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A Message from Rev. Dr. Susan Cartmell

Sunday Worship In October

Theme:
Vocation

October 5
Call of Jeremiah
Rev. Susan

October 12
Call of Peter
Rev. Susan

October 19
Call of Paul
Rev. Heike

October 26
What kind of
Vocation is this?
To Love our
Enemies?"
*Rev. Professor Brita
Gill-Austern*

VOCATION

The prophet Jeremiah heard God saying to him these words: *Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you;* (Jeremiah 1:5). When Jeremiah was young he heard God calling him to be a prophet. God called him by telling him that God had his eye on Jeremiah since long before he was born. God had given him these gifts and God was hoping that, as he grew, Jeremiah would nurture those gifts in himself.

There is a tribe in East Africa where the people do not mark their birthdays by the moment when they were born. They begin to count their birthdays from the moment that their parents decided to have them. The way that those folks marked that decision was to compose a song for each child. They sang that song throughout all the important moments of the child's life. Every child has its own individual song. These special

songs that delineated and celebrated everyone in the tribe reminded the people that their very lives were God's music in the world.

This month our theme is Vocation. It is a word that some people associate with Roman Catholic priests and nuns. But the word Vocation comes from the Latin root that means "to call". In our church we believe that people are called to serve God in all kinds of ways. We are all given many gifts of intelligence, curiosity, athleticism, musical aptitude and personality. Each of us has skills we have developed and skills still waiting to be acknowledged and explored.

We believe that life is a great set of wonderful chapters in which you invent and re-invent yourself over time. In this month's theme we will be thinking together about what we are called to do and be. We will look at some of the classic stories in the Bible about people who have been called by God. The stories of Bible heroes who heard God's voice offer examples of the

way that God calls each of us to be all that we can be. In preparation for this topic I invite you to read some of these classic examples of people who found their vocation.

- Call of Abraham (Genesis 15:1-6)
- Moses at the Burning Bush (Exodus 3:1-12)
- Call of Samuel (I Samuel 3:1-14)

I will leave you with this poem to ponder as we begin our church-wide conversation on Vocation.



The Summer Day Mary Oliver

Who made the world?
 Who made the swan, and the black bear?
 Who made the grasshopper?
 This grasshopper, I mean-
 the one who has flung herself out of the grass,
 the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,
 who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up
 and down-
 who is gazing around with her enormous and
 complicated eyes.
 Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes
 her face.
 Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.
 I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
 I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down
 into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,
 how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the
 fields,
 which is what I have been doing all day.
 Tell me, what else should I have done?
 Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?
 Tell me, what is it you plan to do
 with your one wild and precious life?

Music Ministry News by Dr. Bobby DeRegis, Director of Music



We have recently had some birthdays to celebrate. Last month we celebrated the birthday of a devoted member of this church and it's chancel choir, Mrs. Doris Cook. A festive celebration with spoken words and song was shared by relatives and church family. It was a most happy and memorable occasion. Last week was the celebration of another devoted member of this church and former pastor of the Allin Congregational Church, Rev. Taylor Roth. We are so fortunate to have Rev. Roth in our congregation as a retired minister, friend, and upstanding member. This past month yet another birthday was celebrated, this one in Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Wilbur Held, fellow and past dean of the Columbus Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, teacher, composer, and church musician celebrated his one hundredth birthday on August 20, 2014.

You may recognize his name from our Sunday order of worship; I play many of Dr. Held's hymn arrangements for preludes. This centenarian is still playing and composing, writing beautifully inspired hymn arrangements and original pieces. I am so grateful to be able to share these wonderful compositions inspired by our hymns of faith at the worship service. I am grateful to Dr. Held, to Rev. Roth, and to Doris Cook for their inspiration and faith, and love of the church. It surely is proof to me how important the church is in our lives, and how it touches the lives of others.

The great master of the organ, J.S. Bach, was a lifetime church musician. His faith was evident in every piece he wrote, from the great preludes and fugues to the various arrangements of hymn tunes. The end of his every composition was inscribed with the Latin words Soli Deo Gloria- to God alone be the glory. May our lives be inspired by these words, and by the lives of other faithful church members.

See you in church!

Noah's Ark Preschool
a place where children grow and learn

Noah's Ark Preschool is in the process of enrolling children for the 2012-2013 school year! We offer priority enrollment to members of the Congregational Church of Needham, as availability exists, now through November 21st. We invite you to call us to receive information about our program and to schedule a time to come in for a tour!



Noah's Ark Preschool was founded in 2001 by a small group of church members and has developed into a thriving school which offers developmentally

appropriate opportunities for children to socialize and learn together. Our current Board of Directors consists of Laurie Davis, President, Rev. Susan Cartmell, Deborah Brennan, Elisabeth Meyi, Susan Miller, Laura Cullen, and Becky Krechting.

We believe in the philosophy that early childhood learning is best promoted through exploration and play. Our primary objective is to foster the cognitive, social, physical, and emotional growth of each child; and in doing so, we strive to instill in our children a confidence and enthusiasm for learning! It would be our privilege to be a part of your child's preschool experience. Please call Frankie or Ann at 781-449-2439, or visit our website at www.noahsarkneedham.org.

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A Sabbatical for Rev. Heike by Rev. Heike Werder, Assoc. Minister

I am very grateful for being able to take a Sabbatical leave, beginning Oct. 3, 2014. I will spend my time away on a number of projects: First and foremost, I am going to plan and organize our trip to Germany. In preparation of the trip I want to put together a few lessons about the medieval church and its secular history so we understand better what we are going to see in Germany.

Secondly, I am planning to learn as much as I can in the area of "Ministry With Boomers", and what we as a church might have to offer to them. I have also signed up for a "Yoga and Fitness" retreat at the Kripalu Institute in October. In November I am going to hear the Dalai Lama who is visiting Boston, and I will attend the MA Women's Conference in Boston on December 4, 2014. And I am very excited to travel to Germany from December 15 to Dec. 29, 2014 celebrating Christmas with my family. I will however come back for two days in November, to help with our Fair.

While I am away, we, the staff and ministers, have made plans for the Thursday lunches and the community dinners to continue, and we have put in place an Adult Education program for most of the Sundays in the fall.

Thank you for allowing me this time of spiritual renewal.



"NEVER TURNING BACK" - COME CELEBRATE 30 YEARS OF OPEN AND AFFIRMING IN MASSACHUSETTS

It's been 30 years since the MA Conference Annual Meeting adopted the first in the nation resolution calling on all churches of the United Church of Christ to be open to and affirming of lesbian, gay and bisexual people. The following year the UCC's General Synod adopted virtually the same resolution and launched the ONA movement. Unfortunately it would take until 2003 for the Synod to adopt a resolution affirming the welcome of transgender people. Our church made an ONA covenant in 2000, becoming ONA church #322. There have now been over 1200 ONA churches designated in the UCC.

To mark this 30-year anniversary, there will be a state-wide celebration on Saturday, November 8, 10am-2pm, at the UCC Congregational Church in Boxborough, MA. "Never Turning Back" will feature the Rev. Ann B. Day, former National Coordinator of the ONA Program, and the Rev. Felix Carrion, former Coordinator of the UCC's StillSpeaking Ministry and leader in Hispanic Ministries in the UCC. The event will include worship, music by Willie Sordillo and friends, lunch and a series of presentations and marketplace offerings from which to choose. Those include LGBTQ Cultural Competency, Transgender Experience, LGBT Asylum, Church of Radical Welcome, Greater Boston PFLAG, Living as an Anti-racist Church, and Supporting LGBTQ Youth through the Alliances of Gay and Lesbian Youth (AGLY).

Share in this invigorating experience. Registration is on the MA Conference UCC website at <http://www.macucc.org/eventdetail/120127> and on Facebook at "Celebrating 30 Years of ONA (<https://www.facebook.com/events/1486393731609929>). An offering will be taken to support the Open and Affirming Coalition of the UCC. This event is presented by the ONA Ministry Team of the MA Conference.



**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 15**

**CRAFT
FAIR**

**9:30AM
TO
3:00PM**

**VILLAGE
FAIR**

Youth Ministry News with Rev. Jamie Klopotoski, Youth Minister

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFO

**Please note: Calendars and registration forms are available at www.needhamucc.org/sundayschool

**ALL kids, new and returning, must have a form filled out. Allergy information is ESPECIALLY important!

**Also, each Sunday School family is asked to sign up for 7 times to teach during the whole year. To sign up, visit: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4faaac2baa8-sunday1>

**Here is some basic information about our programming this year!

Crib/toddler: For infants through 2 years old. Meets at 10am in the nursery.

Preschool: For all preschoolers. Meets at 10am in Preschool Room on lower level.

Grades K-5: The first Sunday of the month is Chapel Sunday, meet in Chapel for Bible Village and then join family for communion in the sanctuary. Other Sundays, start in sanctuary at 10am and then go to Bible Village after the Children's Time. Bible Village starts in the chapel with a song and lesson, and then kids go to a different workshop each week- Art, Cooking, Theater, Story, Games, or Science.



Grades 6-8: Class at 10am in Stevenson Hall. The class plays a game and then watches a clip of a movie, discusses it in relation to the Bible Story, and completes a related project. Movies and bible stories will include: XMen (Abraham and Sarah), Prince of Egypt (Moses), How the Grinch Stole Christmas (Birth of Jesus), Frozen (Esther), The Lego Movie (Holy Week), and Holes (Paul).

Grades 9-12: There is no Youth Lounge this year, but Senior High Youth are invited to volunteer with Sunday School, be an usher or worship assistant, or enjoy worship in the Sanctuary.

Youth Group Info

**Please note: Calendars and registration form are available at www.needhamucc.org/youth

**ALL youth, new and returning, must have a form filled out. Allergy information is ESPECIALLY important!

**Also, each Youth Group family is asked to sign up to chaperone during the whole year. To sign up, visit: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4faaac2baa8-sunday1>

Junior High (Grades 6-8): Meets 5-6:30pm most Sundays in Stevenson Hall for games, discussions, community service, special events and more!

Junior High Youth Group October Calendar:

- October 5: Tie Dye Party, 2:30pm-4:30pm
- October 12: No Youth Group
- October 19: No Youth Group
- October 24: Dinner and Haunted House Set Up, 6pm-9pm
- October 25: Work at Haunted House, 2pm-9pm
- October 26: No Youth Group



Senior High (Grades 9-12): Meets 7-8:30pm most Sundays in Stevenson Hall for games, discussions, community service, special events and more!

Senior High Youth Group October Calendar:

- October 5: Haunted House Prep, 7-8:30pm
- October 12: No Youth Group
- October 18: Senior High Lock-In, 5pm-9am
- October 19: No Youth Group
- October 24: Dinner and Haunted House Set Up, 6pm-9pm
- October 25: Work at Haunted House, 2pm-9pm
- October 26: No Youth Group



HAUNTED HOUSE

**Please consider donating bags of individually wrapped candy (PLEASE NO NUTS & NO PEANUT BUTTER- which means no Reese's, Butterfingers, Snickers, Baby Ruth, Almond Joy, etc)) **



Moderator's Corner with David Dirks, Moderator, Church Board

Planning and activity at the church barely slowed during the summer. The steeple was painted (it looks beautiful!), the roof of the new building was replaced, and preparations continued for the upcoming construction work. Don Libbey deserves special mention for working through the summer with the construction team and on discussions with prospective renters for the new building at 1180 Great Plain Avenue. For my update this month, I wanted to give an update on our emerging 12-month plan for construction. I couldn't be more excited about the coming year.

We will be working this fall to renovate the front area of the new building to make way for administrative offices. We will work on the exterior (removing fencing, building pathways, and creating signage) and on the interior (renovating the offices and the meeting spaces). Not only will this provide us with a functional office suite which provides the clergy and staff a collaborative, comfortable place to work, but it will also free up the center of our main building to allow us to renovate our existing space into something much more open and welcoming.

We hope to begin construction work on the tenant spaces early in 2015. We currently plan to have ParentTalk as a long-term tenant in the building, occupying the "middle" rear of the building. We are also in discussions with a short term tenant for the rear of the building to help raise additional funds while we finalize our own plans.



We hope to finalize plans for renovations to the new building also early in 2015. The plans will include elevators, an open area for the middle upper floor, and other improvements to the main building. Construction for the main building would largely occur next summer and fall.

Last but not least, Keith McClelland presented to the board in September, on behalf of the Chapel Committee, the plans for completing the renovation of the chapel area. Soon we will see new floors, new paint, new chairs... a whole new look for the chapel. The board was enthusiastic about the plans.

Throughout all the improvements to the physical space, church programming has never been more vibrant. Vacation Bible School was a huge success in the summer, with 78 kids registered. The Center has 32 registrants, and Noah's Ark continues to thrive. Reverend Susan and Reverend Jamie will be kicking off the first Alpha Program that has unique programs for adults and for children on September 28th. I am also looking forward to re-convening Leaders Night for committees and teams on October 1.

With everything that's going on, if you have questions, suggestions, or comments please feel free to reach out to the board at board@needhamucc.org.

FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Where all are welcome!

Please mark your calendar with these dates and look for LOCATIONS in the Sunday Bulletins:

Thursday, October 2, 1:30pm

ALL ABOUT BOOKS

Bring a book for a Yankee book swap, share recommendations, and help select a book for discussion in January 2015.

Thursday, November 6, 1:30pm

CHRISTMAS STOCKING WORKSHOP

Led by Betty Peterson, where we chat, sew stockings, and fill them with toys for City Mission.

Wednesday, December 17, 11:30am

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Enjoy Patty Stewart's famous holiday luncheon with everyone welcome to bring a favorite Christmas decoration to share.

Thursday, January 8, 1:30pm

BOOK DISCUSSION

Led by Gail Browne of the group's October selection.

Thursday, February 5, 1:30pm

HOW ARE TOURS AT THE MFA PUT TOGETHER

With a sample of how works of art are presented with you as visitor and Joanne Seiden as guide.

Thursday, March 5, 1:30pm

WHAT HAPPENS ON A FARM

A q & a about Barbara Case's experience on her son's Pennsylvania farm.

The remainder of the 2015 year is TBD. Look for announcements about Friendly Society meetings in weekly Bulletins and monthly FOCUS. Questions can be directed to any of the Steering Committee: Doris Cook, Margie Daganhardt, Joan Dimond, Barbara Lovely, Joanne Seiden, or Patty Stewart. Dues only of \$10.00 will be collected at meetings or can be mailed to Joan Dimond, 180 Main Street, #D-348, Walpole, MA 02081. Checks should be made out to the Friendly Society.



HAUNTED HOUSE AT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM SAT, OCT 25, 5-8PM

It's fun, it's not too scary and it wouldn't be Halloween in Needham without it! The Haunted House at The Congregational Church of Needham is back on Saturday, October 25, 5-8pm, sure to please kids and adults of all ages.

Walk through the haunted halls of the church basement decorated by the Youth Groups and run into scary ghosts and creatures. A party room with a bouncy house, carnival games and food will also be available for fun without the scares.

A donation of \$5 per person is suggested. Tie-dyed pillowcases will also be on sale to use as candy bags for \$5 each. All proceeds help fund the Senior High Youth Group's summer mission trip.



GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP SOCIAL ENJOYED BY ALL

42 friends gathered on Saturday evening, September 20th for the second annual Guatemala Partnership Social. It was great to have the opportunity to have so many friends together who share an interest in the partnership. The group was treated to a wine and cheese tasting provided by Formaggio's and the Urban Grape, followed by a menu of fall refreshments capped by s'mores by the fire pit at Caryl and Dave Johnson's.



Needham Delegates Meet
Their Partner-Family

If you were unable to make it to this event, let us extend our appreciation once again for the all the support the congregation provides to the Guatemala Partnership. During a recent delegation visit, one of the members of the village Scholarship Committee had this to say about the Partnership:

"Many of our children are graduating from high school and beyond, and this is the fruit of the partnership. Some are teachers, accountants, lawyers, engineers, secretaries, and agronomists. On all their behalf, I give thanks for this bond of friendship. May God continue to shine His light on our lives and our communities."

We are thankful for the special friendships that have developed between our communities over the years that have changed the lives of many participants in Santa Maria Tzeja and Needham alike. The success of this partnership would not have been possible without the support of each of you.

On behalf of the whole partnership, thank-you.
~Alan Clayton-Matthews, Bill Garrett, Caryl Johnson, and Brenda Metzler

GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP WEBSITE UPDATED

Please check out our newly updated website at: guatemalapartners.org. You'll find wonderful videos of the August 2014 delegation to Santa Maria Tzeja, including lively marimba music; and ways to become involved, from becoming a partner family to sponsoring a high school student to joining a delegation.

LAST CALL FOR FEBRUARY 2015 DELEGATION (FEBRUARY 11-22, 2015)

Please contact Brenda Metzler ASAP to sign up or request information -- bmetzler7@verizon.net.

News from Outreach

At our last meeting, September 17, 2014, the committee made the following decisions on fund distributions:

- \$ 18,000 Our Church's Wider Mission
- \$ 1,500 Family Promise Metro West
- \$ 1,500 Steps to Success
- \$ 2,000 Needham Community Council

\$ 1,500 VIP of Needham Youth Board (Youth Mentoring program)

SAVE THE DATE

Nov. 1, 2014 from 8-12 noon

Outreach sponsored workday at the Needham Community Farm.



CHURCH RENOVATION NEWS

from Keith McClelland

Our new building at 1180 Great Plain Avenue: There are many efforts in progress to prepare our new building for both church use and rental use. Our efforts in the new administration wing include:

- Receiving appropriate certifications from the town's Board of Health, Building Department, and Fire Department.
- Painting and making minor repairs.
- Upgrading data, telephone, and electric wiring to suit the new use.

Besides that, we are in negotiations with our prospective tenants about the improvements that will be done in the two rental spaces.

Our main building at 1154 Great Plain Avenue: Upgrades and modifications will be starting early in 2015. Planning for this building will resume shortly. The changes are expected to include:

- Accessibility. Reconfigure the parking lot entrance with an elevator connecting both floors.
- Hall. The elevator and the transfer of administration to 1180 Great Plain Avenue will allow the hallway to be reconfigured as a more welcoming space.
- Energy. Our aging oil burners are ready to be replaced by modern natural gas units.



OUR CHAPEL

The 2008 Chapel Transformation project was put on hold when it became clear that we needed a broader Capital Campaign. For a while we thought that we would be moving the Chapel. More recent events, including the purchase of 1180 Great Plain Avenue, have brought transformation of the existing Chapel back to the forefront.

Using targeted donations, mostly held for the purpose since 2008, we will soon be:

- Replacing the temporary black floor with a new hardwood floor. The platforms at the front and rear of the room will be removed to give us a more flexible room.
- Painting walls, woodwork, and ceiling in a more contemporary scheme that coordinates with our stained glass window.
- Upgrading the lighting system.
- Beginning the purchase of dedicated chairs.

Please plan to attend Leader Night October 1. These topics will be discussed; your participation will be sought.





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Men's Breakfast, Sunday October 19th

In October we will focus on the chosen scripture and sermon topic for Oct. 19th. Check your email for details

The Men's Breakfast brings men of all ages and persuasions together in the Library on the 3rd Sunday of the month before worship in honest and lively discussion touching our faith and our lives in today's complex world. We welcome men of all ages and accommodate those with scheduling challenges. Arrive at 8:15 AM for fellowship and breakfast or by 9:00 AM for the discussion.

Contact: John Baldwin (jsbaldwin@comcast.net) or Rob Dunlavey (rob@robd.com) for more information.

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OCTOBER 2014

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thursday	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2 Thursday Lunch	3	4
5 Bible Study Family Promise ALPHA	6 Cancer Support	7 Prayer Shawl Knitters Community Dinner	8	9	10	11
12 Bible Study	13 Church offices closed	14 Family Promise Training	15	16	17	18
19 Bible Study CCC - A Green Walk Around Your Home ALPHA	20 Cancer Support	21	22	23	24	25 Haunted House
26 Bible Study Prof. Brita Gill-Austern ALPHA	27 Cancer Support	28	29	30	31	

FAMILY PROMISE

**with Judy Mongiardo, Network Coordinator
October 5, 11:30am**



We welcome Judy Mongiardo, Network Coordinator For Family Promise Metro West, to our worship service. She will lead an information session about after Worship in Linden Hall. Lunch and childcare will be offered.

Family Promise helps homeless families in the Metro West area. Our church has supported this program for years. We are hoping to increase our volunteer basis as part of our church's outreach activities. Volunteer hours are limited and can work around your schedule. The best aspect of the program is that children are welcome to join in the activities.

On October 14, 2014 Family Promise offers a volunteer training here at our church. Trainings are scheduled every other week in the Metro West area if you cannot make it to the 14th.

Also in October, stop by the informational table in Fellowship Hall after Worship. If you have questions, please contact Susan Kirk and/or Heidi Wiesel who are co-leading our efforts to support Family Promise.

CLIMATE CHANGE CAFE - A GREEN WALK AROUND YOUR HOME WITH LESLIE REICHERT
October 19, 11:30am

Toxic chemicals are everywhere in your home. We'll take a room by room tour and discover those hidden danger. Hosted by the Environmental Ministry Team. Light Refreshments will be served



HOW TO RELATE TO AND VALUE REAL DIFFERENCES
**with Guest Speaker Rev. Professor Brita Gill-Austern
October 26, 11:30am**

We are delighted to welcome back Prof. Brita Gill-Austern of Andover Newton Theological School who will give the sermon and lead us in an Adult Ed class right after Worship. Her sermon will be on "Our Christian Vocation of Loving our Enemies" and her class will be on "How to Relate to and Value Real Differences".

Brita is a pastoral theologian who has a passion for teaching and creating community. As a teacher she loves to engage head and heart. Her academic focus and interest has been around the integration of faith, health and spirituality, the psychology and spirituality of women, ecclesial models of care, the study of depression, and developmental psychology. And we should mention that she was Rev. Heike's favorite



ADULT PROGRAMMING - November 2014

NOVEMBER 2014

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thursday	Fri.	Sat.
						1 Outreach Volunteer Day
2 Bible Study *Alan Clayton-Matthews *ALPHA	3 Cancer Support Group	4 Prayer Shawl Knitters Community Dinner	5	6 Thursday Lunch	7	8
9 Bible Study *Sue Findlay *ALPHA	10 Cancer Support Group	11 Veteran's Day	12	13	14	15 Village Fair
16 Bible Study	17 Cancer Support Group	18	19	20	21	22
23 Bible Study *History of Worship	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
30 Bible Study						

teacher when she went to ANTS.

OUTREACH VOLUNTEER DAY AT NEEDHAM COMMUNITY FARM
November 1st, 8am - noon

THE STATE OF THE US ECONOMY AND LABOR MARKET WITH ALAN CLAYTON MATTHEWS
November 2nd, 11:30am

We are lucky to have in our midst some very fine people. Alan is a professor at Northeastern University and the Director of Quantitative Methods in the School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs. His expertise lies in labor market assessment.

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION WITH SUE FINDLAY
November 9th & December 7, 11:30am

Our own Sue Findlay will lead us in meditation exercises. After a brief introduction to mindfulness, we'll explore several different meditations including: loving-kindness, sitting meditation, and walking meditation. In addition, we'll explore guided imagery and its use in meditation.

HISTORY OF WORSHIP WITH REV. DR. SUSAN CARTMELL
November 23rd, 11:30am

How did Pastors find preaching texts? How did preaching influence architecture in Europe? How did

Worship change in the New World?

Using research from her dissertation, Rev. Susan will talk about how Worship has evolved over the last 2500 years.

BIBLE STUDY
Sunday Group - 11:30 - 12:30 after church - This group will be reading each week to look deeper into the life and teachings of Jesus. For more information, please e-mail Sunu at dormouse99@gmail.com.

THURSDAY LUNCHES
Thursday October 2 and November 6, Noon

Let's Eat Together! Please join us for lunch on May 1st in the library. This is our monthly get together. Our last lunch of the season will be Thursday June 5th. Everyone is welcome!

COMMUNITY DINNER - EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
October 7 & November 8 - 6pm

Everybody is welcome to join us for dinner, not just Baby Basics families and volunteers. If you like to help with dinner prep, set up and clean up, please contact Rev. Heike. Otherwise just come! Dinner starts at 6 pm and ends around 7 pm. Help with clean-up is always appreciated! Our next Community Dinner will be Nov. 8th.