

**The SPIRE**  
**Park Avenue Congregational Church**  
The United Church of Christ  
**Arlington, Massachusetts**

The Rev. Dr. William Albright, Pastor

June, 2010

## Sundays in June

Worship services every Sunday through the year at 10:00 a.m.

- June 6 The Rev. Dr. Fran Bogle, Just Peace Coordinator in the Metropolitan Boston Association (MBA) of the Massachusetts Conference, UCC, will be our guest preacher, and David Cangelosi, Metropolitan Opera tenor, will add his voice to our worship through music.
- June 13 Our annual Youth Service, when the Sunday School classes lead our worship, will be followed by an all-church picnic and pool party. [see below]
- June 20 The service will feature special musical numbers as we recognize the choir for its inspiring contributions to our worship through the year.
- June 27 Summer Sunday School begins.

### PACC picnic at Lexington Christian Academy

Our annual church picnic will be on June 13. The CE working group provides hot dogs and lemonade. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert.

Bring a swimsuit and towel if you'd like to swim in the pool. Children who are not toilet trained are not allowed in the big pool, but there are smaller wading pools available to fill up. Bring a tennis racquet if you would like to play tennis. Bring any games or puzzles you'd like to share. The picnic will be held rain or shine; if it's raining we'll be inside.

A map and directions will be in the June 13 bulletin. We'll see you at the picnic!

## Christian Education News

### Sunday School

- Youth Sunday is June 13. Our theme this year is Love One Another. Many of our Sunday School lessons this spring have focused on God's love for us and the example of caring and loving for each other that we have in Jesus. Jesus calls his disciples to love each other as he has loved them. Our Youth Sunday service will celebrate God's love for us and our care for each other.
- Our Youth Sunday rehearsal is on Saturday, June 12, from 9:30-11:30 in the sanctuary. This is our only rehearsal with everyone all together. Please make every effort to be there, even if you can't stay for the entire rehearsal. Thanks!
- Thank you to all our Sunday School teachers this year! We'll have a wrap up and thank you Sunday School teachers' breakfast on June 6 at 8:45 a.m. in the Fireplace Room.
- Summer Sunday School starts on June 27. We'll have a multi-age class and break into smaller groups for activities. Our theme is Stories of God's People. We'll be learning the stories of Deborah, Ruth and Naomi, Queen Esther, Daniel, Jonah and many others. Summer Sunday School is fun and relaxed and a great way to get to know older and younger kids in our church. If you'd like to find out more about helping with Sunday School, this is a great place to start. Sign up on the kitchen door in Parish Hall to be the second adult. There's no advance planning or preparation, just sign up for one or as many Sundays as you'd like to help out.

**Evening Bible Group** will continue through the summer though the meeting schedule in July will be modified to accommodate vacations. On June 9 the group will begin to discuss the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John and on June 23 will finish that chapter and begin the seventh. All adults are welcome to come to the Fireplace Room at 7:30 p.m. on those dates to join the group, which is led by Bill Albright.

### **Sarah's Circle follows up on topics raised last month**

For the June meeting members of Sarah's Circle are encouraged to read a book of their choice on a topic derived from Dan Brown's *The Lost Symbol*, such as Noetics, quantum physics, ancient mysticism, the mystery religions, the Masons, the Founding Fathers, freedom of religion -- the ideas go on and on. All interested women should gather in the Fireplace Room on Saturday, June 12, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. For those who are interested, meditation begins at 9:30 a.m. Questions? Speak with Merrith Sabo-Jones.

## **June is Christian Education Month**

The Christian Education Ministry may be the second most visible ministry on Sunday (after Worship and Music) as many children join Pastor Bill on the chancel steps for the children's sermon before going to their classes. The CE Ministry focuses on our Sunday School program as well as adult educational opportunities. Since last fall there were four adult book discussions as well as Bible study which meets twice a month in the evening.

Throughout the year there are special events or services which spotlight the youth at PACC. One such service, Confirmation Sunday, occurred May 16 with the confirmation of eight teenagers. On June 13 the youth will lead the worship service during our annual Youth Sunday service.

If you would like to learn more or get involved in our CE program, the CE Working Group is one way to do just that. It meets three or four times during the year and provides support to Kate Lindheim, our CE Director, and for the CE program. There are also opportunities to teach Sunday School and to help plan or lead adult CE programs. If you would like to learn more, please contact Kate Lindheim or Barbara Wagner, Deacon for the CE Ministry. You can usually catch them on most Sunday mornings as well.

## **PACC-Men return to Summer Shack**

PACC-Men will return for dinner at Summer Shack in Cambridge ([www.summershackrestaurant.com/Locations\\_Cambridge.asp](http://www.summershackrestaurant.com/Locations_Cambridge.asp)) for its June meeting, which will be on Tuesday, June 8, instead of the usual first Tuesday. All men are welcome. Car pools will leave the church at 7:30 p.m. Whether you plan to go on your own or by car pool, RSVP by 4:00 p.m. on June 8 to Mike Rich so we can give the restaurant an idea of the size table we'll need.

## **Women's lunch at the Rusty Scupper on June 10**

All women are cordially invited to lunch at the Rusty Scupper on Thursday, June 10. Plan to meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. to car pool. RSVP to Doris Wilson by June 8.

**Get your Spire by email.** It arrives as a Word document attachment and is reformatted to letter-size paper, so you can print any pages that you wish. You will have it earlier than if it is sent via the postal service. What you will not receive is the clip art. Call 781-643-8680 to request this change.

## Capital Campaign Update

After unexpectedly high bids caused a delay in beginning the renovation work on the Chapel, it is about to start. We have signed a contract to move the door release system used by A Place to Grow from the Chapel door to the main Revere Road door, and that work should begin soon. We anticipate that the entire Chapel project will be completed over the summer.

We are grateful to those who have given generously to the Capital Campaign. In its first year we have received over \$120,000! Is your pledge up to date? If you have a question, please call Kathy in the office, 781-643-8680.

## Thoughts in the wake of merger discussions

Following the worship service on May 23 twenty people gathered in the Chapel to express their thoughts in the wake of the discussions about merging with Pleasant Street Congregational Church which ended abruptly this spring. Among the points made:

- We had just gone through a successful Capital Campaign. We have new energy at PACC and a positive feeling of who we are. It's OK not to merge. Let's build on that positive feeling.
- We heard what Pleasant Street would want to continue of their traditions, things they would not want to give up, like their retreat at Craigville and a Women's Guild Christmas event. Some of these would be good for us to do. We used to have retreats at Craigville that were really fun. [See the article about the possibility of a retreat elsewhere in this *Spire*.]
- It's important to continue with the idea of discussing who we are as a church and what we want to be. To the extent the merger process got us started it was a good effect of those talks. Let's not let the topic drop.
- We talk a lot, but we don't do much. We need to be more open and more willing to take risks.
- I'd like to see more people go out in the neighborhood to invite people to our church.

The Council of Deacons will keep these wishes in mind. If there are further thoughts, please speak with any of the Deacons.

**Flower Calendar:** Would you like to remember a loved one or share a celebration with the PACC community by dedicating the flowers on Sunday morning? You can do that by signing the calendar in the narthex or calling the church office, 781-643-8680. You can take the flowers home after the service or deliver them to a shut-in. The cost is \$35 or more or you can bring your own arrangement. Most summer Sundays are available.

## **Report of MBA Spring Meeting**

The Spring Meeting of the Metropolitan Boston Association of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ was held on April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Congregational Church of West Medford, UCC. Attending from PACC were Bill Albright, Judie and Dick Phelps, and Betty and Mike Rich. The meeting opened at 2:15 p.m. with a business meeting which included a welcome by Rev. Ken Baily, MBA Moderator. The Associate Conference Minister, Wendy Vander Hart brought greetings and reported on the activities of the MBA since the meeting last fall. The minutes of the November 1, 2009 meeting of the MBA written by Scribe Bill Albright were approved. The Budget for the next fiscal year was approved as presented. The Bylaws of the MBA were revised by a vote of the delegates to change some of the activities of the Committee on Ministry to allow them to license students or lay persons to serve churches of the MBA and, when approved through an Ecclesiastical Council, to extend the privilege of call to clergy ordained by other denominations.

Nominations for 2010 were received from the nominating Committee. Among those elected to serve as officers or committee members of the MBA, Rev. Bill Albright was elected to serve on the Committee on Ministerial Standing, class of 2013. (This committee is responsible for discerning which clergy may hold standing in the Association, including approving installations, transfers of standing to and from the MBA and other UCC Associations, granting ministerial partnerships to clergy from other denominations, and supporting clergy and churches in need of situational support. This committee also sponsors Boundary Awareness Training and other continuing education and professional development for Ministers.)

Reports were also received from the Committee on Ministerial Standing, Committee on Ministry, Just Peace Ministry, and City Mission Society. If you would like to read any of these reports, please inquire at the church office.

An offering was taken for earthquake relief in Haiti and Chile, and then the program of the day took place. The program, entitled "Visions of Vitality" had three speakers who talked about their experiences in revitalizing their own churches, including work in hospitality, fund-raising, restructuring leadership, and membership growth.

The meeting ended with a communion service.

Respectively submitted,  
Judie Phelps, lay delegate

## **PACC retreat at Craigville?**

Would you like to go on a church retreat at Craigville Conference Center on Cape Cod? Some possible dates are: October 8-10 (Columbus Day weekend), October 22-25 or October 29-31. The cost is \$165/adult, \$128/child (age 6-high school). Children under 6 are free. This includes lodging, Friday dinner, three meals on Saturday and breakfast/lunch on Sunday. Please let Kate Lindheim know if you are interested and what dates are best for you.

### **From the Mission and Justice Ministry: A Summer Volunteer Opportunity**

#### **FIRST ANNUAL WAYS CENTRAL MA MISSION EVENT!**

Workdays for Adults and Youth in Service (WAYS) exists to assist non-profit human service agencies in maintenance or cleanup of their property and to assist homeowners who are financially or in other ways unable care properly for their homes. The projects are exciting and there is a REAL need for skilled construction workers as well as for those who are willing workers. The agencies have been chosen to offer a variety of windows into the needs of a city and there will be evening chats with many of their staff to learn of their work. Through it all we will invite participants to listen for God's voice calling us to service and speaking to us in the midst of our outreach to others.

**Where: Worcester.** We will stay at a local church, where we will be able to prepare meals and enjoy fellowship together. The work is in Worcester, Grafton and Oakham.

**When: Friday, July 9, 6:00 p.m. to Wednesday, July 14, 5:00 p.m.** Join us for the weekend – or come for 3, 4 or all 5 days. For the week - \$475 includes room, board, donation for materials and leadership. Shorter stays will be prorated.

For more info, contact Jill Lewis. The deadline is mid June. Sponsored by Worcester Area Mission Society.

### **Longwood Opera to present Ring Cycle at PACC**

Longwood Opera is preparing the US premiere of a 3.5-hour version of Wagner's epic Ring Cycle. The performance in our sanctuary at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 13, will be in English and in concert format with a cast of nine and Jeffrey Brody as the one-man band. Though much reduced from the original 14 hours, it will still be quite long, so Jeffrey advises people to please remember the uncushioned PACC pews and plan accordingly. For more details, speak with Jeffrey or go to [www.Longwoodopera.org](http://www.Longwoodopera.org)

## *What's Happening at PACC*

Tue.	Jun. 1	TBD	Merger Study Group offsite
Wed.	Jun. 2	7:30 p.m.	Pastor-Parish Relations Committee in the Fireplace Room
Thu.	Jun. 3	7:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal in the Nicoll Room
Sun.	June 6	8:45 a.m.	Teachers' breakfast in the Fireplace Room
		10:00 a.m.	Worship service; Communion, Fran Bogle & D. Cangelosi
		11:30 a.m.	Refreshments and fellowship in Parish Hall (downstairs)
		11:45 a.m.	Youth Choir rehearsal in the Nicoll Room
Tue.	June 8	7:30 p.m.	PACC-Men in the Fireplace Room
Wed.	June 9	7:30 p.m.	Evening Bible Group in the Fireplace Room
Thu.	June 10	11:30 a.m.	Women meet to go to lunch at The Rusty Scupper
		7:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal in the Nicoll Room
Sat.	June 12	9:30 a.m.	Youth Sunday rehearsal in the Sanctuary
		9:30 a.m.	Sarah's Circle in the Fireplace Room

<b>Summer office hours begin. Office open Tuesday and Thursday mornings.</b>
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Sun.	June 13	9:20 a.m.	Youth Choir rehearsal in the Sanctuary
		10:00 a.m.	Youth Sunday worship service
		11:15 a.m.	Refreshments and fellowship in Parish Hall (downstairs)
		12:00 noon	All-Church picnic at Lexington Christian Academy
Mon.	June 14	7:30 p.m.	Council of Deacons in the Nicoll Room
Tue.	June 15	10:00 a.m.	Staff meeting in the Fireplace Room
Thu.	June 17	7:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal in the Nicoll Room
Sun.	June 20	10:00 a.m.	Worship service with recognition of choir
		11:15 a.m.	Communion in the Sanctuary
		11:15 a.m.	Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall
Tue.	June 22		Deadline for July <i>Spire</i>
Wed.	June 23	7:30 p.m.	Evening Bible Group in the Fireplace Room
Sun.	June 27	10:00 a.m.	Worship service; Summer Sunday School begins
		11:15 a.m.	Refreshments and fellowship in Parish Hall (downstairs)

### *coming later in the year*

Sun.	Sept. 12	10:00 a.m.	Regathering worship service
		11:30 a.m.	Special Congregational meeting in the Sanctuary
		11:45 a.m.	Potluck and Post Office Auction in the Parish Hall
Fri.	Nov. 12 -		Holiday Fair
Sat.	Nov. 13		

## Summer Schedule

**Coffee hour:** During **July** and **August** the Hospitality Committee takes a break and the coffee hour becomes more simple with coffee and lemonade and a snack, either homemade or store bought. We ask for volunteers (individuals or families) to serve and clean up each week. This involves 15 or 20 minutes before the service and after the coffee hour. There will always be one of the Fellowship and Care Deacons (Margaret, Hong or Lauren) there to make the coffee and to help with questions. **Please** consider signing up for a Sunday that you are available. The sign up sheet is posted on the kitchen door in the Parish Hall. Thanks in advance for your help!

**Office Hours:** From June 14 through September 6 the church office will be open Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The five-mornings-a-week schedule will resume after Labor Day.

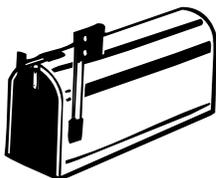
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### **Craft Fair - Thank you to the many who helped!**

The Craft Fair held on May 8 was quite a success, raising approximately \$1200 for PACC. Of course, no event would be successful without the generous contributions of time and energy by many people. Thank you to Debbie Douglas for opening, posting signs, checking crafters in and getting the event moving along so efficiently and so early in the morning. Thank you to Beverly and Ken Miller and Norma Allen for making such a delicious luncheon, again to Norma for serving and to Judy Miller who made sure that the dining area was welcoming. Thank you also to Pat Morgan for posting flyers all over the area and to those who also took flyers to post in their places of business or leisure. Much appreciation to Jane Puopolo, Peggy Kyle, Diane Wells and Dot Gibson for helping at the bake table - thank you lovely ladies! A huge thank you to all the folks who baked for us and to Mike Rich for being the cashier at the luncheon! Thank you also to all of our PACC friends who came by to shop and browse and chat! This year's Craft Fair was the best yet and we couldn't have done it without you!

Betty Rich and Barbara Wagner

## PACC to Hold Post Office Auction



In the Fall, or for that matter on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating “Regathering Sunday” in our church. On this Sunday, most congregants have completed their summer vacations and are back to their normal schedule. Regular Sunday school classes will resume that day after a summer of special activities for the children during Sunday school time. Everyone, children included, is asked to “bring a friend to church” on Regathering Sunday. This will be a great day to extend our hand of friendship to others in our families and community who might enjoy meeting with us in worship.

After our worship service we will be having a Pot Luck Luncheon that we hope everyone and their guests will attend. At the luncheon, we will have a “Post Office Auction.” Packages to be auctioned off will be from our summer travels and activities.



Attached to this newsletter you will find mailing labels to place in your wallet so that when you travel, you can purchase a small gift or souvenir from where you are, and mail it back to the church to be auctioned off at the pot luck luncheon. Items that can be sent can be as varied as your imagination. To give you an idea of the kinds of



gifts that can be mailed back, some suggestions are Salt Water Taffy from Cape Cod, Maple Sugar Candy or Syrup from Vermont, a whistle or play badge from a Fireman’s Museum, or some shells or sand from a beach. For those that travel far and wide, the packages can be really exciting. Nothing to identify the contents of the package will be placed on the outside of the package – only the area from where it is being mailed. Often gift shops or stores will mail the package for you if you give them the label and postage.

In case you misplace your stickers there are additional stickers in the Narthex, or the address for mailing is:

Auction Postmaster  
Park Avenue Congregational Church, UCC  
50 Paul Revere Road, Arlington, MA 02476

If you have questions, contact Judie Phelps, Betty Rich, or Diane Wells.

## 2010 PACC Anniversaries of Membership

recognized during our worship service on May 9

### Over 25 year members

Norma Allen	William Jennings	Lisa Welter
Linda Branham	Ella Sexton #	Brenda Wesinger
Dorothy Gibson	Gordon Sherburne, Sr.	

### 30 year members {1980}

Ann Bruhn	Mike Kulis	Shirley Lamson
Lauren Evans		

### Over 30 year members

Donald Cohn	Claire Gibbons	Susan O'Rourke
Linda Cohn	James Gibbons	David Walkinshaw
Karen Davies	William Gibbons	

### 35 year members {1975}

George Ayvazian	Maureen Gormley	Claudia Truesdale
Jeanette Ayvazian	Chickie Olson	Keith Truesdale
Cheryl Craigie	Alma Petone	

### Over 35 year members

Edith Burge	Carleton Crockett	Diane Wells
Robert Burge	Constance Lindquist	Mark Woodin

### 40 year member {1970}

Janet Gormley

### Over 40 year members

Linda Anderson	Nadine Lombard	Richard Schober, Sr.
Betsey Barnhill	Marilyn Roche	Ralph D. Sexton
Linda Carew	Meredythe Schober	

### 45 year members {1965}

Linnea Kulis	Barbara Miller	
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### Over 45 year members

Walter Abbott	Betsy Hale	Roger Nicoll
Margaret Bell	Bonnie Hayner	Charlotte Smith
Yvonne Crockett	Grace Locke	Jeanne Woodin
Zoila Flores-Quesada	Margaret Locke	

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	<b>50 year members {1950}</b>	
Robert Davis # Constance Dugan	Robert Dugan	Louise Watts
	<b>Over 50 year members</b>	
Philip Carney Norma Gormley	Constance MacGillivray	Helen Smith
	<b>55 year members {1955}</b>	
Frank Barnhill Martha Heigham	Norman Niven	Muriel Pope
	<b>Over 55 year members</b>	
Alvira Gardner John Gardner Ruth Lavash	Kate Reynolds # Barbara Rohter	Dorothy Sexton Jane Sheard
	<b>60 year member {1950}</b>	
Richard Erickson		
	<b>Over 60 year members</b>	
Christine Avery Doris Hill	Louis Martone Ernest Noring #	Jane Noring # Marion Shumaker
	<b>Over 65 year members</b>	
Martha Anderson	Susan Erickson	
	<b>Over 80 year members</b>	
Phyllis Roberts (1928)	Bertha Snow (1929)	Jennie Wyman (1928)

# indicates associate member