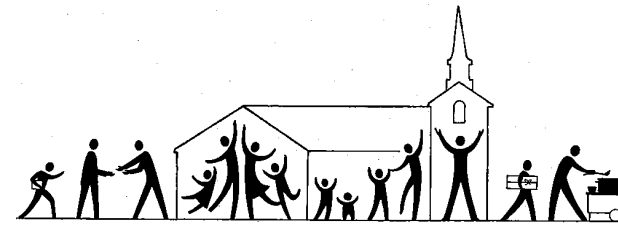


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THE BEACON

FRIENDS

Greetings friends! I'm praying that February is a month that is warmed by your family and your friendships! Speaking of friendships – what incredible gifts from God they are!

January was a very exciting month for my friends. Two out of three of my bridesmaids had babies!

As I'm learning about our community, I'm learning that friendships are often made on the sidelines of children's soccer games, around cups of hot chocolate at hockey games, and waiting for ballet class to be over. What holy moments these can be! In them, God can knit hearts together without us even being aware!

Proverbs 17:17 says, "A friend loves at all times." That is the nature of being a friend. Being a presence, sharing a thought, listening, encouraging, and having fun together. Whatever we do in a friendship, the goal is love. Most friendships go through rocky patches. We get annoyed, offended, misunderstood, but in my experience, when through love we reconcile, the friendship becomes more precious, more holy.

Friendships of faith can be even richer. One of my favorite songs, ("More Than You'll Ever Know" by Watermark), about friendship goes like this:

*Something brought you to my mind today
I thought about the funny ways
you make me laugh
And yet I feel like it's ok to cry with you
Something about just being with you
When I leave I feel like I've been with God
and that's the way it ought to be, yeah*

*Cause you've been more than a friend to me
You fight off my enemies
Cause you have spoken the truth over my life
And you'll never know what it means to me
Just to know you've been on your knees for me
Oh, you have blessed my life
more than you'll ever know...*

This song certainly doesn't describe all of my friendships, but it does portray a few of my most precious. And I think it could describe more of ours as we strive to think of our interactions as little, holy gifts from the God who loves us.

This month, we also have several opportunities for you to plant some new friendships here at church! Check out the Lenten Small Group Adventure and the Progressive Dinner for some great opportunities!

Meanwhile, my prayer is that God would enable us to love our friends like God loves us.

God's blessings,
Pastor Karen

SOUP TO GO — JOIN US

Soup To Go has been busy keeping our regular schedule, preparing lunch in our kitchen and serving at Woods Mullen in Boston twice per month, and visiting with our homeless friends at South Station and Boston Common. Please consider joining us to cook or come with us to serve. We always need help. Sign-up sheets are on the counter in the narthex.

On March 3rd we will have a training day for cooks and servers for Woods Mullen. We are looking for anyone interested in regularly participating in STG cooking or serving to attend a training session to understand our food preparation and delivery procedures that are approved by the local and Boston boards of public health. We are lucky to have Dick Whelan to conduct this training and help with our program. Cooks should plan to be here from 7:15 to 9:30 and deliverers should arrive at 9:00 and return from Woods Mullen by 1:00pm.

Our last visit to Woods Mullen was special. The people are really getting to know us and look forward to the Saturdays we come with a hearty a lunch. Compliments flow both ways, and there is always a new face who wonders where this special meal is coming from. The true compliment to our chicken soup was watching one fellow spoon it in as fast as we could serve it. He must have had five bowls. Our last visit to South Station/Boston Common was an especially cold night (the night of the Pats/Denver game). People were waiting on the sidewalk for us to arrive at both stops wanting to be sure that they would get the warm clothes or blankets that we were bringing. It was a special blessing to be able to pass out new gloves, wool hats, socks, and long underwear that were donated to STG from a special friend. People still talk about the days of soup and chili. We missed being able to serve something hot on such a cold night. Many of these people have Saturday night dinner at a church near Kendall Square. Some even help serve. But they always hurry back on the second Saturday to be there when we arrive.

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UCC Women's Retreat Registration Form March 9-11, 2012

EXPLORING YOUR PATHWAY TO GOD

“You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy.”
Psalm 16, verse 11a

Together, we will discover and share new ways of connecting with God and our faith.

Leaders: Pastor Karen Munn and Heidi Willson
Sacred Heart Retreat Center – Wareham, MA

Name _____

Home phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email address _____

Emergency contact name and number _____

Roommate request (if any) _____

Food allergies (if any) _____

Information will be sent to you via email. If you prefer regular mail, please provide your address below:

Fees

The fee for the weekend is \$145.00 per person and includes Friday and Saturday night lodging, Friday pizza and salad supper, Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner and Sunday morning breakfast. In order to have private use of the retreat center, our group reservation is for the weekend. We cannot provide a discount for an early departure. **Please note that all meals will be at the retreat center.**

Please make \$145.00 check payable to: UCC Medfield (memo – Women's Retreat). Return this form with payment by Sunday, February 12 to the church office or to:

Wendy Cohen
5 Stonybrook Road
Medfield MA 02052

UCC WOMEN

March 9-11 Retreat Information: The women's retreat team has been hard at work making plans for this year's program, "Exploring Your Pathway to God". Pastor Karen and Heidi Willson will lead our way through thought-filled activities, a variety of music and, as always, opportunities to deepen our spiritual connections with God and each other. Never gone a retreat before? This is the year to give it a try! Most of this year's activities will be interactive with a variety of large group, small group and individual work...and a few games on Friday night. Retreat starts at 6:00 PM, Friday, March 9 and concludes with morning worship on Sunday, March 11. We are returning to the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Wareham, MA and will once again have private use of the center. Contact any member of the planning team if you have questions: Pastor Karen, Heidi Willson, Donna Matson or Wendy Cohen. **Please return the reservation form (next page) before February 12 to reserve your spot.** We hope to see YOU there!

**Calling All Women
to the
Women's Retreat**

**Exploring Your
Pathway to God**

March 9-11, 2012



March 31 Lenten Breakfast: This year's Lenten Breakfast will be on Saturday, March 31, from 9:00-11:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Please plan to join us for our annual breakfast and program as we prepare our hearts for the trials and jubilation of Holy Week. Be sure to check the March Beacon for more details.

A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

Natasha Domeshek Kindness Scholarship Nominations Open in February

All members of the Medfield community are encouraged to nominate worthy students in the Medfield High School class of 2012 for the Natasha Domeshek Kindness Scholarship. Nominations are being accepted through February 29, 2012; the online nomination form is available at www.angelrun.org. (Please note that family members may not nominate a relative.)

The scholarship --in memory of UCC Medfield member Natasha Domeshek, who died at the age of eight in 2002 -- has been funded by proceeds of the Angel Run. It will be awarded in June to one or more members of this year's MHS graduating class in recognition of their kindness. Nominees will be evaluated and winners selected by a committee of eight people who bring a variety of perspectives to the process.

SMALL GROUPS AT UCC MEDFIELD

LENTEN SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE!

Join us in the Lenten Small Group Adventure! You'll meet with the same group of people for six weeks in a row at someone's home, share about life's precious (or anything but precious) moments, and have a simple faith-oriented discussion. Talk to your friends and sign up together if you like!

So far I have enough people signed up for one group, but I'd really like to do three groups: one mixed ages, one for people with middle/high schoolers, and one for people with children elementary and younger. You can find more details on the last page of the January beacon, or just email me (Pastor Karen) if you are interested! kmunn@uccmedfield.org Let the friendships begin!

CURRENT EVENTS THROUGH A LENS OF CHRISTIAN VALUES

— Are you interested in joining other women to discuss current events through the lens of Christian values and Scripture? Together we'll learn to apply God's Word to real life situations. We will share a light meal, discussion and prayer beginning with a soup and salad supper at 6:30 pm, discussion at 7:15, wrap up by 8:30. Come for both, or just the discussion if you are tight on time. Call Cathy Chung (x7445) or Donna Matson (785-1086) to RSVP. We will meet every other week starting Wednesday, **February 15th** at Donna's house, 10 Schaffner Lane, Dover.

UCC MOMS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Join Valerie Cleverdon & Kim Bailer for a play date full of fellowship and fun (children welcome!). Mondays 9:30am with rotating locations. Email or call to join us. Valerie, vcleverdon@gmail.com or 508.440.5404; Kim, kimbailer@verizon.net or 508.528.7079.



INTERESTED IN JOINING A MONTHLY BOOK GROUP? — We are forming a new book group for a monthly gathering (in people's homes) to read secular books, including a perspective through the lens of our faith. The first gathering will be Tuesday, **February 28** at Donna Matson's house (10 Schaffner Lane, Dover), and we will be reading "Sister of my Heart" by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni. Please get in touch with Donna (785-1086 or dk.matson@comcast.net) to RSVP.

TAKE HEART : DIVORCE & SEPARATION GROUP — During these difficult and painful life experiences, it's helpful to know that you're not alone as well as to have the opportunity to share what you're going through with people who understand. Weekly meetings are interactive discussions. Everyone provides and receives mutual support. Topics cover a wide range of issues, from challenges and helpful resources to feelings and faith. If you know of someone who would value knowing about the group, please forward this information along. If you are divorced or separated, we hope you'll join us. For more information, call the office at 508-359-2351 or speak to Rick Cram (617-500-0006).

PRAYER SHAWL KNITTERS — We'd love to have you come and join us for knitting or crocheting a warm and comforting shawl. We meet on the first and third Thursday of the month from 1 to 2:30 and the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 7:30 to 9:00 PM in the parlor. Not interested in completing a whole shawl? We are starting a community shawl where whoever wants to come and knit can work on the community shawl and just sit and knit a few rows. We always have an instructor and materials. For additional information, or to request a shawl, please contact either Michelle Luhrmann 359-1586 or Donna Luft 359-4420 for daytime meetings, and Sally Harris 359-4203 for evening meetings.

MEMBER NEWS

FROM THE STAFF

*Dear Friends,
We feel so blessed to serve in a congregation that shows us (in so many ways!) that we are valued and loved. Thanks to each and every one who contributed to our much appreciated Christmas gifts. We are so very grateful.*

Blessings and love to you — Pastor Phil, Pastor Karen, Laury, Wendy, Susan, Michael, Heidi, Lynn, Ginny, Karen P, Dean and Judy

SYMPATHY TO:

Phil and Beth Bauman and family on the death of Phil's mother, Adeline, on February 19th.

Ruth Becker on the death of her husband Dick on December 30th.

Anabet Lussier and family on the death of her brother on January 5th.

Jean Moulton and family on the death of Al on January 6th.

Howard and Barbara Sanderson on the death of Howard's sister Grace on January 7th.

John and Laurie Nealon and family on the death of John's father on January 9th.

QUIET SERVANT OF THE MONTH

Christy Robertson for designing our special MP3 t-shirt!



MEDFIELD FOOD CUPBOARD

For February they have asked **juice, cookies, crackers, 4-packs of toilet paper, single rolls of paper towels, and applesauce in little cups**, 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. Check out their website at www.medfieldfoodcupboard.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT UCC MEDFIELD

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Please join us on **February 22nd** at 7:30 PM as we observe the beginning of Lent.

THE 2012 PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday evening, February 14th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM.

Come and enjoy pancakes, sausage, fruit cup, juice or milk and some delicious Christian Fellowship. Bring another family and have breakfast for dinner! Adults \$7, Children (10 and under) \$4, Families \$22. All proceeds will go to support the Senior High mission trip.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

December's Christmas Movie Night was a great success! Thanks to all the SHF volunteers who helped! Our next movie is "Evan Almighty", appropriate for all ages, showing **on February 10 at 7:00 pm** in the Great Room. FOY age and above do not need a parent present. **There is no sign-up for this event.** Come and join us! Pajamas and pillows always welcome!

WHITEWATER RAFTING THIS SUMMER!!

July 27-29 UCC families go RAFTING!! Come join us for a wave of a time in Caratunk, Maine! Get it on your calendar today! <http://www.adv-bound.com/>

CHURCH BOARD

Do You Feel God's Call to Serve?

The church board is searching for a qualified, dedicated person to serve as a congregational representative. Our new model allows for up to four people to act in this capacity; current congregational members include Margi Goetz, Carol Cassoli, Christi Barney and Tayne Quinn. With Carol's term nearing completion, we are asking that you prayerfully consider whether God may be calling you to serve in this meaningful way. Work on this board will include helping to establish policies and standards; evaluating initiatives such as "Taking the Pulse" to measure success in achieving our church vision; and developing a long-term strategic planning process.

Persons interested in serving should:

- Be an active member of the church
- Be committed to the church vision and mission
- Demonstrate leadership qualities
- Show receptivity to new ideas
- Be willing to make decisions when presented with information
- Have an authentic call
- Have participated in the church's ministry
- Commit to living the Six Marks of Discipleship as best as you are able

Serving on the board entails a three-year commitment and regular attendance at monthly meetings. If you are interested in serving in this role and representing the church as a whole, please contact the church office to request an application. We thank you for opening your hearts and minds in listening for God's call. As always, we welcome your questions or concerns as we serve in Christ's name.

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Mission of
UCC Medfield

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

WELCOMING & FRIENDSHIP

“Discovering their spiritual gifts helps people stay connected.”

This is a quote from Randy Hammer’s book “52 Ways to Ignite Your Congregation.” Randy says “When members – newcomers and long-time members alike – discover and find ways to utilize their gifts, great things can happen! Ministry and service suddenly start to make sense in a tangible way.” The first step is to make newcomers feel warmly welcomed; then if they choose to stay, we present them with service opportunities to integrate them into our church life, and this makes their faith journey more meaningful.

Welcome Table: We are happy to welcome Betty Govers and Jennifer Cavan as new volunteers for our Welcome Table. They will join Kim Bodozian, Jennifer Grant, and Tracy Fedak in making sure that visitors are provided with information about UCC Medfield, and that any questions they have are answered. Thanks Betty and Jennifer!

Church Life: February 4 – “Baking with Margi” in the church kitchen from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. She’ll provide the recipes and ingredients for delicious cookies and bars that you’ll make to serve at coffee hour. If you have favorite baking tools, feel free to bring them. Supervised children are most welcome. There’s a signup sheet in Fellowship Hall or you can call Margi at 359-4096 or email her at mgoetz2@comcast.net. Two hours of delicious fun and fellowship!

February 11 - “Joyful Hearts Progressive Dinner”: We’ll start with appetizers at the church in Fellowship Hall, and “progress” to individual homes for dinner and dessert. Please sign up in the narthex or outside Fellowship Hall. If you are willing to host a course, please so indicate on the sign up sheet. Margi Goetz will be in contact with you. If you have any questions, you can reach Margi at mgoetz2@comcast.net, or (508) 359-4096. This will be a fun way to celebrate Valentine’s Day! Married or single, all adults welcome! **Please sign up by January 31.**

KEEP WRITING! These yellow cards are so important! **Remember, if you are a member or a regular attendee, it is not necessary to fill in the address, phone, etc.;** just put your name. For you, the important part is the “Next Step” and Prayer Requests. Many people have reported that the “Next Step” list helps them to participate in a more focused way on the life of our church, and to enjoy a more personal experience. The Prayer Request segment is being used more often now as another source of prayer for loved ones and friends in need of support.

COFFEE HOURS - Many thanks to **Bridget Sarris** for volunteering to be the new coordinator for our Coffee & Fellowship Times. Due to changes in family schedules, Kathe Farris has found it necessary to step down, and we want to thank her so much for all the time and effort she dedicated to keeping our coffee hours going! **Bridget will be needing people to sign up as hosts - either after the 9:30 or the 11:00 services**, and for those who may not know, it is no longer necessary to provide the snacks; just volunteer to set up, serve the coffee, and help to clean up. With enough people volunteering, our rotating schedule means that you only have to do it a small number of times a year; it’s not a big time commitment. If you can help, please either sign up in the Narthex, or contact Bridget Sarris at (508) 359-9210, or by email at bridget.sarris@thomson.com.

A MESSAGE ON THE BUDGET FROM A&O

For the past several years the amazing generosity of our members and friends in the face of tough economic conditions bore itself out with both pledges and total contributions increasing from the preceding years. However, during this past year we have not escaped the reality of the economic hardship that has afflicted so many and for 2011, pledge income faltered. This coupled with some major one-time expenditures (primarily a new copy machine and repainting the sanctuary for the first time in more than 20 years) resulted in a shortfall of \$48,000.

In addition, pledges received for 2012 are tracking behind 2011. This has necessitated trimming budget requests from Personnel and various ministry teams so A&O could present a balanced budget for approval at the Annual Meeting on January 8th. Full budget details are in the printed 2011 Annual Report, but the major points can be summarized as follows:

Pledge Income

The 2012 Budget Request anticipates receiving \$665,000 in pledge income and \$67,000 in non-pledge contributions for a combined budgeted decrease of \$53,000 when compared to 2011.

Overall Expenditures as submitted

2012 requested expenditures totaled \$831,500, an increase of \$20,500 over the 2011 budget. To present a balance budget these requested expenditures were reduced as follows:

Compensation

The recommendation from the Personnel Team for a 2.5% increase could not be honored and the 2012 salaries have been kept level with 2011. This has been done with the concurrence of the Senior Pastor and is in no way reflective of staff performance, which has been excellent.

Administration and Operations

A&O is not requesting any funding above essential maintenance and operations. All discretionary items have been removed from the budget request for a decrease of \$37,000 over the 2011 budget.

Missions

The 2012 Missions budget of \$113,000 is a decrease of \$9,000 over the 2011 budget of \$122,000 and \$21,000 less than the Missions Team request for 2012.

Other

Reductions totaling \$10,000 were also made to the budget requests received from the Diaconate and Music Ministry teams (both Sanctuary and Praise).

We ask for your continued prayers and support so that as we move through 2012 the many worthwhile and necessary ministries of our church can continue to flourish and be a means for sharing God’s hope, peace, love, and joy.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

February 5	8:30	Teacher Meeting & Communion		
	9:30	Children's Church		
	11:00	Regular SS		
February 12	9:30 & 11:00	Regular SS		
February 19	9:30	11:00	Regular SS	
February 26	9:30	11:00	Regular SS	

PEEKING THROUGH THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WINDOWS YOU WOULD HAVE SEEN:

- ◇ The children in the **pre-k class** learning a new Cherub Choir song with Miss Emma Cree Gee.
- ◇ The **kindergarten students** making doves to signify God's words to Jesus when He was baptized.
- ◇ The **first graders** learning about baptism and the role water plays in baptism, and then making flying doves to tie in with the dove mentioned in Jesus' baptism story.
- ◇ The **second graders** making "sistrums" which are musical instruments used in Bible times and still in use in Ethiopia today.
- ◇ The **third graders** talking about water and its importance to us and the world and its significance in the church in regards to being baptized.
- ◇ The **fourth grade students** reading about

the temptation of Jesus in all three gospels and then making a "S.T.O.P" prayer sign to take home to help them remember about warding off temptations and the importance of making good choices.

- ◇ Our **fifth grade students** discussing Epiphany Sunday, the visit of the Wise Men, the significance of their gifts to Jesus and how the Good News of Jesus is for all people!!!
- ◇ The **multi-age class** reading about Jesus' baptism by John and the spiritual importance of water--the creating their own water colors.

Children's Church on February 5th

Our monthly Children's Church service will be held on February 5th during the first part of the 9:30 worship service. All pre-k through 5th grade students and their teachers gather in the Great Room at 9:30 am for this 20 minute worship service.

Classroom Volunteers - February

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>2/5</u>	<u>2/12</u>
Pre-k	Fuqua	Wilson
Kindergarten	Quinlan	Kay
1st Grade	Caro	Thomson
2nd Grade	Langton	Verrochi
3rd Grade	Lussier	Schneider
4th Grade	Grigg	Ahmadi
5th Grade	Mitchell	Passas

STEPHEN MINISTRY

The Art and Work of Listening

Listening is an active process that requires much personal involvement and commitment.

Listening takes work. It calls each of us to be fully present, whole-heartedly paying attention.

To a casual onlooker, an attentive listener may not appear to be active, but the listener's mind and heart are very active indeed.

In your relationships with family, friends and even at work with colleagues, consider how good listening requires these three personal qualities...

Desire Have the desire to listen. You can't fake it! People do not listen well unless they really want to hear what is being said. To be a good listener, you have to want to do it. Such desire is at the heart of the words of James: "...be quick to listen, slow to speak." (James 1:19)

Commitment A good listener must be committed to the listening task. Being tired or distracted by your own thoughts and concerns can challenge your ability to be an active listener. It takes discipline and a commitment...both of which show you care.

Patience Paul says, "Love is patient...it...always perseveres." (1 Corinthians 13:4,7)

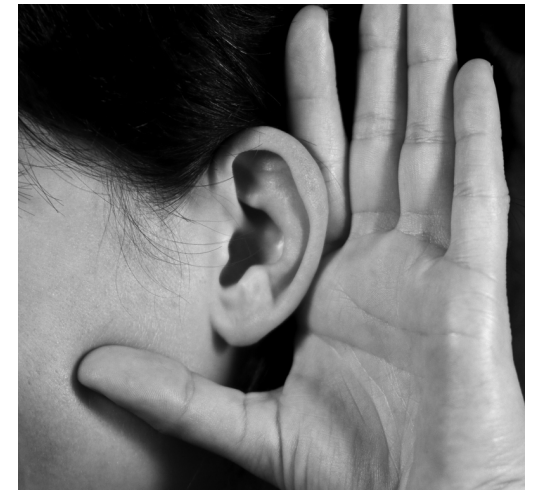
Being a patient listener also means allowing silence during conversations. When you patiently listen, you will encourage others to more freely share their thoughts and feelings with you.

"Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand."

Matthew 15:10

Stephen Ministers provide confidential emotional and spiritual support and care...through the art and work of listening...to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness. For more information, speak to one of the Stephen Leaders — Pastor Phil, Heidi Groff, Gayle Edgar or Rick Cram—or call the church office at 508-359-2351 and ask for Pastors Phil or Karen.

"Therefore encourage one another and build up each other."
— 1 Thessalonians 5:11



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**



MISSIONS

The Missions Team is thrilled by the generous outpouring of time and talent of so many members of our congregation for Mission Possible 3 on January 28th. At the time of this writing, volunteers of all ages are poised to serve at no fewer than 14 different locations! We look forward to hearing about all the moving stories and moments from this incredible day of service.

Similarly, we encourage you to ask Cathy Chung and Donna Matson about their recent trip to White Lotus in Cambodia. This extraordinary organization, which has received funding from our congregation, has as its mission "providing shelter, education, and training for women and girls who want to escape abuse or who are at risk of exploitation." We wanted to share Cathy and Donna's note to the Missions Team with all of you.

Thanks from Cambodia

We want to thank the community of UCC Medfield -- all the people who supported us in prayer while we were in Cambodia. God's strength and grace was definitely with us as we spent time with the girls and staff at White Lotus and World Hope. So much good work is being done to bring hope to these beautiful young women, victims of exploitation. We thank the congregation and missions team for financially supporting the technical, transportation and storage needs of White Lotus. They are so appreciative of the updated computers, reliable motor scooters and improved storage systems for their income generation supplies; but mostly appreciative of the caring and prayers of a congregation reaching across the world in help and love.

Blessings, Cathy & Donna

CRADLES 2 CRAYONS

Volunteer workdays - Our monthly workdays for the balance of this school year are noted below. 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.

Friday, February 10th

Tuesday, March 13th

Wednesday, April 11th

Friday, May 18th

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.

Urgent Needs:

— 7/8-18/20 boys clothing

— 2T/3T girls clothing

— winter hats and mittens

— winter coats sizes newborn to 11/12

— toys for ages 0-2

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.

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!!

YOUTH

Don't take a pass! The annual Super Bowl Sub Sale is in full swing and we need your orders! This year you can buy subs for your own party AND/OR buy subs to donate to the Woods Mullen Shelter. Forms are available in the Narthex or on the www.uccmedfield.org website. **ALL** orders are due in the church office **Monday, January 30th. Pick up your subs on Saturday, February 4th from 11-12:00** in Fellowship Hall. We'll deliver the donated subs to Woods Mullen on Sunday morning. All proceeds to benefit the Senior High mission trip to the Adirondack Mountains in June. Thanks in advance for your orders! ENJOY! GO PATS!



2012 Mission Trip Prep overnight meeting will be held on Friday, **February 3rd** beginning at 7PM **through Saturday the 4th** at noon. This meeting is required for all students participating in the 2012 mission trip. During this retreat we will have some fun together as we begin building our team. On Saturday morning we will help with cooking for the Woods Mullen shelter and we'll make Super Bowl subs! Call Wendy Ludwig with questions.

Looking ahead:

There is **NO Senior High Fellowship** on Sunday, February 5; **9th Grade Confirmation** will meet from 12:15-1:30PM that day (Super Bowl Sunday).

SHF Pancake Supper: Tuesday, February 14th, 5:30-7:00 PM. Mark your calendar now!

Ash Wednesday service! 7:30PM on February 22nd (8th and 9th grade Confirmation students, must sign in)

30 Hour Famine: March 23-24. All SHF and 9th grade confirmation students welcome! Info and **sign up at SHF on February 12th**

The **World Vision 30 Hour Famine** will take place on **March 23-24th**. Join us as we join the international youth movement to fight hunger and poverty! Decide now to participate in this eye opening and challenging event. Begin by letting people know that you'll be fasting to raise money to eradicate hunger and that you need their support! What can you do? **DO THE FAMINE!** Come to our **February 12th meeting (6:15-8:00PM)** for details; all who want to participate must sign up. Bring friends who want to participate!



**March Beacon
Deadline:
Thursday, February 16**

Outwitting History

In conjunction with the Medfield Library's year long "Medfield Reads" program, members are invited to attend an interfaith discussion on the book *Outwitting History* led by librarian Andrea Fiorillo, with members of Westwood's Temple Beth David and other Medfield congregations. Join us Tuesday, **February 28** from 7–8:30 pm in Great Room at UCC. Books are available at the Library or Park Street Books. RSVP to JeanMineo@aol.com or 508-242-9991.

Outwitting History by Massachusetts resident Aaron Lansky is a hilarious, heartfelt, and down to earth memoir. In 1980, twenty-three-year-old Lansky set out to rescue the world's abandoned Yiddish books before it was too late. Twenty-five years and one and a half million books later, he's still in the midst of a great adventure. Filled with poignant and often laugh-out-loud tales from Lansky's travels across the country as he collected books from older Jewish immigrants — books their own children had no use for — *Outwitting History* also explores brilliant Yiddish writers and enables us to see how an almost-lost culture is the bridge between the Old World and the future. This memoir should appeal to young and old alike, those that love books, linguistics, lost causes, happy endings, and a good story.

The Medfield Library will host Mr. Lansky's author visit to Medfield on Monday, March 12, at 7 pm at Medfield High School Auditorium, 88R South Street.

Outwitting History is the Library's first 'Community Reading' venture. "Medfield Reads" will bring the town together to read the same book at the same time, starting a community-wide conversation. The interfaith book discussion is also open to non-residents.