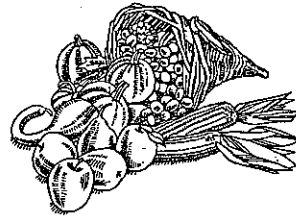


NOVEMBER 2009

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Weston United Methodist Church



I would like to ask you a question. What is the purpose of your life? Why do you exist? Do you feel your answer would agree with what God would say? I raise these questions because we are about to enter the season of Thanksgiving, a time when we will have the opportunity to make our financial commitment to God and to God's church for the coming year.

What we enter on our 2010 church commitment card reflects what our priorities are, what we feel is the true purpose of our lives, and what we hear God calling us to do. Rick Warren has written that life is not about us. It's about God and serving God. It's about loving our neighbors and seeking justice and following Jesus' example of living sacrificially and unselfishly.

When filling out your 2010 commitment card, I invite you to reflect on whether what you enter is a true indicator of your gratitude for how God has blessed you and your loved ones. Do you feel what you are returning to God truly says "thank you." I pray that you will consider tithing, giving to God ten percent of what rightfully belongs to God, or at least moving up to tithing. Jesus tithed. It was one of the ways he drew closer to God.

John Wesley wrote:

Earn all you can; Save all you can; Give all you can.

Good words to live by.

Good words to reflect our faith and our purpose. Steve

Time for Fun!

For those who are home during the morning, here's a plan:

"Coffee and China"

Thursday, November 12, from 10—11:30 AM in the Parlor

You've invited to a time of conversation and coffee with friends from the church, followed by a wonderful presentation by my friend, Ted Carvalho, on his trip to China a year ago. Come and enjoy scenes of China as Ted shares with us his experiences.

This is a time for both men and women, and you're most welcome to bring non-church friends who would enjoy the company and program!

Ted is known for his colorful description and great sense of humor! Take some time away from the "have to's" and join us!

Nancy Hammerton, Church Secretary

First in an occasional series



Weston Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

**Monday, November 23, at 7 P.M.
Campion Center**

All are welcome to this special service of meditations, readings and music in thanksgiving for God's blessings!
It will include an expression of thanksgiving through aiding the elderly homeless.
Refreshments will follow the service.

*Looking Ahead to December –
some dates to remember!*

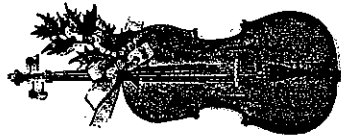


**Christmas Dinner
and Music**

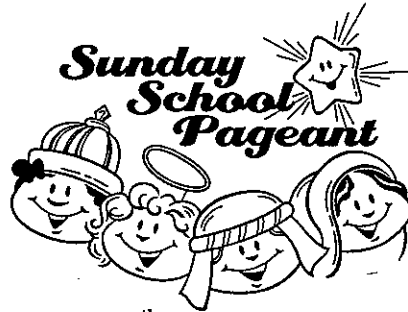
Saturday, December 19th, at 5:30 PM

**Our Annual
Christmas Family Fellowship**

You're invited...



**Choir Christmas Cantata
will be presented on
Sunday, December 20th,
during 10:30 AM Worship**



**Sunday, Dec. 13th during 10:30 AM Worship
Pageant Rehearsal will be Sunday, Dec. 6th after worship**

Church Photo Directory



Have you sent in your info?

Our goal is to include everyone in the directory. If you haven't already done so, please complete the form below, bring it with you next Sunday, or mail it to the church. Thank you!

First names

Birthdays (mo./day)*

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Home Address

_____ (street and number, apt.)

_____ (city, state, zip code)

Phones: Home

Cell phone(s)

E-Mail Address(s)

*Birthday information is for office information only and will not be included in the directory.

2009-2010 WUMC Officers Elected

We welcome the following persons who were elected at WUMC's annual Charge Conference in October. They will serve as officers of the Church for the program year, Sept. 1, 2009, through Aug. 31, 2010:

Church Council

Chairperson	Bob Hicks
Recording Secretary	Nancy Mack
Treasurer	Marjorie Metcalf
Financial Secretary	Betsy Story
Lay Leader	Sally Hicks
Lay Mem., An. Conf.	Bob Hout

Committee Chrs:

Education	Shari Russo and Alice Hammond
Finance	Mike First
Missions	Bob Hout
Newcomers	Barbara and Wayne Clemens
Fellowship	Debbie Armstrong
Staff Parish	Kathy Keenan
NANS	Lisa Reitano
Trustees Chr.	Jeff Hall

We express our appreciation to them for their willingness to serve in leadership roles in our church.

We also thank those whose term of office have been completed. Your service has meant much in the life of our church, and we thank you for your faithfulness!

And, finally, thanks to all who have agreed to serve as members of our church's committees. If you have not been asked to serve as a committee member and would like to do so, please speak to Rev. Melius.

Making Jesus Christ Known in the World

Many villages in Nicaragua such as Las Cruces lose 20-30% of children from 1-4 years old due to illness, most of which is caused by lack of clean water and sanitation.

Through the WUMC missions budget, thanks to your generosity, we supported a water project last year, and another one this year. In Las Cruces, the well serves 2,000 people in the community. It is 60 feet deep, and it was dug by hand with an ox or mule pulling up individual buckets of dirt.

The project is supplemented with training programs on hygiene and disease prevention, as well as continued follow up by the Amanacer Mobile Health Clinic which we also sponsor. *(From a flyer and presentation by Sandy Melius and the Nicaragua Planning Committee)*

By reaching out and serving others, we are indeed continuing Christ's earthly mission.

Grace and Peace,

Bob Hout, Missions Chr.

Weston Wayland Interfaith Action Group invites you to see

Beyond Belief

Susan Retik and Patti Quigley's husbands were murdered and a nation on the other side of the world cries out for help. Susan and Patti share their journey from grief to deeds of loving-kindness. They co-founded a non-profit organization called Beyond the 11th, devoted to helping other widows who have been affected by terrorism and war, with the goal of promoting deeper cross-cultural understanding, primarily in Afghanistan.

The film will be presented on Sunday, Nov. 15th, at 5:00 p.m. at First Parish Church in Weston, 349 Boston Post Road, Weston. Susan Retik will be at the showing to answer questions after the film.

For more information, call (781) 647-0051 or email at:
lretik@verizon.net

Bristol Lodge Serving Day, Monday, November 9th

As we approach Thanksgiving, it's a good time to give thanks for the talents with which God has blessed us by using them to help our hungry brothers and sisters. On our monthly serving day, we need many kinds of assistance to feed these hungry folks who come to Bristol Lodge in Waltham seeking their only meal for the day.

Please sign up on the bulletin board in parish hall to donate one or more food items, or assist by reheating, transporting, or serving the meal. Your prayers for this ongoing ministry are always needed, too!

(The number in parentheses indicates number of contributors needed)

- (6) Sloppy Joes**, 5 lbs. from each contributor, prepared, we'll reheat
- (5) Hamburger Buns**, 2 dozen from each contributor
- (4) Coleslaw**, extra large bag plus bottle of dressing; we'll combine
- (4) Potato Chips**, extra large bag
- (4) Brownies or Cookies**, each portion to serve 24
- (2) Orange Juice**, 1 gallon each
- (3) Milk**, 1 gallon each.
- (2) Water**, cases of 24 16-oz. bottles, need a week ahead of time

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the October meal:

Paul Angiolillo Jr., Kettee Boling, the Firsts, Anne Gehrenbeck-Shim, Adriana Glynn, the Hammonds, Bob Hout, the Kears, Marjorie Metcalf, Kimiko Nakashima, the Reitanos, Betty Rote, Shari Russo, Luanne Selk, Melissa Tustin, Anna and Christina from Cambridge, and all of you who lift up this ministry in your prayers.

Sunday School News

Sunday School is off to a great start this fall thanks to our dedicated teachers and to Debbie Armstrong's able leadership. The lower and upper elementary classes have been focusing on the epic stories of Joseph and Moses in the Hebrew Bible, learning important lessons from them about leadership and trust despite the ups and downs of life. The youth class continues to study the life of Jesus when they meet on the second and third Sundays of each month. On the first Sunday of the month, the youth remain in worship and on the fourth, they meet with Melissa Tustin, our youth advisor, to build relationships and make plans for the youth group.

November also promises to be an exciting month for the Sunday School with plans to begin a new children's worship service during our regular class time. Once a month, the lower and upper elementary students will meet together in the Arts and Crafts room for their own worship service. We'll sing songs, share joys and concerns, pray for each other and take an offering just like we do in the main Sanctuary. After 15-20 minutes of worship, there will be some time for crafts and Godly play. We will be looking for folks to help lead these services in order to expose the kids to various voices and styles and to give our teachers a chance to attend worship. Please email or speak to Melissa Tustin if you would like to help mwtustin@yahoo.com.

Finally, please mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Pageant. We are holding it during worship on Dec 13 this year and there will be a dress rehearsal for all children and youth after worship on Dec 6. In addition to acting out the traditional manger scene, each class will have an opportunity to share something of their own choosing. It could be a song, a favorite story, a dance, anything that is personal and meaningful to our children's celebration of Jesus' birth so go ahead and start brainstorming!

Melissa Tustin, Director of Christian Education

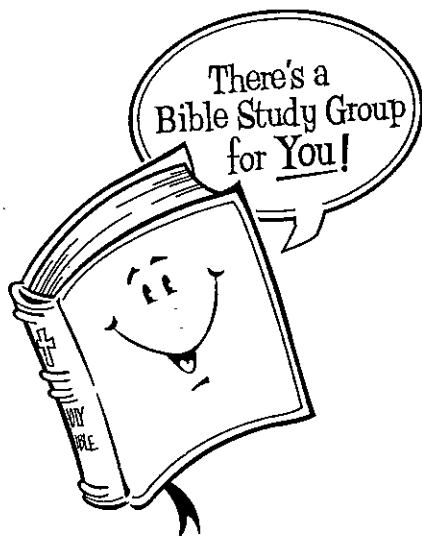
November Youth News

We kicked off a new year of youth group with a time for fellowship during Sunday school on Sept 27 and our "Sundaes on Sunday" on Oct. 4. It was a record for turnout for Sandra's Lodge night with six youth and one guest attending. About fifteen children and their mom's came to enjoy ice cream and games with us. Unfortunately for us but fortunately for the folks who live there, Sandra's Lodge is being closed at the end December to allow the families to move into apartments in their own communities. We plan to continue our ministry until the very end, returning to Sandra's Lodge on Sunday, Nov 8 (NOT Nov 1st).

Justin and Kate Kear have offered to host our first BFF party of the year at 5:30 pm on Saturday, Nov 14th. We'll hang out, play some games and cook dinner together. Friends are welcome as usual. Our next BFF party won't be until January so make sure you can come to this one. Normally, we would also meet during worship on the fourth Sunday of the month but I'll be away on Nov 22. We'll plan to meet at 10:30 am the following week instead.

Finally, we've been connecting with several youth groups in the area. The Framingham/Wayland folks we went on retreat with last winter are doing a Fall Retreat in Rhode Island Nov 20-22 and would like to include us. Unfortunately, I will be away that weekend, but they would still love to have our youth. Invitations will be coming in the mail. Weston Congregational Church also has a youth group very similar to ours. There are about 12 kids from Weston and surrounding towns that some of our youth probably know from school. We hope to get a couple of us together with a couple of them to explore doing some joint ministry with them this year as well.

Melissa Tustin, Youth Advisor



What do other Christian faiths believe?

Have you wondered what other Christian traditions believe? In November, the Tuesday morning study group will explore the unique characteristics of eight different traditions in the Christian faith. Using Adam Hamilton's *Christianity's Family Tree*, we will look at: Orthodoxy, Catholicism, Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism, Baptists, Pentecostalism, and Methodism. Come join us every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor. Rev. Melius is the class leader. All are welcome.

Video on Genesis

The Monday Evening study group is watching a video on the book of Genesis. The group, which meets at the parsonage at 7:00 p.m. every Monday, begins with dinner and then moves to watching a re-enactment of the Genesis story. Upcoming weeks will include Jacob and Joseph. All are welcome.

I am your church envelope

I would like to talk with you, for
I am part of your church life.
I may be a complete stranger to you, but
I can help you be a better Christian.
I like to go to worship on Sunday, for
I help you to be Christ's partner.
I am very small, but
I am the keystone of your church program.
I am a weekly reminder of your daily blessings.
I dare you to be as good to God as he has been to you.
I am only paper, but
I carry the full gift of a generous heart.
I am the only pocketbook you need on Sunday, and
I promise not to be a burden.
I am your chance to preach, for
I am a silent sermon of your devotion.



November 22, 2009

Don't forget to buy your Christmas Wreath!

To order your wreath or other holiday decoration, please see Bonny Parlee or a Sunday School child.

Orders can be delivered to the church or sent by UPS to someone you want to remember during the Christmas season.

Sale ends Nov. 8th

**Orders delivered
the week of Dec. 7th**



**Sunday School
Christmas Wreath
Fundraiser
with Mickman Brothers**

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:30 am Worship, Sunday School
Nursery care: infants--age 4
Fellowship after worship

OFFICE HOURS

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Lay Leader	Sally Hicks
Admin. Asst.	Nancy Hammerton
Music Director	Saewon Lee Chun
Christian Education Director and	
Youth Advisor	Rev. Melissa Tustin
NANS Director	Jill Harris
Sexton	Diane Olsen

Purpose Statement:

**To know Jesus Christ and
to make Jesus Christ known.**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 World Communion 9:00 am Adult Choir 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship/Comm. 10:30 am Sunday School 11:30 am Fellowship	2 7 pm Evening Bible Study	3 9:30 am Morning Bible Study	4 10 am Prayer Shawl Ministry		6	7
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22 Commitment Sunday 9:00 am Adult Choir 10:30 am Worship, Rev. Larry Peacock preaching 10:30 am Sunday School	23 7 pm Weston Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Campion Center	24 9:30 am Morning Bible Study	25 10 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	26 Happy Thanksgiving! 	27 Church Office Closed	28
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