



Disciples of the Earth

At the fall meeting (Oct. 4, 2008) of the Essex/Andover Association, UCC, there will be a discussion about *Green Discipleship*. Our denomination is joining with others across the country, to draw attention to the earth. Recycling and renewing energy are small ways that each of us can participate in green discipleship.

Inside the word discipleship is the concept of discipline. When Jesus invited his students to follow him and learn to walk in The Way of the Spirit, he asked them to be disciplined.

Disciplining our minds and bodies to listen to God, as the first disciples did, is not difficult; but it takes a willingness to be intentional. Here are some ways to intentionally be *Green Disciples*:

1. Recycle every plastic bottle you and your friends use at school, work or sporting events.
2. Walk or bicycle everywhere, whenever possible.
3. Come to church on Sunday mornings and listen for God's voice.
4. Share home cooked meals with neighbors in need.
5. Ring the Steeple Bells before church on Sunday mornings.

The Deacons have agreed to participate in the **"350 Rings Campaign."** Each church, from any denomination that joins the campaign, agrees to ring its steeple bells 350 times before **Nov. 1, 2008** as a sign that **WE LOVE OUR EARTH**. I can say from my experience in my hometown, that hearing the local churches ring their steeple bells during my morning walks is a wonderful reminder that we are all disciples of the earth.

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**WE WILL RING THE
CHURCH BELL
ALL DAY ON
NOVEMBER 1, 2008.
COME TO THE
CHURCH FAIR AND
SILENT AUCTION.
TAKE A TURN RINGING
THE BELL!!!!**

With gratitude for the beauty and the gifts of the earth,
Rev. Laura

October Worship Themes

October 5

**Neighbors In Need/World Communion/
Cross-generation worship**

Scripture:

Exodus 20: 1-4

Matt 21:33-46

Sermon: *Wisdom for the Way*

October 12 Columbus Day Weekend

Scripture:

Philippians 4:1-9

Matt 22:1-14

Sermon: *Faith in an Unstable World*

October 19 Stewardship Launch

Scripture:

Psalm 96:1-9

Matt 22:15-22

October 26 Baptism

Scripture:

Psalm 1:1-3

Matt 22:34-46

Sermon: *The most important question*



Mid-Week Pause Begins October 7

Some members of the congregation believe that it is a long stretch of time between Sundays to be without an opportunity to be with

others in church for reflection, prayer, or worship on our journeys with Christ. In response to this, starting **October, 7** a half hour will be devoted each week on Tuesdays in the Bride's Room from **5:45pm to 6:15pm** for an informal service, the *Midweek Pause*. It will consist of a hymn or two, scripture readings by those present, a silent time for meditation followed by communion served by Rev. Laura. For those who care to meditate in silence beforehand, soft chants will be played from 5:30 to 5:45. The time, content and order of service may evolve in response to the wishes of those who are attending. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Rev. Laura, Bill Peebles or me. Hope to see you there.

Peace and Blessings,
Carl Wathne

From the Deacon's Desks

The deacons gathered at the Karam's lovely home on Sept 23, after a brief summer hiatus, to break some bread before getting back to work. Thank you Jean! We are looking forward this year to Ross Peterson joining us as our junior deacon.

The deacons on duty for the month of October are Denise Turner and Jim Dillon.

Some exciting things to look for this fall will include the "Mid-Week Pause". Beginning on Tuesday October 7, we will be offering a 2nd chance to gather and reflect each week between 5:30 and 6:15 in the evening. The reflection will take place in what was formerly know as the Brides Room. Hope to see you there!

We will also be offering communion at home, to shut ins following church services on the first Sunday of each month. If you or someone you know would like to participate, please let us know.

As we will soon be in the count down to the holiday seasons, and the years end, there will be many more exciting events to look forward to. We'll keep you posted!
Yours in Christ,
Denise Turner

In These Times.....

"This week, with the news of the U.S. financial crisis dominating the headlines, the United Nations General Assembly opened its annual meeting. The threat to the entire global economy has created alarm and fear that those in poverty, both in the U.S. and around the world, will be left behind and forgotten. World leaders, including U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, expressed deep concern that the crisis would threaten efforts to fight global poverty. On today's U.N. agenda is a review of the Millennium Development Goals to be achieved by 2015. This ambitious agenda includes cutting global poverty in half, reducing infant mortality, reducing the ratio of women dying in childbirth, ensuring primary education, promoting gender equality, combating HIV/AIDS and malaria, and a setting of benchmarks for environmental sustainability and development." *Jim Wallis, Sept. 25, 08*



Church Picture Directory Sign-Up

We are happy to announce that we will be producing a picture directory of our congregation through Olin Mills Photography. The directory will help everyone connect names with faces. Please participate in this exciting event! Each family, or household, that has their picture taken by the photographer and meets with the Portrait Consultant, will receive a complimentary directory and an 8" X 10" Custom Color Portrait. **No purchase is required.** Any additional Olan Mills portraits will be available for purchase. Please sign up as soon as possible to reserve the appointment that best fits your schedule!

Photo Sessions:

Dates:

Wednesday, November 5

Thursday November 6

Times: 3:00pm-9:30pm (45 minute slots)

Location: Tabernacle Church Bigelow Room

Sign Up:

Sign up is now available in the Bigelow Room, you may sign up on Sundays or any time during the week. If you have any questions, please contact Rossana Francis @ 617-839-1092 or email FerranteEsq.@aol.com.

Women's Nite Out Meets Again!

Join Rev. Biddle and the women of Tabernacle on Monday, **November 17 at 6:30pm** at the home of Holly Fulton, 116 Margin Street in Peabody. Bring a dish to share while we watch the documentary "Traces of the Trade". RSVP to Liz in the church office. See you there!!!!

Christian Education Calendar Items

Christian Education Action Group meeting has been changed from October 2 to October 1. The Haunted Happenings Parade is Thursday, October 2. All city schools participate in this fun family event.

Teachers' Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 9 at 7:30 PM. Come get your materials and schedules for October through December.

JYF meets on Sunday, October 12, 3:30 PM at the church. Leaders are John Hauber and Betsey Bennett. We will be going to the Corn Maze at Connors Farm. Cost is \$8.00 per person. Permission slips are required for this event.



On Sunday, October 26, **JYF** will present their annual Haunted House as a fund raiser for their Learn to Serve trip in February. Set up will begin at 3:00 PM. Tours will begin at 4:30 PM and end at 6:30 PM. Cost to attend our Haunted House is \$2.00. Come have a scary time and eat some treats. We recommend this event for those in 3rd grade and older.

PYF for grades 3 – 5 will go to the Corn Maze at Connor's Farm in Danvers on Tuesday, October 14. Plan to meet at the church at 4 PM. Cost is \$8.00 per person. Leaders are Tania Skeffington and Mary Reardon. Permission slips are available in Sunday school or by asking Tania, Mary or Betsey Bennett.



From the CE Director

Greetings and Salutations!

Last week the Sunday school classes participated in an educational unit

concerning the sacrament of communion.

“Communion, a visible sign of an inward grace, a sign of God’s love in Jesus Christ, is a central act of worship. By participating in Communion a child, as well as youth and adults, experiences being accepted in the community of believers. Gathering around the Table of the Lord which is a symbol of God’ abundant and everlasting love, nurtures and strengthens our children.” (From *Communion with your Child*)

There were several activity centers that allowed the students to experience communion as Tabernacle celebrates it. They learned to pass the silver service and what to say to each other. They learned how to proceed forward during the Intinction celebration. They made their own cups (Holy Grails) under Kayla Bentas’ watchful hands using Model Magic. They gathered to hear each other read about the many meanings of Communion as a meal. Each family took home a booklet by Bette Anne Crowell, *Communion with your Child*. If you did not receive a copy, please ask Betsey Bennett.

Tabernacle Church and the United Church of Christ encourage parents to bring their children to the welcome table – not our table, but God’s table. Parents may decide whether their children will participate in the sacrament of communion. We offer the educational piece so that your children will be prepared and can share in the mystery and “the gift of Communion as spiritual food for the Heart, Mind, Body and Soul.” (from *Communion with your Child*)

The first Sunday in October is World Communion Sunday. The Sunday school, grades 1 – 12, is invited to stay in worship to celebrate communion with their parents and the entire world.

Pre-school and Kindergarteners will be invited to go to their classroom with Miss Cyndy unless their parents want them to stay in worship. As always, the Nursery is available to all children 4 and under.

Sunday school classes begin in earnest on Sunday, October 12. Come be part of the fun and learning that we have in store for you and your children. Our curriculums are varied, for the youngest we have a time for singing and listening to stories. For our primary grades we have Godly Play. The stories are mixed up each year. This year the children will be hearing and wondering about parables that Jesus told along with the traditional stories of Advent and Lent. Grades 3 – 5 will be learning Bible basics by using games and looking at a variety of different kinds of Bibles that are available. The middle school grades are still investigating Neighboring Faiths with traditional Christian stories mixed in. The high school grades are meeting for discussion focused on hunger and homelessness along with some current issues using Justice and Peace press releases from the UCC office in Washington DC. Their discussions should be lively and informing.

The TWA, Tabernacle Women’s Association, will be working on Sunday school items for their meeting in October. This begins a partnership that TWA would like to establish with the Sunday school classrooms. Together we will be collecting money for Heifer and doing occasional projects and activities together. We look forward to this healthy partnership.

Looking forward into November, the CE Action Group will be offering a day of service for all families on Tuesday, November 11. We are planning to make Thanksgiving tray favors for the food trays at North Shore Medical Center. Everyone, all ages, young and old, is invited to come for the morning, 10:30 – 12. We will start with a brief service of remembrance for all veterans and then make our favors. Plan to attend.

Shalom, Betsey



***Friendship Fair
& Silent Auction
Saturday, November 1st
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM***

Donations are needed for our annual Friendship Fair and Silent Auction to be held in the church dining room on **Saturday, November 1st from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**. The following tables will be featured at the fair:

Silent Auction
White Elephant (yard sale table)
Rummage Sale (see page 6 for specifics)
Books
Plants
Bake sale
Luncheon

If anyone has another idea for a table and would like to organize it, please let us know. We gladly welcome new ideas to help make the fair a success! This year we will have a Rummage Sale, thanks to the efforts of Barbara Bowman (**see page 6 for more about the Rummage Sale!**)

There are two things we need to make the fair/silent auction a success: volunteers and donations. Please speak to us if you would like to be in charge of a table or if you can volunteer in any way, even if it's just for a few hours. We need people to help set up the week before the fair, people to help the day of the fair and people to help clean up after the fair.

We also need donations! The fair has always been a success, thanks to everyone's creative donations. Examples of silent auction items are services like pet sitting, cleaning, music lessons, etc., new or nearly new items, gift certificates to restaurants, movie theatres, etc., hand crafted items, gift baskets, weekend or vacation getaways, and any other creative ideas you can come up with.

We need items in good condition for the white elephant table. This is a good time to clean out your basement and attic and get rid of any items you no longer use. **Remember we will take items that would normally sell at a yard sale. Please don't send in items in poor condition.** We also need your unwanted books for the book table. It is a great way to recycle books!

Attention all bakers! Your home baked items are needed for the bake sale table: cookies, cupcakes, cakes, pies, etc. Plants are also needed for the plant table. We know there are plenty of people out there with a green thumb! Handmade crafts are needed for the Craft Table.

Items can be dropped off at the church beginning October 1 . The Friendship Fair and Silent Auctions are sponsored by the Missions Committee and the proceeds are donated to local organizations in need of support.

If you have any questions or would like to help with this event please contact any member of the Missions Committee: Rachel Lutts, Holly Fulton, Kristine Doll, Marcia Olsson, Bob Peterson or Carl Wathne.



Rummage Sale at the Fair!!!

It seems as if in the existing economy, we need to consider the needs of the

community. We have decided to "re-invent" the Rummage Sale as part of our annual Friendship Fair on November 1. **Good used** clothing will be collected and re-sold in an effort to help those who might need what some of us have extra. Please, scour your home for **good, usable and clean** clothing which will be sold at the Friendship Fair. Mended and clean clothes are very important! We will not take clothing that we have to dispose of. Help us out. Your extra sweater, pants or jacket may warm a soul this winter. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Bowman. Clothing may be dropped off at the church beginning October 1.

Salem's Church With the Lighted Steeple: A History of Tabernacle Church 1735-2007

Our book on Tabernacle history, *Salem's Church with the Lighted Steeple*, compiled and edited by Kay Piemonte, is due to arrive from the printers the middle of October. We do not have a definite date but will plan to have it in the Sunday bulletin, if time permits. The book will be available for purchase after church on Sundays, as soon as we have it in our hands!

The price of the book will be **\$30.00 plus \$5.00** for postage and handling for those who need to have it mailed. Please make your checks out to *Catherine K. Piemonte*, or you may pay in cash at the church.

Thank you to all those who signed up for copies of our history. It was a help in making a decision about the number of books to print. Printing cost are high and we do not want to print more than we need, nor do we want to run short of copies for those interested.



October Parking Fundraiser

October Parking Volunteers Needed

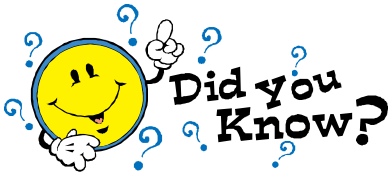
Saturday and Sunday's during the month of October, Tabernacle Church sells its parking spaces for the thousands who visit Salem each year. This is a great fundraiser for the church. Joel Richardson, church member, will be organizing this profitable fundraiser this year. Joel is looking for volunteers to work two shifts on Saturdays and one shift on Sunday. We will also be looking for volunteers for Columbus Day too! A sign up sheet is located in the Bigelow Room with the dates and times and other information. Or you may contact Joel Richardson at joelrichardson@verizon.net for more information!



Blessing of the Animals! Followed by Guest Speaker October 4, 10:00am – 11:00am!

Honoring the tradition of St. Francis, who preached to the birds and spoke to the animals. The Animal Welfare Committee will sponsor a **Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 4 at 10:00am**. Dogs, (on leashes) cats, gerbils, hamsters, ferrets, (in carriers) goldfish (in water containers) are welcome to receive a personal blessing and be gathered in prayer on the front steps of Tabernacle!

Guest Speaker from the Northeast Shelter Following the Blessing of the Animals please join us at 10:30am in the Bigelow Room as we welcome Laurie McCannon from the new Northeast Animal Shelter. Laurie will be speaking about several topics including adoption and volunteering. She will also bring a few **"Furry Friends" who will be looking for a home!!!!**



Did You Know???

Annual Fair of the Tabernacle Church Success Affair at Parish House Yesterday Largely Attended: White House Engraving of Mrs. Coolidge a Feature

A floor booth in the center of the room, a gaily decorated Christmas tree, its branches heavy with mysteriously wrapped packages for grabs, a fortune telling hut and innumerable tables and booths were features of the Tabernacle church fair held in the parish house yesterday. A country store near the entrance was one of the special features in which the men took part and they were also responsible for the supper which was served to a large number in the evening. The sandwich shop, where luncheon was served at noon, failed to be large enough to take care of the large crowd which sought its delicious dishes.

An engraving of the White House, sent and autographed by Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, was for sale at the fancy work table. It was not, however, sold to any individual but was bought to remain in possession of the church and will be hung in the memorial room. Members of the parish contributed voluntary sums toward the purchase so the money which the engraving, perhaps one of the most valuable articles in the entire sale, was not lost in the fair proceeds.

The general committee appointed by the executive board included Mrs. Charles F. Mussey, Mrs. Walter E. Poor, Charles W. Morse and Orville E. Coon. Arthur W. Taylor and Fred Chandler were responsible for the attractive decorations and Mrs. Orville Coon was the cashier. Mrs. Walter T. Berry was hostess. Mrs. Arthur C. Hunt was publicity chairman.

Committee Members

The Daughter of the Covenant members were in charge of the fancy work booth, Mrs. Mussey being chairman and the committee was as follows: Mrs. Herbert Strickland, Miss Sinclair, Mrs. Russell Derby, Mrs. Richard Mackintire, Mrs. Arthur Clark, Miss Aileen Arey, Mrs. Arthur W. Taylor and Mrs. Herbert L. Sargent, who were assisted by Mrs. Carlow P. Faunce, Miss Addie Stone,

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Miss Florence Greenough, Mrs. Susan Holmes, Miss Mary Washburn, Miss Annie Dodge and Miss Annie Barber. The chairman and committee members in charge of the respective booths were; Aprons – Mrs. J. Hartley Rix, chairman; Mrs. James Varley, Mrs. Mabel King, Mrs. George Greenough, Mrs. Horace Snow, Mrs. Ward Hempstead, Mrs. Minot Holbrook, Mrs. Florence Ives, Mrs. Pansy Stewart, Miss Ella Ball and Mrs. Arthur Bartol.

White elephant table- Mrs. Charles Phippen, chairman; Mrs. Albert Hitchcock, Miss Alice Woodbury, Mrs. Ephraim Dane, Mrs. Alvah Bigelow, Miss Susan Choate, Mrs. George Adams, Miss Margaret Phippen, Mrs. Henry Waters. Grabs – Mrs. Mildred C. Mullican, chairman; Mrs. Lewis Cousens, Mrs. Rogers Clark and Mrs. Harry Curtis.

Delicatessen – Mrs. Jane Martin, chairman; Mrs. Albert Kenney, Mrs. Charles Morse, Mrs. Herbert Brown, Mrs. Ernest Comer, Mrs. S.F. Hutchinson, Mrs. Elmer Dresser, Mrs. Charles Morse, Jr.; Mrs. Frank Boynton.

Flower Booth – Mrs. Frederick A. Gannon, chairman; Mrs. W. Everett Hoyt, Mrs. Walter J. Sly, Mrs. Fred Miller, Mrs. Arthur Dorman, Mrs. Samuel E. Cassino.

Mrs. Caroline Tyler was chairman of the holders' committee, with Miss Josephine Fuller assisting and in charge of the fortune telling was Miss Agnes Small.

The Men of the Church

with Herbert L. Rand and Herbert E. Wentworth in charge took care of the country store and the supper was served by a committee of which Clarence Brainerd was chairman.

The Pro Christo Society was in charge of the punch table, Miss Hilda Clark and Mrs. Henry Russell heading the committee.

The sandwich shop committee headed by Mrs. Walter E. Poor included Mrs. William B. Mansfield, Mrs. Robert E. Mansfield, Mrs. George P. Mann, Mrs. J.B. Fuller, Mrs. Blanche Welch, Mrs. Frank O. Sargent, Mrs. W.W. Merriam, Mrs. Fitch L. Brennan, Mrs. Tyler W. James and Mrs. Erle H. Curtis.

The waitresses under the direction of Miss Margaret H. Faunce and Mrs. Henry L. Russell were: Miss Elizabeth Gifford, Mrs. Walter J. Sly, Mrs. William Washburn, Mrs. Forrest R. Cook, Mrs. Clarence Brainerd, Mrs. Stuart Osgood and Mrs. Raymond M. Willey.

October Birthdays

The following members and friends are celebrating birthdays this month:

- 3 Gary Santo
- 4 John Hauber
- 11 Susan Earley
- 15 James Bailey
- 16 Carl Wathne
- 16 Peter Lutts
- 18 Anna Richburg
- 19 Cyndy Collins
- 20 Barbara Penman
- 25 Georgia Smith
- 29 Jane Kelly
- 30 Griffin Phelan
- 30 Liz Duda



October Memorial Flowers



Altar Flowers

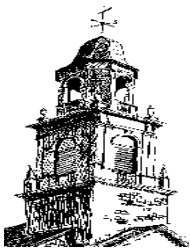
October 5: In honor of her parents, **Bud and Shirley Agnew** by Shelly Sweeney.

October 12:

October 19: In loving memory of **Charles and Florence Maier** by Rob and Barbara Maier.

October 26: In loving memory of **June Anderson** by Amy Anderson Grover and family.

Church Steeple Lighting



The church steeple is lighted for the month of **October** in loving memory of **Deborah A. Earley** By Wayne, Sue and Brian Earley.

T.W.A.

The TWA will be holding a meeting on October **21 at 10:30am** in the Bigelow Room. We will be working on projects for the Haunted House which is hosted by our Christian Ed Department every Halloween weekend. Bring your lunch, dessert will be provided by Kay Piemonte who is our October hostess.

We will be having a very special program on November 18th at 10:30 in the Bigelow Room. Our own Holly Fulton will be presenting a one hour version of "**Traces of the Trade**". Holly is a descendent of Tom DeWolfe, one of the biggest slave traders in the country during this period of United States history. Holly and nine of her relatives traced the Triangle Trade from Rhode Island to Ghana to Cuba. The resulting two hour documentary was featured at the Sundance and New Orleans Film Festivals and was shown on WGBH in June. We are very lucky to have Holly to guide us through this journey. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship at 10:30 followed by "**Traces of the Trade**".

Don't forget to save your pennies and other change for a special project in conjunction with the Sunday School in the Spring of 2009.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



We have a great supply of prayer shawls right now thanks to all of you who have participated in this ministry. However, that supply could deplete very

quickly so won't you think about finishing that shawl you have started or beginning your first shawl or even knitting another. If you want to have a little less knitting, we can always use the Baptismal Blankets. See Jane Dionne for yarn and directions for either shawl.

A prayer shawl was given to **William Toppan**, MaryJo Bennett's father.