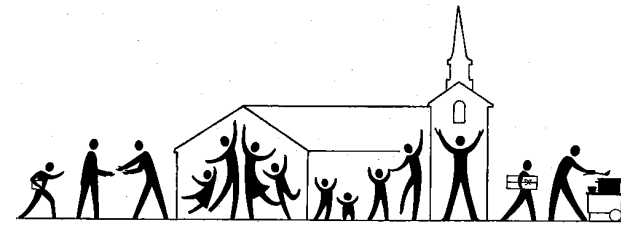


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THE BEACON

Greeting Friends!!!

Time flies when you're having fun! What a great month we had together in September! Homecoming Sunday was a blast as we celebrated the 10th anniversary of Susan and Wendy being on staff. Familiar routines returned on September 18th, when we added back the 11am worship service. I'm sure familiar routines are returning for your families also.

Here is an off-beat story that I have stolen from Donald Miller in his book, Blue Like Jazz (please take this in the positive spirit it is intended):

Once there was a rabbit named Don Rabbit. Don Rabbit went to the coffee shop every morning. One morning at the coffee shop Don Rabbit saw Yummy Carrot. And Don Rabbit decided to chase Yummy Carrot. But Yummy Carrot was very fast. And Don Rabbit chased Yummy Carrot all over Oregon, and all over America, all the way to New York City. And Don Rabbit chased Yummy Carrot all the way to the Moon. And Don Rabbit was very, very tired. But with one last burst of strength, Don



Rabbit lunged at Yummy Carrot. And Don Rabbit caught Yummy Carrot. And the moral of the story is that if you work hard, stay focused, and never give up, you will eventually get what you want in life.

Unfortunately, shortly after this story was told, Don Rabbit choked on the carrot and died. So the second moral of the story is:
Sometimes the things we want most in life are the things that will kill us.

For better or worse, we all know how true this story can be. Take a moment to think about what your Yummy Carrot is. Carrots always look like a good idea, but is yours actually good for you? Good for your family?

Here is a Bible verse to ponder: "But seek **first** God's kingdom and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33). The verse that follows this one is one of my favorites, "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own" (Matthew 6:34).

If you notice, "therefore" is the first word in verse 34. "Therefore" is a very powerful word which implies a cause and effect relationship. In this case, it indicates that we are going to

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have to authentically chase after God before we can receive stress relief from the Holy Spirit. But thank God that it is available to us!

Recognizing that chasing God is a counter-cultural priority, I want you to know that we pray for you about this. We pray for you and for all the families in our community; that we would be able to chase after God in a way that puts all of the other carrots in perspective. *"Our hearts are restless, until they rest in God."* – St. Augustine

With love,
Pastor Karen

SAVE THE DATE:
Mission: Possible III
Saturday, January 28, 2012

MOVIE NIGHTS

**INTRODUCING "MOVIE NIGHT"
AT UCC MEDFIELD!!!**

Mark your calendars now! Bring your family and join us in the **Great Room** for popcorn and a movie! We'll have fellowship time beginning at 6:45 pm; all movies will begin at 7:00.

- October 14 - "Tangled"**
(Appropriate for all ages)
- November 18 - "Soul Surfer"**
(Suggested age 10+)
- December 16 - "TBA" 6:30-8:45.**
Drop off your child for pizza and movie while you finish your Christmas to-do list! ***Sign-up will be required for this night only.**

Check the website for future movie listings on February 10, March 16 and May 4. **All children with the exception of high school students must be accompanied by an adult.**

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STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry Is...



Is life more than you can handle alone right now?

Are you adjusting to a new job, a change in marital status, a serious illness, the death of a loved one, a recent move—or just experiencing a lonely or difficult time in your life?

Could you benefit from having someone who would listen and care and walk with you through this difficult time?

There Is No Need to Struggle Alone!



Everyone goes through difficult times. Having someone to care, to listen, to share God's love with you can help you get through the confusion, stress, or loneliness you may be experiencing. God does not intend for you to struggle alone.

Stephen Ministers provide emotional and spiritual support and care to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness.

- Stephen Ministers:
- Listen
 - Explore feelings
 - Share Christ's love
 - Maintain confidentiality
 - Attend to the care-giving process and leave the results to God

I think I want a Stephen Minister. What do I do?

This is how the referrals process works:

You (or someone close to you) are hurting and in need of Christian care.

Our Stephen Leader learns about this need for care from the pastor, from you directly, or a friend, always with your permission.

The Stephen Leader meets with you to talk about Stephen Ministry.

With your permission, the Leader assigns a Stephen Minister to meet on a weekly basis with you.

The Stephen Minister continues to provide distinctively Christian care for you in strict confidentiality.

For more information, speak to one of the Stephen Leaders—Pastor Phil, Pastor Karen, Heidi Groff, Gayle Edgar or Rick Cram—or call the church office at 508-359-2351 and ask for Pastor Phil.

CRADLES 2 CRAYONS

Our workdays in C2C's Quincy warehouse resumed on Friday, September 16th and will continue monthly throughout the school year. You can sign up for any OR all of the upcoming dates on the C2C clipboard in the narthex. Feel free to serve with a friend.

Wednesday, October 12th

Friday, November 18th

Tuesday, December 6th

We meet at the church at 9:10 and the carpool to the warehouse for a 10-12:30 work shift. We are back in Medfield by 1:15 pm.

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. **CRIBS, STUFFED ANIMALS AND LARGE PLASTIC TOYS ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED BY C2C.**

A letter from Lynn Margherio, Founder and CEO of Cradles to Crayons:

Dear UCC Medfield Community,

It is difficult to express in words how grateful I feel to have you as supporters and friends of Cradles to Crayons. Your church community is unlike any other, as you are supportive in every way. You are the definition of triple-threat volunteers. When we are in need of product, you are working away at packaging socks and underwear. When we are in need of volunteers, you come to the Giving Factory in flocks. When we are in need of financial support, you donate from the bottom of your hearts with our greatest needs in mind.

Your recent grant of \$7,500 for purchase of our most needed items, as well as your packaging supplies is extremely generous. Each time we see a member of UCC Medfield at one of our loading docks we know that something great has arrived. Last time Susan Holbrook, your fearless leader, pulled up to the Giving Factory she brought with her 320 pairs of pants. In the summer months when our product donations are few and far between, this donation was a saving grace.

Your commitment is an inspiration to the staff and volunteers of Cradles to Crayons and your impact on the most vulnerable children across the Commonwealth is immeasurable. I wanted to share with you a story from one of our partners at the Department of Public Health. She said "The families that I work with are homeless with very low income. Last month, I brought KidPacks to a hotel that one of the families I am working with has been placed. The children were jumping around the room singing out that Santa Claus had come to visit because of the Cradles to Crayons packages that I brought to the family. It was one of the sweetest moments in my life. Thank you!"

This "thank you!" is really for you--the volunteers who make it possible to bring a little light to these families tough times. Thank you for everything.



MEMBER NEWS

THE PRAYER SANCTUARY

We have set aside the right back corner of the sanctuary as a prayer space. We are calling this *The Prayer Sanctuary*. This designated area will be open all day throughout the week. The Prayer Sanctuary provides a place for forming new habits of spending time with God when it's difficult to develop spiritual disciplines on our own. It offers a comfortable environment where prayer can be sustained for longer periods of time. Come on your own or with a friend.

UCC MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Would you like to discuss Christian parenting with other moms? Would you like to grow in your faith, enjoy fellowship AND bring your young children? A weekly mother's group/playgroup is forming. Come to our organizational meeting on Monday, October 17th from 9:30-11:00 AM in the church parlor and bring your children. Kathy Mills (a preschool teacher) has graciously offered to watch the children in the nursery with the help of another volunteer. For more information, contact Valerie Cleverdon (508-440-5404/ vcleverdon@gmail.com), Kim Bailer (508-528-7079/kimbailer@verizon.net) or Pastor Karen (kmunn@uccmedfield.org).

MOMS IN TOUCH WEEKLY PRAYER

GROUPS: Join other moms in Medfield from various churches as we lift our cares and concerns to God weekly for our children and schools using the Moms in Touch, Int. format (momsintouch.org).

Preschool-5th grade moms group: (ongoing) Tuesdays, 9-10am, at 6 Wild Holly Lane. Contact Kathy Mills at 508-507-1561 or bakemills@yahoo.com

Middle-High School moms group: (ongoing) Tuesdays, 8-9am, at 306 Main Street. Contact Kathleen McMahon at 508-359-8062 or edmcMahon@verizon.net

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We are having a Fall Gathering on October 13th at 7PM in the Parlor. Please come and learn how to make a prayer square for various charities. We will supply the yarn and needles. If you want to learn how to knit or crochet, or become involved in the prayer shawl ministry, please join us for this social event. We have all the supplies including needles or hooks to make a prayer shawl. Refreshments will be served.

As always if you know of someone who could use the warmth and comfort of a shawl with God's blessings please let us know. Our meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of the month in the Parlor at 1:00 PM and the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 PM. 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.

QUIET SERVANT(S) OF THE MONTH

John Merck and Amy Ferry faithfully empty, sort and cart away all the recycling from our church every week! Many thanks to you and your girls for serving our community in this way!

MEDFIELD FOOD CUPBOARD - Specifically

from UCC for October, they have asked for **cereal, juice, tuna in water, jelly, canned vegetables, canned fruits, cookies, crackers, canned pastas - spaghettios, etc.** 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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

October 2 9:30 Children's Church
11:00 Multi-age SS
October 9 9:30 & 11:00 Regular SS
October 16 9:30 & 11:00 Regular SS
October 23 9:30 & 11:00 Heifer Education Day
October 30 9:30 & 11:00 Heifer Sunday

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS OFF TO A GREAT START!!!

We welcomed almost 100 children on Homecoming Sunday which was fabulous. Our CM team of 22 adults and 7 FOY & SH students are excited about "G.P.S.--Growing, Praying and Studying" with these amazing students. Each child received a CM lunch bag on Homecoming Sunday (or a subsequent Sunday if they missed opening day) which included a new box of offering envelopes, a curriculum brochure and a CE handbook.

We encourage you to look at all your child's take home materials each week...they can spark wonderful conversations!

We also ask families to make weekly attendance a high priority—we want all our children to hear the many stories of God's incredible faithfulness and love.

PEEKING THROUGH THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WINDOWS YOU WOULD HAVE SEEN:

The children in the **pre-k classes** lining up to go to their first Cherub Choir practice with Miss Emma.

The **kindergarten students** drawing pictures of their families to represent the blessing of family.

the **first graders** creating their class goals and covenant for the year.

The **second graders** playing a balloon game that highlighted why Abraham and Lot each needed more of their own land to take care of their flocks of sheep.

The **third graders** reading the story of Noah and then talking about good choices versus bad choices and who can help us in making good choices.

The **fourth grade students** discussing what the word "Testament" means and then developing a class covenant.

Our **fifth grade students** reaffirming their class covenant, setting personal goals, and learning about patience through the eyes of Abraham and Sarah.

The **multi-age class** creating a class covenant by using the letters of G.O.D.

Children's Church Resumes October 2nd

Over the past four years, our Children's Church has become an important component of our 9:30 Children's Ministry program. Preschool through fifth grade students and their teachers gather in the Great Room on the first Sunday of every month for a 20 minute worship service. Under the direction of Susan Holbrook (Director of Children's Ministries) and Heidi Willson (Minister of Music --Praise & Youth), children and their teachers sing lively praise songs, pray together, and listen to a short message. Children are not just participants in this service...THEY ARE LEADERS AS WELL! This month, our main message will be about our October stewardship project for Heifer International. Parents are NOT expected to stay with their children during this worship time.

THOMAS UPHAM HOUSE MINISTRY

After taking the summer off, beginning in September we have resumed conducting worship services two Sundays each month at the Thomas Upham House, the skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility across the street from the Needham Bank. We meet in the Narthex about 10:45 and then go over together for an 11:00 service. Help is needed for reading scripture, singing hymns, and speaking with the residents to hear prayer concerns; and if you can take the time to participate, it will be very much appreciated. See the Sunday bulletin for the upcoming dates.

Special volunteer opportunities exist for helping with this quiet, but important ministry. These include piano players for our hymns, being the contact person for Thomas Upham House to set up the worship service schedule, having notices posted in the Beacon and Sunday bulletin, and scheduling leaders. Also, we are looking for one or two more people to step forward and volunteer as worship service leaders. The leader selects the scripture readings and hymns, etc. and prepares the 5-7 minute message. Internet resources are available to help with all of this, with one of the best being the UCC website: www.ucc.org. (Go to Church Stuff at top, then to Worship, then to Lectionary Texts. Choose the date.)

Please contact Mike Polagye (508-520-0865 or michael.polagye@fmglobal.com) if you feel called to help in any of these areas or would like additional information. Or simply join us one morning and see what it's like!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORKDAY

We have reserved Saturday, October 29th with Old Colony Habitat for Humanity for a workday at their current project at 35 Hawthorne Road in Norton. Please use the sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex (and in the Meeting Room following the Praise Worship Service) to be a member of the team. The following is guidance/advice about the day from the Old Colony website:

No Construction Experience Necessary - Just a willing heart! Construction AND Landscaping Volunteers: Arrive at 8:30 AM for sign in and safety orientation. We will break for lunch at 12:15 and resume building until 2:30/3:00 pm. **VOLUNTEERS SHOULD BRING THEIR OWN BAG LUNCH.**

Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older to work at the site. Everyone is required to complete and turn in a Liability Waiver when they come on site. The waiver form is available at the top of the scheduling screen (if you have problems printing the waiver, additional forms will be provided at the job site). Minors between the ages of 16 and 18 must use the Youth Waiver form and have a parent or guardian's signature. {Note: Waivers will also be on the clipboard under the sign-up sheet.}

Bring a water bottle, sunscreen, closed toe shoes, and dress weather appropriate. Habitat provides all of the tools, but you are welcome to bring your own belt if you want. For those who would like to carpool, we will meet at the church at 7:45. The MapQuest estimated travel time is 30 minutes (19 miles).

MUSIC MINISTRY

It's Not Too Late To Join A Choir

Calling all singers between the ages of 7 and 107: there's a choir robe with your name on it, just waiting for you! There are about a dozen weeks between now and Christmas – why not give choir a try, and sing with some good friends on Christmas Eve? Children in Grades 1 & 2 are welcome to attend the next Training Choir rehearsal on Wednesday, October 5, 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. High school students and adults may come check out our next Sanctuary Choir rehearsal on Thursday, October 6, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Students in Grades 3 to 8 should contact Michael Olbash (molbash@uccmedfield.org), as we are looking at changing our rehearsal times for that age group.

New Chime Group for Kids!

Stephanie Stanfield will be offering a chime ringing class for children in grades K to 3 on Thursday afternoons, starting October 6, 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Chimes are great “starter instruments” for young people who want to learn how to ring handbells – they're beautiful, lightweight, and virtually indestructible! If you can't make it to the first meeting but you would like to have your child participate, please contact Stephanie (swstnfd@comcast.net) or Michael Olbash (molbash@uccmedfield.org).

A Year of International Music



As mentioned in the last issue of the Beacon, the sanctuary music ministries during the 2011-12 church year will be focused particularly on sacred music from around the world. At our service on Sunday, September 25, we had the opportunity to welcome two musicians who collaborated with our choir to present authentic worship music from Uganda. We were joined by composer, arranger, and recording artist Michael Mukisa, the cantor and director of the Ugandan choir at St. Mary's Church in Waltham. Among the many choral arrangements of traditional and newly-composed Ugandan music arranged by Mr. Mukisa is a beautiful collection of sacred music by the recently deceased Mr. Polly L. Ochola, a composer who lived in the Gulu region and wrote in the dialect spoken at the Koro-Bobi ADP with which our church has a special relationship. We were also fortunate to hear Denis Kirabo, a young student seeking admission in music programs at American conservatories and universities. An expert in numerous Western and native Ugandan instruments, Denis will very soon be returning to Uganda after a visit of several months.

Later this fall, we hope to present music from the Israeli and American Jewish tradition. In preparation, our Minister of Music, Michael Olbash, has accepted an invitation to sing for the high holy days at Temple Israel in Boston over the next few weeks. Michael will be studying with Cantor Roy Einhorn, with special attention to proper Hebrew pronunciation, Biblical sources of the sacred music, and researching the similarities between Jewish and Christian liturgy.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

October Stewardship Project Heifer International

During the month of October, our Children's Ministry program will focus on the work of Heifer International. We have some new things planned for this year and we hope you will all come out in support of our biggest CM stewardship project of the year. Last year we raised over \$17,000 which represents over **THREE** arks of animals for needy families (each ark is valued at \$5,000). Come and support this important stewardship initiative by the children of our church. Key dates to remember:

September 25th — children receive CM lunch bags with Heifer ark banks.

October 23rd — Heifer Education Sunday.

October 30th — Living Gift Market

You won't want to miss the parade of “animals” at the end of each worship service. Everyone is invited into Fellowship Hall for our Living Gift Market after the 9:30 worship service and in the Meeting room for the Living Gift Market after the 11:00 worship service.

THE GROW SERIES

The GROW Series: A Starting Point Monday evenings, 7:30-9:00 PM, 3 sessions beginning October 17

Join Pastor Karen and Nick Munn for the GROW series this Fall!

Grow 1: The Story and Message of the Bible Monday, October 17, 7:30pm

Grow 2: Essential Christian Belief Monday, October 24, 7:30pm

Grow 3: Growing In and Sharing Christ Monday, November 7, 7:30pm

This series is based on chapters 1, 7, and 9 from the book *Living Faith* and video discussions with N.T. Wright. The reading is optional and there is no homework! Come and grow!

For more information:
Pastor Karen – 508-359-2351
kmunn@uccmedfield.org

Classroom Volunteers-October

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).**

	10/2	10/9	10/16	10/23	10/30
Pre-k	Sullivan	Stanfield	Schneider	Hudson	Gobin
Kindergarten	Hatch	OPEN	Kay	Marmai	Merck
1st Grade	Hong	OPEN	Ruud	Boyd	Fuqua
2nd Grade	Douglas	OPEN	Langton	Lynch	Masella
3rd Grade	Lussier	OPEN	Previte	Shea	Southwick
4th Grade	McKinney	Manning	Grigg	Farrell	Ahmadi
5th Grade	Sarris	Malvese	Lunn	Fedak	Teachers

MISSIONS TEAM

The Missions Team was delighted to have a number of people from our congregation travel to Brimfield on Saturday, September 17th to participate in clean-up efforts following the June 2nd tornadoes in that region. Take a look at some wonderful pictures in the Narthex that not only capture the extent of the damage, but also the spirit of community that is helping to rebuild. We hope to have several more dates in the near future for those who are interested in helping out. In the meantime, the Missions Team donated \$3,000 last month in continued support of the First Congregational Church of Brimfield's efforts to organize and feed volunteers. PLEASE NOTE: anyone interested in helping with the ongoing cleanup in the Brimfield area, contact Marti Cross at (mcross@bidmc.harvard.edu) or Wendy Greaves at (Wendy.Greaves@bsci.com).

Similarly, the state of Vermont experienced almost unprecedented damage in the wake of Hurricane Irene in late August. As news reports indicated, widespread flooding and extensive road damage left many communities completely isolated. The Missions Team was pleased to be able to make a \$1,000 donation to the Pastor's Fund of the Sharon

Congregational Church in Sharon, Vermont. This UCC church, which is located directly in one of the hardest hit areas, has not only been serving as a lifeline for its own community but also for surrounding towns during this difficult period.

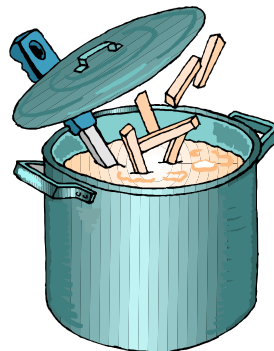
The Missions Team has also made a \$6,000 donation to the Medfield Food Cupboard. While donations of items are extremely helpful and important, a monetary donation allows the Food Cupboard to purchase much needed perishable items, and to stock freezers with meat for future distribution. A hearty thank you to all who continue to donate items!

Finally, the Missions Team was able to continue its long-term support of A Place To Turn in Natick with a \$1,000 donation. This organization provides emergency food and clothing help for Metrowest families, with 70 percent of its clients coming from Framingham.

We hope that you will continue to keep all of our New England neighbors in your prayers as they continue to rebuild from natural disasters, as well as from the equally challenging effects of the current economic conditions.

SOUP TO GO

Soup To Go is making three outings per month; two preparing and serving lunch for the Woods Mullen Shelter adjacent Boston City Hospital and the 2nd Saturday night to South Station/Boston Common. Please sign up in the Narthex if you would like to help in the kitchen or join us on one of our outings. Clean seasonable clothing donations are always welcome in the STG basket in the Narthex. Hooded sweatshirts are a favorite. The need we are seeing is great and people really appreciate our visits.



STEWARDSHIP

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.

2 Corinthians 8:1-4

Extravagant Generosity

Robert Schnase, a bishop in the United Methodist Church and author of Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations, defines generosity as “the Christian’s unselfish willingness to give in order to make a positive difference for the purposes of Christ.” This positive difference is reflected in both the giver and the receiver of the gifts. “We experience a spiritual awakening and renewal”, Schnase writes, “when we offer our material resources in a manner that supports the causes that transform life and relieve suffering and that enlarges the soul and sustains the spirit.”

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called, like the early Christians in the Macedonian churches, to be generous givers in service to the Lord’s people. Paul writes that through God’s grace, out of their poverty they gave unselfishly, generously, and with great faith and joy, to the point of considering it a privilege to do so. As both individuals and as a church family, we have the opportunity to do the same as we offer hope and healing to a world where there is great suffering from poverty, hunger, disease, drought, homelessness, war, and natural disaster. “Fruitful congregations thrive,” Schnase writes, “because of extraordinary sharing, willing sacrifice, and joyous giving out of love for God and neighbor.” By practicing “extravagant generosity,” we fulfill our spiritual need to give, often discerning new and surprising opportunities to serve God and our neighbor in the process.

This fall, we will further explore this theme of extravagant generosity – the heart of giving – in our stewardship program, which culminates on Stewardship Sunday, November 20. Our ministry team is busy preparing for the study, and looks forward to sharing it with you in the weeks ahead!

YOUTH NEWS



Focus on Youth and 8th Grade Confirmation is off to a GREAT start! We have almost ninety students registered for FOY this year! Please look in the Christian Education Handbook or on the uccmedfield.org website for general FOY information and schedule. Thanks in advance to parents for dinner set up and clean up, as well as serving as the WIP (welcoming in parent – see handbook). Parents are welcome and encouraged to call Wendy Ludwig at 508-785-4027 with questions at any point during the year. Your support is crucial and greatly appreciated!

Senior High Fellowship and 9th Grade Confirmation is goin' strong! We had our first meeting on Sunday September 11th. Leaders Terry Brennan, Gary Greaves, Heather Horan, Heidi Willson, Wendy Ludwig and 9th grade confirmation leaders Bill Sobo, Cathy Chung and Karen Munn are psyched for a great year! The SHF/9th grade meeting schedule is available in the Christian Education Handbook and on the uccmedfield.org website. All 9th-12th graders are invited to attend and are welcome to bring friends! See you Sundays at 6:15!

HOLIDAY PIES!!! YES! Senior High Fellowship is selling pies from The Ever So Humble Pie Company in Walpole for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons as a fundraiser for the 2012 mission trip. Hope you had a chance to sample them. All orders are due by Friday, **October 7th**. Pies will be ready for pick up at church on Saturday, **November 5th, 10-12:00** in Fellowship Hall. Get your orders in! Yum! (See order forms in the narthex or on the website.)

Registration for Senior High students interested in going on the June 2012 mission trip are due by Sunday, **October 2nd**.

On Monday, **October 3rd** all FOY small groups will have an outing (or an in-ing!) with their small group. Look for an e-mail from your student's small group leader regarding details.

On September 25th, thirty-one 8th grade students received NLT Study Bibles as they begin their journey toward confirmation!

On Sunday evening, September 25th Senior High Fellowship held the annual cookie wrap for freshman college students! Senior High Fellowship members each brought a batch of cookies or candy to the meeting. Cookies and encouraging words were packaged up and sent off on Monday the 26th.

WELCOMING & FRIENDSHIP MINISTRY

Our Welcoming & Friendship Ministry is happy to have two new team members, Pastor Karen and Margi Goetz. Our Welcome Table staff is in place and looking forward to providing any new visitors with information about UCC Medfield. This Ministry will also be sponsoring some **Special Events** this year especially geared to family participation. When "The Pulse" survey was taken earlier this year, there were many requests for this type of fellowship opportunity, so we heard you!! These fun evenings will be a great way for new members to meet new UCC friends and for others to spend some family time together. Margi will be coordinating the following events, so **mark your calendars**:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 5:30-7:30 PM - "POT LUCK WITH A MISSION".

Families can bring their favorite dishes to share, and afterwards, participate in filling hygiene boxes for the Church World Service or creating puzzles to be given to the Veteran's Home. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall or in the narthex. All ages welcome!!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 - "JOYFUL HEARTS VALENTINES DINNER" - An opportunity to anticipate Valentine's Day with a focus on joyful and loving hearts. Married? Single? All adults welcome. **Chocolate may be involved! What could be better??**

SATURDAY, APRIL 28 - "DINNER AND A STORY". Join us for a pot luck supper followed by a Christian storyteller. All ages welcome!

CALLING ALL BAKERS. NOVICES WELCOME! Bake with Margi in the church kitchen to make treats for the next day's Coffee Time (and maybe a few for yourself). Bake, taste, share recipes, and most of all, have fun! **Saturday, October 8, Saturday, November 12, and Saturday December 3, 1:00-3:00 PM**. Come once or come often; no commitment necessary. If you'd like to help organize and lead or if you would like to be on a distribution list for future baking dates, contact Margi at mgoetz2@comcast.net or 359-4096.

COFFEE TIME - A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF UCC HOSPITALITY!

Kathe Farris will once again coordinate the **COFFEE TIME** after each service, and has her faithful coffee making team in place. However, each Sunday she **NEEDS COFFEE HOSTS** to serve the coffee, juice and cookies and help clean up afterwards. **IT'S SO EASY!!** Get together with friends and do it together, three or four times during the church year; not a big time commitment!! Coffee, food and other supplies are all provided. Please call Kathe at 508-359-1171, or email her at farriskathe@gmail.com and **PLEASE SIGN UP!**

WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN MISSION:POSSIBLE III?

Last year we offered several activities here at church that day that benefited the Medfield and greater Boston area. We're looking for someone to work with Chris Komine to oversee these in-house projects for MP3. If you are interested, please contact Laury at the church office.

DISCOVER UCC Class

October 2, 3:30-5pm

Are you new to UCC Medfield? Have you been here a while, but haven't quite figured out how we "do church?" Are you interested in membership? To get the answers to these and your other questions about the church please come to the DISCOVER UCC class.* (Childcare is provided).

BELONG Class

October 23, 3:30-5pm

Are you ready to call UCC Medfield your church home? Are you eager to get involved? Come to the BELONG class and consider what it means to partner with UCC Medfield as a member of this family of faith.* (Childcare is provided).

*Both of these sessions combined are our new membership classes. Please plan on attending both of these if you would like to become members this fall. That being said, attending these classes does not obligate you to become a member! You can also take the Discover UCC class this fall and the Belong class in the spring. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask either Pastor Phil or Pastor Karen. Sign up sheets are in the narthex. Please indicate if you need childcare.



*To love and worship God,
and to love and
serve others as
spirit-filled disciples of
Jesus Christ.*