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## FROM THE PASTOR

This is the last in a series on developing a “rule of life.” This month I will talk about developing a rule of life with the goal of bringing more balance into our lives. Many of us – myself included – struggle to find a balance among family life, work, play, caring for our bodies, and attending to our spiritual life, among other things.

I recently bought a workbook called *Anchoring Your Well Being: Christian Wholeness in a Fractured World* by Howard Clinebell. The author lays out a sevenfold path of Christian well being that attends to these dimensions of life: spiritual, mental, physical, relationships, work, play, and the well being of our world. He offers a diagram of a flower, in which “spirit” is at the center, and the other six dimensions are petals around the center. He writes: “Like a flower, your well being is a living, growing, ever-changing organic process that involves all aspects of your life and your social and natural environments. Healthy, loving spirituality is the integrating center of the flower.”

A rule of life that will help bring more balance into our lives will attend to all seven areas. Our spiritual life (i.e., the way in which we live in relationship with God and Christ) will be at the center, and nurturing it will be of primary importance. Mental well being involves both our reason and our emotions, and has to do with how well integrated our personalities are, among other things. Physical well being has to do with health, fitness, and other kinds of self-care. Well being in relationships involves our intimate relationships with spouse, parents, children, and close friends, as well as our other relationships. Work well being extends not just to the job we have, but to the work we do in the home and community. Play well being may be obvious – but many of us are reluctant to make “play” as important as work in our lives. The well being of our world involves us in lifestyles that acknowledge our stewardship of creation and our interdependence on all creation for life.

A rule of life incorporating all seven areas is best undertaken one step at a time. We might begin by doing an inventory, asking ourselves to rate how well we are doing in each area. Remember that the spiritual life is at the center, and attending to that dimension of life is always important. If we discover that the area needing the most attention is physical well being, we might then incorporate diet and exercise into our rule of life. If we tend to be a workaholic, we might want to add “play” in some form to our rule of life. Here is an example of what a simple rule of life based on the above considerations might look like:

Daily: morning prayer and meditation with Scripture; walk for 45 minutes; stay within 1500 calories per day

Weekly: take one full day off – preferably Sunday – and do something I really enjoy, such as going to a movie or taking a nap; attend weekly worship service.

If you find that all seven areas need attention, then don’t overburden yourself with trying to do several things in each category. “Keep it simple” for mental and spiritual well being. In addition to what you’re already doing to promote well being in these areas, try adding just one new discipline or practice in each area. It might be something as simple as “recycle paper and plastic” for well being in relationship to creation, or “tell my wife I love her every day” in the relationship well being area.

If you are interested in looking more deeply at the topic of Christian wholeness and well being, please consider being part of a group to study together the workbook mentioned above. Or you may want to use it on your own.

Lent is a wonderful time to “try on for size” a more balanced lifestyle. Although the emphasis during Lent has traditionally been on the spiritual life, and in particular our relationship with Jesus Christ as we reflect on his life, death, and resurrection, it’s obvious that when our lives are out of balance, we often don’t have time or energy for nurturing our spiritual life. Adding one more “spiritual discipline” to an

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## The Church and You

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already over-burdened schedule probably isn't going to help us draw closer to Christ. It may, in fact, add more stress and resentment. A rule of life should bring greater peace and serenity, not less. Your own personal rule of life may involve letting go of some things rather than taking on some additional practice.

No matter where the invitation to keep a holy Lent leads you, may our loving and compassionate God guide you to a more well, whole, and balanced life of joy and peace.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Mary Jane

### INTRODUCING THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

One of the most important things we do together as the faith community known as the George Whitefield UMC is worship together at least once a week. Worship fulfills many needs: nurturing people spiritually, witnessing to our faith, welcoming newcomers (evangelism), sharing a common vision, and carrying out the main purpose of the church, which is to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

The Worship Committee meets throughout the year to evaluate the worship life of the church and to plan for meaningful worship experiences throughout the Christian year, beginning in Advent and continuing through Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, and "ordinary time." Working closely with the Music Ministry (organist and choir), the Committee seeks to offer a variety of worship services that express the fullness of our life together as United Methodists. Some of the Committee's areas of interest and concern: Holy Communion, scripture readers, banners and flowers for the sanctuary, special services, and creating a worshipful atmosphere. The organist and choir director make sure that the music is coordinated with the lectionary scripture texts each week.

If you have any comments, questions, suggestions, or concerns about the worship life of the church, please feel free to contact any member of the Committee. Members include: Phyllis Warriner, Chair; Harold Smock, Dell Marona, Gloria Reid, Dorothy Bailey, George Warriner, Stewart and Marie King.

### COFFEE HOSTS

**Mar** 4th - Dot Bailey & Edith Mongeon  
11th - Barbara Smith & Marie King  
18th - Karen Farrell & Mildred Silverberg  
25th - Marge & Charlie Reim

**Apr** 1st - Phyllis Warriner & Annalee Collins  
8th - Phyllis Adams & Jackie Wood  
15th - Easter Sunday - no coffee hour  
22nd - Gloria & Allan Reid  
29th - Claire Wirf & Crystal Armitage

## Prayer, Ashes, the Bible!

### LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

This year we have a number of opportunities for spiritual nourishment both in our church and with other faith communities. Please join us!

\* Wednesday, February 28 – **Ash Wednesday Service** at church, 7:00 p.m.

???? Sunday March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1 and 8; 7:00 p.m. at the church.  
**Sunday Evening With the Bible:** an introduction to the Bible – how it came to us, what's in its pages, who wrote it, how to study it. For those who have read the Bible for

years, and those just beginning to learn.

???? Sunday, March 11 – **Pancake Breakfast** at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, sponsored by West Brookfield Ecumenical Council – 11:00 a.m.

???? Saturday, March 31 – **Trip to Weston Priory** – Holy Eucharist with the Monks of Weston Priory, lunch at Bryant House in Weston, opportunities to shop in Priory gift shop and Vermont Country Store – depart church at 8:00 a.m.

???? Sunday, April 8 – **Palm Sunday Procession** at 9:30 leading into worship

???? Thursday, April 12 – **Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion** – 7:00 p.m.

???? Friday, April 13 – **Good Friday Worship** – 7:00 p.m.

???? Saturday, April 14 – **Great Vigil of Easter at All Saints Episcopal Church in Worcester** – accompany the Pastor to this richly symbolic service ushering in the resurrection celebration

???? Sunday, April 15 – **Easter Sunrise Service** at Whitefield Rock on Foster Hill, 6:00 a.m. **Easter Sunday Festival Worship Service** – 9:30 a.m. at church.

# March 2001

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**CALENDAR** – REGULARLY SCHEDULED

Tuesday at 7 pm – Companions in Christ (at parsonage)  
 Wednesday at 9 am – Companions in Christ (at church)  
 Wednesday at 2:15 pm – Prayer Group (at parsonage)  
 Wednesday at 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal (at church)  
 Thursday at 3 pm – Lectionary Bible Study (at parsonage)  
 Friday – Pastor’s day off

Last Sunday of the month – Hymn Sing at 9:15  
 First Sunday of the month – Holy Communion

Last Monday of the month – Wings and Hands Craft Group at 7 pm (at church)  
 First Thursday of the month – Holy Communion at Quaboag Nursing Home with Pastor O’Connor-Ropp, 10:30 am

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**March Schedule** (in addition to Lenten activities and things mentioned elsewhere)

- ? Thursday, March 1 – Task Force on Ministry to Children & Families – Parsonage, 7 pm
- ? Friday, March 2 – World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Service – First Congregational Church – 7 pm
- ? Monday, March 12 – West Brookfield Ecumenical Council – Church, 7 pm
- ? Thursday, March 15 – Administrative Council – Church, 7 pm
- ? Tuesday, March 20 – United Methodist Women combined meeting – Church, 7 pm
- ? Monday, March 26 – Wings & Hands Craft Group – Church, 7 pm

**Special dates**

- ? Women’s History Month
- ? World Day of Prayer, March 2, 2001
- ? Girl Scout Sunday, March 11, 2001
- ? Spring begins, March 20, 2001

## Christianity and You

### BISHOP HASSINGER'S DAY ON THE DISTRICT

On Saturday, March 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., laity and clergy from the Central Massachusetts District are invited to a day with Bishop Susan Hassinger at the Oxford United Methodist Church. This will be a day of learning and sharing together how we can proclaim Christ boldly to the poor in our communities and the world. All are welcome. If you would like to go, please see Pastor O'Connor-Ropp.

### WEEKLY COMMUNION DURING LENT

In keeping with our Wesleyan heritage (John Wesley encouraged early Methodists to receive Holy Communion as often as possible), Holy Communion will be available each week during Lent, immediately following the worship service. Although separating out the sacrament from the rest of the worship service is NOT Wesleyan, we will do so in order to honor those who do not wish to receive Communion on a weekly basis.

### **Lent is a time for repentance**

Repentance is the process by which we see ourselves, day by day, as we really are: sinful, needy, dependent people. It is the process by which we see God as He is: awesome, majestic and holy.

—Charles Colson  
in *From Against the Night:  
Living in the New Dark Ages*

### **A different kind of wedding gift**

When Glenn Otterbacher and Debbie Layman started dating, they soon found that they had more than a lot in common. They both will become ministers as are their fathers. They both have a burning concern to do what they can to conquer world hunger. They both feel that they want to sacrifice so that at least some of those who are starving may have food. What did they do? When they sent out their wedding invitations, they asked their families and friends not to buy wedding gifts. Instead, they requested that money be given to the Presbyterian Hunger Program. How much did they raise for world hunger? At last count, their friends and family members had given \$6,000. Now that will be a wedding to celebrate in more ways than one.



—Adapted from *Presbyterians Today*

### **God met her in a lonely place**



Louisa May Alcott, the author of *Little Women* and other books, once wrote of a unique experience she had one morning while walking through a woods. She wrote of the moss being like velvet, the arches of yellow and red leaves, then coming upon a meadow bathed in glorious sunshine. Her heart sang for joy at the beauty of it all.

Then she tells of a strange and solemn feeling coming over her as she stood in a place with no sound but the rustle of the pines. She wrote of an epiphany she had. "It seemed as if I felt God as I never did before, and I prayed in my heart that I might keep that happy sense of nearness all of my life."

—Searching for God in America

### **What brought Christ to the cross?**

Whatever else is to be made of it, everyone feels that the Cross stands out [as] a hideous tragedy, a dreadful fact ... upon our human records.

"They have crucified the Lord of Glory!" gasps St. Paul in horror. And as often as it comes in sight of Calvary, the heart of humankind echoes that shuddering cry, stands rooted to the spot, staring incredulously at what can't be true; yet there it really is!

How did it happen, this appalling thing? What sudden orgy of insanity overwhelmed for one mad day the kindly human nature that we know so well, and swept it headlong into this? Yet the last haunting terror of it is that it was brought about by ordinary mortals like ourselves.

—Adapted from a sermon by Dr. A.J. Gossip  
in *The Galilean Accent*

### **Solo Christianity? No way!**

"Christianity," writes Oklahoma City pastor, Jeremy Basset, "was never intended to be a solo walk with God. A conversion to Christianity is also incorporation in the body of Christ, the church."

Surely Rev. Basset is on target. We do not baptize ourselves. We do not have Holy Communion alone. The very name refers to communion with God and others. We do not learn the intricacies of the Bible and Christian theology and Christian history alone. We do not have Christian fellowship all by ourselves. The New Testament makes it quite clear that one cannot be Christian all alone. "We are members of his [Christ's] body" (Ephesians 5:30). We "belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:10). We are "a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God" (1 Peter 2:9). Without doubt, there is no such thing as solitary Christianity. No way!

Make a  
**Friendship  
Bracelet**

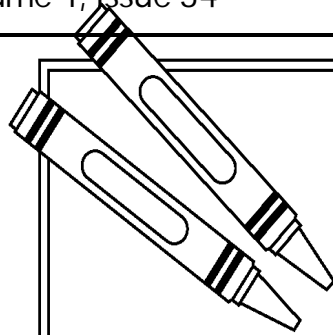
**You will need:**

- 2 colors of embroidery floss or yarn
- scissors
- a friend



**Here's how to make it:**

1. Cut a 24" piece of each color floss or yarn.
2. Each person takes an end of both pieces in one hand.
3. Hold the two pieces together and pull to tighten.
4. Each person twists their end to the right. Keep it tight.
5. When it's twisted as much as it can be, fold the twisted rope in half.
6. Twist to the right again.
7. Tie around your friend's wrist.
8. Make another for yourself.



**Just for KIDS**

**"Friends"**

Look up the verses below to find the missing person in each pair of friends. Write the circled letters on the blanks at the bottom.

David &	— — — — ○ —	2 Samuel 15:37
King Agrippa &	○ — — — —	Acts 25:13
Naomi &	○ — — — —	Ruth 1:22
Paul &	— ○ — — —	Acts 16:25
Joshua &	— — — ○ —	Numbers 14:6
Peter &	— — — ○ —	Luke 5:8-10
Job &	<b>B</b> — — — —	Job 2:11
Elijah &	— ○ — — —	2 Kings 2:1-14
Zophar &	— ○ — — —	Job 2:11
Jonathon &	— — ○ — —	1 Samuel 18:1
Peter &	— — — ○ ○	Luke 5:8-10
Jesus &	— ○ — — —	John 11:20
Jesus &	— — — ○ — ○	John 11:5
Timothy &	— — — ○ —	2 Timothy 1:1
Jesus &	○ — — — —	John 11:5
Mary &	— — — — — ○ —	Luke 1:39-40
Job &	— — ○ — — —	Job 2:11
Aaron &	○ — — ○ ○	Exodus 4:27
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		Proverbs 17:17a

Answer: Hushai, Festus, Ruth, Silas, Caleb, John, Bilhad, Elshar, Job, David, James, Mary, Martha, Paul, Lazarus, Elizabeth, Eliphaiz, Moses

"A friend loves at all times"

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT  
FOR THE CHARGE CONFERENCE OF  
NOVEMBER 1, 2000  
GEORGE WHITEFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
(changes and new nominations are in *italics*)  
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Media Task Force	Paul Chicoine
Evangelism & Church Growth Committee	<i>Elected by committee</i>
<i>Long-Range Planning Task Force</i>	<i>Harvey Collins</i>

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Barbara Smith	George Warriner	
Claire Wirf		

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## View from the Shepherd's Field...

A Message from Bishop Susan Hassinger - March 5, 2001

### “United in Trust”

In June of 1998, the New England Annual Conference adopted as our vision statement

four lines that included the phrase “united in trust.” That phrase grew out of the merger of three annual conferences into one. It grew out of a recognition that it is difficult for three different bodies, each with proud histories as well as past struggles, to come together in trust. It grew out of an honest statement that we were trying to live our way into unity, but were not there yet.

Vision statements are about where we think God is calling us, not just about where we are at the moment! In many ways we have come a long way towards greater awareness of the parts of this great annual conference as well as increased trust of each other. But there are ways in which that trust remains tenuous and tested, both of the larger institution and of individuals within the institution.

When pastoral leaders break professional boundaries, the trust of members of the congregation is shattered in ways that have repercussions for decades, if there are not opportunities for honesty and healing. When congregational leaders seek power over, rather than cooperation with, pastoral leaders, the trust erodes and pastors struggle to find ways to be faithful.

From time to time, persons will express distrust in the church as institution, because a beloved pastor has been appointed to a new place of ministry, or because a pastor whom they dislike continues in appointment to that setting. Pastors sometimes question whether their interests are being represented to the Cabinet when new appointment is under consideration, and congregations sometimes wonder if the Cabinet takes seriously the profiles they carefully develop.

Use of dollars for ministry that doesn't always suit one person's or group's criteria of priority raises doubt for some. In some congregations, some members wonder if there has been full disclosure about the financial picture or about the endowments by those in financial or trustee leadership. Trust is a factor when persons question “mission shares” – even the use of the term rather than use of “apportionment.”

The list of differences among us that some see as causes of or reasons for distrust and lack of unity could go on. Whenever there are persons with differing perspectives or priorities, “united in trust” is a fragile reality.

So what are we to make of this phrase from our vision statement? Is it “pie in the sky by and by”? Or a reality achieved by vote? Or enforced?

I would like to suggest that part of our Lenten discipline and reflection might be to consider what it means for us to be “united in trust” – in our personal relationships, in our congregations, in our annual conference. As a starting point, I'd like to suggest a slight redirection of focus. Usually the attention is paid to our relationships with each other. But I suspect that the place where we might pay attention is to our trust in God.

Is it possible that our being united in trust is not so much about whether we trust each other or trust the institution, but whether we wholeheartedly place our trust in God?

Bernard Manning, in a book entitled *Ruthless Trust: a Ragamuffin's Path to God*, writes: *Unwavering trust is a rare and precious thing because it often demands a degree of courage that borders on the heroic. When the shadow of Jesus' cross falls across our lives in the form of failure, rejection, abandonment, betrayal, unemployment, loneliness, depression, the loss of a loved one; when we are deaf to everything but the shriek of our own pain; when the world around us suddenly seems a hostile, menacing place – at those times we may cry out in anguish, “how could a loving God permit this to happen?” At such moments the seeds of distrust are sown. It requires heroic courage to trust in the love of God no matter what happens to us.* (pp. 3-4)

Manning goes on to suggest that “In order to grow in trust, we must allow God to see us and love us precisely as we are.”

As you read scriptures in this Lenten season, consider how often – especially in the psalms – the focus is on trusting God, on God's trustworthiness, on Jesus' trust in Abba God. Consider what it would mean for us as individuals, as congregations, as an annual conference to be united in our fervent trust of God whom we know in Jesus Christ.

That kind of a trust is not naïve, but is willing to risk, knowing that God will not desert us!

**Scripture Readings: Notice**

Each month I will publish the readers for each weeks scripture lessons. It is requested that you read from the Lectern Bible. If you can not be in church on the week that you are scheduled to read, please arrange for someone else to read in your place or contact Paul Chicoine or Rev. Mary Jane.

Pastor Mary Jane is willing to give tips/lessons to anyone desiring them. Also if you are interesting in being included in the readers list please notify Paul Chicoine at 436-7744.



## Bible Readings *for the Month*

**February Scripture Readings:**

4<sup>th</sup> - Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
 Paul Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (UMH 810)  
 Chicoine Romans 10:8b-13  
 Luke 4:1-13

11<sup>th</sup> - Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18  
 Stewart Psalm 27 (UMH 758)  
 King Philippians 3:17-4:1  
 Luke 13:31-35

18<sup>th</sup> - Isaiah 55:1-9  
 Barbara Psalm 63:1-8 (UMH 788)  
 Smith 1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
 Luke 13:1-9

25<sup>th</sup> - Joshua 5:9-12  
 Crystal Psalm 32 (UMH 766)  
 Armitage 2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**Need a ride to Church???**

If anyone in the local area needs a ride to church on Sundays or to any church function or meeting, please call Judith Bartlett at 867-3002 or the church office at 867-3667 for help in making arrangements.

Also, if you are willing to give anyone a ride, please have your name put on the driver's list in the church office.

THANKS !!!

**Happy March Birthdays**

Wendy Beichner	3/1	Eddie Wissell	3/2
Ian Williamson	3/3	Alyce Wall	3/5
Estalene Buzzell	3/11	Betty Prindle	3/11
Gerry Burnham	3/14	Jane Dolan	3/15
Geraldine McKeon	3/15	Carl Varnum, Jr.	3/16
George Plumb	3/17	Shane Calkins	3/19
Todd Kibbe	3/22	Josh Wilcox	3/26
Terri Ducharme	3/26	Rev. Ann Roberts	3/27
Don Beichner	3/28	Jill Terrell	3/31
Rev. Mary-Jane O'Connor-Ropp	3/16		

**Celebrating Anniversaries in March**

Mel & Nina Williamson 3/24

**The Grief and Loss Support Group**

**"YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE ALONE IN YOUR BE-REAVEMENT"**

The last Wednesday of each month at 1:00 P.M. Sponsored by the **WEST BROOKFIELD COUNCIL on AGING** at the Senior Center, 27 Front St. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Frank Halloran 867-2497.

**AN OPEN INVITATION**

The George Whitefield Rock welcomes any and all submissions. We reserve the right to edit or reject any material. This is your newsletter, please feel free to make any suggestions to the pastor or the editors. Also if you would like to share your loved ones birthdays and anniversaries please send them for submission to the editor.

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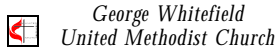
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