



# Welcoming Word

The Monthly Newsletter of the  
Barrington United Methodist Church



## Lenten Greetings:

I am writing this on Ash Wednesday and by the time you receive it, February will have expired and March taken her place. But before she leaves I want reflect on my feelings about this February, which was a very special month for Alice and me. As you know, February is known as "love month" in the popular culture because of its connection to Valentine's Day, but it is "love month" for us for two other reasons...our anniversaries. Alice and I were first married on February 8, 1964. Our second wedding was on February 17, 1979.

So we have been married off and on for 45 years, and as an anniversary gift to Alice I asked her to join me on a mission trip to North Carolina with the BUMC Youth Group. She accepted! Now this seemed like a good idea at the time, but one of the lessons that we continue to learn as we pass through our mid-life crisis is that we can't do what we used to do as easily as we used to do it. This was made very clear to me last week. By the time we rolled out of the van after a week in mission and an 18 hour trip home, our ears were ringing from the exuberance and excitement of teen age conversation and music and our bones ached. We were totally exhausted. Alice's only comment was: "You owe me...BIG TIME!" But the main thing I learned from this experience is that if she loves me enough to go through that, she is committed to make this one work! With God's help we just might make it to our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The reason I mention these things is that on a similar but higher level, February is also the beginning of "God's Love Month"...the season of Lent. In a very real way, Lent is God's "Valentine's Greeting" to us, his best friends...the ones he gave his son to die for! Lent is a time to reflect on what that means to consider the depth of God's love for us. We all know the scripture: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life, for God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through him." (John 3:16, 18).

How do we respond to God's Valentine?

"What gift can we bring, what present, what token?" asks Jane Marshall in her wonderful hymn. Jesus answers: "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command...this is my commandment: Love one another" (John 15:13, 14, & 17).

To me, Jane asks the Lenten question, and Jesus' answer is our Lenten goal. Lent can be many things to many people. It can be a time to give up something bad or a time to do something good. But most of all it is a time to remember God's love for us. To realize that God's love is unconditional and sacrificial and Jesus says "Love each other as I have loved you.

Unconditional love is love for another even when we don't feel like it, or even feel they don't deserve it. It stems not from a sense of reciprocation but from a deep seated concern and compassion for another, in spite of their feeling toward us. This is a divine directive, therefore not something to take lightly, *and* it is impossible to achieve without God's help. When Jesus calls us to love our enemies and to bless those who curse you, he knows that for we humans this is impossible, but for God, all things are possible! Unconditional love is and must be a true reflection of God's unconditional love for us.

Such love is by its very nature sacrificial. We must give ourselves to those who need what we have...even our lives. We must be willing to set aside our own agendas, and dare to risk intimacy. This means making ourselves vulnerable. God-like love involves risk of loss, with no concern for personal gain. Jesus says that true love for each other is and must be a reflection of the love between himself and his Heavenly Father.

Jesus knew that committed, unconditional, and sacrificial love has a price tag. Commitment involves a deep, sincere desire for the well-being of another, which transcends our selfish interests. We give the needs and desires of the other, a higher priority than our own needs. And, real

commitment means sticking with the relationship through the good times and the bad times. As the wedding vows puts it, "in times of adversity and in times of prosperity."

So how do we do it? How do we thank God for this gracious love? "*What gift can we bring?*"

Jane Marshall gives us a great place to start in her answer to her own question

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision, who planted and watered so dreams could come true.

Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship, for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises, for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,

The Word is our promise always, forever; we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love!

As our culture surrounds us with its understanding of love, Lent is our opportunity to remember that true love comes from God, and our love could and should be a true reflection of that love. John Wesley believed that if anyone completely experienced God's love, and fully accepted God's grace they would be able to go on to perfection in love...here on earth as it is in heaven. Lent is time to reflect on that goal, and to examine our souls not just to search out our failures and shortcomings, but to realize how far, by God's grace, we have already come.

Yours in His Love,

*Charlie*

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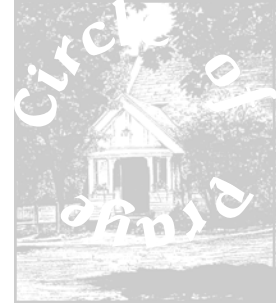
**The next WELCOMING WORD Deadline:**

March 20, 2009

Please send articles, announcements and information to the Administrator at [Barringtonumc@fullchannel.net](mailto:Barringtonumc@fullchannel.net) or drop them off on the Church Office desk. Thank you!

**D**uring the Sunday Service, prayers are requested for individuals needing special attention from our church family. If you would like that person's name to go on the Prayer Circle list, please call one of the members, and they will be prayed for by each member, on a daily basis. The following is a list of members. Please see your Church Directory for phone numbers, or call the Church Office to get the chain going.

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**Our Mission Statement:**

*The Barrington United Methodist Church strives to be a welcoming community, centered in Christ, and inspired by the Gospel. We seek to nurture each person's faith journey through joyful worship, supportive fellowship, and active outreach ministries, so that all may experience the deeper peace of God in their lives.*



**LOOK WHO'S  
HAVING A  
BIRTHDAY!**

## March Birthdays

- 3/3 Richard Hamilton  
3/4 Alan Whittemore  
John Harrison  
3/5 Thelma Harrison  
3/6 Larry Robertson  
3/9 Charlie Whittaker  
3/10 Arlene Heilig  
Joyce Hill  
Garrett Grimley  
3/11 Steve Herdrich  
Charles Riotto  
3/13 Christopher Humm  
3/15 Andrea Van Niekerk  
3/18 Bruce Grimley  
Bob Engvall  
3/21 Charles Wesley  
3/23 Dennis Hill  
3/24 Olivia Middleton  
Jennifer Wesley  
3/27 MiSon Hodkinson  
Benjamin Conway  
3/28 Jim Campbell  
3/31 Erin Curley

*\*Please call the office to add your name!*

## March Scripture Readings:

### March 1: *First Sunday in Lent*

Genesis 9:8-17  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:9-15

### March 8: *Second Sunday in Lent*

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Psalm 22:23-31  
Romans 4:13-25  
Mark 8:31-38

### February 15: *Third Sunday in Lent*

Exodus 20:1-17  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
John 2:13-22

### February 22: *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

#### *One Great Hour of Sharing (offering)*

Numbers 21:4-9  
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
John 3:14-21

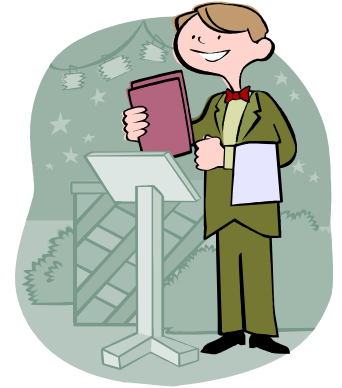
### March 29: *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 51:1-12  
Hebrews 5:5-10  
John 12:20-33

# -THE MENU-

Hello all. Thanks so much to all who contributed to the Lobster Feast. It was a smashing success. Thanks to everyone's help, we were able to raise over \$1100 for the church.

Up next is our annual Lenten Chowder Suppers. This year, we will be having only one chowder supper sometime in March. Keep an eye out for more information.



Sincerely,

**Luther H. Blount, III**

**Dinner Committee Chair**



## Finance Committee Report:

The march of technology now has us posting our monthly Newsletter on our web site and as a result your Finance Committee has elected to stop including the monthly financial report in the Newsletter, as the web site is available to the world. The report will, however, be posted each month on the "Sign Up & Reports" board at the back of Fellowship Hall and we encourage you to take notice. The format is different from that used in the past, with the new report actually coming directly from the "QuickBooks" program we use to manage our finances. More detailed information is shown than before. Should you have any questions feel free to talk with any Finance Committee member.

A side benefit of doing it this way is that the report posted in Fellowship hall will be more current than the one provided with the Newsletter. Because of Newsletter "go to press" dates we were always a month behind in our reporting, but now the posted report will be for the most recent completed month.

As of this writing our financial position is sound and as long as we all keep our eye on the ball it should remain so. This is not to say that we are in "Fat City" for we are not, but we are in comparatively reasonable shape.

Thanks to you all.

## **Christian Education:**

Can you spare it?

1 hour?

Every other month?

Do you think that it's important for our church family to have Sunday School?

We do!

That's why we signed on to do the best we know how to keep it going. Right now there are very few children, but we hope to see the numbers grow.

You don't have to teach a class.

Sometimes we just need an extra pair of eyes or hands.

Please say you'll help.

Bless you!

-Myrna Griffith & Anne Gass

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### **Reminder:**

*There will be no Sunday School during the 10:15 AM Worship Service on the 2nd Sunday of every month. Please stay with your families and feel free to grab one of the kid's packets that have been lovingly put together for their entertainment! During this time the nursery will still be available, however as it is designed for infants/toddlers, we ask that only children 4 and under attend. Thank you!*



## **Women's Spirituality Group:**

The Women's Spirituality Group will meet on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the church. We will be discussing Chapters 4 through 6 of Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World. Please feel free to join us.

## **Lucado Study Group:**

Are you looking for a way to enrich your Faith Journey? Join us as we explore the works of Max Lucado, using his wisdom and insight to expand and deepen our understanding of how God is working in our lives. We are currently sharing Traveling Light: The Promise of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. The group meets on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am (in the upstairs classroom) and we'd love to see you!



# Stewardship Reflections

Over the last six months we have focused on the financial aspects of stewardship, but equally important is the time & talent piece. Each of us, no matter our age, has God-given gifts we can share. I'm reminded of a story I read in The Upper Room some time ago. It spoke of a man, Marcus, who worked as a janitor and greeted each day and each person with a smile and a blessing. He did not have a high-paid or powerful position; what he had was the gift of encouragement and he gladly shared his gift with everyone he met.

Marcus shows us that we don't need to do elaborate, complex things to share God's love. God is always ready to take what we have to offer and use it to better the world



As we prepare for the Time & Talent portion of our Stewardship Campaign, we ask you to prayerfully consider the gifts God has blessed you with and how you can share them. Do you love children? Our nursery and Sunday School could use your gifts. Do you love to cook or host parties? The Dinner Committee would love to talk to you. Do you enjoy spending time with people or talking with them on the phone? Your gifts would be a blessing to a visitation ministry or phone ministry. Your open, inviting smile? Helping as a greeter or usher on Sunday mornings would be a wonderful use of that gift.

**Whatever your gift or passion or talent, will you offer it back to God and consider sharing it with your church family?**



## Missions & Outreach:

It is such a joy to see the outpouring of love and generosity that our church family continues to demonstrate. Thank you for your support that continues month after month and year after year.

**Veterans Home in Bristol.** For openers, a heartfelt thank you for the outpouring of support for the Christmas gifts of men’s underwear for the Veterans Home in Bristol. Please see their letter to us in the Newsletter.

**Baby clothing items for the Women’s Resource Center.** Thanks too for your generosity for the donations of baby clothing items for the Women’s Resource Center which Debbie Robertson has already delivered to the Center.

**Missions and Outreach Table:** I want to call attention to the M& O table that Coni Ferland and Sue Dussault set up in the entrance hall, and remind you to support the programs and charities that we are currently collecting for, e.g., Shaws receipts for Barrington Elementary Schools, pull tabs to benefit the Shriner’s Hospital for Children, Boston, and “Box Tops for Education.”

**TAPIN** continues to have record numbers of people seeking food and domestic items, like towels, sheets, blankets and comforters. Domestic items can be dropped of M-F between 9:00 and 12:00. Food items like Macaroni and Cheese, Spaghettios, chicken noodle soup, canned vegetables and fruit, and tuna are some of the most frequently requested items and can be left in the basket on the M&O table. Drivers are still needed. Please see Anne Gass or Debbie Prell, or call TAPIN at 247-1444 and ask for the transportation desk.

**10% of BUMC Collections for local programs.** Donations for the first quarter of 2009 will be sent to TAPIN and the East Bay Community Action Program, Fuel Fund.

**Next Meeting:** Please consider attending our next meeting, scheduled for Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 to share your thoughts and ideas for reaching out and supporting our church community.

Blessings to all,

Anne Gass, Roland Pugsley, Debbie Robertson, and MaryBeth Riotto.

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*On behalf of the RI Veterans Home I would like to thank you for your amazing donation of men and women under garments. Everything is being put to good use and is appreciated by all. Your generosity is remarkable and especially very beneficial to the wonderful men and women who have been entrusted to our care. Again, thank you for your generosity and for thinking of our veterans!*

*Sincerely,  
Pamela Dow,  
Supervising Activities Therapist*



Hello all!

The Youth & Chaperones of the MERCI mission trip (Goldsboro, NC) are back and they have lots to share about their experiences! Please join them on March 1st at the 10:15 AM Worship Service to hear more about their exciting week of outreach. Please keep in mind that the service may last a little longer, as it's also Communion Sunday, so please mark your calendars and set aside some extra time to listen. You won't regret it!

The Jr. High Youth Group is eager to do some outreach of their own this year, so if you have any ideas or work with an organization that needs help, please contact Regina at the church office! It is our goal to have at least 2 mission projects this year (most likely be one day or one weekend trips). In the upcoming months the Jr. High will also host some fundraisers, so please be checking your bulletins, e-mails, and newsletters!

## Here's what's happening in March:

<b>Sunday, March 1:</b>	9:30 AM	Sr. High & Chaperones of MERCI mission trip will meet to rehearse for the 10:15 Worship Service ( <i>Please be on time!</i> )
	10:15 AM	Sr. High Youth & Chaperones of MERCI mission trip will lead the service and talk about their experiences
<b>Thursday, March 5:</b>	6:30 PM	Jr. High Youth Group Meeting
<b>Sunday, March 8:</b>	5:00 PM	Jr. High Youth Group Meeting
	6:00 PM	Sr. High Youth Group Meeting
<b>Sunday, March 15:</b>	6:00 PM	Sr. High Youth Group Meeting Topic: Next Mission Trip
<b>Sunday, March 22:</b>	6:00 PM	Sr. High Youth Group Meeting
<b>Sunday, March 29:</b>	6:00 PM	Sr. High Youth Group Meeting

*As always, have a wonderful month, and thank you for all your support!*

# Church Humor

Because Laughter is Good for the Soul....

## *Walking on Water*

It seems that Gary 's father, grandfather and great-grandfather had all been able to walk on water on their 21st birthday. On that day, they'd walk across the lake to the boat club for their first legal drink.

So when Gary 's 21st birthday came around, he and his pal Corky took a boat out to the middle of the lake. Gary stepped out of the boat and nearly drowned! Corky just managed to pull him to safety.

Furious and confused, Gary went to see his grandmother 'Grandma, it's my 21st birthday, so why can't I walk across the lake like my father, his father, and his father before him?'

Granny looked into Gary 's eyes and said, 'Because, ya dumb kid, yur faudder, grandfaudder and great grandfaudder wuz born in January and you wuz born in July!



## *Good Sermon!*

After a very long and boring sermon the parishioners filed out of the church saying nothing to the preacher. Towards the end of the line was a thoughtful person who always commented on the sermons. "Pastor, today your sermon reminded me of the peace and love of God!"

The pastor was thrilled. "No one has ever said anything like that about my preaching before. Tell me why."

"Well - it reminded me of the Peace of God because it passed all understanding and the Love of God because it endured forever!"

## *Domestic Problems (Adam & Eve)*

Adam was walking outside of the Garden of Eden with Cane and Abel when the boys were young. Cane and Abel looked into the garden and viewed waterfalls, lovely birds, lush forests and fruit trees bending over because of the large amounts of fruit on them. Then they took a long look at where they lived at. It was dry, dusty with weeds and sickly-looking trees.

"Daddy? Why don't we live in there instead of out here?" they asked innocently.

Adam said, "Well sons. Eve and I use to live in there at one time. But your mother ate us out of house and home."

## *Contemplative Vicar*

A vicar was talking to one of his parishioners. He said "When you get to my age you spend a lot more time thinking about the hereafter."

"What do you say that", enquires the parishioner.

The vicar replies "Well, I often find myself going into a room and thinking what did I come in hear after."

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# Reflections

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## JESUS IN THE HOUSE

One day he decided to invite the Lord to come home and stay with him. When the Lord arrived, this young man offered him the very best room in the house. The room was upstairs and at the end of the hall. "This room is yours, Jesus! Stay as long as you like and you can do whatever you want to in this room, remember Jesus, it's all yours."

That evening after he had retired for the night there came a loud knocking at the front door. The young man pulled on his robe and made his way downstairs. When he opened the door he found that the devil had sent three of his demons to attack the man. He quickly tried to close the door but one of the demons kept sticking his foot in.

Sometime later, after a great struggle, he managed to slam the door shut and returned to his room totally exhausted. Can you believe that," the man thought. Jesus is upstairs in my very best room sleeping while I am down here battling demons. Oh, well, maybe he just didn't hear. He slept fitfully that night. The next day thing went along as normal and, being tired as he was, the young man retired early that evening.

Along about midnight, there came such a terrible ruckus at the front door that the young man was sure that whatever it was would tear the door down. He stumbled down the stairs once again and opened the door to find that were dozens of demons now trying to get into his beautiful home. For more than three hours he fought and struggled against the demons from hell, and finally overtook them enough to shut the door against their attack. All energy seemed to fail him. He really didn't understand this at all. Why won't the Lord come to my rescue? Why does he allow me to fight all by myself? I feel so alone. Troubled, he found his way to the sofa and fell into a restless sleep.

The next morning he decided to inquire of the Lord about the happenings of the last two evenings. Quietly he made his way to the elegant bedroom where he had left Jesus. "Jesus," he called as he tapped at the door. "Lord, I don't understand what is happening. For the last two nights I have had to fight the demons away from my door while you laid up here sleeping. Don't you care about me? Did I not give you the very best room in the house?"

He could see the tears building in Jesus' eyes but continued on, "I just don't understand, I really thought that once I invited you in to live with me that you would take care of me and I gave you the best room in my house and everything. What more can I do?"

"My precious child," Jesus spoke so softly. "I do love and care for you. I protect all that you have released into my care. But, when you invited me to come here and stay, you brought me to this lovely room and you shut the door to the rest of your house. I am Lord of this room but I am not Master of this house. I have protected this room and no demon may enter here."

"Oh, Lord, please forgive me. Take all of my house -- it is yours. I am so sorry that I never offered you all to begin with. I want you to have control of everything." With this he flung open the bedroom door and knelt at Jesus' feet. "Please? Forgive me Lord for being so selfish."

Jesus smiled and told him that He had already forgiven him and that He would take care of things from now on. That night as the young man prepared for bed he thought, I wonder if those demons will return, I am so tired of fighting them each and every night. But, he knew that Jesus said that he would take care of things from now on.

Along about midnight the banging on the door was frightening. The young man slipped out of his room in time to see Jesus going down the stairs. He watched in awe as Jesus swung open the door, no need to be afraid.

Satan stood at the door, this time demanding to be let in. "What do you want, Satan?" the Lord asked. The devil bowed low in the presence of the Lord, "So sorry, I seem to have gotten the wrong address." And with that, he and the demons all ran away.

There is a moral to this tale. Jesus wants all of you, not just a part. He will take all that you give Him, but nothing more. How much of your heart have you given to the Lord? Are you keeping a portion of it away from Him?

Perhaps the attacks are coming more and more each day. Why not let the Lord fight the battles for you? He is always victorious. I have found that God made man simple; all of man's complexities are of his own devising.

-- Author Unknown

# Conference News:

## 2009 Annual Conference Announcements:

Preparations for the 2009 Annual Conference are well underway. The 2009 New England Annual Conference will meet at Gordon College in Wenham, MA on June 18-20, 2009. Rev. Adam Hamilton will be the featured speaker, and is currently the pastor at The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas.

If you volunteered to help at Annual Conference 2009 or would like to volunteer, please contact Bonnie Marden at BonMarden@comcast.net. We look forward to hearing from you. As we recruit over 200 volunteers each year, please speak up if we missed you!

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### VIM - Cuba: Team Members Needed!

April 14-26, 2009. Experience a vibrant and emerging Christian community while helping to provide much needed spiritual support. Troy Annual Conference is sponsoring this team that will work to build and/or repair church facilities with a local congregation in Cuba. The team also will participate in worship and Bible study with that local church. Biggest qualification? Willingness to help! Two team members are urgently needed. Contact team leaders Tom and Judy Bonds, Jonesville UMC, at (518)371-1547 or bondsjt@gmail.com.

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### New England Conference Scholarship Application Packet Available:

It is that time of year again for all the graduating high school senior and college students to apply for a New England Conference Scholarship. The application submission deadline is May 1, 2009. The application packet for a New England Conference Scholarship is now available online at the conference website at [http://www.neumc.org/forms\\_find.asp](http://www.neumc.org/forms_find.asp) (search on scholarship).

Eligibility is limited to members of the United Methodist churches within the bounds of the New England Conference, high school graduates, and all those seeking assistance for education beyond high school (undergraduate college, technical, or trade school) but NOT on a post-graduate level.

If further information is needed, contact Paul Carlotto, Chair Scholarship Committee, at [p.carlotto@verizon.net](mailto:p.carlotto@verizon.net) or call (978) 372-4374.

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### Bishop's Day on Passionate Spirituality II

Thursday, March 19, 2009 from 9 AM-3:45 PM  
Rolling Ridge Conference & Retreat Center in North Andover, MA

This event for clergy and lay persons explores the relationship between passionate spirituality and passionate proclamation. Workshops will focus on ways to deepen corporate worship experiences and personal spiritual practices. Opening worship with Bishop Weaver will focus on the theme "Spirit Speak" as an introduction to the day focused on the implications of spiritual

vitality for lives that transformationally "speak" the Gospel. For a detailed schedule and workshop descriptions, go to [www.rollingridge.org](http://www.rollingridge.org). Early registration is \$40; after March 5th registration is \$50. To register, go to [www.rollingridge.org](http://www.rollingridge.org) or call 978-682-8815.

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### Living Faith, Seeking Justice:

#### Reclaiming Social Holiness for United Methodists

The New England Church & Society Committee is holding a 2-day event and training on Friday March 27 and Saturday March 28, 2009, at First United Methodist Church in North Andover, MA, with keynote speaker Tex Sample, Professor Emeritus of Church and Society at the Saint Paul School of Theology.

The event is designed to:

- Rekindle the movement of social holiness for United Methodists
- Connect those who are passionate about moving the church into the ministry of peace and justice
- Resource individuals and congregations toward the ministry of social justice in their context

Included in the workshop choices are:

- Faith Based Community Organizing, Rev. John Mueller
  - Green Church: Doing Environmental Justice in local churches, Valerie Bell
  - Justice in Rural Communities/Migrant Worker Justice
  - Addiction and Prevention Ministry, Phil McClintock
  - Introduction to the Social Principles and Use in the Local Church, Willard Robinson
  - Connecting with General Board of Church and Society, Rev. Neal Christie, Assistant General Secretary of GBCS
  - Just Faith: a ecumenical curriculum for faith, spirituality, and social justice in a world wounded by poverty, Rev. Clayton Childers, Director of Annual Conference Relations of GBCS
- ...And more!

Full Registration Fee (including Friday dinner and Saturday lunch): \$40 per person.

Saturday Only Registration (lunch included): \$30 per person

Please send your registration to the registrar: Willard Robinson at 191 Summer St., Andover, MA 01810-1825 or email at

[ET2Robinson@verizon.net](mailto:ET2Robinson@verizon.net). Please write the check to NEUMC-church and society.

Visit [www.neumc.org/livingfaith](http://www.neumc.org/livingfaith) for more information.

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### Upcoming Faith & Money Event-March 28:

The United Methodist Foundation of New England (UMFNE) will hold the next session of Faith & Money, a day long stewardship event, at Grace UMC in St. Johnsbury, Vermont on March 28, 2009. To register call Bonnie Marden at 1-800-595-4347 X106.

# March Worship

## Service Team:

If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at: (401) 245-2385.

### March 1, 2009

Ushers: Ben & Mishell Middleton  
Scripture Reader: Sr. High Youth Group  
Communion Steward: Jean-Marie Josephson  
Nursery: *Volunteer Needed!*

### March 8, 2009

Liturgist: Phil Viall  
Ushers: De Feldman & *One Volunteer Needed!*  
Nursery: *Volunteer Needed!*

### March 15, 2009

Liturgist: Phil Viall  
Ushers: Eileen Miller & Jane Andrews  
Nursery: *Volunteer Needed!*

### March 22, 2009

Liturgist: Phil Viall  
Ushers: Ben Conway & Emma Conway  
Nursery: *Volunteer Needed!*

### March 29, 2009

Liturgist: Phil Viall  
Ushers: Peter Harrington & Debbie Humm  
Nursery: *Volunteer Needed!*

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*My Dear Church Family,*



*Thank you all for the surprise Baby Shower on February 8th! I still can't figure out how your all kept it a secret, but I will be indebted to your generosity forever. "Little Lu"*

*is so blessed to be brought into such a community of love! Thank you from the bottom of my heart....*

*God Bless,  
Regina Blount*

# **Prayer List - February Requests**



## SURGERIES:

- Ellie (Lillian Cost's neice)- surgery; home and recovering
- Sydney Renfret- 3 yr. old recovering from ear surgery
- Nancy Massey- home recovering from surgery
- Shandra Texeira- surgery; home and recovering

## ILLNESS:

- Nancy Graves- heart attack
- Sue (Marge Porier's sister-in-law)- infection
- Ruth McVay- broken wrist
- Joan (Thelma Furtado's friend)- cancer
- Larry Robertson- Alzheimer's; candidate/patient for new experimental drug
- Raymond Payson (Luther's Uncle)- crushed vertebrae
- Lydea Irwin (McVay's granddaughter)- blood transfusions
- Ken McVay- pneumonia; now home again
- Cheryl Gherardini- broken ankle
- Geoffrey Reilly, Jr.- broken foot; surgery
- Irma (Eileen Miller's mother-in-law)- was in hospital, now home and recovering

## CELEBRATING LIFE ETERNAL:

- Ardeen Burgess
- Carolyn Dufresne
- Ira Sturm
- Heidi Fitz
- Frank Mello

## GENERAL PRAYERS:

- Susanne Hoder- work with Palestinian justice issues
- For all who are homeless and in the cold
- Families of those in plane crash
- Jean-Marie Josephson's father- loss of wife and coping with living alone
- Youth & Chaperones on Mission Trip



## Welcoming Word

March 2009

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Rev. Charles A. Bark, Jr.

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### Office Hours:

Monday — Friday: 7—11 am

### Sunday Worship Services:

Prayer & Praise Worship Service 8:15 am

Worship Service 10:15 am

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*“By the grace of God I am what I am,  
and his grace toward me was not in vain;  
But I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I,  
but the grace of God was with me.”*

*-1 Corinthians 15:10 NKJV*