

The SPIRE

Park Avenue Congregational Church

The United Church of Christ

Arlington, Massachusetts

The Reverend Leah Lyman Waldron, Minister

Summer 2019



SUMMER at PACC

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

Summer Hospitality (Coffee Hour)

During **July** and **August**, the Hospitality Committee takes a break and the coffee hour becomes simpler with coffee and lemonade and a snack. There will be someone from the Fellowship and Care Ministry there to make the coffee and to help with questions. The sign-up sheet is posted on the kitchen door in the Parish Hall. Thanks for your help! For any questions please contact Hong Chin, at hong2446@gmail.com or (857)998-2287.

Liturgist Training

Have you ever wanted to help lead worship as a liturgist but felt unsure what goes into it? You're invited to a **liturgist training** on **8/11 and 8/25** after worship. We'll go over the parts of worship led by the liturgist, practice speaking from the lectern, and go through a mock service to get experience with which parts happen when. Training should last 45 minutes to an hour. No prior experience necessary - all are welcome! Contact worship deacon Dave Morrissette to sign up.

Does your child want to be an Acolyte?

Is your school-aged child interested in helping to light the candles before and after worship? On any Sunday this summer, they can be an *"impromptu acolyte,"* learning the basics of acolyting with an adult helper by their side. No signing up ahead of time necessary - just let the Deacon of the Month* or Pastor Leah know you want to help when you get to church. This is a great way to help familiarize your kid with an important way they can be a part of the life of our church!

**(July - Gary Kane; August - Betty Rich)*

Greetings from our Pastor!

Dear Park Avenue friends,

This month I have two exciting updates to share from the Lyman Waldron household.

The first is that my husband Chris recently began a new position as the interim minister at United Parish of Auburndale (UPA) in Newton. After some time off caring for Gabriel, Chris is looking forward to leading UPA as they search for their next full-time pastor. He will miss being with his PACC family in Sunday worship for the next year or two but will keep connected through other events. We would love your prayers as we readjust to being a two-clergy family, now with two kids!

The second is that I have been chosen to participate in the UCC's Next Generation Leadership Initiative (NGLI), a six-year program giving young pastors the tools to become transformational leaders of vibrant local churches like ours. It's a privilege to be a part of this program; only a handful of pastors are chosen each year. I am thrilled to learn and grow as much as I can in order to keep serving and loving PACC with gusto.

Here's what my participation in NGLI means for the congregation: for the first four years of the program, I will be away twice each year for a week at a time, gathering with my cohort for intensive study. This is continuing education as part of my job rather than vacation, and I'll be out of pocket while I'm away, with guest preachers for any Sundays I might miss. We will have back-up pastoral support in case of any emergencies.

My first week away will be July 29 - August 2, and my second week away will be in early January. Please pray for my vocational growth during this time (and for Chris holding down the fort for the week!).

With gratitude and joy for the good work of being your pastor,



Reverend Leah Lyman Waldron, Pastor

Groups at PACC

Sarah's Circle

We will meet on **Saturday, July 20**, in the Fellowship Room at **10:00 am** (Those who wish to meditate may come at 9:30 am). We need a volunteer for milk/cream. We have chosen to read "**The Radium Girls**" by **Kate Moore**. It is the true story of the radiation poisoning of the factory girls who painted radium on the radium dial watches.

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild will be meeting on **July 18** and **August 15**. We will gather at the front of the church to car pool to our luncheon destination. If you have a suggestion please feel free to let Diane or Beverly know; otherwise, we will make a decision and let you know closer to the date. Enjoy your summer!

PACC Men

PACC Men will meet for dinner at **Acitron Cocina Mexicana** located at 473 Mass Ave in Arlington on **Tuesday, July 9, at 6:30 pm**. Please let Mike Rich (mrich3478@comcast.net) or Dave Morrissette (drmorriss@comcast.net) know by Monday evening, July 8, if you plan on attending or if you need a ride.

CRAIGVILLE RETREAT - VACATION TIME!

Several church members have been taking advantage of our denomination's Craigville Retreat Center's off-season rates. It offers a great opportunity to explore Cape Cod and stay in a lovely setting just two blocks from the ocean.

It's a great deal for retirees and others with flexible work schedules. **The dates are September 2 - 6**. The cost is \$339.43 for four nights and includes all meals. Application forms are available in the church office or can be obtained by calling the center at (508) 775-1265. You can also go online info@craigvilleretreats.org and see photos of the area.

For more flexible dates, consider **Star Island, Isles of Shoals, NH** www.starisland.org (the church office has a catalogue) or **Pilgrim Pines in Swanzey, NH** www.pilgrimpines.org is another nice place to vacation and offers a Road Scholar program as well.

Christian Education



Dear PACC,

I don't have enough words to express how grateful I am for the send-off you gave me last Sunday and for my time as CE director. I was so moved by your thoughtful words, notes, and cards. Your gift was incredibly generous and the flowers were absolutely beautiful! I'm so looking forward to the photo book!

It has been an honor and a joy to watch so many children and families grow in our CE program. I love that our children feel comfortable enough to make their own space at church and I've loved watching kids make friendships that they may or may not have made outside of church.

Our many Sunday school teachers made my job easy. I've learned from all of you. I've appreciated your time, nurturing, and flexibility more than I can express. We're so lucky to have so many people willing to share their faith and help care for our children.

Each CE deacon has brought something new to the CE ministry. All of them have shown unfailing support for CE and a willingness to do whatever is needed- from organizing pageant costumes and shopping for pancake breakfasts to stepping in to help teach Sunday school at the last minute. I have loved working with all of you.

The CE directors who came before me left guidance and support in the form of pageant scripts, Youth Sunday bulletins, craft supplies, and much more. I've been lucky to have Linda Cohn's deep institutional memory and help over the years.

Working with Leah, Christine, Jeffrey, Andy and the ministers and office administrators who came before them has been a blessing. Each one of you has been a source of support and camaraderie. Each one of you has helped me along my own faith journey. Thank you to all of you! Your next CE director is lucky to have you. I'm looking forward to sitting in the pew with you!

With love and gratitude,

Kate

Summer Sunday School

As we are searching for our new CE Director, many wonderful members of our community are helping to teach Sunday School this summer. We are aiming to have one all-ages (preschool and up) class as well as keeping the nursery open each Sunday. If we don't have coverage in a given week, we will announce that via email and at the start of service.

If you've been a recent Sunday School teacher, helper, or Deacon.... Can you help? Please reach out to Marianne McPherson, CE Deacon (marianne.mcp@gmail.com for email or (617)501-6884 for call/text).

Update on the Search for CE Director. The Job is Posted! Help spread the word!

Thanks to everyone who contributed memories, photos, and other love to celebrate Kate on her last Sunday as CE Director (June 16).

The Search Committee is hard at work to find a new CE Director to serve our wonderful PACC community. At the time of this writing, we are in the interview process with some candidates and still also accepting applications. We know that one of the best ways to find wonderful candidates is that they hear of opportunities from people they know. Can you help spread the word? We invite applications from outside or inside the PACC community.

Here is where the job is posted: <https://www.pacc-ucc.org/jobs/>

We are inviting applicants to send a cover letter and resume to ce-search@pacc-ucc.org

Thank you for keeping us in your prayers! The CE Director Search Committee:

Marianne McPherson, Chair (2019 Deacon for Christian Education)

Valerie Censabella, Katie Colello, Sarah Baldwin, Ella Ford, Lane Hogan, Josh Young, Leah Lyman Waldron (Ex Officio), Andy Hart (Ex Officio)

PACC PHOTO DIRECTORY

Good news! We're going to do a new PACC photo directory this fall. The last directory we did in 2014 was before Leah started her ministry with us, and there are lots of new faces in the congregation since that time. It's easy to participate and there's no cost. Every participating household gets a free 8x10 photo and a free directory. People will have a chance to order photos, but there's no pressure to do so.

Photography dates will be **October 3, 4, and 5** at PACC. As these dates get closer, we'll send out more information about how to make an appointment. Meanwhile, keep the dates in mind. This directory is for everyone at PACC, for members and regular attenders and now-and-then attenders. The closer we get to 100% participation, the better it is for all of us to be able to match names and faces of the people we see on Sunday mornings at PACC.

Curious about membership at PACC?

We're planning a membership orientation for late summer. If you're interested in exploring what membership might mean for you, or just curious, please contact Cindy Manson (cynthia.manson@gmail.com, or 617-800-5694) or Betty Rich (bgr642@gmail.com), or Pastor Leah, and we'll include you in our scheduling - and answer your questions!

Mission and Justice Matters at PACC



Mission and Justice Spotlight



Boston Immigration Justice Accompaniment Network (BIJAN / Beyond)

PACC's Immigration Action Group is finding ways to help **BIJAN** with its hotline, accompaniment, and housing needs. Talk to Mike Rich (kidlaw.rich@gmail.com) or Cindy Manson (cynthia.manson@gmail.com) if you want to find out how to get involved and are not on our distribution list yet.

Immigration, Asylum, and Refugee Issues

Mass. Conference UCC Immigration, Refugee and Asylum Task Team -

<https://www.macucc.org/immigration>

Local

Arlington Food Pantry

Bring non-perishable food items and household goods to church by **Sunday, July 7 and August 8**. Find a list of high-need items at arlingtonfoodpantry.org/donate-food. You may also donate by check or cash noting that the funds are for AFP. Thanks for your generosity and thanks to Bryan Mau for delivering our items to the AFP.

NEAT (Neighbors Eating All Together)

Check <https://neatarlington.org/> for the next **NEAT dinner** at St. John's Church (74 Pleasant St.) usually fourth **Saturdays**, from **5 pm-6 pm**. This is a community dinner -- open to all and free of charge. We need a new coordinator for our volunteer team. Please speak to Mike Rich (kidlaw.rich@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Open and Affirming (ONA) LGBTQIA++ Issues

Mystic LGBTQ+ Youth Support Network – Sign up for *Queer Mystic's* Newsletter here:

<https://www.queermystic.org/contact.html>.

News

See <https://www.ucc.org/justice> for national and international justice issues.

See <https://www.macucc.org/changingourworld> for justice issues being followed by Mass. Conference Task Teams and congregations.

Sign up for PACC's Mission and Justice Ministry's email list mission-and-justice@pcc-ucc.org by contacting Mike Rich (kidlaw.rich@gmail.com).

Church Family News

Jane Puopolo is celebrating a milestone birthday, her 90th on August 11!

Congratulations to **Ary LaVallee**, **Cindy Manson's** stepson and **Fiona Manson's** half-brother, and his fiancé, **Ana Vo**, who will wed later this summer in Portland, OR. The family recently celebrated the upcoming wedding at the home of Cindy and her husband, **Tim LaVallee**.

Congratulations to **Gwen Phelps' godchild, Kaitlin**, who recently had a baby boy, **Kai**.

In our prayers:

The family of **Barbara Fleck** who died this spring. She was a longtime member of Pleasant Street Congregational Church (PSCC) who attended PACC (after PSCC closed) before she moved to Peabody.

Margaret Tuttle, wife of **Mark Tuttle** and mother of **Matthew Tuttle**, who was diagnosed with breast cancer.

Holly Stumpf, who is at home recovering from recent knee replacement surgery.

Doris Wilson, who was hospitalized after a fall and is now at Life Care Center of Stoneham (25 Woodland Rd, Room 222, Stoneham, MA 02180).

Doris Hill, who was in rehab after a short hospitalization.

Derek O'Rourke, **Margaret Bell-Berman's** grandson, who went to Bulgaria for a few weeks with his National Guard medical unit.

Kathy Hogan, **Mike Hogan's** mother, who is responding well to cancer treatment.

Carrie Keeler's son-in-law who has been looking for work since January. Carrie is Judy Fox's daughter.

Mike Rich, after learning of his **Aunt Arnolda's** death in February. But also, prayers of joy because he now has a connection with his first cousin, Nicole, whom he was not aware of before.

Also, please keep in your prayers: **Carol Barker, Linda Brinkman, Karen Davies, Janet Doe, Marilyn Janssen, Anne Jordan, Florence Marshall, Dick Phelps, Linda Jarvis Randall, Marcia Rieth, Alicia Russell, Dorothy Sexton, Joan Sorensen, Skip Symonds, Timothy Young, and Claire Zia.**

MORE PACC GRADUATES



Jim and Claire Gibbons are celebrating the graduation of their grandson, **Nicholas Gibbons** from Bedford High School. He will attend Westfield State University in the fall.

Dave Morrissette and **Christine Nihan** celebrated the graduation of their son **Michael Morrissette** from Berklee College of Music. He obtained a Bachelor Degree in Performance, focusing on the Double Bass.

Scott, Becky and **Olivia Jones** celebrated the graduation of **Abby Jones** from Assumption College on May 12. She obtained a bachelor of Arts majoring in Human Services and Rehab studies with a concentration in Communication Sciences and Disorders. Abby will be attending Northeastern University in the fall for her Master's in Speech Language Pathology.

Ralph and **Ella Sexton** are celebrating the graduation of their son **Mark Sexton** from the Graduate School of Education at Lesley University. He received a Master of Education in special education.



- 1 - Atticus Kane
- 2 - Mark Woodin
- 3 - Sophie Freudenreich
- 6 - Ella Sexton
- 7 - Leanne Marden
- 8 - Skip Symonds
- 9 - Ava O'Rourke
- 13 - Helen Record
Owen Record
- 14 - Michelle O'Rourke
- 15 - Tina Gramm
- 17 - Kaelyn D'Eon
- 19 - Julia Lee
- 20 - Nate Hansen
- 24 - Debbie Douglas
Emma Young
- 27 - Tristan Enos
- 28 - Lane Hogan
Christine Nihan
Maddie Morrissette
- 30 - Matthew Tuttle

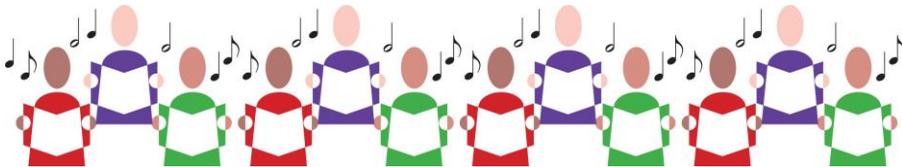


- 1 - Maureen Igoe
Bernard Powell
Cindy Manson
- 2 - Anne Kelly Contini
Jonathan Daniels
- 7 - Jill Lewis
Barbara Wagner
- 11 - Jane Puopolo
- 13 - Andrew Lindheim
- 15 - Ann Bruhn
Marianne McPherson
- 16 - Don Cohn
- 18 - Elsie Colello
- 19 - Kayla Sherwood
- 22 - Stephen Evans
- 23 - Shelden Freudenreich
- 27 - Jeanette Ayvazian
- 29 - Charlie Leiter-Dolan

PSCC Legacy Fundraiser update

Last Fall, our congregation voted to utilize the Pleasant Street Congregational Church (PSCC) legacy gift of \$150,000 (plus \$21,000 in earnings), and to raise an additional \$50,000 to \$70,000, to carry out a suite of projects and programs. Currently, a group of 30 PACC families have committed to donate just slightly over that lower target of \$50,000. We are hoping the rest of the church family can also respond generously and help us reach the upper target of \$70,000 to fully fund this effort.

Thank you to all those that have donated so far, or have committed to do so. We are truly blessed to have so many generous folks committed to making PACC thrive. If you haven't donated yet, please consider doing so. Donations for this fundraiser should be labeled "PSCC legacy fundraiser" on the memo line of a check, or on an envelope containing a cash donation. If you need more information on the PSCC Legacy project or want to discuss giving over several installments, please contact Christine in the PACC office.



“Special Music Sunday” with Vox Lucens for Sunday Worship

On **Sunday, August 4**, Artists in Residence, **Vox Lucens**, will grace the Sanctuary with their beautiful acapella voices weaving multi-layered harmonies on themes of mercy and longing: *Parce Domine*, by Jacob Obrecht (c.1457-1505, Netherlands): an exhortation to God to hear our prayers and have mercy on us. *Sicut Cervus*, by Giovanni Perluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594, Italy): a statement of how our souls long for God. *Conditor Alme Siderum*, by Tomas Luis de Victoria (c. 1548-1611, Spain): an affirmation of God's strength and power.

Vox Lucens, now led by Holly Druckman, came together in 1998 to explore the Renaissance sacred and secular acapella repertoire. Their name, Vox Lucens, Latin for "a shining voice," echoes not only the ensemble's sound but also their desire to shed light on the wide variety of styles and textures of the Renaissance repertoire. For more on Vox Lucens, please visit <https://www.pacc-ucc.org/artists-in-residence/>.

JULY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10:00 AM Shelby Kay baptism, S 10:00 AM Worship Service, S 11:15 AM Coffee Hour, PH	1 7:00 PM Chorale-PH 7:30 PM Finance-FR 8:00 PM Chorale-N	2	3 6:50 PM English Country Dance, PH 7:30 PM Bible Study, FR	4 8:00 PM FAC PH	5 2:00 PM Jay Lane-N 8:00 PM FAC-PH	6 9:00 AM Movement class, PH
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Sundays in July at PACC

Worship begins at 10:00 am

- July 7** - Worship Service with communion, Food Pantry collection
- July 14** - Worship Service
- July 21** - Learning to Pray, Worship Service with mid-month communion
- July 28** - Worship Service

AUGUST 2019

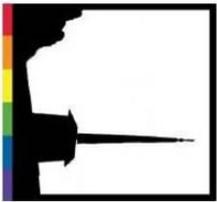
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Sundays in August at PACC

Worship begins at 10:00 am

- August 4** - Worship Service with communion, Food Pantry collection
- August 11** - Worship Service, Liturgist training
- August 18** - Worship Service with mid-month communion
- August 25** - Worship Service, Liturgist training



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