

TOWER NOTES

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We Welcome Everyone: An "Open and Affirming" Church

October 26, 2011

Mission: 1

11.1.11 - 11.11.11
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The United Church of Christ is presently engaged in a campaign, "Mission One," to feed the hungry, highlighting November 1, 2011 through November 11, 2011 as "*Eleven power days to feed the hungry and confront food-related injustice.*" During the 11th month of the year for 11 days, our UCC motto and Jesus' prayer "that they may all be one" will become a focused, concerted mission of congregations across the country.

It is the goal of the Mission One campaign that the United Church of Christ will from November 1st through November 11th,

1. collect more than 1 million food and household items for local food banks,
2. raise \$111,111 in online donations for hunger-related ministries and,
3. ask its 5,300 congregations to advocate for hunger-related causes worldwide via 11,111 letters to Congress. For more details and a sample letter, go to:

<http://www.bread.org/ol/2011/sample-letter.html>

I invite those of us at Centre Church to participate in this project by bringing non-perishable food items to church over the next few weeks, in particular. Donations can be brought to the Narthex collection center where there will be boxes for your donations labeled "*Mission One*" and "*Haven From Hunger.*"

We can do our part to contribute, via Haven from Hunger, remembering how Jesus said, "*For I was hungry and you gave me food...*" (Matthew 25:35)

Centre Church has had a long relationship with Haven from Hunger, collecting non-perishable food, personal care items, and, every mid-November, frozen turkeys through Haven from Hunger to families in need of assistance for Thanksgiving Dinners.

Haven from Hunger's current needs include: peanut butter, tuna, cereal, jelly, soup, toothpaste, and

shampoo, (not pasta at the moment). They also need \$1.3 million to help them with a new building.

In addition, we will be collecting frozen turkeys at Centre Church for Haven from Hunger on Sunday, November 20, beginning at 9:30 am. Youth will be on hand to carry your turkeys to the truck.....

What is Haven From Hunger?

Haven from Hunger distributes emergency food to families throughout Peabody, Salem and Lynnfield. And that's just the beginning. Haven from Hunger has been a symbol of hope and compassion in the Peabody, Salem and Lynnfield townships since 1960. Housed in the basement of the Masonic Temple in Peabody, the Soup Kitchen and the Food Pantry serve well over 100 needy every day. Anyone who comes to their door for dinner is welcome – without question or qualification.

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In the Sanctuary

Sunday, October 30, 2011

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Dennis C. Bailey

Children may worship with their families before going to Rotation Workshops.

The Nursery will be open in Room 11.

Sunday, November 6, 2011

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Dennis C. Bailey

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The Nursery will be open in Room 11.

“The Haven from Hunger recognizes the vital importance of providing basic nourishment to those who are hungry -- much more is needed. Through our programs and in our commitment to combating hunger and homelessness, we provide the support and respect guests need to become self-sufficient and regain hope for the future. The Haven is a place of humanity, compassion, and dignity.” (from their website:

<http://www.havenfromhunger.org/ourwork>) (Haven from Hunger: Phone: (978)-531-1530)

Centre Church is proud to be part of Haven from Hunger's cause, **"because no one should be hungry."**

You may bring food donations or write checks to "Centre Church," memo: "Mission One."

Together, with the other 5,300 congregations of the United Church of Christ, and other local churches, families, local companies, businesses, and organizations, we can help to provide food to hungry families. Thanks for being the Body of Christ!

Yours in Christ, Dennis

Deacons Boo Breakfast on Oct 30th

Please join us for pancakes on Halloween Eve morning at 8:30am! We will be serving all types of pancakes including pumpkin, of course. Proceeds will benefit the Organ Fund! Suggested donation is \$10/person or \$25/family. We hope to see you and all your little goblins there! We will be “goblin” up pancakes, eggs, bacon, fruit and other fine fixins!

- Your Faithful Diaconate

Rotation Sensation

On Sunday, Oct. 30, students will continue learning the story of The Lost Coin in science, art and storytelling.

On Sunday, Nov. 6, Rotation Workshops will focus on learning about Heifer and preparing for the Heifer Marketplace which will take place on Dec. 4.

Our Nursery, located in Room 11, is open each week for infants through age 3. Experienced staff and volunteers are on hand to welcome your children. Pagars are available for all parents.

Vote for Your Favorite Pumpkin

On Sunday, Oct 30, please be sure to bring a dollar bill or two to church in order to vote for your favorite carved pumpkin. Both the High School and Middle School youth group members will be displaying their finely carved pumpkins and asking you to vote by putting a dollar in the cup in front of your favorite pumpkin.

All proceeds will be used to buy supplies to make up Birthday Boxes for Birthday Wishes, a Newton based group that prepares birthday parties for homeless children.

Are You Ready For Some Hockey?

If so, you can take advantage of this chance to win 4 tickets to watch the Stanley Cup Champion Boston Bruins take on the NY Islanders at the TD Garden on Mon., Nov. 7, 2011. The game is at 7:00 p.m. and the seats are great! You just need to enter the Centre Church Hockey Raffle. Tickets are \$10 each. The Grand Drawing is on Sunday, October 30.

Youth Group News

Corn Maze Fun

Nineteen youth and several adults enjoyed finding our way through the corn maze at Connor Farm in Danvers (with no 911 calls!). The hot cider donuts were delicious, and the kids all enjoyed the giant pillow bounce. Many thanks to the adults who volunteered as chaperones and drivers.

Pumpkin Carving

Youth in both the Middle School and High School youth groups should plan to meet in the church kitchen on Saturday, October 29th from 2 to 4 p.m. to carve pumpkins. Please bring a **hollowed out** pumpkin and any tools or patterns you may have. The carved pumpkins will be displayed and voted on Sunday, October 30. Money raised from this event will go to purchase supplies to make up Birthday Boxes for Birthday Wishes.

There will be no evening youth group meetings on Sunday, Oct 30.

Both youth groups will be meeting on Sunday, Nov 6. The Middle School will meet from 5-6:30 pm and the High School from 6:30-8 pm.

Mission 1

The Middle School Youth Group will be participating in the UCC 11-day Campaign to raise awareness and aid to combat food-related injustice by collecting 111 non-perishable food items as part of an event planned for 11.11.11 in Topsfield.

Confirmation Class News

The confirmation class will be meeting with Rev. Bailey in the Pastor's Outer Office on Sunday, Oct 30 from 11:30-1 pm. Lunch will be provided by Melinda Johnson. Both the confirmands and their mentors should plan to attend. Reminder: you are expected to attend worship on Sunday, Oct 30. Please be sure to fill out your worship forms.

On Sunday, Oct 6 the confirmation class will be heading into Boston for the UCC Heritage Tour. We will meet in the church parking lot at 11 am and car pool into Boston. Be sure to bring along money for lunch. We should return around 3 pm.



Yankee Candle Fundraiser

Our Yankee Candle Fundraiser runs until October 30 so there's still time to place your order. The catalog contains a wonderful variety of candles and wrapping paper. This is the perfect opportunity to start your holiday shopping or buy something special for yourself.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will support the church operating budget and next summer's mission trip. Please share the catalog with your friends and family.

Catalogs are available in the church office or contact Debbie Cotting at 781-593-3120. You may also browse the catalog at

<http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/fallCatalog.html>

Orders must be submitted by Sunday, October 30. High School youth will be on hand in the Narthex on Oct 30 to take your orders. Your support of this fundraiser is very much appreciated.

News From Around the Parish

Our love and sympathy are extended to Perry Hayden upon the recent death of her brother, Paul Chang, M.D. of Towson, Maryland.

We extend our love and prayers to the family and friends of Elouise Bjorkman who died on October 21. Her Memorial Service will be held at Centre Church on Sat., Nov. 5 at 2:00 p.m.

“Dear Friends of the Church,
Thank you for the beautiful flowers. They were a great lift for my spirit. Gratefully, Al Farnsworth”

Engraved Brick Patio

Some new bricks have been laid in the engraved brick patio. Thank you to the donors for their generosity. Look for a new offering in the spring, but you can order at any time by contacting me. -Phil Johnson

Harvey and Jean Card

Marilyn, Bill & Rob McCarthy

Melinda Johnson, Cory & Charlie

Marilyn, Lee, Barbara & Debra Card

Jack, Barbara, Stephen, Scott, Jen & Mike Conley

In Memory of Dr. E. T. Mitchell December 27, 2010

E. Louise Allen Centre Church Member 1983 - 2004

In Memory of Carl J. E. Johnson by Phil and Sue Johnson

In Memory of Donna Marie Sasso

by Phil and Sue Johnson

Upcoming Concert

The New England Pastoral Institute which provides counseling at Centre Church is sponsoring “An Evening of Musical Delights” on Sat., November 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Windham (NH) High School. The following groups will be featured: The Windham Swing Band, The Monument Brass, The Symphony Quartet, Musique du Bois and Pianist Jonathan Yourtee. The concert will benefit the new mental health facility uniquely designed and staffed to serve the needs of physically handicapped persons. Tickets may be purchased online at www.nepastoral.org, at the door, or from the Centre Church Office. Cost is \$25.00.

Thanks to our Volunteers

Sunday, October 30: Head Usher-Gage Whittier. Lay Reader-Debbie Cotting. Altar Flowers Provided by Annabel Aldrich. Flowers Delivered by Judith Doe and Randy Russell. Lights Out beginning October 28-Scott DeSantis.

Sunday, November 6: Head Usher-Gage Whittier. Altar Flowers Provided by Edith Wendt. Flowers Delivered by Barbara Becker and Chuck Cotting. Lights Out beginning November 4-Bruce Weaver.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 20, 2011, 7 pm, at Our Lady of Assumption Church. Preacher will be Rev. Glen Mortimer, Wakefield Lynnfield Methodist Church. Please mark your calendars, plan to attend, to sing in the choir, and to donate to the Haven from Hunger Offering.

Choir Rehearsals for the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be at Our Lady of Assumption Church, Grove Street:

Wed., Nov. 16 at 8:00 p.m. (suggested, but optional)

Sunday, Nov. 20 at 5:00 p.m. (required)

A light supper will be provided for choir members.

Missions Pantry

Our ongoing collections include Aluminum Can Pull Tabs, Used Eyeglasses, Non-Perishable Food, Travel Size Toiletries, and Used Cell Phones (numbers erased with charger).

Don't forget to bring newspapers, magazines, catalogs, etc. to the paper recycle bin in the parking lot. No phone books or cardboard, please.

Our Opportunities

Sun. Oct. 30	8:30 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 11:30 am 11:30 am	Deacons Breakfast – Richards Hall Morning Worship – Sanctuary Rotations/Nursery Confirmation Class – Pastor’s Ofc. Pumpkin Carving Contest-Narthex
Mon. Oct. 31	7:30 pm	Alanon/Alateen – Fireside & Libr.
Tues. Nov. 1	7:00 pm	Membership – Pastor’s Office
Wed. Nov. 2	8:30 am 7:00 pm	Bread & Roses Meal Preparation Women’s 12 Step Mtg. – FR
Thurs. Nov. 3	7:30 pm	Senior Choir – Choir Room
Fri. Nov. 4	10:30 am	Bible Study – 2 nd Floor Office
Sun. Nov. 6	10:00 am 10:00 am 11-3pm	Morning Worship– Sanctuary Rotations/Nursery Confirmation Field Trip
Mon. Nov. 7	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #48 – Todd Hall Alanon/Alateen – Fireside & Libr.
Tues. Nov. 8	7:30 pm	Diaconate – Pastor’s Office
Wed. Nov. 9	7:00 pm	Women’s 12 Step Mtg. – FR
Thur. Nov. 10	7:30 pm	Senior Choir – Choir Room.
Fri. Nov. 11	9-12:00 10:30 am 6-9:00 pm	Church Office Open Bible Study – 2 nd Floor Office Middle Sch. “Mission 1” Event
Sat., Nov.12	9-12:00 12:30-2:30	Pictures with Santa – Fireside Rm. Youth Fundraiser-Parking Lot

Our prayers are with Caroline Walsh at Mass General Hospital; Jean Card at Rosewood; Esther McGrath, Al Farnsworth at home; Helen Butcher, Marion Edkins, Denis Edkins, Harold Kress and Priscilla Kress at Renaissance Gardens, Peabody; Louise Allen at Beaumont Nursing Home, Westborough, MA; Marion Barnes at Harborside Cedar Glen, Danvers; Carolyn Furey at Overlook Masonic Health Ctr, Charleton; and Olive Wood at Woodbriar in Wilmington. We also remember in our prayers Bob Travers and David Tuttle in Afghanistan.

The Church Office is open Monday-Friday 9am-3pm
The next Tower Notes will be the week of November 7

Pies! Pies! Pies! Revisited



Sunday November 6, 2011



APPLE PIE SALE – FUNDRAISER – CARROT CAKE SALE

Please send your orders and your checks to Susan Spear at the church office! [781-334-3050]

Deadline for placing orders is Monday, October 31.

Pie Sale Order Form

Fresh Baked [\$12 each]: Apple: _____ Apple Crumb: _____ Apple Cranberry _____

Unbaked [\$12 each]: Apple: _____ Apple Crumb: _____ Apple Cranberry _____

Rev. Bailey’s Famous Carrot Cakes: Large [\$10 each] _____ Small [\$5 each] _____

Name _____ Amount Paid _____