CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

August 16, 2015

Theme: Acts of the Apostles

Our Covenant

We strive to be a joyful, welcoming
Christian Community.
We seek to be faithful in a world torn by suffering, injustice,
oppression, and war,
We are inspired by God, Christ's ministry, and the examples
of other faithful people.
We join together in worship and song, fellowship, study, and
mission, to embrace the risks and challenges of continuing
Christ's ministry.
We struggle to live out our faith in the world by furthering
justice and peace, witnessing to the truth, and proclaiming
God's love and mercy for all people.

As a covenant community we are committed to the belief that all people are created equal before God. In affirmation of the inclusive love of Christ Jesus, we welcome persons of any race, gender, age, sexual orientation, ability and economic circumstance to full participation in our community life and ministry. We strive to reflect these beliefs in the language and content of our worship and in our lives together.

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Sunday, August 16, 2015 10:00am

Childcare for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers is available in the preschool room downstairs during the service. Children are welcome to enjoy an activity pack today. Please ask an usher for your Worship Pack.

PRELUDE

WORDS OF GREETING Rev. Heike Werder

***OPENING HYMN # 7** *(Black Hymnal)* **All People That on Earth Do Dwell**

OPENING READING "What does Evangelism look like?"
by Diane Roth, Christian Century
June 14, 2013

PRAYER

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

LIGHTING CANDLES FOR JOYS & CONCERNS

MUSIC

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 18: 18:1-8 NT p. 131

SERMON "ευανγγέλιον"
Rev. Heike Werder

HYMN (seated) **# 418** *(Black Hymnal)* **My Faith, It is an Oaken Staff**

PASTORAL PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE **Spirit of the Living God**

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

OFFERTORY

MUSIC

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

***CLOSING HYMN # 400** *(Black Hymnal)* **Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

****You are invited to stand***

- Welcome to all who are here for the first time.
- Please turn off your cell phone before attending the service.
- Please ask an usher if you would like a copy of the sermon. Copies of the sermons are also available on the sermon link at www.needhamucc.org, our church website.

Deacons: Mary Lou Hughes, Stephanie Oddleifson
Altar Guild: Val Kistler
Ushers: Mike Normile, Janet Jankowiak, Bob Everts, Jim Conroy
Flowers: Debbie Wentworth
Flower Delivery: Mary Lou Hughes

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Stuart and Emily Campbell by Blair and Debbie Wentworth.

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Bobby DeRegis, Director of Music Ministries
Valerie Becker, Director of Youth Music
Madelyn Downer, Director of Children & Youth Ministries

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendly Society invites all church women to join/attend it's first meeting of the year, **Thursday, September 10, 1:30 pm, at 1180**. The welcome back program *Memorable People I Have Known/Know* promises to be fun and entertaining as we share stories, letters, pictures, etc. about people famous and not-so-famous who have meaning in our lives. Park in the church lot and follow the signs to our new 1180 building. We'll meet in the dining area beyond the living room. Contact: Joanne Seiden, 781-449-6535, jseiden@basiclink.com if you have questions.

Boiler Replacement Campaign: Make a tax deductible contribution towards the efforts for energy efficiency in our church at 1154 Great Plain Ave. With the addition of our 3 new boilers, we change our heat efficiency from 60% to 96%. With our other energy saving efforts, we hope to reduce our carbon footprint 25% by 2020! We have the potential to save $10,000- $15,000 each year! That savings could be used for outreach programs, Sunday school activities, further energy reduction and more! Please donate to defray the costs of the heating system which includes variable speed pumps, thermostats, an energy management system, some flow/check valves and insulation of pipes. Any contributions may be earmarked for the "Boiler Replacement Campaign". Also, if your employer has a matching program, please consider requesting a contribution match from them. Send your contribution to Danielle in the church office.

Summer Music: Our youth music director Valerie Becker will be playing the beautiful Steinway recently donated by Rich and Dana Devereux. Members are encouraged to offer solos and instrumental voluntaries during the service as well. Please contact Valerie Becker at davalvideo@verizon.net if you are interested.

"Lay Leadership" Web Page: We have a new Lay Leadership page on the Needham UCC web site. The page lists all church officers, all members of the five elected church committees, and many of the other church teams and committees with contact information. To reach the Lay Leadership page from the Needham UCC home page, click on "Contact Us" at the upper right, just above the pictures, then on "Lay Leadership" on the page that comes up.

Registration for the 2015/2016 school year at The Center is now open: The Center is an after school drop-in program for 6th (and returning 7th/8th) graders. With staff supervision, we hope that youth grow in confidence and respect for themselves and others, develop lasting friendships, learn to make positive choices, and pursue new interests. For more information, visit www.myyouthcenter.org or call 781-453-4078 or email info@myyouthcenter.org

LED Bulb Donations to Continue: If you are out shopping for energy efficient LED bulbs for your home, please consider purchasing one or two for the church. Please leave bulbs in the donation box located near the mailboxes in the church office. Here is a list of what is needed for the church:
14 12W (800-1100 lumens) A-21 lamps
45 8W (450-800 lumens) A-19 lamps
30 8W (450-800 lumens) G25 lamps

All of the lamps should have a temperature of 2700K which will provide warmer light. Check out the EMT bulletin board for more information about LED bulbs.

Volunteer Opportunity for Baby Basics: Driver(s) needed to pick up/drop off diapers
When: Pick up diapers first Mon. of the month & deliver to So. Boston by 5 pm.
Where: Pick up from BJ's in Weymouth and deliver them to the South Boston Community Health Center in South Boston.
How often: Once a month
What's needed: A car/truck/van large enough to fit 15+# of cases of diapers. (If you're not sure how many you can fit, give us a call and we can talk about it.) The staff @ BJ's and the SBCHC usually help w/loading/unloading of diapers but volunteers should be able to move them independently if needed.
Why: We rely on our diaper drivers to pick up/deliver the diapers so that we can provide these free diapers to our working, low-income families. We are growing our program so need more volunteers.
Interested in helping? Contact Amy Millay @ 617-840-6060. Thanks!

Your Legacy?: Have you considered leaving the church in your will? For more information contact Len Chang. adelennig@verizon.net. Thanks for considering this important way to light the path for others who follow.

Adult Bible Study, Sunday's @ 11:30 Conference Room: Sunday Bible Study will resume on September 13th. For more information please contact Sunu Yeh at dormouse99@gmail.com.

Friendly Chimers: Friendly Chimers invites anyone interested in a fun, hands-on musical experience to join them in their rehearsals, in the sanctuary. Prerequisites: be able to keep time, enjoy being in a group. For information, contact Joanne Seiden 781-449-6535; jseiden@basiclink.com.

The Furniture Team needs your help. The church has lots of wonderful new space to furnish and put to work for church programs. Monetary and in-kind donations are welcome: **MOST WANTED FURNITURE LIST:** Two large conference tables and chairs, Nichols & Stone college arm chairs, Pair of modern upholstered chairs, Pair of traditional upholstered chairs, Loveseat, Coffee table and side table, FIVE 60" round folding tables,

Items must be in very good condition. Upholstered pieces can be in need of slipcovers. Please contact Judi Stewart at jmgstewart@verizon.net with photos and dimensions or call 781-449-3999. The furniture team would like to look at all furniture prior to donation.

CALENDAR August 16th—September 13th

Sunday, August 16th	10:00 am	Worship Service, *Chapel*
Sunday, August 23rd	10:00 am	Worship Service, *Chapel*
Sunday, August 30th	10:00 am	Worship Service, *Chapel*
Tuesday, Sept. 1st	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Community Dinner, *Linden Hall* Deacon's Meeting, *Library*
Wed., Sept. 2nd	7:00 pm	Youth Committee
Sunday, Sept. 6th	10:00 am	Worship Service, *Chapel*
Monday, Sept. 7th **Labor Day**		Office Closed
Thursday, Sept. 10th	12:00 pm 1:30 pm	Lunch with Heike Friendly Society Meeting, *1180 Great Plain*
Sunday, Sept. 13th **Communion** **&** **Welcome Back Sunday**	10:00 am 11:30 am	Worship Service, *Sanctuary* Bible Study, *Conference Room*