

A weekly collection of news, reflections and announcements from
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A MESSAGE FROM THE MOVE

Beloved,

What a glorious day we had last Sunday as we thanked God for the blessing of our building and all of the ministries which had transpired therein, let go of any negativity onto which we were holding, decommissioned our property, witnessed to our transformation by walking down the street with symbols of our worship life, celebrated communion in our new church home, and with Rev. Wend Vander Hart officiating we commissioned Sanctuary United Church of Christ. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Oh, and we had a fabulous party—replete with a delicious mimosa and sparkling cider brunch, catered by local chef Allen.

This week we have begun to settle in to be Sanctuary | United Church of Christ. Monday we moved the final, final, final collection of boxes—sheet music, hymnals, bibles, communion ware. Tuesday and Wednesday we served breakfast to come colleagues, met some neighbors who stopped by to ask about what we were doing, we unpacked some boxes and set up the “Open Sanctuary Café” space. Thursday we finally got the ice maker working and considered proposals for the Audio Visual system. And today, Friday we are playing with logos and I am trying to get some semblance of order in my working space while we wait for the furniture for the pastor’s office.

We expected to pass papers on the property at 400 High Street on Tuesday morning, really and truly bringing that chapter to a close. But as Susan Corso, my spiritual director noted, the Holy Spirit is allowing us to have a funeral for the funeral. As you already know, we will celebrate the life of church leader and matriarch, June Livingston this Saturday at 10:30 am. The buyers bank was delayed and after much negotiating of schedules we will close on the property this coming Tuesday at 10:00 am. (Say a prayer for your pastor and co-moderators and our attorney, Marisa Gregg who have scheduled and rescheduled and rescheduled again in order to come to closure on this moment.) As I sit here I am letting go of the need to let go, I am finding some peace of mind and heart to write and prepare for World Communion Sunday in our new, little Sanctuary UCC—and I have to wonder...is June managing this moment so that we don’t have to borrow her beautiful sanctuary to say goodbye! May it be so! See you Sunday at 10:00 am at 458 High Street.

With blessing and prayer,

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

See next 2 pages for a few photos...

THANKS TO WENDY VANDER HART AND SUSAN D'ARCY FULLER
A FEW PHOTOS FROM OUR FINAL WORSHIP AT 400 HIGH



**Sanctuary | United Church of Christ
Photos From Our
First Week**



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Happy October Birthday

- 5 Kimberly Grubb
- 11 Phil DiSciullo
- 20 Thelma Thompson
- 20 Robin Baker
- 30 Jenny Briggs
- 31 Dylan Barca

October 14, 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! *Questions—Rev. Tom or Rev. Wendy*

“Open Sanctuary”

Can you volunteer to be a host?

Please contact Rev. Wendy if you have time you can offer.

As we develop our presence in the community with worship, faith formation, arts offerings, hospitality and the spirit of being sanctuary—one of the things we want to be is a place for people to gather and find peace, connection and gracious hospitality.

We imagine offering ‘Open Sanctuary’ during the day and early evening when there is no programming scheduled, but there is a welcoming presence to encourage guests to enter, have a cup of coffee and linger for as long as they like. The host would be equipped to share our story, answer questions, and invite folk to ministries that might meet the guest where their heart is longing.

We hope to offer “Open Sanctuary” in several forms...

Open Sanctuary Café—a place to bring your lunch, have coffee, chat with others.

Open Sanctuary Meditation —a time to be still and know God.

Open Sanctuary Pastoral Office Hours—meet as a group with pastor (w/one-on-one offered too)

Open Sanctuary ??????—What else is God calling us into?

Mother’s Group? Crummy Commute Group? Prayer Circle?



Sanctuary | United Church of Christ

@ Mystic River Celebration

Saturday, 10/11 (12-4 pm)

Condon Shell in Medford—2501 Mystic Valley Parkway

Can you be a part of the Sanctuary United Church of Christ tent/table?

Joy Harris and Carvina Williams have signed on to tell the story of our commitment to and ministry with Remember/Pine Ridge.

They will sell HOKA coffee and raffle tix to the quilt.

Will you join the Revs to tell the story of Sanctuary UCC?

While you are there...

Spend the afternoon at the Condon Shell at Medford's biggest arts festival!

Watch live musican performances, browse local artisan crafts, get to know local businesses and organizations, eat food, and take part in any number of fun activities for all ages! This program is one of 15 great events taking place during [Arts Across Medford](#), CACHE's month-long arts festival during October.



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**There is
still time
to register for
Super
Saturday—
October 25
in framingham**

We will have two tables onsite
for Pine Ridge/REMEMBER and
FormingFaith.NET

Come along,
do some leadership development and
help tell the story!!



“(Holy) Spirits, Tricks and Treats”

Friday, October 31

3:00 pm (afterschool crowd)

to

9:00 pm (teens and dinner goers)

Open Sanctuary—For Halloween

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**Let’s**

**Dress up in Costumes**

**Give out Fair Trade Chocolates with a Sanctuary UCC Card**

**Hot Drinks—Cider, Chocolate and Coffee**

**Collect donations for a good cause (trick or treat for unicef?)**

**and**

**Offer a Blessing**

**Who’s In??**

**Wendy the Witch?**

**Tom Cat?**

**Stormin’ Steve?**



**Leadership Development Opportunity**

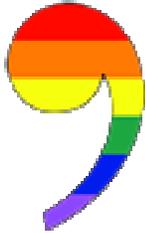
**Mass Bible Society’s “Learning to Lead” Workshop**

Churches know that small groups are key to spiritual formation and vitality in their congregations. Using their Exploring the Bible: The Dickinson Series as a vehicle, in this six-hour workshop, you will:

- Learn the basics of leading any small group.
- Build confidence in leading a Bible study.
- Understand the difference between teaching and facilitating.
- Learn how to use Exploring the Bible: The Dickinson Series\*
- Practice the skills you’ve learned.
- Receive tips on recruiting your first group, even if you are in a small, rural church.
- Learn how to structure your group for success.
- Network with others who are learning to lead.
- Discuss ways to overcome the challenges of difficult personalities and group conflict.

\*All workshop participants receive a free copy of both the student book and leader's guide for [What Is the Bible?](#) (The first course of Exploring the Bible: The Dickinson Series). Cost is \$25.00 per person and online pre-registration is required here: <https://macucc-reg.brtapp.com/LearntoLeadWorkshop>

## 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](http://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 applianced 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](http://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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

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

For Lottery Information and Applications, or for reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, go to [www.s-e-b.com/lottery](http://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)



## MISSION/MINISTRY WITH PINE RIDGE



Working with the Oglala Lakota Oyate  
Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota

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

Please note change:  
**Saturday evening Danvers dinner is cancelled;  
replaced with Table at Super Saturday!!**

**Sat. Oct 25: 8:00 am to 3:45 pm**

**@ Super Saturday in Framingham**

Join Rev. Titus, Joy Harris and others to share your experience of ReMember and encourage support of the Feather II Capital Campaign.

**Sun, Oct 26—11 am Joint Worship**

**@ North Prospect Union w/Rev. Titus preaching.**

144 North Street, Medford.

We will not worship at 458 High St. that day!

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



***Save Your Cans and  
Large (32 oz) Yogurt Containers!!***

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

Please save coffee and other large cans, tins and containers (ie: 32 oz yogurt) 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



**Keith Janis and family**