer Sunday School will begin on June 13th and will run through September 5th (Labor Day weekend). We are so pleased that our CWAM (College with a Mission Group) will once again be taking responsibility for teaching during the summer. Come join us this summer. *Rock Solid* will be our curriculum guide and the leaders have lots of action-oriented games and activities to make Sunday School a great experience for all. We will offer nursery care all summer as well.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

David Bell graduated from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA with a BS in Civil Engineering. He starts working in June for Parsons Brinckerhoff, an engineering and construction management firm, in their Cranbury, NJ office.

Neil Brennan graduated from Plymouth State College in New Hampshire with a degree in Business (Marketing major, Communications & Economics minor), and is in the job search process.

Lindsay Colvin graduates from Union College (with honors) with a degree in Political Science on June 13th. She will be working as a litigation legal assistant for the law firm of Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York City, starting in mid-July.

Conor Cross graduated from Bucknell University with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. He will begin working in a Robotic Chemistry Lab at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center on June 1.

Reba Cunningham graduated from Austin College in Sherman, Texas with a BA in Environmental Studies with a minor in Exercise and Sports Science. She plans to live in McKinney, Texas for the summer while seeking employment in the environmental field.

Anna Goetz graduated from Ithaca College with a BS degree in Applied Psychology with a Health minor. She is working for Vin Fen (Boston) as a case manager while pursuing a PhD in Psychology.

Kiley Grant graduated from the University of Vermont with a major in Business and a minor in Sociology. She will be continuing on at UVM where she will complete her Masters in Accountancy in December, then return to Boston to begin employment with Catarono & Company in Charlestown.

Kira Henderson graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY in August of 2009. She received her BS in Biology. She just completed her first year of her graduate school at RPI, working on her PhD in Cell Biology.

Christopher Hendy received his BA degree from Connecticut College, double majored in Economics and Mathematics. He will start a job in July as a Finance Analyst at City Group in NYC.

Jeffrey LaFreniere graduated from the Smeal School of Business at Penn State University with a degree in Finance. He is currently seeking employment.

Brendan Ricciardelli graduated cum laude from Villanova University in Pennsylvania with a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the School of Engineering. He will be starting a (civilian) job with the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Philadelphia on July 6th.

Krista Steinkrauss earned a BS degree on May 24th from the Carroll School of Management at Boston College. She has a major in Marketing and a minor in Studio Art.

Christian Termyn will be graduating from Yale University with a BA in Anthropology. Beginning July, he will be employed by Mintz Levin in Boston.

Kristina Thompson graduated from Tufts University with a BA degree – a double major in Political Science and History. She will be attending Cambridge University in England in the fall pursuing a Masters in History.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Lee Abecunas will be attending Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine this August. He plans to pursue a degree in biology and math leading to a career in medicine.

Angela Bodozian will be going to Providence College, possibly majoring in Accounting.

Brian Brown will attend Haverford College and is planning to study English/Creative Writing.

Ashford Burgess is planning on attending UMass Lowell, majoring in Civil Engineering.

Stephanie Chung will attend Cornell University, planning to major in Biology.

Alex Davies will be attending Bentley University next year. He will major in Business.

Abigail Horan will attend St Lawrence University in Canton, NY studying psychology and art.

Katherine Karg will be attending University of Virginia in the fall majoring in Biomedical Engineering.

Bryn Loeffler will be attending Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh majoring in European Studies, combining history and languages.

Zoë Luft will attend Westfield State College in Westfield, MA majoring in Math and Secondary Education.

Anna Luhrmann will attend Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, FL

Georgia Naumann is going to Connecticut College. In addition to her studies and interest in art, she plans to continue playing volleyball for the College, a Division 3 school.

Jennifer Nelson will be attending the University of St. Andrews, Scotland this fall, majoring in International Relations.

Will Sobo will attend Endicott College in Beverly planning to major in Business.

Nick Termyn is graduating from Milton Academy and will be attending Bates College in the fall.

POST-GRADUATE DEGREES

Maria Gruzinov graduated from her Radiologic Technology program in December and received her clinical license to perform X-Rays at the same time. She is currently looking for a job.

Debra Gursha received her Master of Science in Emergency Management from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. She recently obtained employment with UMass Boston as a Fire and Life Safety Officer.

Heather Todd received her RN degree from the advanced day RN program at Mass Bay Community College.



YOUTH NEWS

Congratulations to graduating high school seniors! All graduating seniors and their parents are invited to a **graduation breakfast on Sunday, June 6th at 8:30AM.** Please **RSVP to the church office (508) 359-2351** if you haven't already, so that those who labor in love to prepare this meal will know how much to prepare. We look forward to celebrating this important achievement with you!



Congratulations also to 9th graders who were confirmed at both services on May 16. We look forward to seeing you in Senior High Fellowship in September!

The **final mission trip preparation meeting** for the Senior High mission trip to Mingo County, West Virginia will be held on **Thursday, June 3rd, 6:30-8:30PM.** **Mission trip participants will be commissioned** by the congregation on **Sunday, June 20th at 9:30AM.** **If you're going on the trip, please plan on attending!!**

Please keep the Senior High students and leaders in your prayers as they continue to prepare for their trip to **Appalachia, June 27-July 2.**

Focus on Youth/8th and 9th grade Confirmation Registration forms were emailed out recently. ALL REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE BY JUNE 11th.

Parents of current 8th graders are asked to attend an **9th grade Confirmation orientation (parents only) on Monday evening, June 7th from 7:30-8:30PM.** Please contact Wendy Ludwig (508 785-4027) if you cannot be there. Please make **every effort** to attend, this is an important meeting!

Parents of current 7th Graders are asked to attend a **8th grade Confirmation orientation (parents only) on Tuesday evening, June 15th from 7:30-8:30PM.** Please contact Wendy Ludwig (508 785-4027) if you cannot attend.

COLLEGE WITH A MISSION

Are you a college student, or soon-to-be college student, interested in getting together with other students to study God's Word and share in Christian fellowship? It's not too late to join the CWAM summer Bible study! We will meet for dinner at Wendy Ludwig's at 7:00 PM on **June 8** with a Bible study to follow one evening each week for the next six weeks after. Please let us know you are interested by contacting Carol Cassoli at (508) 520-3488 or c.cassoli@comcast.net.

2009-10 CONCERT SERIES

The New England Ringers
Sunday, June 6, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars now – you will not want to miss one of the nation's most exceptional handbell ensembles as they offer an afternoon of classical transcriptions, familiar favorites, and original compositions for this versatile and exciting instrument. This concert is made possible by a generous grant from the Elmer O. Portmann Memorial Fund.

*The best and most beautiful things
cannot be seen or touched;
they must be felt with the heart.*

**Join us in fellowship, spiritual growth
and service.**

SUMMER SUSTENANCE—Our annual Summer
Sustenance Supper will be held on

Monday, **June 14th**, at 6:30 PM
Fellowship Hall

This will be our usual pot-luck supper with a
program of fellowship and reflection that will
help to sustain us through the summer months.
A sign-up will be posted in the Narthex in late
May, and an *Evite* will be sent to your email
address as well.

We are always looking for people to join our
committee. We are beginning plans for both new
and returning events for the coming year. If you
would like to help with the planning, please see
one of the members of the steering committee.

We have had a great year. We hosted
thoughtful programs which centered on God's
role in our lives, as we each continued on our
faith journeys. We thank all who attended any
of our activities, and we hope to see more of
you in the future.

The UCC WOMEN
STEERING COMMITTEE:

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

