

THE FAMILY VISITOR



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OLD SOUTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday School News

It's that time again – time to launch a new year of Sunday school! We are delighted to have our wonderful teachers returning to explore the Bible with students in preschool through high school. Sunday school will begin on September 14th at 9am, along with a parent meeting in the parlor at the same time to complete registration, discuss important information, and connect with other parents. Our Sunday school classes will be grouped the same as last year:



Pre/K - For age 3 through kindergarten - taught by Charlotte Harlan, Kristina Smith, Karen Roscoe, and Lauren Hubbard

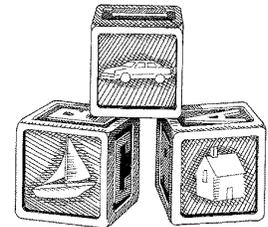
Elementary - For grades 1-4 - taught by Holly Stanieich, Jody Donahue, and Paula Perry

Middlers - For grades 5-7 - taught by Jen Brickett and Dianne Meyers

High School - For grades 8-12 - taught by Jim Roscoe and Chris Krebs

New Group for Moms

We are excited to be starting up a new ministry this fall for moms called MOPS, or Mothers of Preschoolers. MOPS is an international organization with a curriculum designed to support women with children aged 0-5 in their parenting endeavors. MOPS will meet at Old South on the first and third Friday of the month, beginning September 19th, and has already attracted mothers from beyond our church family. If you are interested in being on the leadership team, whether as a current mom of a little one or as an experienced mentor mom, please talk to Pastor Carol. You can also support this new ministry with your prayers!



50 Year Members

On Sunday, June 22, we celebrated 50 Year Member Sunday and were happy to have several of our 50 Year Members in attendance.

Front row:

Dell Spinney, Betty Carter,
Grace Palmer, Nancy White,
Evelyn Bosworth, and Louise Perkins

Second row:

Herb Spinney, Russell Carter,
Bob Nordstrand, Jane Cummings,
Bob Cummings, Bob Meserve,
June Meserve, Ann Cail,
and Bob Lautzenheiser

Back row:

Gordon Anderson, Ron Weston,
Sandy Weston, and Bill Davis

New Staff Member

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is delighted to welcome Stephanie Rossi to our staff as our new Nursery Coordinator. Stephanie is a graduate student in social work with over a decade of experience caring for children. She is fluent in sign language and has experience with children with special needs. Stop by the nursery on a Sunday to welcome her and introduce yourself.

Thank You

Dear Friends at Old South,

Thank you so much for the thoughtful card and the beautiful plant. I have many good memories of my ten years of working at Old South (and CTK and CCP), and it has been nice having you be a part of those memories!

Nancy Chloodian

Youth News

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to a planning meeting in September to set dates and plans for youth activities for the coming school year. If you have a young person in this age range, be sure that Rev. Carol has your contact information so you can stay in the loop.

Upcoming Events

October 4 and 5 - Heifer International Global Harvest Festival 10am to 4pm at the Rutland Farm. \$10.00 per vehicle for tours of the Global Village (see where we stayed in March), hayrides to the pumpkin patch, hands on activities like coffee roasting, digging potatoes, and crafts, meet the farm animals, enjoy an organic farm lunch or bring a picnic to share, workshop on goat milking, cheese making and the Dale Perkins Horse Show.

October 7 - Church Conference with District Superintendent Rene Perez at 7pm.

October 11 - Duck, Duck, Moose Baby Shower for the newest Van Buskirk coming to the Main Street Parsonage.

November 2 from 2-4pm Heifer International Beyond Hunger Communities of Change – Greater Boston. You are invited to celebrate 70 years of Sustainable Family Farming at Hancock UUC, Clarke Hall, 1912 Massachusetts Ave., Lexington, MA. Alternative Gift Market Refreshments grown on the Heifer Farm Animal Exhibits, Activities, and Displays Stories of Heifer's work.

A Month of Sundays - 10am

Child Care provided and W.O.W.
(Worship Our Way for children age 4 - grade 4)

Sept. 7 - In the chapel

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149;
Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Sept. 14 - In the sanctuary

Sunday School Kickoff Blessing of the Backpacks

Exodus 14:19-31;
Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21;
Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Sept. 21 - Christian Education Sunday

Teacher Dedication

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45;
Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Sept. 28 - Leadership Commissioning/Baptism

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16;
Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

Wednesday Worship

Sept. 3rd at 7:00pm in the chapel

Food Pantry News

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!

This month's wish list includes instant coffee (regular & decaf.), canola oil, Kleenex, toilet tissue, granola bars, juice boxes, snack packs of cookies or crackers, mayonnaise, canned meats and fish: chicken, turkey, ham, Spam, chopped clams, and sardines.

Deadline for the October Family Visitor: Sept. 10

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



A Fresh Start

I linger over the last bits of summer, breezes that caress, sunsets golden and layered with salmon and shades of smoke and sky, light rays still peaking above the horizon. I am held in the magnificence of it all long after earth's show has slipped out of sight. Part of me wants to hold on forever. But dancing color twinges on tree tips and bursts of cool, dry energy signal yet-to-be lived dimensions of promise.

The Grand Boys are eager and anxious to take that first school bus ride to a brand new school, to learn with new teachers and make new friends.... They are ready. They can hardly wait!

Their anticipation is contagious. September beckons us into a Fresh Start here at Old South UMC. We have grown over the summer. We are taller and different. There are newcomers to meet; couples, children, babies, and returnees to faith after long absences. Vacation Bible School was a threshold moment for us – an outreach and gift to the community, embraced by the entire worshipping community, and a witness to the empowerment of laity with teens, newcomers, and elders stepping up to teach, lead, feed, and welcome. A Funding Our Ministry (F.O.M.) group was created to help forge a pathway to our future with the seeds of a Vision 20/20 capital campaign. Trustees and Finance have partnered to help us live into becoming better environmental and financial stewards with plans for a conversion to more energy efficient heating.

God is also eager to welcome us into a Fresh Start. In September we will explore and celebrate this gift in worship with a special Backpack Blessing and Zip Prayer for teachers and learners alike, a Church School Kickoff and Parent Orientation meeting, Teacher Dedication, Servant Leader commissioning and Baptism. Opportunities for growing in faith through small groups, New Member Classes, Mothers of Preschoolers Group, and Justice For Our Neighbors will also get their start this month.

Regardless of where you have traveled, habits slipped into or out of, regrets, disappointments, pain, worry, stress, or pressing overloads of life, the invitation for a Fresh Start awaits you. Come and experience the living, forgiving, energizing presence of God-With-Us. Please do join us for worship every week at 10am.

Deep blessings,
Rev. Jan Smith-Rushton

Vacation Bible School Success



Thanks to a terrific crew, we were able to reach 50 children with God's love at Vacation Bible School this summer! The kids had a blast learning about weird animals and discovering how God loves them even when they feel different. We were blessed to have help from volunteers at Aldersgate UMC in North Reading, as well as scenery donated by Trinity Church in North Reading. The kids also gave back by raising over \$150 for Imagine No Malaria. You can see pictures and video

from the week on the church Facebook page. We are already anticipating about twice the registration next summer, so please save the first week of August in your calendars now so you can be part of next year's team.



Music Notes

Hello everyone!

Here is the text to this year's mission ringers song (we sang in it in the church council meeting):



*There's a spirit of love in this place, there's a spirit of love in this place.
You can't see it, but it's there just as precious as the air.
There's a spirit of love in this place.*

*There's a presence of peace in this room, there's a presence of peace in this room.
In God's tenderness is found peace that passes human bounds.
There's a presence of peace in this room.*

*O alleluia, sing alleluia! We bless your holy name.
O alleluia, sing alleluia! There's a spirit of love in this place.*

Here is the upcoming news:

Old South Organ and Brass are in concert for the Reading Street Faire on Sept. 7, at 4:00pm in the chapel.

The **Old South Hand Bell Choir** has been honored with an invitation to ring with the Reading Community Singers for their annual Christmas concert. We will have the music soon to begin practicing. If you'd like join us, now is the time!

Special Christmas Music: We are planning a special Christmas music concert, including all our musical groups, for one of the Sundays in December. We'll keep you posted when the date is final. This is a great time. Come and ring, sing, or otherwise join in!

During the summer: We had lots of great music this summer!

During our summer services, Megan Chalek played some violin solos, Bill Holloway sang some vocal solos, Susan played some organ solos. And... we had great music from our Men's chorus, our Women's chorus, and the Vacation Bible School Singers. Lastly, (but by no means least) we had a piano/sax duet by John Barnes and Logan Montrone, and great substitute playing by Adriana Rawlins.

The Old South Brass and Organ Played a great concert on Friday night, May 30th.

Megan Chalek and Matt Garlin provided wonderful violin and guitar music for our church picnic on August 17th. We also welcomed home the mission team with all of us singing and ringing one of our new mission songs, with words by Charlotte Harlan.

REHEARSAL TIMES:

CHANCEL CHOIR: Rehearsals begin on Thursday, Sept. 4. Regular rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:00PM and Sundays at 9:00am (8:30AM for those who missed Thursday)

HAND BELL CHOIR: Rehearsals every Tuesday in the sanctuary at 7:00PM (This is a new time!)

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.**

Christian Cooperative Preschool

Welcome Back to School! CCP has had a relaxing summer off and we are very excited to get back to school. The teachers have been very busy planning lots of fun and engaging activities for the children, and some of the parents are already making plans for the 'back to school parent social.' We're all looking forward to catching up with old friends and making lots of new ones too. Parent orientation will be held Thursday, Sept 5 at 7pm in the vestry. The first days of school for the children will be Monday and Tuesday, September 8 & 9.

Interested in CCP? You're not too late to sign up. Limited spaces are available in the 3 and 4 year old classes. Please call (781-944-0612) or email (agazulay@gmail.com) CCP director Gina Azulay for more information.



Farm Notes: CSA Participates in Healthy Experiment!



More blueberries and raspberries are ripening this week after their delayed start this year due to the cold spring. Yet, the melons are right on time and might be ready around the same time they were last year. The perennial crops (berries and tree fruits) are delayed due to the cold winter and spring, but some of the later annual crops like the melons are right on time. We started the melons in

the greenhouse and then transplanted them out in to the field to get a jump on the season. Once they were outside in the field in late May, the weather had "normalized" and so the melons know nothing about a cold spring. Nor I am telling them there was one.

Earlier this month we hung our fake apples (fly traps) around the whole perimeter of the apple orchard. Our trapping for this insect pest is part of our experimentation with the University of Massachusetts fruit team. We are collecting data to see how this system of insect control without the use of a pesticide is resulting in much healthier fruit. The data we collect will show how good of a control it is and how it compares to the conventional use of sprays to not have worms in the apples. We are able to conduct this research since our apples are not being wholesaled into the typical food chain. Since one bad apple can spoil the whole barrel, the marketability of an orchard's apple crop can be ruined by just a few little insects.

Luckily, you as a CSA member are involved in this project too. As a member of our fruit share you are supporting our orchard and its ability to experiment with the university in the search of more organic methods to improve the health and safety of our food. With our apples going to the CSA, one apple will not spoil the barrel as long as you are understanding that many of the imperfections in our farm's food is a result of it being healthier for you. The wholesale system that our nation's food system seems to be reliant on has a very very low tolerance for "bad apples," which is understandable for modern commerce. Yet, the reality of nature is that there are very very few truly perfect apples. I say let's get back to reality and engage nature naturally. Instead of trying to completely eliminate bad apples, reduce their numbers to as low as possible and then toss the few bad apples that are left.

To a fruitful season,
Farmer Dave



Congratulations Graduates!

On Sunday June 8th, we honored our high school and college graduates. Some in attendance were Grace Stroman, Logan Montrone, Nathan Perry, Alex Webb, Ryan Trismen, and Scott Allan.

Many thanks to Donna Lancelotte for making the Confirmation/Graduation cake this year. Not only was it beautiful, it was delicious too!



Congratulations to this year's Confirmation Class!

*Brett Allan
Gerald Meuse
Will Meyers
Troy Tully
Jack Wagner
Sam Wagner*

Justice for Our Neighbors Immigration Legal Clinic is coming!



Check out the web site for more information (<http://njfon.org>)

JFON is a national volunteer organization offering free legal services to immigrants concerning immigration issues. Attorneys are trained in immigration law. Volunteers assist with other needs such as hospitality, food, child care, or intake. All services are free.

A new clinic is opening this month at the Woburn UMC, 523 Main Street. Many from Old South and other area UM churches are excited to be part of this important new ministry.

SAVE The DATES if you would like to volunteer for this important ministry.

Training on September 11th begins with a 5:30pm (light supper) and runs from 6 to 9pm at the Woburn UMC. Megan Bowe the National JFON program manager will be leading the volunteer training. All volunteers who participate in the clinic must participate in training. Contact Sylvia Missal at woburn@newenglandjfon.org if you plan to attend this event.

The first clinic is **Thursday September 25 from 5-8 pm** and will meet monthly on the Fourth Thursday of each month except for holiday dates (November 20 and December 18).

Update on Current Immigration Concerns:

Sylvia Missal, Woburn JFON Coordinator has updated us regarding the concerned about what will happen to the unaccompanied minors who have come over the southwest border. Our attorney, Meg Moran, has put her name on a list of attorneys available to represent any such child who ends up in Massachusetts. National JFON sent the request for attorneys willing to be on the list. National JFON is working with other legal, social service, and governmental agencies to try to respond to the need.

Please pray for this new vital ministry and all of the immigrants and refugees seeking safety and a better life.

Justice For Our Neighbors Near and Far – Stand For Peace Sunday, September 7th - Bring your shoes to Stand for Peace

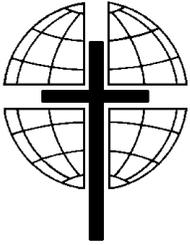
Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar recently sent along a pastoral letter to all the churches mourning the tragic death of an unarmed man in Ferguson, Missouri, and the escalating violent reactions as well as the ongoing violence and killing in Gaza, Syria, Ukraine, Iraq. He included a letter from the Rev. Jay Williams that he addressed to his congregation at Union UMC in Boston last Sunday and I have included some excerpts to ponder.

“Needless to say, this has been a week full of atrocity and sadness. From the suicide death of comedian Robin Williams to the killing of unarmed teenager Michael Brown by a police officer, our hearts and heads ache.amidst ongoing violence in Gaza, Syria, and Ukraine, many of us are shocked and angry and confused. There’s so much that we do not understand about the world...we can’t seem to figure out how to stop the violence, how to stop killing each other. In too many places we are militarizing our streets and our borders in the name of feeling safe. Too frequently we live in fear and too often we act in fear. No, not much of what has happened this week makes much sense to me.

But one thing is clear: we mourn when life is taken—be it by the hands of another or with one’s own.

For many, Thursday was called a “Day of Rage” when protestors took to the streets to demand answers and to demand justice.

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Today—Sunday—must be a “Day of Prayer.” Through the language of prayer, we declare to God our anger, our frustration, and our hope for a better tomorrow. Don’t get me wrong: prayer is action. And it does work. Yes, prayer changes things. I believe that if more people were praying, there would be fewer people harming each other. Prayer is the Christian’s language of protest. So through prayer, we position ourselves to seek justice and transformation in the world.

...While some turn to violence, we witness good people rising-up in peaceful protest, declaring enough is enough. Indeed we are these people who are holding vigils and demonstrations, writing letters and calling for justice to be served. Communities of faith, like Wellspring United Methodist Church near Ferguson, have provided safety and instruction for children when civil unrest caused the school district to cancel classes. It’s reassuring to know that Wellspring and others in the St. Louis area are providing counseling for those who are experiencing trauma in the aftermath of this tragedy.

...To be clear, this is a race matter, because black and brown bodies are being killed at alarming rates. Acknowledging this reality, however, need not divide us. In fact, it ought to call us together in solidarity—across race, religion, and class—in order to stop senseless violence.

...So let us raise our voices. Continue attending vigils and protests until justice is fulfilled. And if ever we encounter someone who threatens to take his or her own life by suicide, call Samaritans Statewide Hotline: 1-877-870-HOPE (4673).

Let us act to seek justice. Let us act to bring hope. And let us begin right now by observing a moment of silence for the victims. A moment of silent prayer for our strength to seek love and justice.”

Here in Reading, I recently received a letter from a resident victim of discrimination and witness to several instances of injustice in our community. She is hopeful the town and churches will join in taking a stand for peace by placing shoes in a visible town spot as a symbolic action right where we live and work and worship.

So I join with our resident victim, Rev. Jay Williams, and our Bishop “to call upon all of us to be in prayer and dialogue with one another as we continue to seek peace and justice with our neighbors near and far, similar and different, as we are all beloved children of God.”

And I am working with the resident victim and the Reading Clergy Association to offer up Old South’s front lawn as the visible spot for the Stand for Peace collection of shoes that will be on display and visible for the Reading Street Faire on Sunday, September 7th. Please bring in shoes (old ones no longer needed) for our collection for the Stand For Peace event and place them in the marked basket in the chapel entrance or place them on the front lawn display on your way into church on Sunday morning, Sept.7th.

If you are interested in assisting with the Stand for Peace project, please let me know.

Blessings and prayers for peace and justice for our neighbors near and far.

Jan Smith-Rushton

Educational Ministry

Bible Study - Watch for special program details.

Nursery Care

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



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 - 4th Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Men’s Breakfast - Sept. 28 at 8:00 a.m. in the back vestry.

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



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People News

We extend our heartfelt Sympathy to the families of: **Gwen Freeman**, wife of William Freeman and Diane Ricci's mother; **Hayward Conant**, cousin of Jane and Bob Cummings; Doris "Jean" Johnson; **Ethel Rodrigues**, sister of Louise Perkins; and **Gladys Cail**, Ann Cail's mother-in-law and Annette Cail's grandmother.

Welcome New Members through Profession of Faith:

Confirmed on June 8

**Brett Allan, Gerry Meuse, Will Meyers,
Troy Tully, Jack Wagner, and Sam Wagner**

Confirmed on June 22

Donna Marie Meuse Lancelotte

Memorials

Donations to the *Memorial Fund* were received in memory of Gwen Freeman.

Baptism

The next date for baptism is Sept. 28. If you are interested in having your child baptized, please speak to Rev. Jan.

To reach us by email...

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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.

You are invited to a

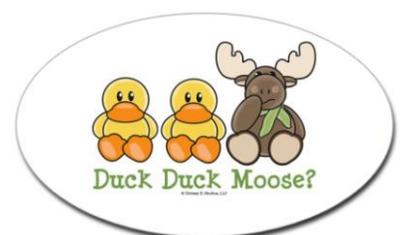
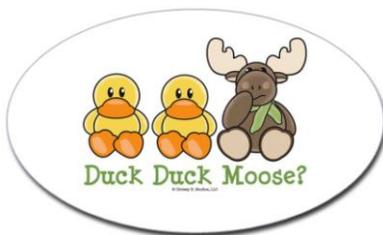
Baby Shower/Gender Reveal Party

for

Carol & Greg Van Buskirk

Saturday, October 11 at 2 pm

At Old South United Methodist Church



They are registered at Babies-R-Us, Amazon.com, and Diaper Lab in Somerville.

Hand-made and hand-me-downs also appreciated.

You may RSVP to Carol Rogerson in the church office:

office@oldsouthumc.org or by calling 781-944-2636

September 2014

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
<p>Every Sunday 8:30AM - Chancel Choir Rehearsal 9AM - Sunday School 10AM - Worship 11AM - Cherub Choir Rehearsal 11AM - Coffee Hour</p>	<p>1 <i>Labor Day ~ Church Office Closed</i></p>	<p>2 9AM-2PM Fall Office Hours Begin 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Food Pantry</p>	<p>3 7:30 PM Brass Rehearsal 7:30 PM Auction Task Group</p>	<p>4 6:00 PM Music Committee 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:30 PM Funding our Ministries</p>	<p>5 10:30 AM Food Pantry 3:00-6:30 PM Farmer Dave</p>	6
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