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The deeply troubling events of September 11 are still with all of us, I'm sure. Our mourning for lost lives and lost security will continue for a long time. And yet, we are beginning to see God's hand in so many places, bringing people together who have never worshiped and prayed together before, prompting a massive outpouring of prayer and compassionate action from around the world, and causing us to stop and re-evaluate our priorities.

Many of us have sought comfort in the scriptures and hymns of our faith tradition during these difficult days. Coming together in ecumenical and interfaith prayer services has helped us understand that we are united in community even in our diversity. In some ways, America is stronger and more united now than before the terrorist attacks.

However, one thing that plays into the terrorists' hands (and breaks God's heart) is the knee-jerk backlash against Moslems, Arabs, and even Jews. Hearing about an increase in hate crimes against these people who are our neighbors and in most cases, fellow Americans, breaks my heart also – and I hope yours as well. You've heard it repeatedly from our President and other political and religious leaders, but **please** listen to it once again: there is no place for hate and violence against anyone in the heart of those of us who call ourselves Christians. The terrorist acts were the work of a very small segment of people who claim to be Moslems, but whose actions are **not** in accord with the teachings of Islam. Most Moslems are peace-loving and compassionate people who are as horrified as we are about the actions of the terrorists. Labeling all Moslems or Arabs as enemies is as wrong-headed as labeling all Germans or German-Americans as Nazis.

Now is the time to learn about other cultures and religions, not dismiss them as enemies. Take time to watch some of the excellent TV programs that tell us what life is really like for the people of Afghanistan, what the Taliban government represents, what Moslems really believe and practice. And also (heretical though it might sound right now) learn about our own government's role in training terrorists and supporting them in cases where the government considers it to be in our national interest to do so. Take some time to pray for a thoughtful response to this crisis that will address some of the underlying issues and help us move toward a more just and peaceful world for all God's people.

May God be with all of us as we learn to live in a world that has suddenly become very small, and for some, very frightening. Remember the words of Psalm 46: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge."

God be with you. Pastor Mary Jane

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## The Church and You

### PRAYER AND PRAISE SERVICE

We will be offering a monthly prayer and praise service, beginning on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. This will be an informal service with singing, prayer, opportunities to witness to our faith and offer our thanksgiving to God. The Rev. Harvey Collins will lead this service. We hope that you will come and invite your friends and neighbors.

### CHARGE CONFERENCE ON NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

This year's Charge Conference (a.k.a. "Annual Meeting") with District Superintendent Gwen Purushotham will be held on Monday evening, November 5<sup>th</sup> at the church. Additional details will be provided in next month's newsletter.



## From the Editor

### Birthdays? Anniversaries? Celebrations?

We would like to celebrate your birthdays and anniversaries with you! If you would like to see yours or your loved ones birthdays/anniversaries listed in the "George Whitefield Rock" please notify Paul Chicoine at 413-436-7744 or mail to 570 Cronin Road, West Brookfield MA 01585. If I don't know when it is I can't print it in the newsletter!

### ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL NOTES

The Administrative (Church) Council is trying a somewhat different format for its meetings, which are held every other month. Instead of expecting reports from every committee at every meeting, a schedule will be developed for the coming year which will provide an opportunity for three program committees or task forces to report at each meeting. One report from each of three major focus areas – nurture, outreach, and witness – will be received, and people interested in any of these ministries will be welcome to come and enter into the discussion. More details will be provided when the schedule is developed.



... of all that thou  
shalt give me I  
will surely give  
the tenth  
unto thee.  
Genesis 28:22

### STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

This year's finance/stewardship campaign will take place during October and November, with Pledge Sunday scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup>. The newly revived United Methodist Men's group will prepare a celebration brunch for us after church that Sunday. Please begin prayerfully considering how much the Lord is leading you to pledge to the church in 2002. We are a growing church with new ministries waiting to happen, and we need your support. You will be hearing more from Charlie Reim, chair of the Finance Committee, and of course, from your pastor concerning the importance of faithful stewardship.



mark  
your  
calendar



### IT'S FAIR TIME AGAIN!!

The all-church fair is almost upon us. Wings and Hands Craft Group has been

Getting ready.

**HAVE YOU?????????????????**

The date is November 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m Lunch served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Karen Farrell is chairperson—  
508-867-3927

Sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.  
Volunteer to do something -  
(sign the sheet) or call Karen and  
tell her what you would like to do.

Christmas gifts and crafts  
Baskets (filled)

Plants

Handwork( knit, crochet & sewn)

Candy

Baked Goods

Country Store

Grandma's Attic

Coffee shop and lunchroom

**Surely everyone can find something to**

**help with, Make, Bake or supply materials for**

**others to use. Need help or ideas??**

**Call Millie Silverberg-508-867-2300 or**

**Dell Marona-508-867-3772 or**

**Judy Bartlett-508-867-3002-----**

**They are Karen's backup people.**



# October 2001

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## OCTOBER CALENDAR

- ? **Tuesday, 10/2:** United Methodist Men dessert meeting at church, 6:33 p.m.
- ? **Sunday, 10/7:** World Communion Sunday - special offering
- ? **Wednesday, 10/10:** Church's 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party - supper at 6:00, worship at 7:00 at church
- ? **Sunday, 10/14:** United Methodist Women District Meeting in Oxford, 2:00 p.m.
- ? **Thursday, 10/18:** NO BIBLE STUDY
- ? **Saturday, 10/20:** Turkey Supper at church, 6:00 p.m.
- ? **Sunday, 10/21:** Laity Sunday  
CROP Walk in Ware, 1:30 p.m.  
Prayer & Praise Service at church, 7:00 p.m.
- ? **Thursday, 10/25:** Administrative Council at church, 7:00 p.m.

## CALENDAR – REGULARLY SCHEDULED

Every week (unless otherwise noted):

- ? Sunday at 9:30 a.m. - Worship with Sunday School
- ? Wednesday at 10 a.m. – Bible study on Book of Acts at home of Annalee Collins
- ? Wednesday at 2:15 p.m. – Prayer Group at Parsonage
- ? Thursday at 3 p.m. – Lectionary Bible Study at Parsonage

## **November 2001**

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## More of The Church and You

### A 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party Invitation to all members and friends:

Come to the 5<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of the George Whitefield United Methodist Church! That's right folks. It has been five years since Whitefield and West Warren United Methodist Churches merged and became the George Whitefield United Methodist Church. Can you believe it??

Bishop Susan W. Hassinger and other invited guests will be joining us for the celebration on Wednesday, October 10, 2001

A Pot Luck Supper will be shared at 6:00 p.m. after which we will go to the sanctuary for a service of praise and celebration.

Please make every effort to be there for OUR birthday party! We would love to see everyone for this event.

Blessings, Pastor Mary Jane



WHITEFIELD VILLAGE FAIR

**SATURDAY—NOVEMBER 10**  
**9:00 AM—3:00 PM**  
**CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND CRAFTS**  
**COUNTRY STORE**  
**PLANTS—CANDY—BAKERY**  
**HANDIWORK—GIFT BASKETS**  
**GRANDMA'S ATTIC**  
**COFFEE SHOP --LUNCHROOM**

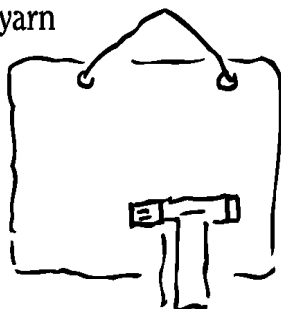
# MAKE A REMINDER BOARD

*Sometimes we need something to help us remember things.*

*A Reminder Board can help.*

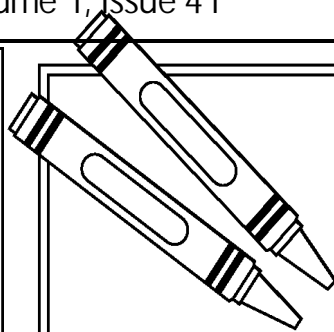
**You will need:**

- ✂ a piece of cardboard (one side of a cereal box works well)
- ✂ white or colored contact paper
- ✂ a hole punch
- ✂ scissors
- ✂ clothes pin (the kind with a spring)
- ✂ glue
- ✂ wipe-off marker
- ✂ yarn



**How to make it:**

1. Cut the contact paper a little larger than the cardboard.
2. Stick the contact paper to the cardboard, folding the edges over to the back.
3. Punch 2 holes at the top.
4. Tie yarn to the holes to make a hanger.
5. Glue the clothes pin to the front. When dry, it will hold the marker.
6. Write notes on your new reminder board!



# Just for KIDS

## Rules to Live By

God wants us to live our lives in His way. In Exodus 20 you will find some special rules to live by.

Use the code to fill in the blanks and see the rules.

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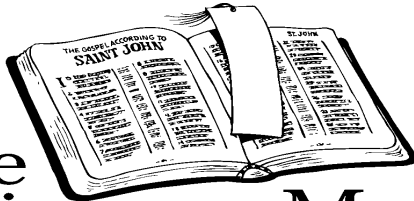
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(1) You shall have no other gods before me. (2) You shall not make for yourself an idol. (3) You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. (4) Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. (5) Honor your father and your mother. (6) You shall not murder. (7) You shall not commit adultery. (8) You shall not steal. (9) You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. (10) You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. (11) The Ten Commandments

**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

**October Scripture Readings:**

- 7<sup>th</sup> - **Lamentations 1:1-6**  
 Paul **Psalm 137 (UMH 852)**  
 Chicoine **2 Timothy 1:1-14**  
**Luke 17:5-10**
- 14<sup>th</sup> - **Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7**  
 Annalee **Psalm 66:1-12 (UMH 790)**  
 Collins **2 Timothy 2:8-15**  
**Luke 17:11-19**
- 21<sup>st</sup> - **Jeremiah 31:27-34**  
 Laity **Psalm 19 (UMH 750)**  
 Sunday **2 Timothy 3:14—4:5**  
**Luke 18:1-8**
- 28<sup>rd</sup> - **Joel 2:23-32**  
 Liz **Psalm 65 (UMH 789)**  
 Sanford **2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**  
**Luke 18:9-14**

**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 October Birthdays**

Ryan Shepard	10/1	Aaron Lariviere	10/3
Rebecca Chicoine	10/3	Richard Buzzell	10/3
Lucy Wilcox	10/5	Maybelle Keach	10/7
Peter Morin	10/9	Jeremy Gerhard	10/10
Stew King	10/12	Wesley Varnum	10/13
Nicholas Chicoine	10/15	Amanda Burnham	10/15
Lil Howes	10/19	Evelyn Hazen	10/19
Dottie Whittemore	10/19	Linda Bell	10/20
Rebecca Russis	10/21	Harvey Collins	10/23
David L. Frazier	10/25	Angelica Moineau	10/26

**Celebrating Anniversaries in October**

David & Theresa Frazier 10/5

Arvid & Millie Silverberg 10/10

**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.

*Have you visited our web site lately?*

**[www.gbgm-umc.org/whitefield](http://www.gbgm-umc.org/whitefield)**