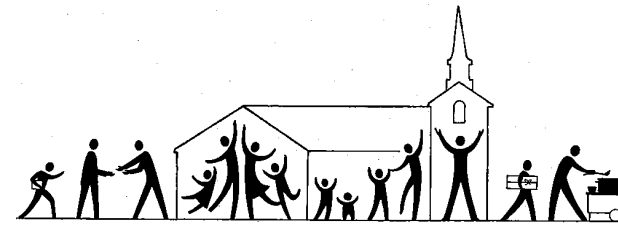


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# THE BEACON

*For His Steadfast Love Endures Forever*

No doubt like me, you remember vividly what you were doing when the al Qaeda terrorists flew into the twin towers, the Pentagon, and crashed one plane in Pennsylvania. Individually and collectively we grieved the death of the more than three thousand innocent victims and the public servants who lost their lives in the attacks. Our view of the world changed as a result. It didn't seem so safe a place for most Americans, and it made us feel disoriented, more vulnerable. The U.S. attacked the Taliban and al Qaeda forces in Afghanistan and then invaded Iraq where we are still engaged. "Where was God?" and "How do I make sense of all of this?" were questions that occupied many people's minds.

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of that attack, I think it is appropriate to remember all of those who lost their lives and their loved ones who grieved their loss; to remember all of the police, firefighters, and other public servants who gave of themselves so selflessly. It is a time to remember.

This is exactly what God called the Israelites to do: remember their relationship with their God through thick and thin, and to recall how God was with them. Remembering was especially important in the hard times, the tragic times, the times when God seemed absent. One of the results of this was the

Psalms. Over and over again the psalmists would remind the Israelites of God's faithfulness in the past, and encourage them to trust in His *steadfast love*.

*Steadfast love* is one of the deep words of the Old Testament like *grace* is in the New Testament: there is more to them than you can define. It is a word that is like an artesian well that keeps flowing and giving in abundance like the God about whom it describes. Psalm 136 uses it as a refrain for all 26 of its verses: *for his steadfast love endures forever*.

Let me suggest that as we approach the 10th anniversary of 9/11, we remember well those who lost their lives, those who served so faithfully to rescue and heal, and the hope that we have in our God whose steadfast love endures forever:

.....  
*It is he who remember us in our low estate,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
and rescued us from our foes,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
who gives food to all flesh,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.  
O give thanks to the God of heaven,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.*

## A NOTE FROM A&O

The A&O Team is pleased to report that through the middle of August our year-to-date income is very close to our year-to-date expenses. This would not have been possible without your support and we thank our members and friends who maintained their planned giving through the summer months. But now that we are entering the fall and winter seasons, our expenses will once again increase and the continued support of all our members and friends will be needed.

The largest portion of our income (more than 90%) comes from pledges. Through the

middle of August our pledge income is \$60,000 below where it should be at this time of the year, assuming all pledge giving was done weekly in equal amounts. The A&O Team realizes many pledges are not based on weekly contributions, but would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone who has made a pledge for 2011 to check their records to see if their actual giving is up to date. We encourage you to keep the work of our church in your prayers and continue to offer your time, talents, and financial support as best as you are able.

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

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## STEPHEN MINISTRY

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.

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:

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



A Stephen Leader learns about a need for care from the pastor, from you directly, or a friend, always with permission. The Leader meets with you to talk about Stephen Ministry. With permission, the Leader assigns a Stephen Minister to meet on a weekly basis with you.

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.

## UCC MEDFIELD SWEATSHIRTS

When summer nights turn cool and days begin to hint of autumn's chill, we have you covered. Check out our new selection of UCC Medfield sweatshirts! Comfy and warm, we have two styles of sweatshirts to choose from – a gray hoodie and a black quarter zip, both sporting the UCC Medfield logo. Whether you're relaxing with friends or serving in mission, you can share your faith without saying a word in these attractive sweatshirts (and if it starts a conversation, so much the better!)

Sweatshirts will be embroidered to order (in batches of 10 or more) so please be sure to try the various sizes available in the church office before you place your order. *We want everyone who would like one of these shirts to have one regardless of ability to pay.* Recommended donations are listed below. Order forms and payment can be sent to the church office. Please make checks out to *UCC Medfield* and write "sweatshirt" on the memo line.

	Size	Quantity	Total Donation
<b>Black ¼ zip</b> UCC Medfield Sweatshirt (60 cotton/40 poly), available in adult unisex sizes XS, S, M, L, XL	_____	_____	_____
Recommended donation \$25 each	_____	_____	_____
<b>Gray Hoodie</b> UCC Medfield Sweatshirt (65 cotton/35 poly) available in adult unisex sizes XS, S, M, L, XL.	_____	_____	_____
Recommended donation \$32 each	_____	_____	_____

## CRADLES 2 CRAYONS

Our work with Cradles to Crayons continued all summer with frequent weekly trips to the warehouse with donations and sorted items. We were able to purchase some high demand items (pants, toddler bedding sets) that were wildly popular on arrival!!! Several members of the congregation set up their own workdays in the warehouse over the summer and enjoyed this summer experience.

**Workdays in C2C's Warehouse--a.k.a The Giving Factory--** will resume 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 signup clipboard in the narthex. Feel free to serve with a friend.

**Friday, September 16th**  
**Wednesday, October 12th**  
**Friday, November 18th**  
**Tuesday, December 6th**  
**Wednesday, January 11th**  
**Friday, February 10th**  
**Tuesday, March 13th**  
**Wednesday, April 11th**  
**Friday, May 18th**

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

**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. **NEW UPDATED SORTING** instructions are included with each bag. **THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE TO THE DROP-OFF LOCATION FOR THE COMPLETED BAGS. PLEASE LEAVE YOUR COMPLETED BAGS IN ROOM 104 IN THE LOWER HALLWAY.**

Keep Cradles to Crayons in mind when you are cleaning out the closets and drawers this fall and drop items off at our local donation site at Kathy Mill's house (see below). The top items needed at this time are:

Girls' 2T clothing  
Pants (especially boys' 11/12 and up;  
girls 7/8 and under)  
Boys' 9/10 and 11/12 summer clothing  
Baby board books  
Winter Coats  
New socks & underwear  
Car seats (no more than 5 years old)  
Strollers  
Pack 'n Plays  
Safety gates

**Local Donation Site** — Kathy Mills' house  
6 Wild Holly Lane, Medfield, MA 02052

## A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

### Concert to Benefit "Not For Sale"

Michael Olbash will be among the solo artists at a benefit to raise awareness and funding to combat human trafficking. The interactive concert will take place at St. Clement's Eucharistic Shrine, 1105 Boylston St., Boston, on Thursday, September 1, at 7:00 p.m., featuring performances from the 12th-century "Cantigas de Santa Maria." Proceeds will benefit "Not For Sale," an organization which equips and mobilizes activists to deploy innovative solutions to re-abolish slavery in their own backyards and across the globe.

## MEMBER NEWS

### WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES, PARKING

**On Homecoming Sunday, September 11th,** we will have a **combined worship service at 9:30** followed by time for fellowship.

On **September 18,** we return to our regular worship schedule: **9:30AM** for the traditional worship service **in the Sanctuary.** Children in the Pre-K classes and nursery may be dropped off in their classrooms just before the service. Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade will attend with their families and leave for Sunday School classes following the Children's Message. The Praise Worship Service will be held at **11:00AM in the Great Room** above Fellowship Hall. Children attending this service will have a multi-age Sunday School during the service.

**Please be considerate of our neighbors when parking Sunday mornings and during the week. Please do not park in the bank or real estate parking lots during their business hours (the real estate offices often conduct business on Sunday mornings as well). Please do not park in the driveway of the Bank of America.** There is parking along Miller Street. The Roberts-Mitchell Funeral Home has invited us to park in their lot off Park Street on Sundays. There is also parking behind the businesses across the street from the church. Please do not block access to any of the bank drive-through windows. Thank you and see you all soon!



### SYMPATHY TO:

Rick and Wendy Palumbo and family on the death of Rick's mother, Muriel, on June 4.

Gail and Paul Lopez and family on the death of Gail's brother, Thomas Cobb, on June 16.

Ali and Steve Levin and family on the death of Ali's mother, Alice Martin, on June 20.

Wendy Ludwig and Bill Sobo and family on the death of Wendy's mother, Theresa Ludwig, on June 21.

Beth Eby and family on the death of her husband Chuck on June 27.

Wendy and Gary Greaves and family on the death of Wendy's mother on July 13.

Pastor Phil and family on the death of his aunt, Jane Kinkead, on July 21.

### BAPTISMS

**Avery Elizabeth Cagle**, born to Cheryl and Jeremy Cagle on July 11, 2010 and **Zachary John Bailer**, born on October 29, 2010 to Kim and John Bailer were baptized by Pastor Phil on June 12. Avery's godparents are Alyssa Alderman and Robert Cagle, and Zachary's godparents are Peter and Elizabeth Harwood and Kathleen Adams.

**Jeffrey William Cleverdon**, born February 20, 2011 to Valerie and Andy Cleverdon was baptized by Pastor Karen on June 26. Jeffrey's godparents are Kathryn and Colin Manly.

**Emily Susannah Foscaldo**, born March 22, 2011 to Jennifer and Mark Foscaldo, was baptized by Pastor Phil on July 17. Her godparents are James Foscaldo, David Foscaldo and Kirsten Bauman.

## MEMBER NEWS (CONTINUED)

### BIRTH

**Viviette Priscille Hong** was born to Lynne and George Hong on July 26. She weighed 7lbs 10 oz and measured 20". Big sisters Christine and Sophiette welcome Viviette to their Westwood family.

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Compassion and the love of knitting/crocheting have been combined into a prayerful ministry and spiritual practice which reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace, as well as in celebration and joy. Many blessings are prayed into every shawl. We would like to welcome any newcomers to our meetings. There is always someone who can teach you how to knit or crochet, and there is a shawl pattern for beginners. For all current members, welcome back and thank you for all the shawls you have spent endless hours creating. We are blessed with so many knitters who have produced so many shawls using gorgeous shades of God's colors. **Please let us know if you would like to give someone in need one of these warm and embracing shawls.**

Our meetings take place in the Parlor. Daytime meetings are the first and third Thursday of the month from 1 to 2:30 beginning September 15. Evening meetings are the second and fourth Tuesday from 7:30 to 9. 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](mailto:cladedah@aol.com).

**MEDFIELD FOOD CUPBOARD** - For September, they have asked for **canned green beans, fruit cocktail, pasta sauce, coffee, tea, cookies, crackers, Kleenex, juice, and cereal**, 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.

**MEDFIELD DAY** – once again UCC Medfield will have a presence at Medfield Day on **September 17** from 9:00-3:00. Bring your friends and stop by **Booth 51**.

## MEMBER CLASS OPTIONS

### **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! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask either Pastor Phil or Pastor Karen.

## ADULT STUDIES FALL 2011 (CONTINUED)

### Confronting the Controversies

Wednesday evenings, 7:15-9:00 PM,  
7 sessions beginning September 14

*Christians are faced every day with daunting choices between difficult alternatives. "What does my Christian faith have to say about the moral issues that divide our society?" Based on a series of sermons by Adam Hamilton, this study looks at seven different potentially explosive issues including euthanasia, assisted suicide, creationism, abortion, and homosexuality. Being fair to both the positions of each side and their motivations for holding them, Hamilton offers clear, concise information on what is at stake in these issues. Hamilton applies a careful, broad reading of Scripture to offer direct yet compassionate guidance on what a faithful Christian response might be.*

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Amy Marshall - 508-359-5093  
[amy@kayak.com](mailto:amy@kayak.com)



### David: Seeking a Heart Like His

Thursday mornings, 9:15-11:15 AM,  
11 sessions beginning September 15

*Join us as we begin an 11 week study by Beth Moore on the life of King David. Our journey together will take us through virtually every twist and turn of David's life as a shepherd, a refugee, and a king. As we examine the "man after God's own heart," David will delight and disappoint you. You'll want to be just like him at times and nothing like him at others. If you've ever experienced doubts, temptations, losses, family problems, or personal inconsistencies, this study is for you! This study includes personal, daily assignment and weekly group sessions. In Beth's words...."We have quite an expedition before us as we tour the pastures, caves and palace of one of the most well-known figures in history---King David."*

For more information:  
Susan Holbrook – [508-359-8378](tel:508-359-8378)  
[sholbrook@uccmedfield.org](mailto:sholbrook@uccmedfield.org)

### Christian Believer

Thursday mornings, 9:15-11:45 AM,  
30 sessions beginning September 22

*This is an amazing 30 week study that gives us an opportunity to examine and understand the central teachings of the Christian faith and to wrestle with some of the questions of belief the Christians have had for the last 2000 years. (This class requires some previous Bible study.)*

For more information:  
Margi Goetz – [508-359-4096](tel:508-359-4096)  
[mgoetz2@comcast.net](mailto:mgoetz2@comcast.net)

## ADULT STUDIES FALL 2011

### The GROW Series: A Starting Point

Monday evenings, 7:30-9:00 PM,  
3 sessions beginning October 17

Join Pastor Karen and Nick 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

### Someone's Coming: Glimpses of Christ in the Old Testament

Tuesday mornings, 9:30-11:00 AM,  
7 sessions beginning October 11

Sandy Van Ness leads the Older and Wiser group as they find where there are inklings of Christ in the Old Testament and how they tell us of God's plan for salvation.

For more information:  
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### Discovering Our Spiritual Identity

Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:30 PM,  
8 sessions beginning September 14

Whether you are hesitantly embarking on the first steps of the pilgrimage of faith or a well-seasoned traveler requiring fresh resources for the journey, we invite you to join us on Wednesday evening from 7-8:30 for eight weeks of study and application of spiritual practices outlined in Trevor Hudson's book "Discovering Our Spiritual Identity - Practices for God's Beloved". This book is designed for ordinary people who seek to be more intentional about following Christ within the pressures, problems, and pain of everyday life.

For more information:  
Pastor Phil – 508-359-2351  
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### The Journey

Wednesday evenings, 7:15-9:00 PM,  
5 sessions beginning November 9

Take a journey with Adam Hamilton as he travels on video from Nazareth to Bethlehem in this fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. This five-session class was filmed on location in the Holy Land. Each exciting and informative session contains 10-15 minute video vignettes of Adam Hamilton retracing the actual path of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. November 9, 16, 30, December 7, 14

For more information:  
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## UCC MEDFIELD FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS

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.

**February 10**

**March 16**

**May 4**

### **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. All children with the exception of high school students must be accompanied by an adult.



## BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER CIRCLE

*"Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you."  
-1 Peter 5:7*

As your children start another school year (or head off to college), we invite you to join us for a back-to-school prayer circle on Thursday, September 1st. We will gather in the UCC Medfield parlor at 9:30 am--you can grab a cup of coffee and reconnect with each other; then we will spend fifteen minutes or so praying for our students, their teachers, school administrators and for ourselves as parents as we enter this new school year. Some of us may be praying for smooth transitions for a college freshman or a child entering kindergarten; others may be praying for patience and wisdom as we parent our children in an often stressful and over-scheduled world. We will have some handouts for you that we hope will be helpful in your prayer life at home.

What a blessing it will be for all of us to lift our joys, hopes and concerns together to God!!! Please know that God always hears our prayers whether we share them out loud or in the silence of our hearts. Come as we raise our prayers together. We look forward to seeing and praying with you!!! Any questions, please contact Wendy Ludwig or Susan Holbrook.

**New Prayer Groups Forming:** Please join us for regular prayer for our schools and children: Groups will be formed this fall for weekly prayer time for our children and our schools using the *Moms in Touch* format. Details will be discussed following our prayer time at the September 1st prayer circle. ALL welcome. Please contact Kathy Mills at [bakemills@yahoo.com](mailto:bakemills@yahoo.com) or 508-507-1561 for more info.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

September 4	9:30	Last Summer Sunday School
September 9	6:30	CM Team Dinner and Meeting
September 11	9:30	Homecoming Sunday—Combined Service
September 18	9:30 & 11:00	Regular Sunday School
September 25	9:30 & 11:00	Regular Sunday School

### Homecoming Sunday/September 11th

Welcome to the fall quarter of Sunday School at UCC Medfield. On September 11th, we will begin our Sunday School year together with a combined worship service at 9:30 am. Our CM team consists of 23 adults who are committed to making your children's Sunday School experience a meaningful one. The teaching teams for each class are outlined below for the 2011-2012 school year:

Pre-k	Beth Bauman, Alexandra Compton, Wendy Garland
Kindergarten	Simone Le, Beth Morrill, Carol Scott
1st Grade	Amanda Carnes, Jodi Holman, Laurie Nealon, Christy Robertson
2nd Grade	Wendy Carlson, Hilli Passas, Dawn Stoddard
3rd Grade	Megan Infantino, Denise Luczak, Janice Marble
4th Grade	Art Davies, Rich Holbrook, Una Smith
5th Grade	Monica Bushnell, Carolyn Samson, MaryBeth White
Multi-age	Kathy Mills

Our theme this year for all Christian Education programs is **"GPS--Grow...Pray...Study"** and we pray that all our class offerings (children, youth, and adult) will nurture all your family members on their journey of faith.

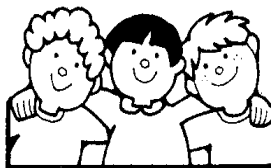
As we partner with parents to nurture their children as disciples of Jesus, we ask you to make a concerted effort to bring your child to church each Sunday. Many of the classes will bring home a student leaflet each week which reinforces the classroom message. We hope this will spark some meaningful and faith-enriching conversations between parents and their children.

### Sunday School Registration

If you have not filled out the registration form, please fill out it out ASAP. We require a new registration form each year. You can fill out the form on-line by visiting the Children's Ministry section of our church website ([www.uccmedfield.org](http://www.uccmedfield.org)) and you can link to the registration form. Hard copies of the form can be found in the literature racks in the narthex or outside Susan's office.

### 4th Grade Gift Bibles - September 25th

Our fourth grade students will receive a gift Bible from the church during both worship services on September 25th. Parents will receive a letter in early September with more details on this important milestone in their child's faith journey.



## MUSIC MINISTRY (CONTINUED)

### *Music Ministry Opportunities for Adults*

There are numerous openings in both our choral and handbell programs for adults. This year, we have an unprecedented SIX OPENINGS in our handbell choir. Because there will be so many newcomers, it's a great year for a beginner to come on board. Potential ringers are encouraged to come to the organizational meeting.

#### **CHAPEL BELL ENSEMBLE:**

Handbell group for adults & students grade 9 & up  
**REHEARSALS:** Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
 An organizational meeting will take place on Wednesday, **September 21**, at 7:30 p.m. The Chapel Bell Ensemble at the United Church of Christ uses an assortment of handbell ringing and table techniques to perform a variety of sacred repertoire with our 5-octave set of English handbells from the Whitechapel Foundry and a 3-octave set of tone chimes. High school students will have an opportunity to participate in the Massachusetts state massed ringing event in the spring.



#### **SANCTUARY CHOIR:** Choir for adults (and students with permission of director)

**REHEARSALS:** Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., starting **September 8**.  
 The Sanctuary Choir sings from a large repertoire of sacred choral music, including chant and polyphony, Classical and Romantic oratorio choruses, great English sacred choral anthems, and the best of contemporary music for the traditional church. The repertoire is sung in English, Latin, French, German, and other languages; and, it includes the works of composers as diverse as Mendelssohn, Fauré, Duruflé, Brahms, Rorem, Pinkham, and Palestrina. In addition to Sunday worship, the ensemble also provides musical leadership for the December Carol-Sing, Christmas Eve services, and Holy Week liturgies.

### *A Year of International Music*

The more we expand beyond the doors of our church, the more we come to understand that God is worshipped and adored in splendid, varied ways in faith communities around the world. While still honoring the great choral treasury of the Western church, particularly the rich tradition of hymnody among American congregations, we are experimenting with a particular focus on Christian world music during the 2011-2012 academic year. The choir will be learning traditional Zulu, Botswana, Latvian, and Hebrew music, in addition to the many European languages already part of their repertoire. Hymn selections have been planned to include tunes from Jamaica, Argentina, Ghana, and Korea, as well as melodies from native American and African-American communities. We will even try singing some of these exotic languages as we seek to understand our kinship with our Christian sisters and brothers throughout the world.

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

*Music Ministry Opportunities for Young People*

The three vocal choirs for young people give our students age-appropriate opportunities to sing great sacred choral music, graded in such a way that they learn basic fundamentals at an early age and progress over time to advanced concepts, all the while fostering a love for singing the great hymns of our faith at our 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship service. The commitment is small – just 14 of the next 52 Sundays for Chancel and Treble Choirs, even less for Training Choir – but the experience will last a lifetime! Students in Grades 3 to 8 will also participate in the fifth annual choir festival of the Southeastern New England Chapter of Choristers Guild on March 17, 2012. Interested families are encouraged to drop-in for the first rehearsal of each group.

**CHANCEL CHOIR:** Choir for Grades 6 & up  
**REHEARSALS:** Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., starting **September 8**.  
 The Chancel Choir focuses on more advanced choral music for young people, and overlaps for 30 minutes with the adult choir rehearsal so that the members can learn to sing advanced anthems with the larger group. Sight-reading skills are sharpened by requiring all members to read multiple voice parts.

**TREBLE CHOIR:** Choir for Grades 3 to 5  
**REHEARSALS:** Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., starting **September 8**.  
 The Treble Choir is designed to give young people an opportunity to express themselves musically in a faith-centered environment. Music selections tend to be unison, canons/rounds, or simple two-part pieces of a sacred nature, chosen especially to both relate to the liturgical season and scriptural themes of the day as well as illustrate a particular musical idea or technique to the singers.

**TRAINING CHOIR:** Choir for Grades 1 & 2  
**REHEARSALS:** Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., starting **September 7**.  
 The training choir is designed for children who are not yet old enough to read with great accuracy, but who are able to learn basic concepts of pitch and rhythm. Children are taught by rote to learn hymns, spirituals, and simple anthems, and are assisted by members of the Treble Choir when singing at Sunday services.

We are also trying to launch a Youth Handbell Ensemble this year, especially designed for younger ringers. Because this ensemble will be particularly “kid-focused,” older students are encouraged to ring with our adult handbell choir, the Chapel Bell Ensemble.

**YOUTH BELL ENSEMBLE:** Handbell group for young people, Grades 3 to 8  
**REHEARSALS:** Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. The first informational meeting for parents and students will take place on Wednesday, **September 21**, at 6:30 p.m.  
 The Youth Handbell Ensemble uses repertoire specially tailored to the number and skill level of participants. The curriculum begins with color-coded music and gradually encourages children to ring more challenging parts as they master the recognition and application of rhythmic notation. The group will ring at 6 to 8 services throughout the year.

**CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)**

**Bits and Pieces**  
 Our monthly **Children's Church** service will begin on October 2nd during the first part of the 9:30 worship service. Pre-k through 5th grade students will participate in this 20 minute worship service in the Great Room that includes music, prayer, sharing of blessings (offering) and a short message. After our worship time together, the children will be dismissed directly to their classrooms. Parents are not expected to stay with their children for this service.

On Homecoming Sunday, look for the **UPDATED Christian Ed Handbook** for the 2011-2012 year in your youngest child's CM lunch bag. Each lunch bag will also include a new box of offering envelopes for this school year. Please encourage your child to fill in the time, talent and treasure lines on the front of the offering envelope.

Each month, all CM families receive an email notice when a new issue of **The Parent Link** is posted to the church web site. We pray this is a meaningful and helpful resource that supports you as you nurture the faith of your children.

Many thanks to **Kevin Holbrook and Katie Quinn** for their leadership this summer for our "Fun in the Son" summer Sunday School.



**IMPORTANT DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDARS:**  
 September 25th - 4th Grade Bibles  
 October 23rd - Heifer Education Day  
 October 30th - Living Gift Market for Heifer International



**Classroom Volunteers-September**  
 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>9/18</u>	<u>9/25</u>
Pre-k	Bailer	Boyd
Kindergarten	Van der Linden	Tucker
1st Grade	Caro	Colleran
2nd Grade	Young	Wilson
3rd Grade	Anderson	Fuqua
4th Grade	Murray	Miller-Klugman
5th Grade	Walsh	Sarris



## MISSIONS TEAM

We hope that all of you have enjoyed a wonderful spirit-filled summer with friends and family. At this beautiful time of year we hope that you will consider a number of opportunities to help our neighbors both near and far.

In light of the heartbreaking crisis unfolding in the Eastern Horn of Africa, the Missions Team has donated \$3,000 to the United Church of Christ's \$250,000 emergency relief appeal for drought and famine impacted communities. It is estimated that over 10 million people have been affected. Please continue to keep our African neighbors in your prayers.

Closer to home, the Missions Team is organizing an effort to bring individuals out to western MA to assist in the ongoing clean-up efforts following the June tornadoes there. The First



Congregational Church of Brimfield is acting as volunteer central for the local community clean-up efforts, organizing and assigning work crews, as well as feeding all volunteers lunch every day, six days a week. The Missions Team has made a \$1,000 donation to the church in order to help support their work.

In light of their efforts, we hope that you can join us in **Brimfield on Saturday, September 17th** to provide some much needed help to our neighbors. If you are unable to participate on that day, the First Congregational Church is also looking for some supplies, including chain-saw oil, 2 cycle oil, work gloves and drinks for the volunteers (Gatorade, bottled water, etc.), which can be left in the box located in the narthex. Given the nature of the clean-up work, we would not recommend this activity for children under 12 years of age. For more information, please contact Wendy Greaves at 359-6185 or via email at [greaves.wendy@gmail.com](mailto:greaves.wendy@gmail.com). Please sign up in the narthex if you would like to participate so we can let First Church know.

Here in Medfield, our church will be hosting an **American Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, October 19th from 2PM-7PM**. Appointment scheduling details for donating blood will be in the October Beacon. If you are interested in helping at the welcome desk and registering donors as they arrive, please look for the sign up sheet in the Narthex on Homecoming Sunday. As always, we appreciate your help in making this important event happen!

## SERVING OPPORTUNITY AT THE PRAISE SERVICE

Did you ever wonder how the words and images appear on the screen at the Praise Service? It's not magic, it's the work of members of our committed 'tech team' ministry, who help us in our worship. While we do have more advanced 'techies', the volunteers we are looking for need minimal computer skills to advance slides throughout the Praise Service and rehearsal prior. The time commitment is once a month from 10:00am-12:00pm. If you attend the Praise Service and have been looking for a way to serve, please consider participating in this important ministry! Contact *Heidi Willson*, [hwillson@uccmedfield.org](mailto:hwillson@uccmedfield.org), for more information.

## YOUTH PRAISE MUSIC NOTES

I am looking forward to beginning Focus on Youth and Senior High Fellowship band rehearsals again, and sharing our love for God and music together! The youth participating in this ministry have been continually growing as a community of faith, and blessing SHF and FOY (and me!) by sharing themselves and their gifts of music and leadership.

FOY and SHF Bands always have room for all instrumentalists and singers. Singers participate weekly in FOY and SHF worship. FOY Band instrumentalists play in worship once a month, and rehearse twice a month before FOY from 4:30-5:00. SHF instrumentalists play twice a month, and rehearse on those Sundays from 6:00-6:30 before SHF. Rehearsal and worship schedules will be emailed to all participants in early September as well as posted on the website.

Please contact me if you are interested in this opportunity to serve and grow.

*Heidi Willson* — [hwillson@uccmedfield.org](mailto:hwillson@uccmedfield.org).

## UCC WOMEN

*A special message to the women of our church...*

The focus of UCC Women's ministry is to provide meaningful Christ-based programs which enhance the spiritual growth and connectedness of ALL the women in our local congregation. It is our hope that such sustenance will, in some small way, deepen our faith and better equip us to serve the larger community. Over its 30+ year history, the group has evolved from hosting mother-daughter desserts and fundraising to furnish the church parlor to our current program mainstays of the Advent Supper and Lenten Breakfast. And there has ALWAYS been a Women's Retreat.

The current leadership of UCC Women has been at it for a while and feels the group needs some revitalization. Who better to turn to than the women of UCC Medfield? This year, we will be organized around our three most successful programs, and invite YOU to join an experienced leader in the planning of an event.

**Advent Supper** – Tuesday, December 6 – One planning meeting; Contact Chris Taft or

Rosemary Cunningham

**Retreat** – March 9-11 – Three planning meetings. We are excited to announce that Pastor Karen will be our retreat leader, topic TBD. Contact Karen, Wendy Cohen, Mary Cusano or Donna Matson

**Lenten Breakfast** – Saturday, March 31 – One planning meeting; Contact Gayle Kendall or Kim Bond

If you have an idea for a new program, we'd love to hear about it. Our most important goal is to grow together in Christ. We have much to learn from each other. Please prayerfully consider your participation.

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

*A Note from Pastor Karen:*

*Hello women of the church! There are lots of ways to get involved as women here at UCC, but we don't often have a chance to get the whole group together to grow in Christ and learn from each other. Here are three great opportunities to bring all of us together! Let's jump in! Put the dates on your calendar today!*

## YOUTH NEWS

Calling all 6th graders! On **Wednesday, September 7th from 5:30-6:45PM** all incoming sixth graders are invited to **“FOY Boot Camp.”** This short orientation to Focus on Youth includes a pizza dinner and is designed to give 6th graders a preview of how FOY works and how to be an acolyte. It is important that your 6th grader attends! It will be a fun beginning to our many Monday nights together!

**Focus on Youth/8th Grade Confirmation begins on Monday evening, September 12th and runs from 5:30-7:15PM.** An email with important information and dates went out to parents early in August. If you have not received this letter, please be in touch with Laury Hunt in the church office (508 359-2351). If your student has friends or neighbors that are interested in attending FOY, please have them check out the website: [www.uccmedfield.org](http://www.uccmedfield.org) and give Wendy Ludwig a call (508 785-4027). We welcome all interested middle school students and their families!

**WELCOME BACK/opening meeting for Senior High Fellowship and 9th grade confirmation students** will be held on **Sunday, September 11th from 1-3:00PM at 100 Centre Street in Dover** (Wendy Ludwig’s house). Bring your bathing suit and a snack to share. Drinks will be provided. Pray for sun (we’ll heat the pool if necessary) and yes there really will be time to swim! Come and bring a friend – all senior high students invited! We’ll have some fun and preview the coming year. Don’t miss this event!

### Mission Trip 2012: Parent and student meeting!

**Sunday evening, September 25th 5:30-6:30PM!** Mission Trip 2012 planning is in the works! We will again be partnering with Youthworks. If your senior high student is interested in participating you’ll want to hear about the plans and requirements of participation. Join us in the Great Room; sign up begins 9/25 and ends on 10/3.



### Youth Ministry Leadership Team 2010-2011:

This team of dedicated leaders is excited about the opportunity to walk alongside (middle school and high school) students as they (and we!) grow as disciples of Christ! This year the team includes: Christi Barney, Malcolm Bock, Terry Brennan, Carol Cassoli, Cathy Chung, George Chung, Gary Greaves, Heather Horan, Wendy Ludwig, Bill Mitchell, Pastor Karen Munn, Nick Munn, Tayne Quinn, Elaine Shea, Bill Sobo, Michele Stahl, Tom Sullivan, Bret Swedeen, and Heidi Willson. FOY student leaders for this include: Alex Barbato, Blake Brown, Abby Mills, Courtney Swedeen, Sally Todd and Erin Touhey.

**Youth Ministry Leadership Team Meetings for all small group leaders** will be held on Friday evening, September 9th from 6:30-9PM. Dinner will be provided, **please RSVP** ([wendyludwig@uccmedfield.org](mailto:wendyludwig@uccmedfield.org)). I look forward to seeing you there!

**A meeting for all SHF seniors and all FOY student leaders** will be held on **Monday, August 29th** at Wendy Ludwig’s house from **7-8:30PM**.

## WELCOMING & FRIENDSHIP MINISTRY

**“Dear Friend, when you extend hospitality to Christian brothers and sisters, even when they are strangers, you make the faith visible.” John 3:5 (The Message)**

Hospitality is a biblically based way for us to serve God. Our Ministry focus is to make those new to our church feel so warmly included they will want to continue to worship with us.

### Did you know that:

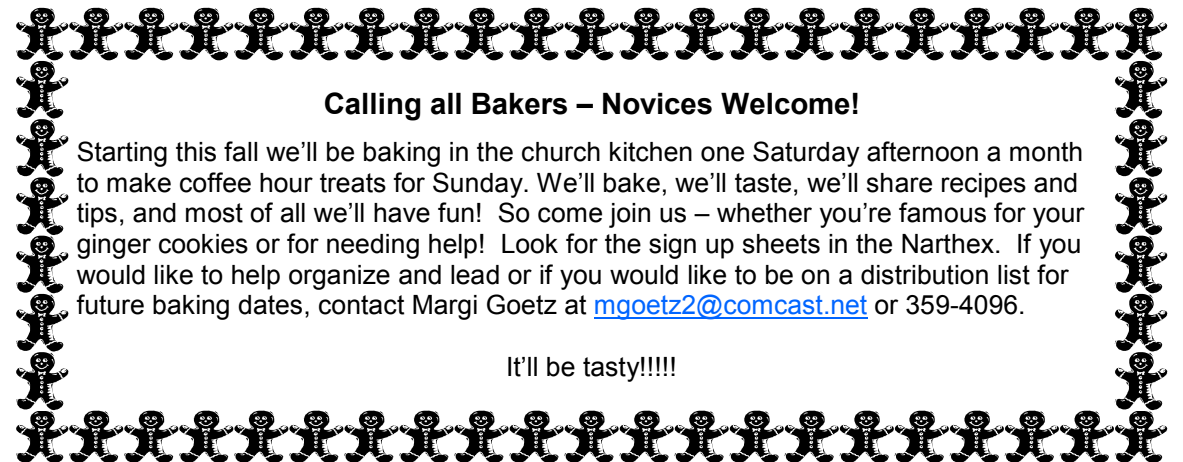
— On Sunday mornings we have a **Welcome Table staffed by a Welcome & Friendship team member?** That person specifically looks for new faces coming through our doors in order to warmly welcome them, and to provide them with information about the church, directions to the sanctuary or classrooms, answers to questions about our Christian Education, etc. Thank you to those who will continue to serve at the Welcome Table this year.

— A **gift package** is provided to visitors - at present that is a CD of our choir in concert.

**One of the staff** follows up with that new person during the week by sending them a personal note.

— During the service, **Pastor Phil or Pastor Karen encourages them to join us during Coffee & Fellowship time.** The Coffee Hour is considered one of the most effective ways to seek out and connect with a person worshiping with us for the first time.

This year **Kathe Farris will continue to coordinate the Coffee Hour** servers, supported once again by our faithful coffee makers; thank you to all. **Kathe will be looking for friendly people who would be willing to serve as hosts.** Hosts are only responsible for serving the coffee to the adults, juice and cookies to the children, and helping to clean up. Coffee, food and other supplies are all provided. It’s so easy! Ask another couple to do it with you; it’s fun! If you’d like to help, please sign up in the narthex, or email Kathe at [farriskathe@gmail.com](mailto:farriskathe@gmail.com). Remember, we are all responsible for offering a warm welcome and friendship to all new people who come through the doors of our church - just smile and tell them we’re glad they are here!



### Calling all Bakers – Novices Welcome!

Starting this fall we’ll be baking in the church kitchen one Saturday afternoon a month to make coffee hour treats for Sunday. We’ll bake, we’ll taste, we’ll share recipes and tips, and most of all we’ll have fun! So come join us – whether you’re famous for your ginger cookies or for needing help! Look for the sign up sheets in the Narthex. If you would like to help organize and lead or if you would like to be on a distribution list for future baking dates, contact Margi Goetz at [mgoetz2@comcast.net](mailto:mgoetz2@comcast.net) or 359-4096.

It’ll be tasty!!!!

Greetings from the Soup To Go/Homeless Ministries Team. Can't believe summer is coming to an end. We have had some special outings serving meals at Woods Mullen and Long Island Shelters including a special treat in July - ice cream sundaes. Everybody loves ice cream and it really was a special night. Our Second Saturday outings - visiting with old friends at Boston Common and South Station – continue, and it feels like old times with people waiting for us as we arrive. Summer being a little more low key allowed more time to just talk and be together. Thanks to all who have donated items and helped over the summer; we are looking forward to this fall. If you would like to join our team and help explore our call as well as serve friends in need, speak to one of the team members listed below or join us at our monthly meeting in Fellowship hall on the second Saturday of the month at 8am.

**Mark your Calendars.** On Sunday night, **October 2nd**, we have planned a special event. We would like to serve you our soup and chili while we all learn about service opportunities with local and metro agencies and ministries serving the homeless and hungry. Together with the Missions Team, we are highlighting in October programs that support the homeless. We are organizing representatives from agencies serving in Boston as well as in our neighborhood to talk about what they do and ways we can help. Each will offer opportunities for service. Let's work together to put our faith into action. Watch for more information in the bulletin and on the church website.

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| STG Team       |               |
| Sarah Hamilton | Amy Marshall  |
| Art Davies     | Dick Whelan   |
| Cathy Shires   | Joan Sethi    |
| Rick Abecunas  | George Hong   |
| Wendy Ludwig   | Pam Campisano |