

# The SPIRE

Park Avenue Congregational Church

The United Church of Christ

Arlington, Massachusetts

The Rev. Dr. William Albright, Pastor

October, 2010

## Special events in October

- Sunday, Oct. 3      10:00 a.m. **World Communion Sunday** worship service  
includes Neighbors in Need collection
- 1:00 p.m. **Apple picking** at Carver Hill Orchards
- Tuesday, Oct. 5      7:30 p.m. **Dinner at Fusion Restaurant** for PACC-Men
- Saturday, Oct. 9      7:00 p.m. **An Evening with Brunonia Barry**  
author of *The Lace Reader*  
and *The Map of True Places*
- Saturday, Oct. 16    10:30 a.m. **A hike through Purgatory Chasm**
- Sunday, Oct 17      4:00 p.m. **Pumpkin carving** for Youth Groups
- Monday, Oct. 18      7:30 p.m. **PACC-Women** discussion
- Wednesday, Oct. 20 7:30 p.m. **Stories from Genesis**, an Adult Education offering
- Saturday, Oct. 23      7:30 p.m. **Music for Your Soul**  
a jazz coffeehouse with Persian Blue
- Sunday, Oct. 24      10:00 a.m. **Dare to Dream**  
a worship service by the Just Peace Players
- Sunday, Oct. 31      11:15 a.m. **Trick-or-treat for UNICEF**
- 11:30 a.m. **Halloween party** for children  
*details inside*

## **Christian Education News**

### **Youth Groups**

Both Youth Groups will meet on Sunday, October 17, from 4:00 to 5:30 in the Nicoll Room. We'll carve pumpkins and have apple cider and cider doughnuts. Please let Kate know if you're coming by Saturday, October 16, so we have enough pumpkins for everyone. Thanks!

### **Trick or Treat for UNICEF, Halloween party**

Sunday School children will trick or treat for UNICEF on Sunday, October 31 during Coffee in Parish Hall. Wear a costume if you'd like to. UNICEF boxes will be exchanged for treats. Kids are welcome to take UNICEF boxes home for trick or treating and can return them the following week. Following the collection for UNICEF, members of the Youth Groups will lead younger children in Halloween activities in the Parish Hall.

## **Adult Education Opportunities**

### **Discussion of Genesis stories**

Stories from Genesis will be the topic on Wednesday, October 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Room. Bill Albright will introduce the stories, give us some background and context, and lead the discussion. All adults are welcome. Check the bulletin in October for the specific stories we'll be discussing.

### **Bible Study**

All adults are welcome to join the Evening Bible Group which generally meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Bill Albright leads the discussion, which begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Room. The tentative topics for this month are:

October 13: John 15: Jesus, the True Vine

October 27: John 16: Jesus' relationship to the Father

## **Dare to Dream**

Join us on Sunday, October 24, as the Just Peace Players present "Dare to Dream" in our worship service. This humorous new play invites us to imagine another planet where many of the social justice concerns we face in our daily lives have been resolved. We will sing familiar hymns, pray together and laugh with the Players as we think about our faith and working for justice in our world. Rev. Dr. Frances A. Bogle coordinates the Just Peace Players and will stay after the service for an opportunity to discuss the play. The Just Peace Players is a ministry of the Metropolitan Boston Association of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ.

## **All-church Apple Picking October 3**

Everyone is invited to meet in the front of the church on Sunday, October 3 at 1:00 p.m. and carpool together to Carver Hill Orchards in Stow to pick apples. We'll return to PACC at 4:30. Carver Hill also has a farm store with ice cream and apple treats. Kate Lindheim will have copies of directions to the orchard.

## **PACC-Men plan to explore Purgatory - a PACC-Family event**

Purgatory Chasm that is: A unique natural landmark, Purgatory Chasm runs for a quarter of a mile between granite walls rising as high as 70 feet. See <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/central/purg.htm>.

Saturday, October 16th - Going a little ways south on that weekend we should be hitting that area's peak foliage season making the drive and the scenic views at the park quite glorious. Gather at PACC at 10:30 to carpool to Sutton, MA (about an hour's drive mostly on the pike and then a bit south). We'll spend about 2 hours exploring the walking trails and pseudo-caves. Bring or pick up snacks at the fast food places along the last leg of the trip as it does not appear that there is any concession stand in the park itself. (There is a visitor center and accessible bathrooms though.)

Those who will need additional sustenance for the trip back from Purgatory plan to stop at either the Long Horn Steakhouse or T.G.I.Friday's.

PACC-affiliated folks (i.e. members, friends and family) of all ages, gender identifications and marital statuses are invited to attend. RSVP to Mike Rich by October 13th with the number of people in your party, whether you want to drive or be passengers and your restaurant preference.

## **Other PACC-Men Plans**

**October 5th** – Regular monthly meeting on first Tuesday evening. The PACC-Men will resume our schedule of alternating meeting months with dinner excursions by having **dinner at Fusion Restaurant** on Broadway Plaza, Arlington. Gather at the church at 7:15 p.m. to car pool to Fusion for 7:30 arrival or just meet us there. RSVP to Mike Rich by 3:30 on October 5th so the restaurant will have time to set up to accommodate us and we'll know whether to wait for you at church.

**November ??** – Our **November meeting** date is uncertain because several people have conflicts with the first Tuesday. The activity that evening will be a presentation by Pastor Bill on Men's Spirituality: A Vision for the PACC-Men Men's Ministry. Let Mike know if you would prefer the first, second or third Tuesday.

## **Sarah's Circle to discuss Brunonia Barry novels**

Sarah's Circle will meet Saturday, October 9, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon in the Fireplace Room. Because Brunonia Barry will be speaking that evening, members should read *The Map of True Places* or *The Lace Reader*. Members who have questions should contact Merrith Sabo-Jones.

## **PACC WOMEN Up and Running!!**

PACC Women met on September 20th and we spent the time talking about ideas and how we want to conduct the group. We agreed that for consistency purposes we would meet on the third Monday of each month. The next dates are October 18 (in the Fireplace Room) and November 15 (and every other Monday after) in the Chapel which would make it easier for more women to attend.

For the meeting on October 18th we each will bring some article or news item that is of interest and discuss some of them. All women are welcome to attend!

Call Betty Rich if you have any questions, ideas or concerns.

## **Report on special congregational meeting of September 12**

The congregation approved a motion to extend until October 31, 2012, the Restructuring Plan adopted on October 14, 2007, and the suspension of the provisions of the By Laws that conflict with said plan.

## **News from the Council of Deacons**

At its September meeting the Council of Deacons approved a new rental rate structure which favors regular renters over one-time users. It will be effective on July 1, 2011, for those who have already booked space and immediately for new inquiries.

In preparation for the selection of the 2011 Council of Deacons, Council voted to appoint to the Election Committee the Moderator, Clerk, Deacons in the Administration Ministry and Minister (Mike Rich, Valerie Censabella, Don Cohn, Doug Record and Bill Albright). Ballots will be distributed to PACC members on October 17. The deadline for returning them will be October 31, and the committee will meet November 2 to tabulate the votes. Then will begin the process of contacting the top vote getters to determine who is willing and able to serve on the governing board.

# An Evening with Brunonia Barry

[Photo of Barry and book jackets]

Come hear Brunonia Barry, the Salem author of the NY Times best-selling books **The Lace Reader** and **The Map of true Places**.

After a brief talk and Q&A period, she will sign books. There will be books available to purchase for the signing.

Light refreshments will be served.

**Saturday, October 9, 2010 7:00PM to 9:00 PM**

Sponsored by the Sarah's Circle Book Club at **Park Avenue Congregational Church**, 50 Paul Revere Road, Arlington, MA.

See [www.pacc-ucc.org/groups/sarahscircle/](http://www.pacc-ucc.org/groups/sarahscircle/) for more information or call the church office.

This is a **free** public event, but **donations** will be gratefully Accepted to benefit the **Boston Weomen's Lunch Place**.

## **What should we call the Chapel?**

In anticipation of its completion next month, we are scheduling events in the room that for many years has been called the Chapel at PACC. But, with the altar and other religious furnishings gone, it is no longer a Chapel. Instead, it will be a lovely, accessible meeting room. What should its name be?

The Council of Deacons thinks that it will be fun for everyone to participate in deciding what to call our new meeting room and that it would be good for the General Fund to make a little money at the same time. Do you remember when we voted with our money about whether Bill should get his hair cut? We plan to handle naming the Chapel the same way.

Here's how it will work. Everyone is welcome to suggest possible names. You can submit yours by emailing the church, giving it to any of the Deacons, or putting it in a suggestion box that is on the table in the narthex. Submissions are due by October 3. At its October 12 meeting, the Council will select the finalists, a slate of names from which we will choose one for the new name of the Chapel. We'll have boxes in the narthex on Sunday mornings, one for each of the finalists. People will vote by dropping money in the box for the name they like best. Voting will continue until Sunday, November 7. The winning name will be the one that raises the most money. All proceeds will benefit the General Fund.

OK, everybody, put your thinking caps on! What should we call the Chapel?

## **Update on the Chapel renovation**

The Chapel project is moving right along. With the rough electrical work completed, the contractor will soon be plastering all the walls. Once that is done, we would love to have some volunteers help with painting before the cabinets and floor finishes are installed. Please contact Eric Rochon or Gary Kane if you wish to join the painting party. The date is still to be determined, but we hope that it will be early in October.

## **Women's Guild**

Due to the Chapel not being finished, Women's Guild, which normally would meet on the first Thursday of October, will delay its first gathering of the year. Watch the bulletins or phone the office for updates.

## **The PACC Holiday Fair is coming**

### **A challenge from our Fair organizers**

The church Fair is not only our most important fundraiser of the year. It's also one of our main fellowship events, and it brings many people from the community to PACC. Here's the problem. The crew of people who have pulled off our wonderful Fair for many years can no longer do this without more participation from everyone. Our members are dwindling, and many of us have more gray hairs than we used to. This Fair won't be a success unless the whole church participates, and that means you!

There are two kinds of help needed: making or giving something to sell at the Fair and working at the Fair itself. Here's a challenge for everyone. See if you can find two or more ways to contribute to this year's Fair, at least one of them in adding to what we have to sell (crafts, cookies, pies, jewelry, books, auction items) and at least one of them actual work at the Fair (set-up, working at a table, serving food, clean-up, etc.). If every one of us helps in two ways, this will be a great Fair!

### **NEW ITEMS FOR SILENT AUCTION: Themed Gift Baskets!**

The Fair is less than two months away, and it is time to give some serious thought and start putting together items for theme-oriented gift baskets for the Silent Auction Table. This will be very much like the fruit baskets we all know about but including items that are based on a theme, such as "Movie Night" that might include some videos and popcorn and hot chocolate packs, or "Tea Time" or perhaps a "Golf Basket" which might include some golf balls, tees, a book on golfing - whatever suits your fancy. You can gather the items and we will put it together in a basket - or you can do that yourself. Be creative! Some themes have been started already - thank you to those who have agreed to put something together! Try to keep track of the value so we know a fair starting price. Please let me know what you plan so that there are no duplicates. Have fun with it!

Betty Rich

### **Cookies for Cookie Walk**

The church Fair is coming, and the Cookie Walk is a good money maker. If you have left coffee cans at the church, you need to call me because due to Bob's illness, I am unable to get to church very often. I will not be able to use any more cans after the first of October. It is also time to look through your wonderful cookie recipes in preparation for baking those cookies for the Cookie Walk. We will need dozens and dozens of your most delicious offerings. There will soon be a sign-up sheet on the kitchen door for cookie sign up. Thank you very much, in advance. In 2009, we sold a little bit over \$900 worth of coffee cans full of cookies. Thank you one and all.

Connie Dugan

### **Any special requests for knives?**

Fair time is fast approaching. I'll be placing a knife order soon. If you're interested in a particular item or set, please let me know by Oct.17th. I'll be ordering fewer items this year, so to be sure you get what you'd like, please let me know. Thank you.

Jill Lewis

### **Jewelry**

If you are planning to donate jewelry to the Fair, please get it to me as soon as possible so that I have time to sort, clean and repair it if necessary. Thank you.

Diane Wells

### **Wreaths in Time for Christmas**

We have the opportunity to purchase wreaths again this year through Wilson Farm. We won't be doing pies again because they were not as wonderful as many had hoped and many were frozen - not fresh. However, if anyone might be interested in purchasing a wreath in time for Christmas, please contact me, and I will get you a pre-order form that you can return to me with payment. PACC would get 50% of the profit so this would be a fundraiser. I would like to see enough people show interest before I confirm with Wilson Farm. There will not be a separate table at the Fair due to limited space. Please let me know if you are interested and would want an order form.

Betty Rich

## *What's Happening at PACC*

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|------|---------|------------|---|
| Sun. | Oct. 3  | 10:00 a.m. | Worship service includes Communion, Neighbors in Need   |
|      |         | 11:30 a.m. | Refreshments and fellowship in Parish Hall (downstairs) |
|      |         | 11:45 a.m. | Youth Choir rehearsal in the Nicoll Room                |
|      |         | 1:00 p.m.  | Meet at church to go apple picking                      |
| Tue. | Oct. 5  | 7:00 p.m.  | Capital Campaign Implementation Cte., Fireplace Room    |
|      |         | 7:30 p.m.  | PACC-Men at Fusion Taste, 303-305 Broadway, Arlington   |
| Thu. | Oct. 7  | 11:00 a.m. | Women's Guild in the Parish Hall (tentative)            |
|      |         | 7:30 p.m.  | Choir rehearsal in the Nicoll Room                      |
| Sat. | Oct. 9  | 10:00 a.m. | Sarah's Circle in the Fireplace Room                    |
|      |         | 7:00 p.m.  | Brunonia Barry speaks in the Sanctuary                  |
| Sun. | Oct. 10 | 10:00 a.m. | Worship service   |
|      |         | 11:15 a.m. | Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall                          |
|      |         | 11:45 a.m. | Youth Choir rehearsal in the Nicoll Room                |
| Mon. | Oct. 11 |            | <i>Columbus Day</i> ; office closed                     |
| Tue. | Oct. 12 | 7:30 p.m.  | Council of Deacons in the Nicoll Room                   |



Wed.	Oct. 13	10:30 a.m.	Staff meeting in the Fireplace Room
		7:30 p.m.	Evening Bible Group in the Fireplace Room
Thu.	Oct. 14	7:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal in the Nicoll Room
Sat.	Oct. 16	10:30 a.m.	Family trip to Purgatory Chasm, sponsored by PACC-Men
Sun.	Oct. 17		<b>Ballots distributed for Council of Deacons' election</b>
		9:20 a.m.	Youth Choir rehearsal in the Nicoll Room
		10:00 a.m.	Worship service
		11:15 a.m.	Communion in the Sanctuary
		11:15 a.m.	Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall
		11:30 a.m.	Web site conversation in the Fireplace Room
		4:00 p.m.	Youth Groups I&II in the Nicoll Room
Mon.	Oct. 18	7:30 p.m.	PACC-Women in the Fireplace Room
Tue.	Oct. 19	7:30 p.m.	Membership Ministry at the home of Doug Record and Karen Stark, 15 Bellevue Rd., Arlington
Wed.	Oct. 20	7:30 p.m.	Adult education in the Fireplace Room
Thu.	Oct. 21	10:00 a.m.	Women's Coffee in the Chapel
		7:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal in the Nicoll Room
Sat.	Oct. 23	7:30 p.m.	Coffeehouse with Persian Blue
Sun.	Oct. 24	10:00 a.m.	Worship service, Just Peace Players
		11:15 a.m.	Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall
Tue.	Oct. 26		Deadline for the November <i>Spire</i>
Wed.	Oct. 27	7:30 p.m.	Evening Bible Group in the Fireplace Room
Thu.	Oct. 28	7:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal in the Nicoll Room
Sun.	Oct. 31		<b>Deadline to return ballots for Deacons' election</b>
		10:00 a.m.	Worship service
		11:15 a.m.	Coffee Hour, Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF in the Parish Hall
		11:30 a.m.	Halloween party

### **Neighbors in Need collection October 3**

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. PACC will receive the NIN offering on October 3 as part of the World Communion Sunday observance. If you would like to support the NIN offering, you may make out a check to Park Avenue Congregational Church with "Neighbors in Need" in the memo line.

# *2010/2011 PACC Concert Series*

*For the Benefit of the Music Program is pleased to present*

## *Music for Your Soul A Jazz Coffeehouse with*

### *Persian Blue*

*Saturday, October 23, 2010*

*7:30 PM (doors open at 7 PM)*

In advance: Adults - \$15, Seniors/Students - \$10

At the door: Adults - \$20, Seniors/Students - \$12

for more information check our website at [pacc-ucc.org](http://pacc-ucc.org)

or call the Church Office

## **Thanks a bunch!**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the back-school collection for the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless. When the MCH representative came by to pick up the supplies, we filled the entire back seat and trunk of her car. She was delighted.

Thank you to our flower fairy, the person who watered the flowers outside church through the long hot summer, and to those who have replaced the warm-weather blooms with fall flowers. The planters are one of many ways that we say “welcome” to all who come through our doors.

Dear PACC Family,

We are thrilled to announce how successful the Post Office Auction was on Regathering Sunday. Thanks to the generosity of all of our travelers and some hearty bidding, we raised \$480.50 for the General Fund.

Many thanks and much appreciation goes to Judie Phelps who kept the auction moving along quickly and was also very entertaining! A huge thank you to her grandson, Aiden Moore, who did a great job giving her the next item for bidding and helped later as a runner!

Thanks also to Abby McNulty and Tim Evans who did a great job as official "runners"! We also had other youngsters helping out when they saw how much fun it was! Thanks also to Mike Rich who was drafted as cashier!

And one more time - we couldn't have done it without all of you who sent items in from around the world - and then bid on them so generously! It was a fun time for all!

Betty Rich and Diane Wells  
Fundraising Co-Chairs

**YES! I would like to volunteer to help with the  
2010 PACC HOLIDAY FAIR!**

Friday, November 12 and Saturday, November 13

- I will bake a pie or pies for the Friday Pie Shoppe (please speak to Lauren Evans)
- I will bake cookies for the Cookie Walk
- I will bake items to be sold at the baked goods table
- I will make sauce, jam, candy, pickles, fudge
- I will sew, knit or crochet items
- I will bring leftover Halloween candy or \_\_\_\_\_ for the Country Store
- I will save and bring to the church books and jewelry in good condition
- I will bring an item for Attic Treasures
- I will work at a sales table. Table preference, if any \_\_\_\_\_
  - Friday evening (6 to 9)
  - Saturday (Fair is from 9 to 2) Hours I am able to work Saturday: \_\_\_\_\_
- I will help set-up  Thursday  Friday
- I will help clean -up
  - Friday after the dinner
  - Saturday at 2:00
  - Sunday after coffee hour
- I will help with the advertising (contact newspapers, distribute flyers, web site)
- I will give a monetary donation to defray the costs of the fair  
(food for making lasagna dinner, supplies etc.)
- I have another idea (Please specify \_\_\_\_\_)

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING.** Please bring in all non-perishable items on Thursday, November 11. Please fill out this form and leave it in the box provided in the Narthex (by November 7 at the latest).

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Speak with Lauren Evans or Betty Rich or Diane Wells.

**Complete a Silent Auction form. Return to the table in the Narthex.**

## GOING! GOING!! GONE!!!

PACC will hold a silent auction in conjunction with the Holiday Fair. We're hoping that EVERY PACC family will contribute an item to our auction, whether it be a talent, a service, or a donated item.

EVERYONE has a talent or service that they can donate to our auction. Here are a few possibilities ...

Are you a terrific cook? How about a big batch of homemade cookies delivered to the high bidder's home every month for six months? one birthday cake for each member of the lucky bidder's immediate family during the next twelve months? a complete dinner for four delivered to the high bidder's home? a dinner party for six hosted by you in your home?

Are you an accountant, artist, computer whiz, florist, furniture refinisher, plumber, electrician, wallpaper hanger, painter, window washer, auto mechanic, seamstress, hairdresser, typist, or tutor who can donate your services?

Could you provide lesson(s) in art? origami? music? singing? sewing? computer programming?

Are you a reliable plant sitter? house sitter? baby sitter? pet sitter?

Do you have a condo or summer cottage that you could offer as a weekend getaway or vacation package?

How about dressing as a clown and face painting at a child's birthday party? How about delivering a balloon bouquet or singing telegram? How about videotaping a special event for the high bidder?

### THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS!!!!

We will also most gratefully accept new items to be auctioned off. Or how about gift certificates to local gift shops, supermarkets, department stores, malls, restaurants, book stores, beauty salons, etc.? How about donating movie passes, concert tickets, or tickets to sporting events?

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE AND RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE OR SPECIALLY-DESIGNATED BOX IN THE NARTHEX NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7. WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR SUPPORTING THIS IMPORTANT PACC FUNDRAISER.

***Holiday Fair Silent Auction***  
***November 12 and 13, 2010***

Please return this form to the church office or specially designated box in the narthex  
**no later than Sunday, November 7.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Talent/service/item(s)/approximate value of each item donated:

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

Restrictions/special instructions on donations (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I will deliver to church on Thursday, November 11

I will deliver to church on Friday, November 12 by 3 p.m.

Please pick up my donation. Call me at \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to call: \_\_\_\_\_

It will not be possible to accept late donations for the Silent Auction Table, but we will gladly accept them and place them for sale at other Fair tables.

If you have questions, please call Nadine Lombard.