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Fellowship

Family game night Feb. 21



Winter is a great time for games. You're inside and warm; lots of laughs; lots of friends; hot co-coa; and it doesn't cost you money for a babysitter!

Board games. Word games. Charades. Card games. There's even enough room in the hall for a game of Twister... and we'll have it all on Feb. 21 in Herbert Harrison Hall.

So grab your favorite games, bring an easy finger-food dessert and come on

down at 6:30 p.m. All ages welcome, though there may be some adult-only games set up – like bridge, anyone? (Carolyn Guidod would love to learn bridge... anyone willing to teach her?)

All children must come to the event in adult company.

Got a suggestion for a night of fun that you'd like to see the Fellowship Committee sponsor? We're always up for ideas... family events or adult-only events... See Carolyn Guidod, Phyllis Nixon, Anne Cimon or Jen Wagner.

Life is 400 shades of gray

One of my favorite books of reflections is *Bread for the Journey* by Henri Nouwen. The topic for one reflection is joy and sorrow, and it is particularly wise, it seems to me. Nouwen claims that joy and sorrow *coexist*. How can this be?

In order to keep our joy pure we seem to spend our lives trying to keep sorrow in a box in a cabinet with a lock on it. But no matter how many times we check the lock on that sorrow box, rarely do our emotions stay separated. As a poet once told me, this is why people cry at weddings.

You may have heard me use the image of salt and peppershakers on

our kitchen tables. One shaker is Joy, another sorrow. The two share space at our table: they grace our lives

in the everyday, common places in our lives. They are both part of life and God can be known in either emotion.

In interviewing adults who become seekers and decide to come to church, often the catalyst is discovering God's presence during a time of crisis. For that person new eyes may be needed to be able to discover God's presence when things are going along well.

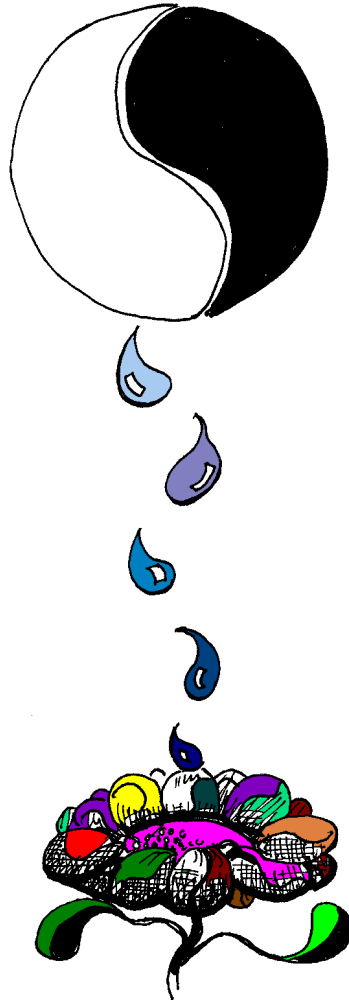
As members of the congregation face the various challenges of living, we usually think in terms of contrasts: health vs. illness, peace vs. war, and joy vs. sorrow. Our prayer life reflects this binary thinking: we ask God, over and over again, to grant our loved ones (and ourselves!) good health, safety, good things...

If we breathe in

deeply, and look carefully around us, we see the obvious: Life is often not a tidy process. A friend who is a skilled designer tells me that in some of the computer graphic programs there are over 400 shades of gray. At Andover Newton, one of my teachers said, "*Life is dense and ambiguous.*" Framing our experiences to understand that God is present in both joy and sorrow can help us let God in to every experience.

Blessings,

The Rev. Judy Swahnberg
revjudy@mac.com



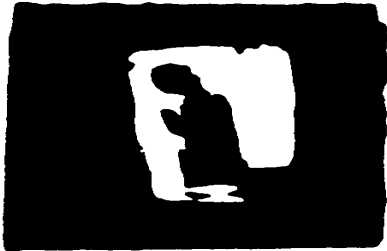
"My take on tithing in America is that it's a middle-class way of robbing God. Tithing to the church and spending the rest on your family is not a Christian goal. It's a diversion. The real issue is: How shall we use God's trust fund — namely, all we have—for God's glory? In a world with so much misery, what lifestyle should we call our people to live? What example are we setting?"

— John Piper (1946-), pastor and author

**Our
church
family**

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Kistra and Ryan Demaso on the birth of Elliana Eva. She was born on Jan. 8 and weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces. Elliana Eva was welcomed home by big sister Mia.



JOYS

Our church family loves babies. It's a fact — just watch faces light up when someone brings a baby to worship. In March we will have a new baby boy join our family. Cheryl Green's daughter Nichole is waiting patiently for his arrival. Nichole needs "everything" from onsies to a crib. Can you help? If you can offer anything call Nicole at 508-668-2538. We will welcome him with loving arms (If Jen Wagner doesn't get to him first!)

Our Father...

Hear our prayers, Lord

Please pray for these members of our extended church family:

Barbara Carroll and family following the death of her beloved Peter, Penny Murdock, Peggy Cain, Peter Nixon's mother Louise, Jeff DiNicola's father Dan, John Leith's father Bill, Lisa Van der Linden's family after their loss of her father-in-law, Cornel, in Belgium, David Welch, Cathy Feeley's mother Clara Stanzin, Cheryl Greene's son OD and daughter Nicole, David Senatore's father Andrew, Susan Challis's brother Charles Lawry, "Smitty" (Monica Smith's husband,) Abby Henrich's "Uncle Jake," Donald Simpson (Becky Nolan's dad,) Ken Myers' sister Shirley, Judy Hamilton's mother Henrietta, Donna Gearty's mother, Mary Jane Lucas, Kim Talbott's uncle George DuBois, Mary Dugdale's niece Corey Dugdale, and Leila Joseffer's grandmother Olga Accola. Please pray, too, for Genie Newton, Fran Scott, Vida Mudgett and Betty Anne Wissman.

Please pray for friends of the congregation:

Rhoda and John Hall from MINC Summer 2008 Trip I, Leila Joseffer's colleague Barbara Cook, Kristin Syrek's friend Amy's father, Marge Rawson Vignoni and Byrdie Jackson (Podgie's friends,) Joe Mahoney's cousin Kerri O'Brien, Sherryl Rudolph (friend of Cheryl Cain,) Sr. Anne Carabino (friend of Melissa Hubbard,) Laura (friend of Anne Cimone), Helen (friend of Cindy Hanifin,) the Arcieri family (friends of Kristin Mirliani,) Anne Cimon's friend Laura Wahlberg, Carolyn (friend of Lauren Durso,) and for Matthew, who has mitochondrial disease.

Each month, we at Union Church lift up the names of friends and colleagues who are experiencing illness, grief or other challenges. The monthly CIA lists those whose continuing needs are pressing and long term. Please update with specific information on the well-being of those we pray for, or with additions or deletions to this list, by calling or e-mailing the Rev. Judy Swahnberg (revjudy@mac.com) or Lois in the office – 508.668.1355 or unionoffmng@hotmail.com

Rummage Sale April 4, 2009

Plans are under way for our Spring Rummage and Bake Sale on Saturday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.. GOOD CLEAN clothing (especially children's) and linens can be put on the stage now. For the past several years some of the proceeds from this sale have supported our church's mission trip to New York and the remainder to other outreach programs. With a little help from many the sale will be a success. Help will be needed soon to put up the racks and to start sorting clothes. Later posters will be needed, bakers for the bake table and help with set up on Friday April 3. And paper grocery bags are needed. To offer your assistance call Janet C. 508-668 6066 or email JCNewcat@aol.com.

What is that 'Love Table?'

Have you ever heard of the "Love Table" in church and wondered what it is?

Or perhaps you have noticed that table in Herbert Harrison Hall once a month where Corinne is faithfully selling odds and ends and some baked goods?

Come and be part of the Love Table. This month's table is on Feb. 8.

All proceeds benefit our soup kitchen mission work at St. Paul's in Brockton.

Baked goods sell well — perhaps you could bake something!

Bake or just come by and spend some cash. If you bake, bring the goods to Corinne in the hall before church.

Stewardship corner

Help our mission trip (and the birds!)

We need materials to build 'green' birdhouses

The mission crew is looking for small construction leftovers to build birdhouses as a Mission Trip fundraiser. Did you recently change your drawer pulls or knobs, but didn't throw out the old ones? They make great perches.

Do you have leftover tile — small or large? They make great bases and decorative pieces. Got small pieces of lumber, or a whole sheet of plywood that you don't need? How about leftover paints from your last project? We can probably use it. Other ideas/materials welcome, too.

As to not be inundated

with junk (and end up needing to rent an expensive Dumpster or have to pay toxic paint disposal - that'd just negate our profits,) materials must be OK'd by Ken Sandahl

materials. Call either if you have questions. Ken: 508- 668-3014 or ken_sandahl@verizon.net. Pudge: 508-668-6317 or omahoneycartoons@comcast.net.



Mission folks: Watch for the birdhouse decorating project day to come soon.

Church friends and family: Watch for details of when you can buy your one-of-a-kind birdhouses during coffee hour... they make great Mother's Day and Father's Day presents!

or Joseph "Pudge" Mahoney and given to them in person at church during coffee hours. There is no "drop-off" site for

Recycled, original art that benefits a great cause — our church's mission work in upstate New York each summer!

Service

Boy Scout Sunday

Boy Scout Sunday is Feb. 8. Come in uniform, and come early to greet that day, and be recognized. Scouting was too long ago for you to still have (or fit) in your uniform? That's OK — you're still encouraged to come and join fellow Scouts and help greet worshippers that day, starting at 10:15 a.m.

Questions? See Barb Maiewski.

According to Project Bread's 2008 Status Report on Hunger, more than 522,000 people in Massachusetts will struggle to put food on the table this winter.

Download this year's report and make a tax-deductible gift at www.projectbread.org

A love-hate relationship with Feb.

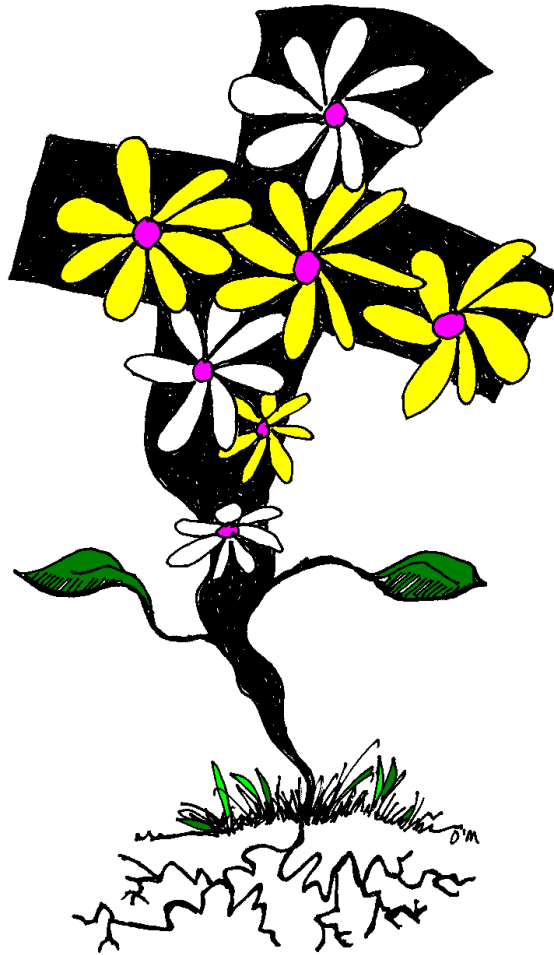
Editor's note: This column was first published in March 2004. The Rev. Abby Henrich is on sabbatical.

I don't like February. Besides Valentine's Day there is nothing redeemable about February. In college I had two awful, dramatic, soap-opera-like fights with suite mates in the month of February both my sophomore and junior year. I always thought it was due to being penned up inside for too long studying by February. There's just something about February. I'm sick of winter by the middle of February — and this is coming from someone who grew up in Buffalo where winter doesn't end until Mother's Day. And February is the beginning of Lent. While Lent is an intrinsic part of our Christian faith and life, let's face it: it's not the joyous season that Advent is. We begin the season by hearing the words: *from dust you were made, and to dust you will return*. Not necessarily a great pick-me-up.

I'm also tired these February days. Josiah has decided that waking up for the day at 4 a.m. is completely appropriate and rational. And balancing work and mothering is to say the least a challenge — not a surprise, but at minimum an exhausting balancing act.

I want sunshine and spring. I want to take my winter coat to the dry cleaners and pack it away. And because I'm irrational like my son, I lie to myself each March and think that spring has come (even if it

doesn't come until late April). I believe the secular Easter decorations in the stores that proclaim a story of budding flowers and fertile bunnies that lay eggs (have you ever stopped to think about just how ridiculous that is?) So I'm glad



March is coming. I'm glad spring is maybe just around the corner and before I know it I'll be able to pack away the wool blanket on our bed.

But mostly I'm glad that Easter is closer. I'm relieved we're moving toward the resurrection instead of

being caught between two seasons. I'm thankful that even if it is Lent, when we are called to repentance and renewal, Easter is waiting just around the corner. I'm grateful for the promise as we move through Good Friday that we will be greeted by the glorious resurrection of our Redeemer.

You see February feels like to me the eternal Good Friday. Right now I'm afraid I've forgotten the promises of Easter and am instead entangled in a web of this world's suffering and sorrow. So I am praying this March that through confronting the pain of this world and hearing again the stories of grief and despair, that I will also remember the promise of resurrection. I pray that while I confront the cross of Good Friday, I will also anticipate the empty tomb of Sunday morning. I pray that while I grieve the death of those I love, I will also be reassured of Christ's presence made tangible to us through the resurrection.

I pray that this March you will anticipate with me not only warmer weather and blooming bulbs, but also the resurrection, which is the final answer.

Grace and Peace,

The Rev. Abigail Henrich

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Did you know?



How our church business gets done

First in a series.

The **Moderator** presides at all Annual and Special Meetings of the church and chairs the Cabinet, which meets once a month on the second Tuesday. The Moderator arranges for Annual Meeting, the Annual Report, and works closely with the pastor to provide effective coordination of church activities. The Moderator shall be knowledgeable and responsive in all aspects of the church's purpose and mission.

The **Nominating Committee** is responsible for finding persons willing to fill the committees, officer, administrator, delegate and auditor positions available each year as described in the by-laws. (Meets in the fall to prepare nominations for Annual Meeting and as needed.) There are five positions on this committee.

Food, fellowship

Chowdahfest on March 6

Everybody loves a good old-fashion chowdahfest.

And when it benefits a great cause – like our church's summer mission trip to upstate New York, all the better.

So come to Herbert Harrison Hall on Friday, March 6 from 5-7 p.m. and enjoy fish, clam or corn chowders.

Your \$7.50 will get you a bowl of chowder, a sandwich, dessert and drink. Or for \$5.50, get the combo with a cup of chowder. For just a cup of chowder, pay \$3.

Sandwich varieties may include: egg salad, tuna salad, ham and cheese, or peanut butter and jelly.

Dessert is your choice of cake with butter-scotch frosting or gingerbread made with



Splenda.

Want takeout? We can do that, too.

Can't make it, but want to buy chowder? Pay in advance and we'll save

you some for pickup at church on Sunday.

So grab a friend and come out for an inexpensive and delicious night to benefit our church's mission trips.

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Special worship with guest musician on March 1

When we discovered Small and Tall music we knew it was too good not to share it. So with unfettered optimism, we contacted founder Bryan Moyer Suderman in Ontario and invited him to Massachusetts. And to our amazement, he said "sure" in a perfect Canadian laid back way.

He'll be at our church for worship on Sunday, March 1 at 10:30 a.m.

A bit about Bryan: Bryan combines his love of God, passion for the church, and delight in singing with all ages with a fascination for folk music traditions from around the world. He sets biblical stories and themes to music in a singable way for "small and tall" alike, with catchy tunes, a variety of instruments, and a spirit that invites you to join in.

Bryan has years of experience performing and inspiring people to sing, whether gathered in a church basement with children and families, singing for peace on Parliament Hill, or leading 7,000 worshippers at the Mennonite World Confer-

Come join us and hear
Bryan's music

CONCERT

Saturday, Feb. 28 at 10 a.m.

Pleasant Street Church,
UCC in Arlington

Suggested Donation - \$5 per family

For directions see:
www.pleasantstreetchurch.org

WORKSHOP

***Saturday, Feb. 28 after
the concert***

Stay for an informative
workshop with Bryan.

Suggested fee: \$15 for individuals, \$40
for grps over 5. CDs and songbooks also
available for purchase.

For directions see:
www.pleasantstreetchurch.org

WORSHIP

Sunday, March 1 at 10:30 a.m.

**At our church - Union Congregational
Church in East Walpole**

ence Assembly in Zimbabwe. Audiences respond to the warmth of his voice, the contagious nature of his songs, and his signature interactive style of singing and song leading.

Since the release of the album *God's Love is for Everybody* in November 2002, Bryan's "songs for small and tall" have become favorites with families and churches across North America and beyond, and have been used in congregations, camps, schools, ecumenical worship services, conferences, seminary courses, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School curriculum, a couple of recent hymnals... not to mention being played over and over again in cars and homes! Bryan's 2005 album *Can't Keep Quiet!* is another lively collection of original tunes that are at once simple, catchy, profound, and fun. And the 2007 release *My Money Talks: songs for worship* is already receiving considerable attention in the broader church community and press as an album that is deeply scriptural, intensely personal, musically memorable, and readily singable.

To learn more about Bryan visit his web site: www.smalltallmusic.com

What makes the UCC different from other denominations?

We are the United Church of Christ (Congregational), the largest Protestant denomination in Massachusetts. Our historical forebears were the Puritans and the Pilgrims, who came to this land fleeing religious persecution. They formed a non-hierarchical church that was the seed of our modern democracy.

We are similar in worship and structure to other mainline Protestant denominations, but have even less hierarchical structure, preferring to maintain local autonomy. Each of our churches governs itself – we have no creeds, no dogmas, no top-down management. We receive individuals wherever they are on life’s journey. The largest percentage of our new members are Catholic, and many who come have no previous experience with organized religion. We are free to express doubts and challenge truths

The Last Word

We are the CONGREGATIONAL church, which means we are a democratic organization: if you have a good idea and some energy for a program or group, you can make it happen! Bring it to the minister or moderator to find the appropriate church leaders or group for their input, ideas, and help, and you can be part of making our church stronger, more lively,

as an honest part of spiritual exploration.

At the national level, we are generally considered the most progressive Christian denomination. We are:

- The first to ordain women:

Rev. Antionette Brown, in 1849

- Active in the Abolition movement to end slavery
- Active in the civil rights movement
- The first to ordain an openly gay man: Rev. Bill Johnson, in 1972

To find out more about the denomination visit:

www.macucc.org (our regional affiliate)

www.ucc.org (our national affiliate)

www.stillspeaking.org (a gateway for new seekers to understand our national identity)

Outdoors

Come camping with us!

This August’s camping trip will be our church’s seventh annual at Nickerson State Park on Cape Cod. Kayaking and swimming in the huge kettle ponds, games for kids and adults on the beach — you don’t want to miss this event! Save the dates: Aug. 28 through 30. (Though some people come a day or more early.) Reservations are accepted starting exactly six months in advance. Go online at reserveamerica.com as early as possible (they start taking reservations at 9 a.m.) and reserve a site in AREA SIX. You will need your credit card. Try to get a campsite near campsite 97, which will be our central congregating area. A map of the area is available at: <http://www.reserveamerica.com/jsp/commonpage.jsp?goto=/usa/ma/nick/newindex.html>. If



you don’t have internet access, call 1-877-422-6762.

A good tip: Book your campsite for Sunday night, too, so you don’t have to pack up and check out by checkout time of 11 a.m. It makes Sunday easier and more fun.

February 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:15 a.m. Junior Choir; 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion	2	3	4 7-9 p.m. AA Mtg. - Youth Room 7:30 p.m. Choir; 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Comm. at Guiods	5 4-6 p.m. Cub Scouts Den Mtg. - Youth & Preschool Rooms	6 Carroll visiting hours, Ginley, 4-8 p.m.	7 10 a.m. Carroll funeral and collation
8 9:15 a.m. Junior Choir 10:30 a.m. Worship; Love Table - HHH	9 Knitting group, 7 p.m., Cheryl Cain's house	10 7:30 p.m. Cabinet Mtg. - Parlor	11 10 a.m.-Noon Cabin Fever - Youth Room 7-9 p.m. AA Mtg. - Youth Room 7:30 p.m. Choir	12	13	14
15 9:15 a.m. Junior Choir 10:30 a.m. Worship 7:30 p.m. OWL	16 Presidents' Day	17	18 7-9 p.m. AA Mtg. - Youth Room 7:30 p.m. Choir	19 7:30 p.m. Outreach - Parlor	20 10-11 a.m. Mom's Group - Youth Room	21 St. Paul's - Team C Game Night 6:30 p.m. HHH
22 9:15 a.m. Junior Choir 10:30 a.m. Worship	23 7:30 p.m. Prudential - Parlor	24	25 Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m. 7-9 p.m. AA Mtg. - Youth Room	26 4-6 p.m. Cub Scouts Den Mtg. - Youth & Preschool Rooms	27	8 a.m. Setup for Cub Scouts Banquet - HHH 5-8 p.m. Blue & Gold Banquet Cub Scouts HHH

The Questioning Faithful class, a Christian education class for teens and adults, will not be held in February due to the pastors' sabbatical. Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 1 at 9:15 in the parlor. All are welcome.

Christian education

Take Lent home

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25.

To carry Lent into your homes, we will have take-home materials for adults and children available at Coffee Hour on Sundays –Feb. 15, Feb. 22, and while materials last.

Communion class

Communion Education Class for students in grade four is also open to all those older – especially youth who missed attending the Communion Education class when they were in fourth grade. Learn more about the origin and meaning of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, experience a Passover Sedar! Students who attend should be accompanied by one or both parents – this class opens up lots of faith and church tradition questions; it's a wonderful faith conversation starter with your children! This class will be held during worship and coffee hour on April 6. Letters will be sent to our 4th grade students as soon as the date is confirmed. If you are interested in participating, please call Kathy Hinds at 508-740-0430.

Teacher Term Reminder: Winter Term Church School goes thru March 15. Spring Term begins on March 22, with last class on May 31 (Children's Day is June 8.)

Get away!

A new event for women — it's not too late to sign up!

Join us at Rolling Ridge (www.rollingridge.org) in North Andover on March 27-28 for an overnight women's retreat. If you are interested, please let the church office know. We promise this will be a wonderful renewing and relaxing time. It will cost less than \$100 per person. Financial aid is available.

When: March 27-28 **Where:** Rolling Ridge Retreat Center in Andover
More info: contact Judy or Abby **Deadline:** March 1

Worship

December altar flowers

Dec. 7

To Noah, Ben & Emerson Kerns in celebration of their 11th birthday by Scott & Laurie

Dec. 14

In memory of Barbara by Ben

Dec. 21

To Colton with love for his 6th birthday from Mom, Dad, Addison & Cadon

Dec. 28

To Margaret Myers from Ken, Rebecca & Nathan

Dec. 7

To Paul R. Healy who passed away on Nov. 21, 2008 (a dear friend of the Govatsos and Caulton families) by Alix & Greg Caulton

Want to purchase the altar or piano flowers? For a birthday, remembrance or other occasion? Flowers are \$40. (Or, if you'd like to donate flowers without the flowers, and instead give the money to the Deacon's Fund, this is now an option. Your dedication for the donation will still be printed in the bulletin, listed as something like "in lieu of altar flowers, the NAME HERE family, made a donation today to the Deacon's Fund.") Call church office manager Lois Thomas at (508) 668-1355.

Thank you

Dear friends and family far and near,

I wanted to write to share with you our sad news of Bill's death on Sunday, Nov. 23, 2008. As you know, he had a long battle with cancer and more recently, since August, a form of lymphoma. But, Bill actually died from a fall early that Sunday morning at our home in Yazoo City. My mother, Jean Rogers, and a hospice nurse were with him. Our plans were for me to arrive the next day for the week of Thanksgiving with family. I am grateful that Bill had his desire come true, which was to be in Yazoo City, MS, for a visit with his mom and sister and time in our home before returning to Wisconsin at the end of the week.

Needless to say, as we learned of Bill's death, Martha arrived quickly from Los Angeles and Paul with his wife Heather and their daughter Sierra drove from Sandwich, MA to Yazoo City. We had Thanksgiving dinner with Bill's mother and sister and my mother in our home (522 East Madison St.) as Bill had wanted. The memorial service to celebrate his life was held in Yazoo City on Saturday, Nov. 29. Bill is buried at the Glenwood interfaith cemetery in Yazoo City near his father and grandfather and grand-

mother Brame and other family members.

The expressions of compassion and care for us as a family through this difficult time of intense grief have sustained and strengthened us. Thank you for the various ways we have known your support across the miles. The Immanuel United Church of Christ where I serve as pastor was especially caring in these last months as they helped me with Bill, bringing food, cards, flowers, visits, providing transportation, flexibility with my schedule and many prayers.

Truly, in this season of light, we pause to give thanks for Bill, who reflected the light of God's love through his life and was a wonderful son, husband, father, grandfather, and yes, "coach!" Thanks you for keeping Paul and Martha in your thoughts as they live full lives on their respective coasts. Paul works full-time for Emergency Contractors in Sandwich (learning much about this business) and Martha is continuing her studies at the Lee Strasberg Film and Theatre Institute. Here are their addresses in case you'd like to be in touch with them:

Paul, Heather and Sierra Brigham:
267 Route 6A,
East Sandwich, MA 02537
Home phone: 508-888-1848
Paul's e-mail:
plbrigham@yahoo.com

Martha Brigham: 8414 Orion Ave.,
Apt 154, North Hills, CA 91343
Cell phone: 774-722-1823
Martha's e-mail:
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Christmas hope and peace be and
abide with you,
Rev. Dr. Ann Michele
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Note from your newsletter editor:
Michelle Rogers Brigham is a former pastor at Union Congregational Church. Two more thank-you notes came from the family, specifically to our church family, thanking us for our prayers, cards, sympathies and gift in Bill's memory. Michele writes: "We have many happy memories with you – we know you grieve with us. Thanks for sharing our lives and loving Bill."

The Union Congregational Church has supported the Walpole Community Food Pantry on a frequent basis for many years. Please extend our appreciation to all of your parishioners. We also thank Al Miller, who has been delivering your donations for many years. He is a joy!

May God bless you all with a wonderful New Year!

Gratefully,
Carol Jacobson



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East Walpole, MA 02032-1128



Easter flowers

Members and friends of Union Congregational Church are invited to donate \$10 to our church for the Diaconate to buy tulips, lilies and other flowers to glorify our risen savior on Easter, and to buy baskets of fruit to share with our shut-ins and others in need of knowing the risen Christ. Any surplus will be applied to the Flower Fund, which is used to buy altar flowers during the year, or to the Deacon's Fund to help the needy. Flowers may be picked up after the service. Please indicate on the form below how you'd like your dedication to be printed in the Easter bulletin. Note, flower pick-up is first-come, first-serve. There is no ordering specific kinds of flowers.

Please send to the church office, with payment no later than **Wednesday, April 1**. The dedication in the Easter bulletin should read:

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PLEASE PRINT

Given by: [your name(s)] _____

In Memory of / In Honor of / To the Glory of / (please circle) _____

Please check one of the following:

I will pick up my plant(s) after the service.

I will deliver my plant(s) to _____

Please use my donation to support the Flower Fund.

Please send a plant to a shut-in or someone else in need.

_____ Flowers purchased

Total \$ _____ Enclosed