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# The Reporter

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A weekly collection of news, reflections and announcements from the  
Congregational Church of West Medford  
an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ



## PASTORAL REFLECTION

**Welcome Morning by Anne Sexton**

**Rev. Judy Brain**

There is joy in all:  
in the hair I brush each morning,  
in the Cannon towel, newly washed,  
that I rub my body with each morning,  
in the chapel of eggs I cook  
each morning,  
in the outcry from the kettle  
that heats my coffee  
each morning,  
in the spoon and the chair  
that cry "hello there, Anne"  
each morning,  
in the godhead of the table  
that I set my silver, plate, cup upon  
each morning.

All this is God,  
right here in my pea-green house  
each morning  
and I mean,  
though often forget,  
to give thanks,  
to faint down by the kitchen table  
in a prayer of rejoicing  
as the holy birds at the kitchen window  
peck into their marriage of seeds.

So while I think of it,  
let me paint a thank-you on my palm  
for this God, this laughter of the morning,  
lest it go unspoken.

The Joy that isn't shared, I've heard,  
dies young.

## In Our Prayers



Concerns: We pray for a loved one connected to our community who are struggling with mental illness and for all who struggle emotionally ; Helen Hanson and her family, Helen is currently in a hospice house. B. Cohen: continued prayers for the people of Egypt and Syria and that their leaders will make the best decisions possible for their citizens:. Prayers for those people who died or were injured in the train accident in Spain, fires in Somerville, and other unexpected Calamities: J. Roberts: prayers that our members and friends at Pine Ridge will have a meaningful week of volunteer service in South Dakota. K. Williams: prayers for her sister Annette struggling to recover from an injury due to a workplace incident, D. Smith: continued prayers for his friend Ed with Lou Gehrig's disease and his father Paul as caretaker, continued healing for Reverend Wendy as she recuperates (we miss her!) J. Briggs: her friends' anniversary is in August; baby Kai is gaining weight; and lots of prayers and patience dealing with relatives at a family reunion. They will be travelling in August and will not be back in town until after Labor Day, Kerri H. prays for continued medical issues with the girls; a member of our community who we lift up in prayer. We continue to pray for Lorna S dealing with her leg brace; Mary B. recovering from broken leg in rehab; Eva Wagner recovering from a broken hip at home, for Thelma T. and June L., and a renewed spirit for Peggy B.; Diane P.s' family members Joe and Paul continue their treatment for cancer.

J. Roberts: wishing a safe journey to Karen McCune and her son Dylan who are driving out this week early for the Pine Ridge mission team. We also send best wishes to the other 20+ CCWM members and volunteers good travelling karma and weather, and strength for their efforts to minister to the families in Pine Ridge July 26-August 2.

Joys and Celebrations: 2013 has proven to be a bountiful one for CCWM grandchildren born recently: Savannah Grae (Grubb and Livingston families); Celine (Paul and Julie Robert's grand-daughter . ) Reverend Judy mentioned that her great-granddaughter Abby is a joy to their family.

We remember fallen soldiers and Veterans and those serving in our military. We lift up all of the children of our congregation and those we bless in Bright Stars.

*Please send prayer requests to [office@medfordchurch.org](mailto:office@medfordchurch.org) by noon each Wednesday*

## OUR CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pastoral Care Concerns:** "Deacon of the Month" of August is Robin Baker. Please let us know if there is someone who could use a visit, phone call, or card, or we should keep in our prayers.

**Church Clerk Needed:** The Clerk is responsible for reporting our statistics to the UCC and with the help of technology and the life long care of Mrs. Wescott, maintaining information about membership, births, deaths, and confirmations. Might you step up and find a place at the leadership table this summer? Pray about it and ask the Holy Spirit if you might be called to be the next Clerk of CCWM!! Or suggest someone who would might be appropriate, please let Paul Roberts, Moderator know.





**Fellowship Café:** During the summer, our Fellowship Café will simplify . This simple affair, has snacks provided by the church, but needs some volunteers to bring some cold

drinks and sit things out. If you haven't had a turn in a while, please email the office at [office@medfordchurch.org](mailto:office@medfordchurch.org) and let us know if you could participate. Thanks in advance.

**Volunteers Always Welcome: Worship Leaders/Readers, Ushers, Greeters, Fellowship Café—sign up in the book on the table in Barnes Chapel (or see a deacon).**



**Congratulations to Heather and Kyle McLaughlin**

Proud Parents of **Savannah Grae McLaughlin**.  
Born July 14, 2013 weighing in at 8 pounds 4 ounces.  
Grandparents are Kim and Jimmie Grubb and  
Great-Grandmother is June Livingston  
Congratulations to your entire family for this precious gift.

**Happy August Birthdays**

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| Shealyn Maloney    | August 7  |
| Herman Weiss       | August 7  |
| Laura Williams     | August 8  |
| Rebecca Roberts    | August 16 |
| Irving McDowell    | August 19 |
| Beverly Roche      | August 21 |
| Albert Howell      | August 29 |
| Camille Mary Kromm | August 31 |



**Altar flowers needed for August:** You can even use flowers from your garden. Please contact the Deacon for August, Kathy Williams, at [office@medfordchurch.org](mailto:office@medfordchurch.org)

**MISSION AND OUTREACH**

**Empty your Pockets in the Pennies from Heaven Jar:**

The "Pennies from Heaven Jar" will be in the Narthex for you to empty your pockets of the loose change you may have. This jar is just one way to help support the church in a very easy way. The jar easily takes coins and paper money.



**Spiritual Life Committee:** Are in need of volunteer readers for the Call to Worship and one scripture reading (adult or youth) during August and September. Please contact Robin Baker @ [robinb12@verizon.net](mailto:robinb12@verizon.net) or call 781-799-7580 with any particular week available. Our church works better when we all pitch in and participate! Your help is appreciated.

## NEWS AND EVENTS FROM THE UCC

**Super Saturday Save the Date! The Next Super Saturday Event is October 26, 2013.** Come spend the day! Enjoy a variety of workshop offerings, marketplace and networking. Tri-County Regional Vocational High School, 147 Pond Street, Franklin, MA. Keynote Speaker: The Rev. James Moos, Nominee for Election as Executive Minister of Wider Church Ministries, UCC and Senior Pastor of Bismark (ND) UCC.

**Calling all Youth: “Sabbath in a Modern Age: A 24 Hour Christian Spiritual Formation Retreat”** for youth and youth groups: Nov. 1-2 at Grotonwood Retreat Center (<http://macucc.org/events/detail/1211>) or April 4-5 at Craigville Retreat Center (<http://macucc.org/events/detail/1212>). Helping youth: reconnect to God, others and themselves; think about the meaning of Sabbath and how that might be a spiritual practice; and meet and grow spiritually with youth from around the UCC. Come to worship, sing, building community and reflect. Come to explore, come to deepen, come to expand, come to open. For more details see links: Led by Rev. Matt Carriker and other Confirmation retreat leaders from the MACUCC. Register asap—the leaders are very popular and these retreats fill up quickly.

**GOD'S VISION:**

General Synod 29 | June 28-July 2, 2013

### **WORCESTER PRIDE PARADE and FESTIVAL**

We need help to spread the word and ask all MACUCC congregations, especially our Open and Affirming (ONA) churches, to join us for our largest Pride parade ever in Worcester, on Saturday, September 7, 2013.

There is no charge to march in the parade...and churches are welcomed to bring their own banners if they wish. Our goal is at least 50 MACUCC churches! Step off is at 11:00 am...and is less than one mile (from Institute Park to the Worcester City Hall Commons.) **Please contact Robert Ochoa to sign up your church (see below).**

Also, for the first time in a LONG time...Lake View Congregational Church, UCC (an Open and Affirming church) is planning an interfaith worship service before the parade to be held at 10:00 am at Institute Park. Anyone interested in helping may contact me at [rochoas@charter.net](mailto:rochoas@charter.net) or call me at 508-450-7142

The Worcester Pride Festival is from 12:00 - 6:00pm, held on the Worcester City Hall Commons. It is usually well attended and very family friendly.

Lastly, Lake View Congregational Church, UCC (an ONA church), 115 Coburn Ave, Worcester will be having a Family Pride Evening Celebration from 5:00pm - 10:00pm....with food, entertainment, and dancing in our church Fellowship Hall. The event will be free (though a good will offering will be asked for....but not mandatory for the celebration). Please help us spread the word.



## FROM OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

### **Hallmark Health VNA and Hospice to Hold Kids and Grief Support**

Children react differently from adults regarding the death of a loved one. To assist in helping children process their loss, Hallmark Health Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice is sponsoring a Kids and Grief Support Group for children ages 6-12 at the Immaculate Conception Church, 600 Pleasant Street in Malden.

The next support group for children begins Wednesday, September 25, 2013 and meets for six sessions: October 9 & 23; November 6 & 20; and December 4. The group takes place from 4:30 to 6:00pm. A parents and caregivers support group meets at the same time.

According to Judy Seifert, Bereavement Coordinator at Hallmark Health VNA and Hospice, the Groups provide a safe place for children to not only express their feelings, but also to share memories, meet new friends, and learn how to process their grief. Registration is required to attend the first meeting. For information and to register, call Judy Seifert at (781) 338-7861.

**Hallmark Health VNA and Hospice in Malden** is looking for volunteers who may be interested in participating in a Hospice Volunteer Training Program during the months of September and October. The training will be held on 9 Mondays from 6:00–8:30pm. Volunteers are needed to work with patients and families, as well as to assist with office-related duties such as mailings and special events. Contact Allison Caplin, Hallmark Health Hospice Volunteer Coordinator for more information at [acaplin@hallmarkhealth.org](mailto:acaplin@hallmarkhealth.org) or 781-338-7863.

**Hallmark Health System and Greater Lynn Senior Services** are sponsoring a Free Program on Chronic Pain Self-Management for six sessions on Wednesdays, beginning September 4, through October 9, from 9:30 am - noon at Hallmark Health VNA and Hospice, 178 Savin Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Malden. The Program is a "must attend" for those who want to learn how to manage their chronic pain, leading to a more satisfying and fulfilling life. Open to adults of all ages who have a primary diagnosis of pain or care for someone who does. This program is free, however registration is required as space is limited. To register or for more information, call (781) 338-7823.

### **Girl Scouts of America: Leaders and Volunteers Needed**

September 28, 2013 Leader Recruiting Meeting 10 am—2 pm

The Congregational Church of W Medford

Contact Evalyn O'Rourke through the office@medfordchurch.org



**Live a story. Give a story. Donate blood.**

This summer, when you give blood you could give someone time to make their own stories - watching fireworks, having a picnic, rooting for the home team.

What if you could give someone a summer of stories? With the Red Cross, you can.

► [redcrossblood.org/summer](http://redcrossblood.org/summer)

## **Medford Community Blood Drive**

**Hosted by Lawrence Memorial Hospital**

**Saturday, August 17, 2013**

**9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Lawrence Memorial Hospital**

**Classrooms A & B**

**170 Governors Avenue, Medford**

For an appointment please call 1-800 RED CROSS  
(733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

All presenting donors in August will receive a coupon for a **free 24 pack of Nice! Spring Water**. Plus, receive a **coupon for up to 20% off, redeemable at participating Walgreens.\***

\*Prizes not redeemable for cash and non-transferable. Valid at participating Walgreens locations. See coupon for details.

### **American Red Cross**

Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS today to schedule an appointment.

Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height), and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate. © The American National Red Cross 2013 | APLORS 2141



**Medford  
Public  
Library**

Support your local library.  
Lots of fun family events that are free.

The library offers 16 passes to area museums and attractions.

Upcoming Free Events

**Tuesday August 6 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Howard Johnson's: How a Soda Fountain Became a Roadside Icon**

Join local historian Anthony Sammarco for this lecture based on his upcoming book about Howard Johnson's, the orange roofed roadside restaurant chain. Sammarco will talk about the founder who started with a soda fountain in Wollaston, MA and ended up inventing the restaurant franchise industry in 1935. From clams and frankfurters to 28 flavors of ice cream, this promises to be a nostalgic trip down memory

**The Middlesex Fells Through the Lens of George E. Davenport**

**Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at 7:00 PM**

Learn about the history of the Middlesex Fells and meet one of Medford's unsung heroes, George E. Davenport. Davenport not only worked tirelessly for the preservation of the Fells, but also, as a photographer, documented many images of the nineteenth-century Fells and the city of Medford. These images are now in the Medford Historical Society's Collection. A new exhibit on the Middlesex Fells is currently on view at the



## **THIS WEEK AT YOUR CHURCH**

**August 4 - 10, 2013**

August 4, 2013 Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Service-10 am with Holy Communion

Goodland Church-5:30 pm

Goodland Church Fellowship Hall—2:30-5:00 pm

### Monday

(3) Boot Camp Sessions: 5:45 am--6:15 am;

8:15 am--9:00 am; 5:30 pm--6:15 pm

Yoga- 6:30 pm

### Tuesday

Zumba- 6:30 pm

Gamblers Anonymous- 7:00 pm

### Wednesday

(3) Boot Camp Sessions: 5:45 am— 6:15 am;

8:15 am--9:00 am; 5:30 pm--6:15 pm

Zumba- 6:30 pm

### Thursday

Food Addicts- 6 pm

### Friday

(3) Boot Camp Sessions: 5:45 am--6:15 am;

8:15 am-- 9:00 am, 5:30--6:15 pm

### Saturday

Alanon - 9 am

Yoga- 9am

Boot Camp- 12:15 pm

### August 11, 2013 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service-10 am

Goodland Church Worship--5:30—7:30 pm

## **Weekdays**

(M—F) **Bright Stars Afterschool Enrichment Program**, [www.BrightStarsKids.org](http://www.BrightStarsKids.org)

((M-F) **Gentle Dragon Co-op Preschool**, [www.GentleDragonPreschool.org](http://www.GentleDragonPreschool.org)

(M-F) **English at Large** (ESOL/ESL Programs), [www.englishatlarge.org](http://www.englishatlarge.org)

## **The Congregational Church of West Medford, United Church of Christ**

Ministers: All of us!

Pastor and Teacher: Reverend Wendy Miller Olapade

Organist and Choir Director: Dr. Herman Weiss

Church Administrator: Diane Petrelis

Moderator: Paul Roberts

Treasurer: Beverly Roche

Deacon of the Month: Kathy Williams

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