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WEEKLY UPDATE 09/8/2016

SUNDAY NEWS

INGATHERING WORSHIP SERVICE SEPTEMBER 11: 10:30 AM

September 11 Ingathering Service – Justice Rolling Like Water



Join Rev. Bev, Jenna (Director of Religious Education) and Abby (Director of Music) for our multi-generational ingathering service including a water gathering ritual. You are invited to **bring a small amount of water to mingle** in a common bowl. This water, real or symbolic should represent a place or time that is meaningful to you. This ritual is intended as a reminder of the importance of water in our lives and how its scarcity or abundance can impact both us and our planet. This service will also include an uplifting story for all ages connected to the events of September 11, 2001.

REV BEV'S SCHEDULE

This church year, Rev Bev's day off will be Monday. Thursday will be the day she writes sermons – mostly from her home office. Throughout the year, she will schedule time when she will be at Panera Bread in Westborough for “community” office hours – watch the weekly update and Facebook for announcements of these days and times. As always private meetings can be scheduled with Rev Bev via email revbev@gmail.com or by calling her cell phone 508-330-1352.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

RE Teaching Team members for grades Pre-K through 8th grade will be meeting at **9 AM on September 11th**. **Please bring your calendar and driver's license to the meeting.** We will go over this year's curricula and teaching guide, and we will also discuss tips and strategies for teaching.



We will be offering nursery care for babies and toddlers during worship services this year, and **we are in need of nursery volunteers!** If you have any interest in helping out from 10:15-11:45 on one Sunday per month, then please email Jenna Kyes, Director of Religious Education, at jennawrean@gmail.com. We appreciate your help!

We are in need of teaching volunteers for our Spirit Play class! If you have any interest in joining the teaching team for our Pre-K through 2nd Grade religious education class this year, then please email Jenna Kyes, Director of Religious Education, at jennawrean@gmail.com. Thank you!

OTHER UUCSW HAPPENINGS

STANDING ON THE SIDE OF LOVE - banner update



We voted at the Annual Meeting to put up a Standing On The Side of Love banner. **The intention is that we, individually and as a congregation, will try to be more involved in Social Justice.** Given our busy lives, this is easy to talk about but extremely hard to do.

One way to accomplish this is to generate a list of 1-hour, 3-hour, 8-hour tasks that we and our families can accomplish. **This Sunday at noon**, we are meeting to start generating that list. We are all, in fact, already involved in volunteer activities that aim to advance the well-being of others. What are some 1-hour tasks that you can think of based on your experience?

Here are some starter ideas:

1-Hour: You and your family learn the names of your elected officials.

1-Hour: Volunteer to talk to an RE Class about a topic related to Social Justice.

Join us Sunday or email your ideas to jerry@brecher.com.

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COFFEE HOUR

The Coffee Hour Sign-up Board has been refreshed for the upcoming church year and can be found near the coffee station in the Chapel. We will hold off on randomly assigning members to provide goodies and beverages until after Ingathering Sunday. We encourage you to stop by the Coffee Hour Sign-Up Board and select a Sunday you know works well for your schedule.



We are in need of a **Hospitality Coordinator** for the upcoming church year. Responsibilities include facilitating sign-ups for Coffee Hour, following up with friendly reminders, and making sure volunteers understand the How-To instructions. If you can help us in this way, please contact Sharon Barrett (sharonkeyesbarrett@gmail.com or (508) 241-9353).

We want to express our appreciation to the Nourse Family for providing Coffee Hour snacks and drinks for Ingathering Sunday.

UUS AT LUNCH!



After taking a break in August, we will gather once again to enjoy lunch together. We will meet on **Wednesday, September 14, at 11:30 AM at the Post Office Pub in North Grafton** - hope to see many of you there!

Please contact Mary Tribe (508) 329-1646, or e-mail: marytribe5@gmail.com by Saturday, September 10, to let us know whether or not you will be able to join us, so we can make our reservations. Thanks.

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

300 MITTEN PROJECT



The Westborough 300th Anniversary Committee is holding a mitten collection drive in honor of the town's 300th Anniversary. We are hoping that good and generous people will answer this challenge by dropping off new or gently used mittens for children and adults. The mittens will be given to those less fortunate in time for the winter holidays. **A collection box is located in the Sanctuary front entrance.** For more information on Westborough's 300th Anniversary please check out our website: [Westborough 300](http://Westborough300.com). *Thank you* - The Westborough Anniversary Committee

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5th BLOOD DRIVE IN HONOR OF CORINNE SCIARAPPA



The Red Cross and the Congregational Church of Westborough have teamed up to host our 5th Blood Drive in Honor of Corinne Sciarappa on **Monday, September 19th from 2 PM - 8 PM** at the Congregational Church of Westborough.

Corinne was diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma last year. She has gone through intense chemotherapy and radiation treatment and received over 130 units of red cells and platelets. Corinne has been cancer free since May! She has become a big advocate for the Red Cross and wants to continue sharing her message about the importance of donating blood. This blood drive will also be held in special honor of Leah Davis. In January, 5 year old Leah was diagnosed with medulloblastoma, brain cancer, which had metastasized throughout her spine. She is currently undergoing aggressive treatment at Boston Children's Hospital. During her treatment Leah has had countless red blood and platelet transfusions. Please show the Davis family your support by coming out to donate blood in Leah's honor! Make your appointment today! [Click here to make an appointment](#) Your donation can help 3 lives!

Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross blood program!