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The Congregational Church of West Medford

**An Open and Affirming Congregation
of the United Church of Christ**

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 16, 2014

10:00 o'clock am

WELCOME

The Congregational Church of West Medford, United Church of Christ, is a community that strives to live according to the teachings of Jesus Christ and to share in the costs and joys of discipleship. We unconditionally welcome and affirm people of every age, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, race, culture, ability, and economic circumstance, and invite everyone into full participation in our church life and ministry.

If you're visiting for the first time, feel uncertain about church, find yourself here infrequently, or attend weekly, there's a place for you here. There are many ways to be involved and if you'd like to know more about our many activities, please speak to a greeter or the pastor.

We ask that you wear a name tag to help us know each other.

Blank name tags are available by the door for anyone in need.

Please be sure to sign the Pew Register which you will find on the center aisle.

As an act of prayer, you are encouraged to light a candle on the table at the front of the sanctuary—for yourself, for a loved one, for peace, for the world.

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude

Fantasia in D

—J.S. Bach

Welcome

Call to Worship

Karen McCune Barca

One: Happy are you who are guided by God, who keep the commandments,
and seek with your whole hearts.

All: *Happy are we for God is steadfast and we feel steadier in God's way.*

One: Happy are you when you cast off shame
and let your hearts bear God's love openly.

**All: *We praise you, God, with an upright heart, moulded in love,
taught by mercy, sustained by the Spirit.***

One: Let us praise God with love and happiness. Amen.

***Opening Song "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"**

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Opening Prayer

Rev. Albert Howell

Sharing Ourselves with God

Invitation

** Please rise in body or spirit as you are able*

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Prayer of Confession

One: Forgive us, O God of Moses, O Abba of Christ, for we have ignored the choices you set before us.

All: *We have opted out of our responsibility to see clearly and sought distractions to make our days easier and our futures haphazard. We refuse to see what is laid out before us: life and prosperity or death and adversity.*

One: And so we push all of your children towards the latter by refusing to choose the first together.

All: *May we not turn our hearts away. Help us to embrace your commandments; melt our hard hearts with mercy. Give us courage to make the choices set before us and to make them in love. Amen.*

Silence

*The Good News of God's Grace and Presence

One: For God so loved the world, God gave earth to heaven, dry land to the waters, humankind to the garden, descendants to Abraham, rainbows to the ark, a new covenant to Israel, commandments to Moses, new place to the Israelites, and a saviour in Jesus. Sisters and brothers, God so loves you that God continues to set before you the choices towards life and prosperity.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

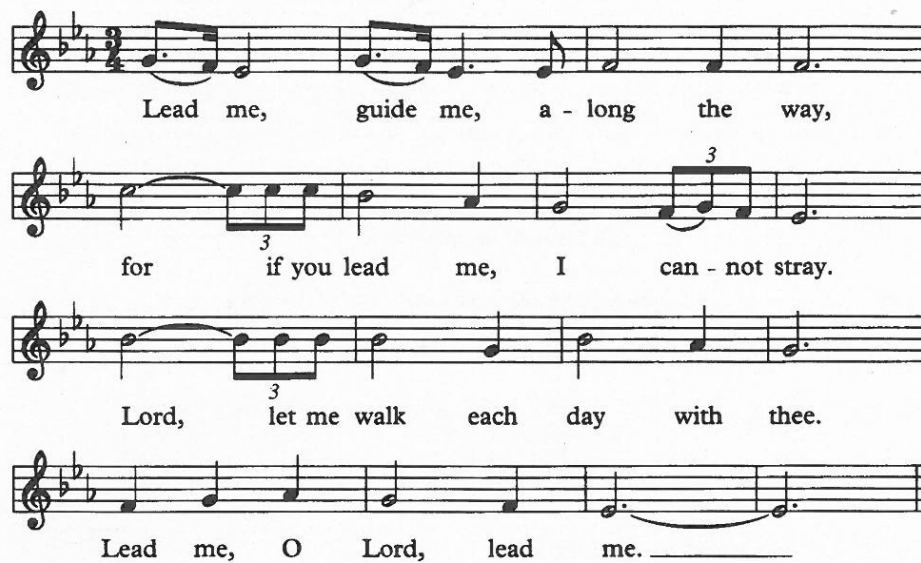
*Passing of the Peace

One: May the peace of Christ be with you all. **All:** And also with you.

*Sung Response

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

—Akers



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Irregular
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PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Time with Young Christians

Children may go to Sunday School at this time.

Church Life and Mission

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

You are invited to write your prayers on the blue prayer sheet and pass them to the aisle.

Choral Anthem

Go in Peace

—Schafferman

Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

Spirit, we are preparing to open the Scriptures. We want to hear from you as we read. We want to understand these living words and apply them to our lives. We believe that you can give us insight and understanding. Move in us and give us hearts that are open to the truth we will encounter. Let us be changed because we have engaged in the word of the Lord. Amen.

From the Bible

Matthew 5:21—37

Karen McCune Barca

Sung Response

“What Does the Lord Require of You?”

Insert

Sermon

Rev. Albert Howell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Offering

Karen McCune Barca

Invitation to Joyful Stewardship

Offertory

Meditation

—Vierne

*Procession of Gifts

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit, comforter; One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

One: All that we are, O God, and all we are called to be,
we bring to this special moment of offering and hope.

**All: Receive these gifts given in love and in your wisdom
may they be used creatively, for the well-being of all. Amen.**

*Closing Song

"Amazing Grace"

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Benediction

Choral Response

Go in Peace

—Schafferman

Postlude

Laergo

—Handel



Everyone is encouraged to join in a time of community building immediately after worship in
Barnes Chapel—exit the Sanctuary through the door to the left of the pulpit.

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The Emerging/Exploration of Ministry Series

is on holiday today and will return next Sunday during Fellowship Time!

## WORSHIP AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WEST MEDFORD

*Nursery Care is provided during the worship 'hour'.  
Sunday School is offered today for school aged children..*

**Today, February 16, 2014, Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Rev. Wendy will be off—Rev. Albert Howell is preaching today**  
**Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00 am**

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*The Liturgist today is Karen McCune Barca  
Deacon of the Month for February is Robin Baker.*

*Leadership for Fellowship Hour for February is the Christian Education Committee; with special thanks to Gail Airasian and Karen McCune Barca for this week's coffee hour.*

**We celebrate the gift and perpetual beauty of the flowers on the altar.**

Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" invites us to see God's love in a new light, bend our understanding of the world around us, and take more seriously our response to God's loving welcome and liberation. In fact—God's reality turns the ways of the world upside down. Rev. Wendy offers a four week Sermon on the Mount series from the Matthew Texts:  
This week, we will hear about the Ethics of God's World from Matthew 5:21-37.

**The series continues with :**  
February 23: The Ethics of God's World (2) -- Mt 5:38-48

**Wednesday Worship/Study: Being Jesus Followers**  
**February 19 (Bean Chapel) 7:00—9:00 pm**

We will consider the "Follow Me" story of Matthew in Mark 2:13-22

**Sunday, February 23, 2014, Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Prayer for our Process (Bean Chapel) 9:15 am—9:30 am**  
**Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00 am**  
**Emerging/Exploring Ministry Presentation (Barnes) 15 minutes after worship**  
**Faith Formation/Confirmation Class (LD/DR) 4:00—6:00 pm**

The four week sermon series on the Sermon on the Mount comes to a close with the consideration of the idea of "Do No Harm".

The Connecticut and Massachusetts Conferences  
of the United Church of Christ present:

# Super Saturday!

## March 1, 2014

8:00 AM - 3:45 PM

Ludlow High School, 500 Chapin St., Ludlow, MA



Join hundreds of pastors and lay leaders from across two Conferences for a day of "Risking Vision" through worship, workshops, forums, networking and a marketplace.



### Featuring Diana Butler Bass

Acclaimed author and speaker Diana Butler Bass will share a message during the opening worship and will lead a mid-day forum based on her work exploring the dimensions of religion and spirituality in today's world.

Butler Bass is the author of eight books, including *Christianity After Religion: The End of Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening* (2012) and the best-selling *Christianity for the Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church is Transforming the Faith* (2006).

Butler Bass regularly leads conferences for religious leaders, blogs at The Huffington Post and comments on religion, politics, and culture in the media including USA TODAY, Time, Newsweek and various television networks.

### Workshops

A total of 45 workshops are being offered related to various aspects of church life, mission and ministries. See descriptions inside this brochure.

### Marketplace and Bookstore

A marketplace will give participants a chance to learn about a variety of ministry opportunities and to purchase items from favorite vendors, including Yale Divinity School and SERRV.

### Be Green!

We encourage attendees to be green! Please bring your own water bottle and/or travel mug!

### Schedule

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|------------------|----------------------------|
| 8:00 – 9:00 AM   | Registration, refreshments |
| 9:00 – 10:15 AM  | Opening worship            |
| 10:30 – 11:45 AM | Morning workshops          |
| 12:00 – 12:45 PM | Lunch A                    |
| 12:45 – 1:30 PM  | Lunch B                    |
| 1:45 – 3:15 PM   | Afternoon workshops        |
| 3:15 – 3:45 PM   | Closing worship together   |

*Attendees will be assigned to one lunch period for eating and visiting the marketplace, and the other lunch period for attending the forum with Diana Butler Bass (her forum will be held twice).*

**Cost: \$49 per person or \$39 per person in church groups of 5 or more who register at the same time.**

**Registration deadline is Feb. 20, 2014.**

**We encourage online registration at [www.macucc.org/supersaturday](http://www.macucc.org/supersaturday)**

Workshop registration is limited by space. Those who register online can see which workshops have openings and register accordingly. Online registrations can be paid either by credit card OR by mailing a check. A registration form is also included in this packet for those who wish to register by mail. Mail-in registrants will need to give three workshop choices for each session and will be placed according to available space.



## **THIS WEEK AT YOUR CHURCH**

February 16, 2014 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Cleaning Out The Closets—9:30 am-10:00 am; 11:00 am--12:00 pm

Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:00 am

Goodland Church Worship (in Korean) (Sanctuary) 12:30 pm

### Monday

(3) Boot Camp Sessions: 5:45 am--6:15 am;  
8:15 am--9:00 am; 5:30 pm--6:15 pm (FH)  
Yoga— 6:30 pm (FH)

### Thursday

Youth Champions-5 pm (FH)  
Food Addicts—6:00 pm (YR)

### Tuesday

Gamblers Anonymous 7:30 pm (BC)  
Gam-Anon—7:30 pm (YR)

### Friday

(3) Boot Camp Sessions: 5:45 am--6:15 am;  
8:15 am-- 9:00 am (FH)  
Strategic Planning—9:30 am (LR)

### Wednesday

3) Boot Camp Sessions: 5:45 am--6:15 am;  
8:15 am--9:00 am; 5:30 pm--6:15 pm (FH)  
Alcoholics Anonymous— 8:00 pm (YR)  
Worship and Study: Being Jesus Followers—7:00 pm  
(Bean Chapel)

### Saturday

Alanon - 9:00 am (YR)  
Yoga—9:00 am (FH)  
Memorial Service Estelle Clark's Father—(Sanctuary)  
Boot Camp—12:15 pm (FH)  
Girl Scout Camping Event—1:00 pm (FH)

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Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:00 am

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Faith Formation/Confirmation (LR/DR) 4:00 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!

Organist and Choir Director: Dr. Herman Weiss

Moderator: Paul Roberts

Treasurer: Beverly Roche

Pastor and Teacher: Reverend Wendy Miller Olapade

Church Administrator: Diane Petrelis

Deacon of the Month: Robin Baker

Clerk: TBD

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