

THE FAMILY VISITOR



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OLD SOUTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

READING, MASSACHUSETTS



Hunger Weekend

On May 16-17, youth in grades 6-12 will be taking part in a weekend experience to learn first-hand about hunger and raise money to make a difference. This year we are supporting Heifer International with the funds we raise. Please consider making a donation and supporting the youth with your prayers. If you're interested in participating or helping out, talk to Rev. Carol.



Yard Sale & Craft Fair

Save the date and your stuff as we are preparing for a huge sale event on Saturday, May 31, to help the church meet its summer expenses. Items can be dropped off at the church the week prior to the sale, so please set them aside as you do your Spring cleaning. We will also have a place to sell home-made items such as quilts, pottery, woodworking, paintings, homemade breads or jams, etc, so get those creative juices flowing. If you are interested in helping with the sale, please let the church office know.



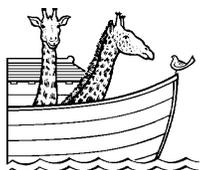
Newcomers Gathering

Newcomers are invited for supper at the Baker Road parsonage on Sunday evening, May 4th from 5-7pm for an informal time to get better acquainted with other newcomers as well as have the opportunity to meet some long timers from Old South. Families are encouraged to bring everyone along. Child friendly fare will be included. Just let Rev. Jan know how many people will be coming. (The parsonage is located at 32 Baker Road, off Pearl Street opposite the entrance to the Forest Glenn Cemetery in Reading.)



New Members/Inquirers Meet

All those who are interested in exploring membership at Old South UMC and/or who are interested in knowing more about the people called "United Methodist" are invited to attend two gatherings on Sundays May 18th and June 1st from 11:30am to 12:30pm in the parlor. Lunch will be provided and child care will be available for those who would like it. RSVP to one of the pastors or the church office. New members will be received into membership on Sunday, June 22nd.



Vacation Bible School is Coming!

While you're making your Summer plans, be sure to carve out the first week of August (4th-8th) for Vacation Bible School at Old South. VBS is one of the best ways to connect kids with God's love and this year's theme, Weird Animals, is designed to do just that. Part of the curriculum includes videos of real kids sharing about overcoming challenges that might make them feel weird, such as autism, cancer, and bullying. Kids will learn that God made them special and loves them even when they feel different. Our program will be for children in preschool through 5th grade, and we will need plenty of helpers including youth and adults of all ages. The cost will be \$25 for the week with scholarships available. Visit our website for more info and let Pastor Carol know if you're interested in helping.

Food Pantry News

In May, the food pantry is collecting Jello gelatin and puddings (reg. & sugar free), brownie and cake mix, coffee (regular, decaf, and instant), tea (regular, decaf, and herbal). Clean plastic bags are also needed. Monetary donations can be left in the church office marked "Reading Food Pantry." Thank You!

If you're on Facebook be sure to "Like" the Reading Food Pantry page at <https://www.facebook.com/ReadingFoodPantry>. We're sharing weekly wish lists, food pantry news and photos, and other community information. Please help us spread the word about the food pantry's mission and needs by liking and sharing our page! Thank you.

Acolyte Outing

To thank our acolytes for their faithful service in worship, we will be taking them to Sky Zone on the afternoon of May 10th for some active fun. Please be sure to thank our acolytes when you see them for the terrific job they do!

Book Club

"PLAIN AND SIMPLE" by Sue Bender is our book for this month. It is the story about a woman's deep interest in the Amish culture. We will meet on Thursday, May 22, at the home of Nancy White at 9:30 for our annual outing and lunch.

Camp Aldersgate Summer Programs

Did you know there's a United Methodist camp within a 90 minute drive that offers a variety of summer programs? From teddy bear camp for 7 & 8 year-olds to a performing arts camp for ages 8-18, Camp Aldersgate offers quality programs for just about any kids/youth. They also have some of the best-trained staff of any camp in New England and a variety of pricing options to ensure anyone can attend. We also have scholarships available here at Old South. Contact Rev. Carol for more information or visit campaldersgate.com.

**Deadline for the June Family Visitor:
May 10**

If possible, please send by e-mail to:
office@oldsouthumc.org Thank you!

A Month of Sundays: Resurrection Stories

Inspiring speakers tell their stories

May 4 - The Sacrament of Holy Communion:

I Will Take The Cup of Freedom

Native American Ministries Sunday

Psalm 121; Nehemiah 9:9-15

Recovery from Addiction: guest speakers Hugh O'Connor, member of the Down East Maine Mission Team and Neil Sullivan, alumni of Number 16 in Wakefield and Director of Cross Keys in Wenham

May 11 - Festival of the Christian Home

Psalm 84; John 14:1-14, 15-21, 18-28

Homelessness: guest speaker Bridget Shaheen, Executive Director of Lazarus House, Lawrence

May 18 - Genesis 32:24-32; Mark 24b-34

Illness: guest speaker Will Lautzenheiser

May 25 - Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 146

Freedom from Sexual Abuse/Domestic Violence

June 1 - The Sacrament of Holy Communion:

I Will Take The Cup of Freedom

Music Appreciation Sunday

Romans 15:4-7; Philippians 4:4-9

Challenges of Mental Illness:
guest speaker Barbara Austin

We Have Gone Green!

To help us become more earth friendly, the Family Visitor is no longer sent out in bulk. This will reduce time, energy, production, and postage costs. The Family Visitor is linked to our website and is always available online by the first of each month. Just go to oldsouthumc.org and click on News & Events!

If you would like the Family Visitor emailed to you directly, please be sure that the church office has your current email address. Send your request to: office@oldsouthumc.org

For those without internet access, copies will always be available on Sunday mornings in the vestry or in the church office during the week. If you're not able to pick up a copy, please call the church office at 781-944-2636. Our homebound members will receive the Family Visitor by First Class mail.

Resurrection Stories

“The story of Easter is the story of God’s wonderful window of divine surprise” Carl Knudsen



This Easter Season we are using ideas from the Worship Design Studio that help us focus on the power of the resurrection all around us...*The Easter Season is a time of celebrating all the ways in which resurrection is possible in our lives. We can be in need of rising out of the depths of imprisonment, addiction, illness and oppression-not just physically and literally, but also spiritually. What holds us back from the joy of life? What binds us, keeping us from the fullness of who God created us to be? What keeps us down? Join us for powerful testimonies – Resurrection Stories – from those who have found “resurrection” in their lives. It just might inspire you to your own rising up.*

Join us for “Resurrection from Addiction” on May 4th. In twelve-step programs, the first step is admitting powerlessness over anything that threatens to destroy our connection to God, to ourselves and to others. Our guests for this day offer their Resurrection Story of recovery from addiction. We will celebrate the Good News that we can refocus our lives onto things that lead us to life and connection to the Holy.

On May 11th we will explore “Resurrected from Homelessness.” What is it like to literally not have a home, a place to lay your head at night? This week’s Resurrection Story is an amazing story of courage in the face of adversity. But “homelessness” can also mean a sense of not feeling “at home,” lacking a feeling of belonging, feeling alone. So many in this world are isolated. How can we find “home” in the assurance of the presence of God and a beloved community and seek to “be home” as a church of those in need?

May 18th brings a powerful story of being “Resurrected from Illness.” Illness of mind, body, or spirit can sap us of our life passion and energy. Sometimes illness can change the course of our lives forever, asking us to adapt in ways we never imagined. A Resurrection Story of rediscovering a passion for life after a life threatening illness will offer us a different perspective on how we deal with any life-altering situation.

June 1st brings “Resurrection from the Depths.” Mental illness is one of the most devastating and common yet stigmatized maladies of our time. If this is an “Age of Anxiety,” we must be a church of healers and hope-givers. We will hear from a family member who is caregiver for a mentally ill sibling and we will pray for those who deal with various forms and consequences of mental illness and those who care for them.

May 25th brings “Resurrection from Oppression.” This country is made up of so many who escaped to the “promised land” from oppressive regimes. Throughout history people have had to flee situations of horror. Even within our country and in our own time, there are those who live with oppression and fear. We will listen to a Resurrection Story that will widen our understanding of what we must do to continue to work for liberation on so many fronts.

Do you have a Resurrection Story to share? We’d love to hear it. Please let one of the pastors know so you can tell your story. Christ is Risen! Christ is risen, indeed!

Easter Season blessings,
Rev. Jan Smith-Rushton

Music Notes

Hello everyone!

Thank you to all the musicians who sang and played with us for the seasons of Lent and Easter. I am in awe of all the talent we have to offer! Say thank you when you see us!

Chancel Choir:

Cindy Goodwin, Megan Chalek, Paige Montrone, Marcy Nelson, Ruth Oduor, Barbara Austin, Bill Crow, Bill Holloway, John Barnes, Gordon Anderson, and John Barnes

Cherub Choir: directed by Marcy Nelson

Maundy Thursday: Richard & Dana Trismen

Hand Bell Choir:

Betty Rawlins, Charlotte Harlan, Suzy Axelson, Susan Holloway, and Adriana Rawlins

Old South UMC Brass:

Joel Zimmerman, Henry Marcy, Jim Foltz, Charlie Ricci (deceased), Abraham Zimmerman, Laura Lafferty, and Terry Rawlins

Mission Ringers:

Suzy Axelson, Steve Garneau, Ruth Oduor, John Barnes, Logan Montrone, and Charlotte Harlan

Instrumentalists: Megan Chalek (violin), various musicians - rain stick ringers

Music arrangers: Rev. Carol Van Buskirk, Adriana Rawlins, Susan Holloway

Here are a few upcoming events to put on your calendar:

Musician's Appreciation Sunday:

June 1, after church - We will have goodies and a short reception to celebrate the musical offerings of our church.

Old South Organ and Brass late Spring Concert:

You're invited! On Friday evening, May 30 at 7:30pm, The Old South UMC Organ and Brass are presenting their Spring concert. Our program will include pieces by our usual suspects - Bach, Handel, and some more contemporary composers.

Old South Dixie:

No Date Yet..... but stay tuned - we are planning to have the Old South Dixieland players with us in the summer. We'll let everyone know as soon as we have set the date!

REHEARSAL TIMES:

CHANCEL CHOIR: Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:00PM Sundays at 9:00am (8:30AM for those who missed Thursday), Anthems will be scheduled through June 22 (to have special music for Pentecost, Father's Day, and 50 year/new member Sunday).

HAND BELL CHOIR: Rehearsals every Tuesday in the sanctuary at 9:15 AM

OLD SOUTH BRASS AND ORGAN: Our brass quintet rehearses every Wednesday in the sanctuary at 7:30PM

CHERUB CHOIR: Rehearsals every Sunday in the parlor with Marcy Nelson at 11:00AM

REMEMBER TO CHECK THE CHURCH WEBSITE AND CALENDAR
FOR UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.





Earthquakes in Nicaragua

After two earthquakes recently near the capital city of Managua, Nicaragua was hit again in April with another strong quake and dozens of smaller tremors. News reports say there has been some damage to houses and buildings, but not widespread, and there have been few reports of injuries. While the physical damage may not be widespread, the amount and frequency of the quakes can cause much anxiety. Please pray for the safety of the people of Nicaragua, our covenant and ministry partners, and UMC missionary Dr. Belinda Forbes and her family. Updates from UMCOR will be distributed as they become available. In the meantime, there is an UMCOR Advance for Central America disaster relief: Advance 501300.

Violence in Kansas

Please pray for the communities of Overland, Kansas and the surrounding areas in the wake of the shootings which killed two people at the Jewish Community Center and another one at Village Shalom, an assisted living facility. We have learned that two of the victims were members of the Church of Resurrection in Leawood, KS, where Rev. Adam Hamilton is the senior pastor. We grieve for the families of the victims, and pray that our communities, nation, and world may find ways toward healing and wholeness, where violence and hate have no place.

Continuing Tensions in Ukraine

The situation in the Ukraine continues to be tense and controversial. Please pray for de-escalation of the tensions in the region, for peace for the people of the Ukraine, and for the wisdom and hearts of the leaders.

Boston Marathon

On this first anniversary of the Boston Marathon bombings, please pray anew for the victims and their families, for the City of Boston and for the global community which is so beautifully represented in the Marathon event. Pray for the remembrances and memorials of this one year anniversary and for the resiliency of our spirits and work to build safe, peaceful communities.

Save the Date

Wednesday May 21, 2014, 7:30-9:30 PM
The Reading Coalition Against Substance Abuse
is proud to present a feature documentary...

The Anonymous People is a feature documentary about more than 23 million Americans living in long-term recovery from alcohol and other drug addiction. The powerful story is told through the faces and voices of citizens, leaders, public figures, and celebrities who promote open conversation about the realities of addiction and recovery and break down the silencing barriers of shame and social stigma.

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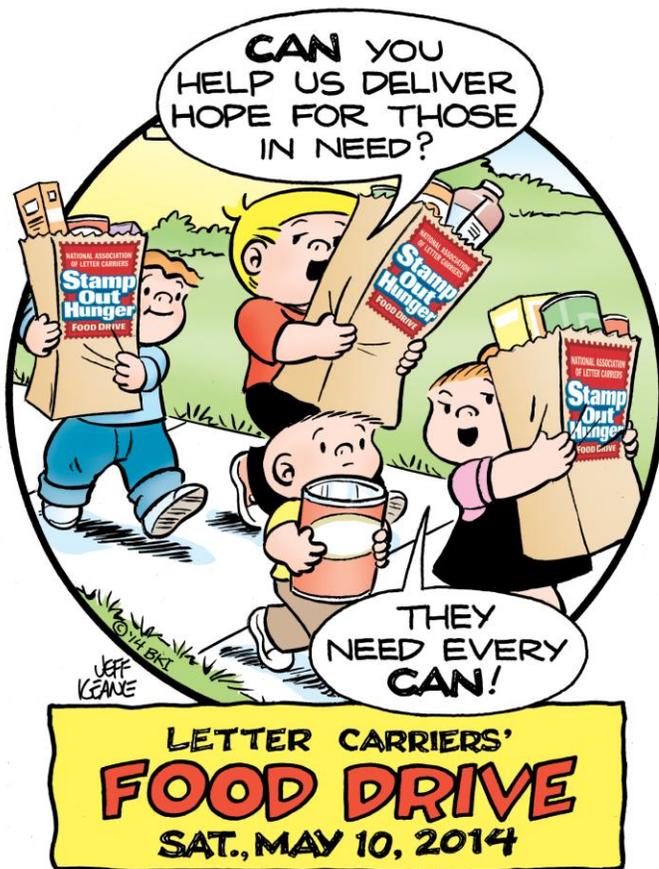
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COST

\$12 per ticket*

*however, no one will be turned away due to financial constraints





Saturday, May 10 is the date for the food drive sponsored by Reading letter carriers.

The Reading Food Pantry needs the following items: coffee (reg. and decaf) also instant coffee, tea (regular, decaf and herbal), cocoa. Canned meats: corned beef or roast beef hash, turkey, ham, spam, chicken. Canned salmon, clams, sardines. Chili, beef stew. Crackers, Saltines, grape and strawberry jelly, juice and juice boxes (100%). Spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce and tomato paste. Diced and stewed tomatoes, creamed corn, spinach, beets. Pancake mix and

syrup. Canola oil, brownie, cake and muffin mixes. Instant brown and white rice, rice pilaf, instant potatoes (flavored, au gratin and scalloped. Kleenex, toilet tissue, paper towels, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, dish and laundry detergent.

We have lots of soup, beans, and dry pasta. Thank you for your support of our ministry to feed those in need in our community.

If your family would like to help sort, store and shelve items on May 10, please call 781-944-8486 and leave your name the number and ages of those in your family and the time frame you can help. Volunteers are needed from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Let's get a team together for
THE DOWN EAST MAINE MISSION TRIP,
August 10-16, 2014**



Washington Co., Maine (in Down East, or far northeastern, Maine) is the most economically oppressed region in New England, with up to 68% of families living beneath the poverty line. The United Methodist missions are centered in East Machias. Groups who come to work, stay at the Jacksonville United Methodist Campground which has quaint summer cabins with running water and kitchenettes, a lake for swimming, and marked nature trails.

Migrant Ministry is done seasonally mid-July to mid-September to serve the 9,000-12,000 mainly Hispanic and Native American workers who come to rake blueberries. Ministry is done generally in the evenings, after the work day, and may include packing and delivering personal care items, blankets, and Bibles, and participating in worship services in the worker camps. During the workday, ministry opportunities are two: Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a community housing rehab program assisting elderly, disabled, and low-income residents of the region. Volunteers with this ministry may paint, do plumbing, electrical wiring, insulation, carpentry, or roofing. In addition, the Jacksonville UM Campground itself is in need of rehab and restoration. Groups may stay at the campground and help with various improvement projects.

The Old South mission team pairs with the Aldersgate team for this trip. We plan to leave after being blessed in church on Aug. 10, and return Saturday, Aug. 16. Last year's costs were \$40/person (prorated for kids or partial week,) for groceries and \$85/person campground fee (prorated for kids) to be given to the campground manager up in Maine the week of the trip. We do not anticipate that they will be significantly different.

We are planning an "Interested Parties Information lunch in June." We will keep everyone posted when the date is set. Please get in touch with Susan Holloway if you are interested.

Farmer Dave's



Now it is really feeling like spring. The grass is quickly getting green. The apple buds are beginning to swell. The garlic is all up out of the ground and reaching for the warmth of the sun. The onions are all planted. The first peas have been seeded. The overwintered spinach is beginning to grow. The first lettuce has been transplanted. Our first ever crop of sorrel is in the field. The greens in the greenhouses are really responding to the warmth and sun. The harvest just keeps getting better. The days are warmer, brighter and longer. The vision of this season's harvest makes the farmer warmer and his smile brighter.

The longer and colder than normal winter is now behind us. The life in the soil was protected from the harsh winter with a near constant snow pack. Now, that soil will spur the growth of the life giving crops we will soon be enjoying. In cultivating the soil to be healthy, we harvest healthy food. Likewise, in cultivating our souls to be healthy we will harvest happiness.

Happy Passover and Happy Easter,

Farmer Dave



Contribute to Rachel's Year of Service

In June, Rachel Vinciguerra, 2014 graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, will embark on a post-grad journey to work at a Haitian orphanage for a year.

Rachel is the proud recipient of the 2014 *Student Humanitarian Award* from Ohio Wesleyan University's Community Service Learning Office. The *Student Humanitarian Award* is awarded each year to one OWU group or individual who is "dedicated to issues of social justice; human rights; disaster relief; projects to relieve suffering; philanthropic efforts to address on-going or immediate un-met needs; or political activism to challenge the status quo." This year, Rachel received the award for her work rebuilding homes in New Orleans; commitment to Big Brothers/ Big Sisters in Delaware, OH; leading and participating in OWU Mission Teams to Fort Bragg, NC, Springfield, MA and New Orleans, LA; and volunteering at an orphanage in Haiti last May.

"After spending a week with the kids last May, I made a commitment to myself to stay involved with the organization. I didn't want my short trip to be a one-time thing, I wanted to be a more significant part of helping *Espwa* achieve its mission in whatever way I could," says Rachel.

In June, Rachel will return to *Espwa*, in Les Cayes, Haiti to stay. Rachel has accepted a position as the Volunteer Coordinator along with one other student, Kelsey Ullom, from OWU. They will spend the year living at the orphanage, organizing volunteer groups, arranging projects for volunteers, maintaining *Espwa's* social media presence, and helping with individual projects that need attention.

Pwoje Espwa houses, feeds, and educates about 500 children every day who live on the complex. An additional 200 children come from the surrounding villages for school every day. *Espwa* aims to educate these children--many of whom were dropped off because their parents were unable to support them. It is *Espwa's* hope that these kids will gain valuable skills during their formative years at *Espwa* to grow into self-sufficient and educated individuals who will be able to make a difference in the restoration of their home country. The complex also offers medical services and safe drinking water for the surrounding communities.

Free the Kids and *Pwoje Espwa* have offered Rachel and Kelsey a small stipend for their positions as well as room and board. Rachel hopes to raise additional funds to cover travel costs and vaccinations/medications. If you would like to contribute to Rachel's year of service, you can either reach out to her directly at rachelv98@yahoo.com or visit her fundraising page (<http://www.gofundme.com/827co8>).

She will be posting about her year on her blog, *The Penniless Traveler* (pennilesstraveler.com). And you can "like" the orphanage itself on facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Free-the-Kids/152455348106442>) to receive updates about the kids and community.

Thank You!



Thanks to all who saved the pull tabs from soda, pet food, soup cans, etc. The Whitney family brought us two 5 gallon pails of pull tabs. Bruce Cameron (Stylecraft) gave us two 156 oz. bottles of pull tabs and with additional donations (1 shopping bag of tabs) from other sources we were able to make a considerable donation to the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund. Funds are used for transporting needy children and their parents to Shriners Hospitals. Thanks to all who donated to this effort. We delivered them to the Wilmington Shriner's Auditorium recently!

Phyllis and Bruce Maxwell

Educational Ministry

Bible Study - Watch for special program details.

Nursery Care - Nursery Coordinator: Amanda Roland and volunteers
Provided on Sunday mornings for infants to age 3 in Room 103 of the Educational Wing from 8:45 through the 10:00 worship service.

Sunday School - Meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00. For age 3 through senior high.

Sunday School Staff

Pre-K: Charlotte Harlan, Kristina Smith, Karen Roscoe, and Lauren Hubbard
Elementary: Holly Stanieich, Jody Donahue, and Paula Perry
Middlers: Jennifer Brickett and Dianne Meyers
High School: Jim Roscoe and Chris Krebs
Parenting Group: rotating leaders

WOW – Worship Our Way for children 4 years to grade 4 meets following the children’s message.

Christian Cooperative Preschool - Infants to pre-K. Meets weekdays 9am-12pm.

Director: Gina Azulay
3 year olds: Eileen McTaggart
Infants: Jessica Aiello
4 year olds: Cindy Petrucci
2 year olds: Donna Bramhall



Opportunities for Nurturing the Body, Mind, and Spirit

Yoga - Gentle Yoga meets Monday nights at 6:00 in the Choir Room with Linda Preston. Each class is \$8.00 and payable to Linda. Newcomers and walk-ins are always welcome.

TOPS - "Take Off Pounds Sensibly" meets in the Youth Room on Wednesdays at 5:30pm.

Julia Circle - 3rd Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Dorcas Circle - 3rd Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Book Club - May 22 - Nancy White's at 9:30 a.m. for annual outing.

Men’s Breakfast - May 18 in the vestry at 8 a.m.

Call church office at 781-944-2636 for more information.



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Our Church Family

Deaths - We extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of Ruth B. Whitney, Colleen Carol Charest, and Martha A. Stebbins.

Memorials - Donations to the *Memorial Fund* have been received in memory of Ruth B. Whitney.

Baptisms - The following children were recently welcomed into the family of God through the Sacrament of Baptism: On March 23rd, Anna Michelle Sweeney, daughter of Paul Sweeney & Kerri Merowski Sweeney; and on April 20th, Hannah Rose Ballou daughter of Dana Ballou & Heather Holbrook Ballou; and Zachary Howard Hagan, son of Robert Hagan & Laura Lehman.

If you are interested in having your child baptized, please speak to one of the pastors.

In Remembrance

The Rev. E. Holt Hughes, IV passed away in March after a long battle with cancer. You may remember him when he served at Old South with Rev. Sweet. Condolences may be sent to his daughters listed below. Memorial gifts may be made to Walk for Hunger/Project Bread. Holt and his daughters participated as a team and walked each year.

Molly Hughes, 198 St. Paul Street, Apt 3
Brookline, MA 02446

Annie Hughes-Lee, St. Andrew's School
63 Federal Road, Barrington RI 02806

Welcome Back!

How nice to have Alex Maio back as our custodian. Shiny clean floors invited us inside the church for our exciting Palm Sunday Service as we followed Egeria (Paula Perry) from in front of the chapel upstairs to worship. Welcome back Alex!

Thank You

Thank you to all who donated food to the Prayer Labyrinth located in Higgins Hall. We hope you had a chance to walk the labyrinth and share your prayers. The food was donated to the Reading Food Pantry and we are grateful for your support. Our thanks also to those who support the food pantry with their gifts and prayers on a regular basis. You help to make our ministry possible.

Phyllis & Bruce Maxwell, Charlotte Harlan
Coordinators, Reading Food Pantry

Prayer Chain

Like the rest of you, we are giving thanks for spring this year, especially after an unusually cold and snowy winter. Let us try to appreciate the flowers, sunny weather, and springtime in general.

If you have any situation that you believe needs prayer at times other than Sunday morning or Wednesday nights please feel free to call on any member of the Old South Prayer Chain: Lois Tulikangas (781)944-9316; Shirley Buzderewicz (781)944-3577; Nancy White (781)944-6269; Liz Barnes (781)944-6907; Jody Donahue (781)944-0819; June Meserve (781)944-9416; Grace Palmer (781)944-4069; or Tina Waldroup (781)246-1054.

Coffee Hour Help for May

May 4 - Marcy Nelson & family, Dorrett Menon

May 11 - Axelson, Fiscus & Osterhout Families

May 18 - Cummings & LaMontagne Families

May 25 - Thomasina Nelson,
Montrone & Heath Families

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**Because
we care...**



If you are hospitalized, please let the church office or one of the pastors know. Also, please list Old South United Methodist Church as your church upon admission.

If you know of someone else in our church family who is in the hospital, please let us know. Contact the church office at 781-944-2636 or office@oldsouthumc.org.

The Old South United Methodist Church is a supportive, accepting, and loving community of believers inspired by the message of Christ to worship God, to grow spiritually, to nurture one another in faith and to serve others at home and abroad.

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