

A weekly collection of news, reflections and announcements from
Sanctuary United Church of Christ | Congregational Church of West Medford
an Open and Affirming Congregation
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A MESSAGE FROM THE MOVE

Beloved,

As Jesus never said, "It is almost finished."

Things remain hectic, but our move and restart is progressing and we are beginning to live into our new space. Every day is an adventure--with the interesting experience of dealing with trucking companies, the smells of neighboring restaurants, and the challenge of finding the next thing we need in the midst of the boxes. We thank God for the help and care of so many of you! Keep the prayers coming.

This week, Julie Roberts has met with 1800GotJunk and with Steve Smith's help they have gotten the trash and junk out of 400 High Street. Julie and Ruth Roper have been organizing, saving and clearing out the music room. Amanda Coughlin has quietly managed payments, unpacking and details for the closing this Tuesday and Brenda Briggs has rescued worship accoutrements. Our amazing sexton, Steve Smith has taken time off from his day job and he and his friend Dave are working to us get things assembled, moved, organized, cleaned and ready for you to arrive. The Church Chairs arrived today just in time for us to sit in them on Sunday when we arrive at our new church home as a community. The new digital piano has been unpacked and Chef Allan is organized to provide us with a lovely Mimosa and Sparkling Cider Brunch.

It is all just amaze-balls!!!! Be sure to be with us this Sunday, September 29 for our very final worship service at 400 High Street (10:00 am) as we lay hands on the space to say goodbye, pray about our future and carry our memories down the street for Holy communion and a party at 458 High Street (11:00 am to 1:00 pm)!

With blessing and prayer,

Rev. Wendy (revwdmiller@comcast.net/617.592.5853)



A REFLECTION FROM PAUL ROBERTS, CO-MODERATOR

Paul is not with us this weekend, as he is away at a conference, but he has written a reflection about this momentous moment that has been mailed to everyone at home. We pray you will take the chance to read his thoughtful words—which both consider our history and connect us to our future. We pray God's blessings on his thoughts and his return travel.

We also thank God for Paul's leadership and his ministry among us.

Paul is very generous with his appreciation for the effort and work of so many in our congregation. But, without his steady hand, his strong leadership and his deep consideration of the big picture, we would not have arrived at this moment.

A PDF of the letter can be found here: <http://medfordchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/2014.09.26-Moderators-Letter-to-Congregation.pdf>

Thank you—Paul Roberts.

A REFLECTION FROM DR. HERMAN WEISS, ORGANIST AND CHOIR DIRECTOR

REPRINTED FROM MAY, 2014

"Making music in a church setting is about sharing, inspiring and creating fellowship. In each of these areas I consider the music program of CCWM to have been a resounding success."

—Herman Weiss

Dear Friends,

At such an important time in the church's history [I wanted to convey a few thoughts about our time together]. I could concoct a list of the many wonderful musical events which we shared (not to mention so many other Sundays and Thursdays [like this past Holy Week]) but - you were there, so you know. If you ever need a tangible reminder let me know - I have it all on CD and/or DVD.

What I do want to express is my total gratitude for making me 'look good' for so many years. Making music in a church setting is about sharing, inspiring and creating fellowship. In each of these areas I consider the music program of CCWM to have been a resounding success. Your willingness to bring a spiritual connection through music to the congregation has been the one constant in the church's life during my time at CCWM. The list of [things to celebration] is long:

1. Working tirelessly to integrate yourselves into a choir led by some of the most wonderful professional musicians and then later continuing to maintain a high standard of excellence.
2. Displaying the patience to grow your musicianship skills. I have watched while so many of you have branched out into the greater musical community and inspired others to do the same.
3. Bringing music to the larger community such as the Messiah Sings with orchestra, performing Godspell and our Christmas programs in facilities in Medford and Winchester.
4. Helping and encouraging the youth of CCWM to build a program based in the Church School, resulting in many musical presentations on biblical themes ('100 Percent Chance of Rain', 'Jonah', 'Godspell', 'A Ceremony of Carols', 'Once Upon a Night', 'Once Upon a Tree', plus numerous

anthems and service music). The youth musical program was enormously important in bringing musical involvement to church families and in the growth and maturation of the young people within the church. Integrating young singers into the adult choir happened almost seamlessly and they assumed a leadership role within the choir.

5. Ministerial support: We have been blessed by the support and leadership of our ministers who, although different in their styles and personalities, have been constant in their support of the CCWM music program.
6. Musical Instruments: we have been fortunate to be able to purchase an excellent grand piano for the Sanctuary, largely due to the church's recognition of the importance of engaging the congregation and supporting the effectiveness of the music. The [historic] organ has been well maintained and has had important repairs as needed.

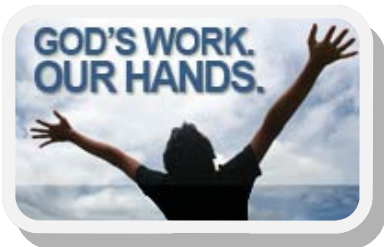
CCWM has been a musical church for many decades. The Church has seen many changes in that time. Music has been the glue that connects the present to the past and makes the future possible. At this pivotal moment for CCWM it is important to celebrate that which is good and positive while engaging the future.

With blessings and gratitude, Herman Weiss

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy September Birthday

4	Brenda Briggs	21	Jenna Nackel
5	Diane Petrelis	23	Rev Wendy Miller Olapade
9	Patty Hutchinson	25	Patrick Coughlin
19	Holly Maloney	29	Joy Roberts
20	Kerry Hutchinson	30	Joe Luongo



October 8, 7:00 PM | The Joint Ministry Team Meeting
(second Tues. of the month)

A Conversation About Being Sanctuary Through Our Outreach Ministries

We encourage all to gather at the next joint ministry team meeting for this important conversation! Beginning with a brief time of theological reflection and prayer—we will start a conversation about our philosophy

and hopes for the outreach ministry of Sanctuary United Church of Christ. Here are a few of the questions we will want to consider: What are the ministries for which we have passion and resources? How does "Faith Formation" intersect with "Doing Service?" How can we build opportunities for serving Jesus' sisters and brothers into everything we do. How do we manage the passions of our members for diverse projects and programs? How should we resource the ministries? Should we develop a policy of tithing our income for mission? Who makes the choices and decisions about outreach? How can we engage the wider community in this life-giving work? Can you imagine how exciting this conversation will be? Let's get started on October 8? *Questions—Rev. Tom or Rev. Wendy*

Sanctuary United Church of Christ | Events In the Community?

Last Sunday at Medford Community Day we had a great opportunity to tell people about our new thing. And offer the kindnesses and grace that are the hallmark of our vision for the future. We handed out over 200 “flyers” for both Sanctuary and FormingFaith.NET, lots of cool water and chocolate and plenty of smiles—not to mention more than a couple of pastoral blessings.

There are several community events coming up in October that would be a great opportunity for more of the same and plenty of community building—including:

Sunday, 10/5 at Tuft's Community Day 0/5
Saturday, 10/11 at The Mystic River Celebration
Saturday, 10/18 at the Haines Square Festival

Can you make a commitment to being a part of a Sanctuary United Church of Christ tent/table on any or all of these days? Joy Harris wants to be present to tell the Pine Ridge story, sell coffee and raffle tix to the quilt. Who else can commit?

Please rsvp to Rev. Wendy asap so we can decide if being part is possible.



**Have you told a friend yet about
FormingFaith.Net?**

NOTE FROM BEVERLY ROCHE

September 20, 2014

To My CCWM Family,

It is with a heavy heart but 18+ years of wonderful memories that I move on to a new faith community. I don't know yet just where or what that will be but I look forward to the search for fulfillment. To those who have chosen to continue with "**Sanctuary-UCC**", I wish you the very best and will pray for your success as you reach out to the community with your faithful convictions.

This past year has been an emotional one for all of us and we made it! I chose to distance myself from the decision making and discovery process for various reasons but please know that I am thrilled that many of you will surge forward and with God's help, create something new and exciting to reach many who have not had the same wonderful faith experiences we have had at CCWM.

I am especially grateful for the many friends I have made over the years and for the opportunity to work with the Sunday School, the Kid's Choir, serve on Council and as Treasurer. While I will miss the beautiful building we have been blessed with, I take with me the rewarding experience of watching my children and many of yours grow together through the music with Herman and Ruth, the many pot-lucks, Easter Breakfast, the all inclusive Christmas Pageant, talent shows, mission programs, Children's Sunday programs and the faith teachings of our pastors, Rev. Larry, Rev. Stephen, and Rev. Wendy. All of these programs took a bit of a different twist with each new leader but the underlying message was always the same... love, faith, and community.

May God Bless each of us as we continue on the path that will fulfill our spiritual needs.

Beverly Roche and Family



A Message from Kim Grubb

Last week we printed a letter from Kim Grubb wherein she expressed some of her important memories and her gratitude for the faith community.

If you have not had a chance to see that letter, please take the time to read it via the PDF copy of last week's letter.

<http://medfordchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/2014.09.21-Ordinary-25-Reporter.pdf>

November 8, 2014 Never Turning Back: Celebrating 30 Years of ONA



ONA began with a 1984 MACUCC resolution (via Church of the Covenant in Boston) which was brought to the UCC's general synod the following year. Since the first ONA listing published in 1987, there have been nearly 1200 ONA churches.

Save the date for this celebration with speakers The Rev. Ann B. Day (National Coordinator of the ONA Program from 1987-2007) and Felix Carrion (the former Director of the UCC's Still Speaking Ministry). Watch for more: www.macucc.org/lgbt

FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

Affordable Housing Lottery Lumiere

3780 Mystic Valley Parkway, Medford, MA

Three Studios @ \$1,048*, eight 1BRs @ \$1,174*, Five 2BRs @ \$1,292*

**Rents subject to change in 2015. Utilities not included. Tenants will pay own Gas Heat, Gas Hot Water, Electricity (including cooking), Water and Sewer*

Lumiere is a 163 unit rental apartment community located in Medford at 3780 Mystic Valley Parkway. 16 of these apartments will be made available through this application process. Unit features include fully appliances stainless kitchens, 36" designer kitchen cabinetry, solid surface counter and island tops, bathroom ceramic tile flooring and bath surround, in unit washers and dryers, and include one parking spot. The property abuts the Mystic River Reservation, a 300 acre public park along the scenic Mystic River, Location offers convenient pedestrian and MBTA bus service to Wellington MBTA train station and submarket shopping and entertainment.. Please see www.LiveLumiere.com for more details on the development and the units.

MAXIMUM Household Income Limits: \$47,450 (1 person), \$54,200 (2 people), \$61,000 (3 people), \$67,750 (4 people)

A Public Info Session will be held on Oct 8th, 2014 at 6:00 pm at Medford City Hall
(85 George P. Hassett Drive in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor)

Completed Applications and Required Income Documentation must be received, not postmarked, by 2 pm on November 12th, 2014. The Lottery will be held on December 3rd at 6 pm.

For Lottery Information and Applications, or for reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, go to www.s-e-b.com/lottery or call (617) 782-6900 (x1 then x7) and leave a message.

Applications and Information also available at the Medford Public Library on 11 High St
Library Hours (M-Th 9-9, Fri 9-6, Sat 9-5)



NEWS AND EVENTS FROM THE UCC

Last Call!! Registration for Super Saturday—October 25, 2014

(Last Spring the event sold out with over 650 participants—Register Now!!)

New Location!! Keefe Regional Technical High School, 750 Winter Street, Framingham MA. Presented by the The Massachusetts and Rhode Island Conferences of the United Church of Christ. Join hundreds of pastors and lay leaders from across two Conferences for worship, workshops, forums, networking and a marketplace!

Featuring The Rev. M. Linda Jaramillo, Executive Director of the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries—Jaramillo is responsible for the church's work on human rights and social, racial and economic justice. She is a former president and vice-president of the Council for Hispanic Ministries and former co-convener of the Council of Racial and Ethnic Ministries. She will give the message during morning worship and also offer a lunchtime forum.

48 Workshops with a chance for two workshops and lunchtime dialogues; a marketplace with SERRVE, books, mission partners and more. Go to the conference home page to register and see a description of all the workshop topics: www.macucc.org

Here are a few titles to pique your interest: A Creative Worship Journey ~ Advent through Pentecost ; Be The Change - The Nonviolent Response ; Going Up River: Working for Systemic Change ; Healthy Communication in Churches and Life ; Honest Encounters with the "Spiritual but Not Religious" ; I Was In Prison and You Visited Me ; I've Answered the Call of Church Leadership—Now What? ; Joyful Noise: Celebrating and Reinvigorating Your ONA Ministry ; Leave No Parishioner Behind! ; The Myths and Realities of the Latino/a/Hispanic-American: A Challenge and Opportunity for the UCC ; Talking About Faith and Money: Preaching and Testimony ; The Ethical Edges of Baptism ; We Can Do All Things Through Christ: Becoming an Innovative Church: Part 1

And these are just some of the morning sessions—you really need to be at this event.

Let's get a large group of people attending and learn from lay and clergy alike.

**Andover Newton
Theological School**

**Please join us
for the Presidential
Inauguration of The
Rev. Martin B. Copenhagen**



**Oct. 5, 2014, 3:00 pm
Reception to Follow**

**Old South Church
645 Boylston Street
Boston**

*RSVP by Sept 1, Marjorie Bell
617.831.2411 or mbell@ants.edu*

MISSION/MINISTRY WITH PINE RIDGE

Thanks for the New School Clothes: What a wonderful response you garnered for H'uya and Mink'a, who needed some new school clothes. Joy Harris reports that you gathered 7 bags of new school clothes for these children who are so dear to us. God and the children are smiling! Here are two photos of the kids on the first day of school. In the photo on the left are Raven and Mink'a—Mink'a is decked out in a new dress, leggings, headband and Gap hoodie. It's so great to see her smiling!! H'uya is on the right looking pretty cool in black jeans and V-neck T!



***Holiday Cookie Walk to benefit our
ministry with Pine Ridge and ReMember
December 2014 (date TBD)***

Save Your Cans!!

The ministry team for Pine Ridge is planning a cookie walk in December.

Please save coffee and other cans for use for the cookie walk and dust off your cookie recipes so we can raise funds! We hope to hold the event Saturday on High St. and Sunday at NPU. Questions: Joy Harris



Oct 25/26

**Pine Ridge/Re-Member
Feather II Capital Campaign
with Founder Rev. Keith Titus**

Sat, Oct 25: 6:30 Reception, 7:00 pm program about Feather II project
at the Danvers Maple Street UCC with Winchester and CCWM/Sanctuaryucc.
RSVP Shawn Berry rgberfam@verizon.net. Please reply by Oct. 18th.

**Sun, Oct 26—11 am Joint Worship
at North Prospect Union w/Rev. Titus preaching.**
We will not worship at 458 High St. that day!