



# CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

September 6, 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.*



Sunday, September 6, 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**

**\*OPENING HYMN # 406** (*Red Hymnal*)

**Forth in Thy Name,  
O Lord, I Go**

**OPENING READING**

**PRAYER**

*Silent Prayer*

*Lord's Prayer*

**LIGHTING CANDLES FOR JOYS & CONCERNS**

**MUSIC**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Romans 12: 9-21 N.T. p. 152

**SERMON**

“Labors of Love”  
Rev. Heike Werder

## 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 # 409** *(Red Hymnal)*

**Jesus, Thou Divine  
Companion**

### 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](http://www.needhamucc.org), our church website.

*Deacons:* Sunu Yeh, Kirby Salerno

*Altar Guild:* Diana Conroy

*Ushers:* Jim Leighton, Phil Gotwals, Rich Weitzel, Robert Kennedy

*Flowers:* Chris Arren

*Flower Delivery:* Chris Arren

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Frank and  
Christine Arren.*

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Request for Altar Flower Donation** - Altar flower donations are needed for **Sunday, September 20 and Sunday, September 27**. The cost of the arrangement is \$50.00 with a check payable to The Congregational Church of Needham. You may call the Church office or contact Chris Arren 781-449-4228 or [c\\_arren@yahoo.com](mailto:c_arren@yahoo.com) to receive more details if you are interested in remembering loved ones with flowers on the altar.

**Monthly Luncheons:** Lunches will resume, starting **September 10, 2015**. Please come and join Rev. Heike over a bowl of soup and delicious bread for fellowship and conversation. Lunch will be served at **12 noon at 1180 Great Plain Avenue** in the dining room. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**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](mailto:jseiden@basiclink.com) if you have questions.

**Noah's Ark Preschool:** Noah's Ark Preschool has 2 openings in their Lion class (4/5 year olds-Pre-K) for this fall. If you or someone you know is interested, please visit their website for more details...  
<http://www.noahsarkneedham.org> or contact Ann Lyons at 781.449.2439

**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](mailto:dormouse99@gmail.com).

**Family Promise Metrowest,** From Judy Mongiardo, Network Coordinator- Thank you, Needham Congregational Church! This summer you opened your hearts to the guests of Family Promise Metrowest while they were housed at Fisk United Methodist and First Congregational Churches in Natick, offering them safe shelter, nourishing meals, and gracious hospitality. These gifts free them from worry about sustenance as they engage in education or job training, employment searches, and work diligently to return to sustainable independence. The loving care which FPM Congregations provide is the foundation of our program to homeless families with children. For all who prepared a meal, hosted a dinner, stayed overnight, read to a child, set up rooms, did laundry and more we are ever grateful.

Our next support week is **Nov. 22-28 with First Congregational Church Natick**. There will be 6 Training Sessions this fall if you are interested in becoming

a part of this meaningful program. Please be sure to stop by our table Welcome Back Sunday to learn more. Heidi Wiesel [heidi.wiesel@gmail.com](mailto:heidi.wiesel@gmail.com) or Susan Kirk [susanckirk@comcast.net](mailto:susanckirk@comcast.net)

**KEEP THE PROMISE: AN EVENING OF FOOD TASTING TO BENEFIT FAMILIES WHO ARE HOMELESS: NOVEMBER 7, 2015**

**Hosted by: Temple Shir Tikva, 141 Boston Post Road, Wayland**

**7:00PM - 11:00PM:** Come and enjoy delicious small plate appetizers and delectable desserts from local restaurants. Join our silent and live auction with Comedian Chris Zito and dance the night away with Stacey Peasley and The Grown Ups. Tickets go on sale September 8. Last year's event was sold out. Visit our website to purchase tickets and to learn more about this event , [www.familypromisemetrowest.org](http://www.familypromisemetrowest.org) or call the office at 508-318-4820. Come join the fun and help raise funds and awareness for Family Promise Metrowest and our Day Center Shelter and Transitional Housing Program.

**"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 6<sup>th</sup> (and returning 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>) 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](http://www.myyouthcenter.org) or call 781-453-4078 or email [info@myyouthcenter.org](mailto: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](mailto:adelennig@verizon.net). Thanks for considering this important way to light the path for others who follow.

**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](mailto:jseiden@basiclink.com).

**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.

**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](mailto: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 September 6th—September 20th

Sunday, Sept. 6th	10:00 am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i>
Monday, Sept. 7th <b>Labor Day</b>		Office Closed
Thursday, Sept. 10th	12:00 pm 1:30 pm	Lunch with Heike, <i>1180 Great Plain</i> Friendly Society Meeting, <i>1180 Great Plain</i>
Sunday, Sept. 13th <b>Communion &amp; Welcome Back Sunday</b>	10:00 am 11:30 am 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Youth Group Kick Off Pizza Party Guatemala Partnership Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Monday, Sept. 14th	7:15 pm	EMT Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i>
Wed., Sept. 16th	7:30 pm	Music Team Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i>
Thurs., Sept. 17th	7:00 pm	Youth Committee Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i>
Saturday, Sept. 19th	6:00 pm	Guatemala Partnership Social, <i>Johnson's Home</i>
Sunday, Sept. 20th	8:15 am 10:00 am	Men's Breakfast, <i>Library</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i>