

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

The Rev. Dr. William Albright, Pastor

July, 2009

July at PACC

Worship and one multi-age Sunday School class
every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Evening Bible Group
Thursday, July 8 and July 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Room

Sarah's Circle discusses *Comfortable with Uncertainty*
Saturday, July 11, at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Mariamne Boothby

Family hike in Great Meadows, ice cream at Kimball's
Saturday, July 11, at 1:00 p.m.

Youth Group bike ride to Lexington, dinner at Mario's
Sunday, July 12, at 5:00 p.m.

Women's Coffee Group goes to Wayside Inn for lunch
Thursday, July 16; meet at church at 11:00 a.m.

Outing to Lowell Spinners game
Sunday, July 19, at 1:35 p.m.

[All PACC tickets have been reserved. You can still sign up for the game Wednesday, August 19.]

See inside for more details.

Christian Education News

Summer Sunday School

For Summer Sunday School, which runs through September 6, all ages will meet together in the chapel. This summer we'll be learning about letters to the early church. Summer Sunday School is a relaxed, fun time for kids of different ages to be together and learn

together. If you'd like to help out by being the second adult in the room, there is a sign up sheet on the kitchen door in Parish Hall.

Youth Group

Our bike ride to Mario's was rained out! Let's try again on July 12. We'll meet at PACC at 5:00 with our bikes and ride on the bike path to Mario's in Lexington center for dinner. Permission slips will be available on the table in the narthex or call or email me and I can send your permission slip to you. Kate

Evening Bible Group continues with study of Paul's letters

The Evening Bible group expects to conclude its discussion of Paul's Letter to the Romans on Wednesday, July 8, when it considers chapters 12-16. These address a variety of themes including: "the new life in Christ," Paul's admonition to "be subject to civil authorities," Jesus' "love command" á la Paul, a recap of Paul's perspective on Jews, a few of Paul's personal comments and plans, Paul's greeting of the "saints" in Rome, and some closing remarks. On July 22 (date tentative as this newsletter goes to press) the group will begin Paul's two letters to Timothy. All are welcome to attend either or both sessions at 7:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Room. The class is led by Bill Albright.

Sarah's Circle to discuss *Comfortable with Uncertainty*

Sarah's Circle women's book group will meet Saturday, July 11th from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at the home of Mariamne Boothby. Those who wish to meditate should come at 9:30 a.m. The group will discuss *Comfortable with Uncertainty*, by Pema Chödrön.

According to Amazon: "This book by the renowned American Buddhist nun offers short, stand-alone readings designed to help us cultivate compassion and awareness amid the challenges of daily living. More than a collection of thoughts for the day, *Comfortable with Uncertainty* offers a progressive program of spiritual study, leading the reader through essential concepts, themes, and practices on the Buddhist path. *Comfortable with Uncertainty* does not assume prior knowledge of Buddhist thought or practice, making it a perfect introduction to Pema Chödrön's teachings on lovingkindness, meditation, mindfulness, "nowness," letting go, and working with fear and other painful emotions."

PACC-Men sponsor family hike in Great Meadows

At 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 11th, PACC-Men invite all who are interested to gather at church to car pool to Arlington's Great Meadows in Lexington for a family hike. Richard Erickson and others will provide narration about the meadows' flora and historia. Then we will car pool to Kimball's for Ice Cream, returning by 6:00 p.m. RSVP to Mike Rich so we know whether to wait for you at PACC or to arrange transportation. On the day of the event if there is a question about the weather, check your PACC Chat email or call Mike's cellphone to find out if we are still going. We won't let a little drizzle stop us but if the weather is too threatening we will gather for a few minutes in the Narthex to set another date.

Coffee Group to meet for lunch this summer

The Women's Coffee Group will meet at church at 11:00 a.m. on July 16 to car pool to the Wayside Inn in Sudbury for lunch. On August 13 lunch will be pizza at church, again beginning at 11:00 a.m. The group will resume its schedule of meeting at 10:00 a.m. on alternate Thursdays on September 10.

Preparations are beginning for the Church Fair!

Our Church Fair will be November 13 and 14, and preparations are beginning now! Summer is a great time to make jams and jellies, to bake and freeze desserts, to set aside books that others will enjoy, to plan your donation to the silent auction, to knit or crochet or sew, to select items to give to the jewelry table, to save 13-oz. coffee cans for the Cookie Walk. Perhaps you have an idea for a new item that we might sell. Let us know how we can help to make that happen.

Linda Cohn plans a project involving photo transfers. It will require a color ink jet printer, which neither she nor the church office has. Do you have one that Linda might use? If so, please call her.

Most of all, MARK YOUR CALENDARS for November 13 and 14. If you are not available then, perhaps you could help set up on November 12 or assist with publicity in the weeks prior to the fair. This event is important for our church, both as a fundraiser and as a FUN-raiser. Its success depends on the support of everyone.

Capital Campaign Update

PACC's *Restoring, Renewing, Reaching* Capital Campaign continues to receive strong support from members and friends of this church. As of June 24 we have 100 pledges for a total of \$313,246! Payments to date are \$38,288. If you haven't yet made your campaign pledge, it's not too late, and we still need you. Every campaign has its own uncertainties, and this one is no exception. It's never clear whether all pledges will end up being paid in full or whether a couple of years down the road cost estimates will turn out to have been inaccurate.

At its June meeting the Council of Deacons voted to establish a Capital Campaign Implementation Committee with initial members Gary Kane, Doug Record and Linda Cohn and to authorize them to seek more members, including a chair. This group will determine how to proceed with the various projects. Simultaneously, the Mission and Justice Ministry is considering possibilities for the outreach portion of the money raised.

What's Happening at PACC

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| Sun. | July 5 | 10:00 a.m. | Worship service |
| | | 11:15 a.m. | Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall |
| Wed. | July 8 | 7:30 p.m. | Evening Bible Study in the Fireplace Room (tentative) |
| Sat. | July 11 | 9:30 a.m. | Sarah's Circle in the Fireplace Room |
| | | 1:00 p.m. | Family hike in Great Meadows sponsored by PACC-Men |
| Sun. | July 12 | 10:00 a.m. | Worship service |
| | | 11:15 a.m. | Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall |

		5:00 p.m.	Youth Groups meet at church for bike ride to Lexington
Mon.	July 13	7:30 p.m.	Council of Deacons in the Nicoll Room
Tue.	July 14	10:00 a.m.	Staff meeting in the Fireplace Room
Thu.	July 16	11:00 a.m.	Women's Coffee meets to go out to lunch
Sun.	July 19	10:00 a.m.	Worship service
		11:15 a.m.	Communion in the Sanctuary
		11:15 a.m.	Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall
		1:35 p.m.	Lowell Spinners game
Tue.	July 21		Deadline for August <i>Spire</i>
Wed.	July 22	7:30 p.m.	Evening Bible Study in the Fireplace Room (tentative)
Sun.	July 26	10:00 a.m.	Worship service
		11:15 a.m.	Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

coming later in the year

Wed.	Aug. 19	7:05 p.m.	Lowell Spinners game
Sun.	Sept. 13		Regathering Sunday
Sat.	Sept. 26		Town Day
Fri/Sat	Nov. 13/14 –		Church Fair

Outdoor worship and picnic August 16

Pleasant Street Congregational Church, UCC, will have an outdoor worship service and picnic on August 16. Park Avenue folks, along with other local churches, are invited for either the worship service, the picnic, or both. Details will be in the August newsletter.

Lowell Spinners night

Lauren Evans has reserved ticket for PACC to see the Lowell Spinners play the Auburn Doubledays on Wednesday, August 19, at 7:05 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for reserved seats (bleacher-like seating). You can email Lauren with the number you need.

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 Beverly) 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: During the summer the church office is 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.

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 contacting the church office. You can take the flowers home after the service or deliver them to a shut-in. The cost is \$35 or more; you

can indicate on the sign-up sheet how much you would like to pay. Or, if you would like to bring flowers from your garden, they would be welcome.

Mug challenge continues

The Mission and Justice Ministry invites you bring your own mug or coffee cup to Coffee Hour to help cut down on our paper waste. On average, 40 – 50 used cups are thrown away each week; that’s at least 2600 cups a year added to our waste. It seems that every week we see more reusable mugs – let’s keep the momentum going!

2009 PACC Anniversaries of Membership

Celebrated during our worship service on May 17

indicates associate member

25 year members {1984}

Dorothy Gibson	William Jennings	Gordon Sherburne, Sr.
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Over 25 year members

Norma Allen	Lauren Evans	Ella Sexton #
Linda Branham	Mike Kulis	Lisa Welter
Ann Bruhn	Shirley Lamson	Brenda Wesinger

Over 30 year members

George Ayvazian	Claire Gibbons	Chickie Olson
Jeanette Ayvazian	James Gibbons	Alma Petone
Donald Cohn	William Gibbons	Claudia Truesdale
Linda Cohn	Maureen Gormley	Keith Truesdale
Cheryl Craigie	Susan O’Rourke	David Walkinshaw
Karen Davies		

35 year members {1974}

Constance Lindquist	Diane Wells	Mark Woodin
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Over 35 year members

Edith Burge	Carleton Crockett	Janet Gormley
Robert Burge		

40 year member {1969}

Linda Anderson

Over 40 year members

Betsey Barnhill	Nadine Lombard	Meredythe Schober
Linda Carew	Barbara Miller	Richard Schober, Sr.
Linnea Kulis	Marilyn Roche	Ralph D. Sexton

45 year members {1964}

Margaret Bell	Betsy Hale	
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Over 45 year members

Walter Abbott	Robert Dugan	Roger Nicoll
Pauline Chambers	Zoila Flores-Quesada #	Charlotte Smith
Yvonne Crockett	Bonnie Hayner	Louise Watts
Robert Davis #	Grace Locke	Jeanne Woodin

Constance Dugan

Margaret Locke

Frank Barnhill
Philip Carney
Norma Gormley

Over 50 year members

Martha Heigham
Constance MacGillivray
Norman Niven

Muriel Pope
Helen Smith

55 year member {1954}

Barbara Rohter

Richard Erickson
Alvira Gardner
John Gardner

Over 55 year members

Ruth Lavash
Kate Reynolds #

Dorothy Sexton
Jane Sheard

60 year members {1949}

Christine Avery

Doris Hill

Louis Martone
Ernest Noring #

Over 60 year members

Jane Noring #

Marion Shumaker

Martha Anderson

Over 65 year members

Susan Erickson

80 year member {1929}

Bertha Snow

Phyllis Roberts (1928)

Over 80 year members

Jennie Wyman (1928)

Mission and Justice News

Father's Day Collection: Mission and Justice would like to thank everyone who participated in the Father's Day collection for the men at the Gateway Motel for their amazingly generous support. All of the wish lists were completed and approximately 15 large gift bags of items were delivered to the motel on June 21. We have heard that the fathers were very happy to receive the donations.

Pride Parade: A group representing PACC participated as part of the UCC Open and Affirming Congregations in Boston's Pride Parade on June 13. About ten churches made up our group. The crowds were awesome, and responded well to our chants and cheers. Tony Kill, a previous minister at PACC, was part of our group, and I got to catch up with him. Thanks to all who turned out for the day.

Jill Lewis