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# The Congregational Cryer

Sharing Good News...Building Community

## October 2010 Edition

### Church Office Hours

Mo/Tu/Th/Fr  
 9:00am-1:00pm  
 Secretary off Wednesday  
 Pastor off Monday  
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 The Congregation, Ministers  
 Rev. Ted Newcomb, Pastor  
 Warren Heckman, Lay Minister  
 Annette Valentine, Secretary  
 John K. Read, Music Director  
 Pam West, Custodian

No Matter  
 Who You Are...  
 Or Where You  
 Are On  
 Life's Journey...  
 You Are  
 Welcome Here  
 Among Friends!

That's Good News!  
 God Is Still Speaking!  
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## The Pastor's Corner

### Greetings Friends!

It's very good to be back following sabbatical time away and I want you to know how much we appreciate the willingness of the church to afford this opportunity. While two previous sabbaticals have involved some form of study in relation to specifics regarding our church life, this particular round focused on constructing our future home.

Back in '93, we were fortunate to acquire the tract of land about 3 miles north of Mount Snow. The dream was finally becoming a reality. Pastoral families have largely been a transient brunch. More recently housing allowances have helped clergy families acquire property locally. However, when we moved to Mansfield the prices were far beyond our means. Renting was the only option and we've been pleased with that arrangement.

While in seminary, my supervisor (Rev. Dr. Edwin McLane at Hancock UCC in Lexington) addressed the two of us who were seminarians in that setting. He and his wife firmly advocated the purchase of property that would eventually become a setting for one's retirement. There were all too many examples of clergy getting to that magical moment and having no affordable alternatives after years in the parish. We took that message to heart.

The summer has been sort of a learning curve experience. New building skills coupled with the need to have projects of varying skills levels ready for those wishing to assist was challenging. Simply stated, the project has been far larger than anticipated. But we are thankful for the progress made and assistance from family and friends. We now await the insulators and rockers which should speed the project along. Soon thereafter we'll have heat. Just in time!!!

Another benefit of this project relates to my own physical health. The work schedule in Vermont coupled with my determination to "shape up" resulted in a reduction from 208 to 180 lbs. since June 26th. It's amazing to have shed such weight...all of which has been part of a longer effort begun one year ago where I started at 233. One of my colleagues saw my photo on Facebook and immediately asked "Where'd the rest of you go?" I liked that. This sabbatical opportunity has yielded a double blessing!



What pleases me even more than this are three other developments. 1) Our kids are so excited with the first house they feel is truly home...a place which will be a center for family life. To see them take pride in committing time and talent to the construction is

exciting and heartwarming. 2) We have employed folks we've known for years and who have struggled in recent times. Call it our own economic stimulus plan, but the results have truly been appreciated. And what a joy to see them take pride in their work. 3) And back at the church, folks have encountered their own growing edges that further strengthen the church and reveal new abilities. The Deacons, Annette, Trustees, John and so many more have risen to the occasion. Growth has been the result. Henri Nouwen speaks of this as the "ministry of absence" where others discover their gifts for ministry as they are equipped and placed in a position to do ministry. The church has spread its "ministry wings" in new and exciting ways.

And now the Fall Program unfolds and we invite you to an invigorating series of opportunities to deepen your faith, engage in mission, and broaden your discipleship in Christ. To these tasks we devote ourselves, ever thankful for the manifold gifts that God inspires.

*Pastor Ted*



**Those Dealing With Illness/Loss/Recovery/Challenge...**

- Joe Paiva* (Sturdy & now Epoch)
- Maggie Snell* (home)
- David Burnham* (former music director, cancer tx)
- John Lishman, Jr.* (home)
- Dot York* (home)
- Earl Peterson* (home)
- Cindy Phillips* (home)
- Dot Risotti* (Epoch)

**Those Celebrating Christian Marriage...**

**Bella Masolini & Cameron Barrow** were united by Pastor Ted on June 19th at the church. Cameron is the son of Jay & Debbie Barrows of Mansfield. Bella & Cameron reside in Alaska.

**Courtney Lane & Eric Thumma** were united by Pastor Ted on Aug. 28th at Granite Links Golf Course in Quincy, MA. Courtney & Eric reside in Philadelphia.

**Those Who Have Moved...**

**Diane & Bob Staples** have happily made a home here with our church family for the last several years. Bob had lost his job during the big crunch quite some time ago, but recently connected with a new opportunity in Pennsylvania. We celebrate this good news but will miss their lovely family. We wish them the very best.

**Those Dealing with the Strains & Joys of Life...**

**Those Who Are Homeless** and who have been trying to fight their way back after calamity.

**Those Who Become Foster Parents** and who open hearts and homes to those who may have seen too little of each.

**Those Who Battle Addictions** and work diligently on their recovery along with their families and friends.

**Those affected by layoffs and who find themselves unemployed** during challenging economic times. Kindly refer job opportunities to the church office so we may help link people and positions.

**Those Who Continue the Journey Toward Parenthood** and make ready to welcome a child.

**Those Who Continue Educations in places of higher learning** as a new chapter in life unfolds.

**Those who are Serving Their Country** in far off places. We lift them in constant prayer, one and all.



**CHURCH SECRETARY  
"BACK-TO-SCHOOL"  
HOURS**

Now that the Fall program is in full gear Annette is back on regular office hours.

**Mo., Tu., Th., Fri. 9:00am-1:00pm  
Mondays/Tuesday, Pastor Off.  
Wednesdays, Annette Off.**

In the event of an emergency in the evening or on Pastor Ted's day off, feel free to call his cell at 774.266.3389.



Some of America's top folk and acoustic musicians make a monthly stop right here at our church for the concerts staged by the Rose Garden Coffeehouse. It's a chance to hear some really good music in a familiar, intimate setting. The all-volunteer group invites you to see for yourself something completely different going on right in our back yard.

**October 16th at 8pm** features **MICHAEL TROY**, with **Barry Brown & John Botelho**. **Michael** is a Rose Garden favorite whose hardscrabble songs about growing up in Fall River have captivated the whole country. Out of over 700 contestants, he won this year's prestigious New Folks Competition at the Kerrville Folk Festival in Texas.



Michael Troy



Matt Borrello

Opener **Matt Borrello** is so young yet so talented. With a youthful passion, he presents both traditional songs and his own compositions.

Tickets are \$15 advance and at the door. Complete information is available at:

[www.rosegardenfolk.com](http://www.rosegardenfolk.com)



## AUTUMN WORSHIP NOTES

The winds shift direction, ushering cooler currents from the northwest. Leaves, at first, subtly blush only to advance to autumnal splendor in the blink of an eye. Migratory birds gather energy for their impending southward journey. Autumn in New England...a special time of reflection.

As we flow into the rhythm of church life, some may not know how worship evolves in our church family.

Typically, we follow the Revised Common Lectionary that is on a 3 year cycle (A,B,C) and involves 3 scripture readings and a psalm each week. Many times these readings have a uniting theme and sometimes overarching themes encompass multiple weeks.

**Pastor Ted** begins the worship planning process by reviewing the lectionary, isolating which passages we'll be centering on, and drafting a theme for each Sunday while providing a bit of a cryptic note of where we might go. This is usually done for a 3-4 month period.

**Music Director John** assembles music for both the congregation and choir to sync with chosen themes. Soon thereafter the **Worship Team** (people representing Deacons, Choir, Bell Choir, Youth Choir, and Educational Ministries) gathers to review the worship planner that is a rough draft for the next several months. Each person has opportunity to input ideas, creatively adapt what has been presented, and coordinate how the various musical groups/elements will come together. John also sets specific dates for our monthly **Worship With A TWiST...PRIMETIME** and arranges for the musical guests. In this way, many hands help sculpt and coordinate our worship opportunities..

# October 2010 Worship Schedule

*"Celebrate & Share God's Love. It's Contagious!"*

**10:00 a.m.**

## Oct. 3

### WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Special: 3rd Grade Bible Presentations & Neighbors In Need Sunday  
 Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:1-14  
 Focus: *I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. (vs.12)*

Overview: An interesting development within the faith professed by Jesus was the desire to see "the other" as neighbor. This engendered a deep and abiding respect for persons that overcame difference and division. In an era where there is increasing incivility toward those of different faiths/cultures, how very important it is for us to reaffirm this basic tenet of Christian faith.

## Oct. 10

### Worship With A TWiST...Primetime!

Guest: Joan Watson Jones, Jazz Pianist/Vocalist/Actress  
 Scripture: Luke 17:11-19  
 Message: "Unanticipated Blessings"  
 Focus: *18Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"*

Overview: Jesus cured ten lepers of a disease that totally isolates people, yet only one returned to give thanks. And that one was a foreigner...a Samaritan...a man from Samaria whose people had a contentious relationship with the neighboring Jews. Good News often yields surprising results.

## Oct. 17

### Pentecost 21

Special:  
 Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5  
 Message: "The Ministry of Teaching"  
 Focus: *16All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.*

Overview: Scripture is inspired and inspiring. It is there to assist us in growing to Christian maturity. And it creates a foundation through which we can deepen our faith and understanding. How do we commit ourselves to regular study and reflection as Christ's body?

## Oct. 24

### Pentecost 22

Special: Reception of New Members  
 Scripture: Luke 18:9-14  
 Message: "Attitude and Outlook: What Do You See?"  
 Focus: *I thank God I am not like these people including this tax collector.*

Overview: It's all too easy to set ourselves apart from others. To perch ourselves on the "high seat" and become a judge. To cast our gaze down upon someone who is different in belief/culture/economic circumstance. Jesus' parables are teaching tools that cause us to examine our attitude and outlook.

## Oct. 31

### Pentecost 23

Special: Neutral Pulpit Candidating by Rev. Ben Davis  
 Focus: TBD



## CARING MEALS Join The OCC Care Team!

Dear Church Family:

From time to time we get requests or sense the need to provide meals for families who, for various reasons, require some help with food. I am compiling a list of people who would be able and willing to provide meals once in a while upon request.

If you can assist with this ministry, please respond to me by e-mail at [omahourigan@yahoo.com](mailto:omahourigan@yahoo.com) or call me at 508-339-6402 and I will get back to you.

*Thank you in advance.*

Mary Hourigan



## WORSHIP FLOWERS

Some people might like to know a bit more about the methodology for providing worship flowers.

All coordination for flowers occurs through the church office. Contact

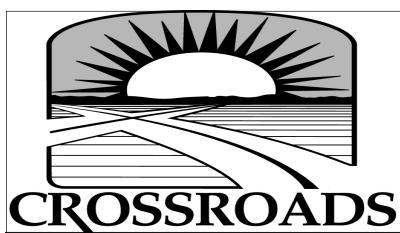
Annette at 508.339.4793 (Mo/Tu/Th/Fr) from 9am-1pm or email her ([office@occmansfield.org](mailto:office@occmansfield.org)) to check the schedule (also posted on conference room cork-board). Sign up and give her the appropriate information for the dedication which will be printed in the Sunday bulletin.

Providing flowers involves one of three options:

1. Bring your own flowers from your garden.
2. Order from Judy's Village Flowers (Foxboro) at 508.543.4400. A Center Arrangement is \$35 and Side Vases are \$20. They provide very full and long lasting arrangements. Mail payment directly to Judy's.
3. Acquire flowers from another source and bring them to church on Sunday morning.

Following worship you are encouraged to take your arrangement and enjoy the beauty it provides.

Questions? Contact Annette and she'll joyfully assist you.



The texture of  
our universe is  
one where  
there is no  
question at all  
but that *good*  
and *laughter*  
and *justice*  
will prevail.

~Retiring Archbishop  
Desmond Tutu  
South Africa



## A Hearty Thank You...

We have had lots of assistance in so many ways throughout the summer months as the church schedule continues unabated. And we give thanks for the many ways people utilize their special gifts for the benefit of all God's people.

**June & Jim Moore** for their donation of a high velocity fan to keep us all cool during worship services.

**Diane Jerome** and her crew prepared a wonderful luncheon to welcome our musical guests, *Teen Challenge*, after their performance with us on August 15th.

**Weekly Mowers.** We have a series of weekly mowing assistants throughout the summer and fall to take care of the grounds. Helping during July & August have been: ***Mike Maguire, Otto Bingel, Rob & Pam Franklin. Mike, Otto, Eric Greenberg, and Ted Newcomb*** are slated for mowing during the months of September & October. The place looks terrific. We appreciate the attention you have shown!





## The Congo Café

*"Where friends warmly gather  
to nourish the soul!"*

**The Congo Café** has been well received and will continue to

gather in the church parlor on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month. Here we welcome both church participants and folks from the community for a coffee fellowship that is warm and inviting. People from multiple generations and backgrounds assemble between 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Indulging in Green Mountain Coffee, we celebrate the Fair Trade practices of this company as they assist local coffee bean farmers in ways that enhance their livelihoods.

Anyone wishing to help with fresh baked products or fruit are encouraged to contact Annette in the church office.

***Get the word out and we'll see you on  
Oct. 14th & 28th!***

## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, October 20th, 2010  
from 2pm-7pm

Here @ The Congregational Church



***Come share the gift of life.  
Walk-ins are welcome.  
Donate Wednesday!!!***



Dear Friends,

Greetings from Teen Challenge New England! We appreciate and thank you for having the Teen Challenge New England Choir at your church. We were truly blessed to be able to minister to your congregation, and we hope to visit you again.

Your generous donation of \$132.00 is a blessing that will help bring hope for a new life in Jesus Christ to many who were once bound by drugs, alcohol and life controlling problems. Thank you for making a difference. We pray that the Lord will bless you and your congregation always.

In His Service,  
*Dr. Rodney Hart*  
President

To Whom It May Concern,

Mansfield Alive Again recently celebrated our 29th anniversary as a group of Alcoholics Anonymous. To celebrate, we held an expanded meeting with a buffet following the normal group meeting. As per usual with Anniversary Meetings, the meeting was well attended and hopefully the message of recovery offered by AA was received by a few new members.

In order to show our appreciation for the Church allowing us to use the cooking facilities as well as their continuing support of our AA Group, a vote was taken at a recent Business Meeting and a \$50.00 contribution to the Church was approved unanimously. Though not as much as we were able to contribute last year, this amount is as much as we can safely contribute from our general treasury and we're hoping it is useful.

Please accept this contribution and apply it toward the Church's needs with our continued gratitude and heartfelt thanks for supporting our Primary Purpose - to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

Thank You,  
*Mansfield Alive Again*

## CHURCH MEETING

Sunday, October 3rd, 2010

Join us in the vestry on October 3rd at 11:30am to discuss and deal with our finances.

Please take the time to attend!

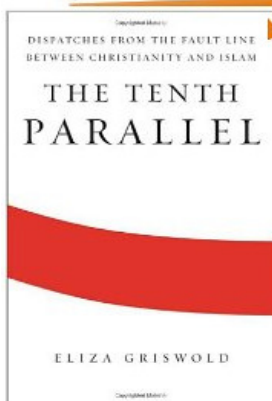
### THURSDAY NIGHT STUDY GROUP

*(Begins Oct. 7th)*

#### **THE 10<sup>TH</sup> PARALLEL: The Tenth Parallel: Dispatches from the Fault Line Between Christianity and Islam** by *Eliza Griswold*

Order for: \$17.82+shipping through Amazon.com

Click to **LOOK INSIDE!**



Take the opportunity to delve into a fascinating book which takes a hard look at a section of the world where the greatest number of Muslims and Christians have been face to face and not always in pleasant circumstances. Reviewed recently on National Public Radio's "Fresh Air", Griswold spoke of venturing to Sudan with evangelist Franklin Graham to explore both the conflict and opportunity for conversation between the world's two largest religions.

For more information, log onto NPR's site and read both excerpts and an interview with Eliza Griswold. <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=129407295>

Please contact the church office to let us know of your interest to participate. Kindly order and read at least one third of the book prior to the first session. Gatherings will commence on **Thursday Oct. 7th** at **7:30pm** in the church parlor for four weeks.

## A WORD FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council (Church Committee) meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:15pm in the conference room.



Anyone affiliated with the Church is welcomed to attend these meetings.

If you have something you would like to discuss, please let me know at least a day in advance, and what it is you wish to discuss, so that I can adjust the agenda to accommodate you. (We do not get involved in topics that should be discussed at the Parish Relations Team's "Round Table" or the with the Deacons).

*Dick Kelsay,*  
For the Church Council

## ***Veterans' Appreciation Luncheon***



Our church is proud to host our sixth annual Veterans' Appreciation Luncheon. The vestry will be full of "Mansfield's finest" on Sunday November 7th, at 12:00 noon, following our church service. Many volunteers will be needed to help prepare foods and serve that day. Sign-ups after church will be held at the end of October, or contact Betty O'Connor (339-8750) to see how you can help.

### **VISIT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MANSFIELD'S WEBSITE!!!**

Our Church Website is located at: <http://www.occmansfield.org> and is constantly being updated. Lots of great RESOURCES and connectional information. Check us out online.

## **MassBible is pleased to present:**

### ***“Coming to Grips With the Bible”***

**The 2010 Harrell F. Beck Lecture Series**

with

**Harvey Cox**

Five Lectures, Five Locations across Massachusetts  
(September 20, October 4, October 18, October 25, November 1)

All Lectures are Free & Open to the Public.

Harvey Cox is Hollis Research Professor of Divinity at Harvard, where he began teaching in 1965, both at HDS and in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. An American Baptist minister, he was the Protestant chaplain at Temple University and the director of religious activities at Oberlin College; an ecumenical fraternal worker in Berlin; and a professor at Andover Newton Theological School. His research and teaching interests focus on the interaction of religion, culture, and politics. Among the issues he explores are urbanization, theological developments in world Christianity, Jewish-Christian relations, and current spiritual movements in the global setting (particularly Pentecostalism). He has been a visiting professor at Brandeis University, Seminario Bautista de Mexico, the Naropa Institute, and the University of Michigan. He is a prolific author. His most recent book is *The Future of Faith* (HarperCollins, 2009). His *Secular City*, published in 1965, became an international bestseller and was selected by the University of Marburg as one of the most influential books of Protestant theology in the twentieth century. His other books include *When Jesus Came to Harvard: Making Moral Decisions Today*, *The Feast of Fools*; *The Seduction of the Spirit*; *Religion in the Secular City*; *The Silencing of Leonardo Boff: Liberation Theology and the Future of World Christianity*; *Many Mansions: A Christian's Encounters With Other Faiths*; *Fire From Heaven: The Rise of Pentecostal Spirituality*; *The Reshaping of Religion in the Twenty-First Century*; and *Common Prayers: Faith, Family, and a Christian's Journey Through the Jewish Year*.

### **Schedule:**

Lecture #1: Moses, the Exodus and Archaeology

Monday, September 20, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.

Andover Newton Theological School - Wilson Chapel - Herrick Road - Newton Centre, MA 02459

Lecture #2: Jeremiah, Job and the Biblical View of Suffering

Monday, October 4, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.

First Congregational Church in Stockbridge - 4 Main Street - Stockbridge, MA 01262

Lecture #3: Jesus in Jerusalem: The Gospels and the New Research

Monday, October 18, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.

First Parish Church in Weston - 349 Boston Post Road - Weston, MA 02493

Lecture #4: Where Paul Stands After the New Scroll Finds

Monday, October 25, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.

Salem Covenant Church - 215 Mountain Street East - Worcester, MA 01606

Lecture #5: Rescuing Revelation from the Religious Right

Monday, November 1, 2010

Old South Church - 645 Boylston Street - Boston, MA 02116

Please direct all inquiries to Nathan or Mike at the MassBible offices.

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## A Word From Music Director John Read

Welcome back to another season at The Congregational Church of Mansfield!

This has indeed been quite a summer. While the music loving masses soaked up the sounds of Lady Gaga, we were celebrating *Laity-gaga*. I led worship at some services, our moderator and deacons preached with amazing eloquence in the absence of pastors, and more supremely talented musicians were added to the ranks of "Worship With a Twist." It was an uplifting and empowering time, to be sure.

Nonetheless, I am happy to be starting another church season. Our pastor and our choirs are back. And our choirs need you.

Whether these are at once the "best of times" and the "worst of times" is open to question -- but these are certainly *different* times. Extended families are scattered...mature people choose to retire in places far from where they long considered "home"...those not ready to retire are leading increasingly peripatetic lifestyles dependent on the demands of aging parents and intensely scheduled children.

Or, to boil down this heady sociological discourse, I would be crazy to expect the entire choir to show up every week.

Therefore, let us look at the "season" -- that intensive period from early fall to mid-spring -- as a series of components as opposed to a whole. Do you want to sing in the choir or play bells, but feel reticent to commit to an eight-to-nine-month span of time?

No problem. Tell Mary Hourigan or myself when you *are* available, and we'll gladly take it from there. It is a safe bet that some of you have flexibility until "the holidays" approach and would most likely participate in the fall...while others have a lot on their plates now but would have fun performing on Christmas Eve. Fine. Just let us know on what basis you would like to join us.

It is our sincere hope that with more fluidity, we can enjoy more participation. I guarantee that when some of you try your hand at the bells, you will have so much fun that you will tell Mary to sign you up. And thanks to a choir that enjoys processing and recessing down the center aisle, I have it on the best authority that there are several great voices in those pews.

So step down from the bleachers and get onto the field. We know you're out there. And regardless of your degree of participation, here's to a great season!



## BY LAW REVISION TEAM

**UPDATE:** Over the past two meetings we have poured over many local church documents, UCC resources, and our own Church documents. We have also discussed plans for meeting with groups to get further input on how they are organized, how they see themselves organized in the future, and any other input they may have. While the summertime is normally a 'rest' time we have committed to continue to gather information, develop ideas, and implement action steps. Watch for future updates.

Your By Law Revision Team,

**Laurie Geminiani, Mary Hourigan, David Oldow, Paul Fasoli**

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## October Birthdays

- 1 Vince Bonsaint
- 4 Gregory Holt
- 5 Peter Barnes & Anne Langton
- 6 Rick Haines
- 7 Muriel Grace & Annette Valentine
- 8 Anna Prohodsky, Andrew Sanville & Robert Walnista
- 11 Fran Pilkington
- 14 Katie & Seth Pierce & Lois Thomas
- 16 Karen Smith
- 17 James Inglis & Sherran Vickery
- 18 John Read
- 20 Jeffrey DeBruyn, Stephen Holford & Sabrina Quirk
- 22 Chuck Valentine



## October Anniversaries

- 2 Ed & Diane Jerome
- 7 Jay & Debbie Barrows
- 8 Eric & Kim Greenberg
- 14 Mark & Suzanne Wentworth
- 15 Drew & Sheila Miller
- 16 Bob & Lynne Dombrowski & Stephen & Patricia Holt
- 25 Ian & Janis Inglis
- 31 Doug & Laura McGee

## Advent ~ My Favorite Part of the Church Year

Thinking ahead this year to the Mansfield Holiday/Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting, scheduled for Sunday afternoon, November 28, I thought it might be fun to expand



the successful Open House our church held last year after the tree lighting. As this will be the first Advent Sunday, I thought it might be fun to include, not only carol singing, handbell/handchime ringing and spiced cider, but a display of Advent and Christmas items usually found only in our homes. Specifically, I am referring to crèche/manger scenes, unusual or colorful Advent calendars, special Advent wreathes and Christmas books (old and new) telling about the birth of Jesus.

Recognizing that these will be prized, and perhaps, valuable items, the display will be in the conference room for that afternoon only, and will be monitored by those displaying their items. The viewing public will be asked not to touch and we can even construct a ribbon "barrier" to keep little hands away from attractive, but fragile objects.

These ideas are in the planning stages and I welcome someone, some people, to help me plan this. If this sounds like fun and something you would like to participate in, please call me, **Mary Hourigan**, at 508-339-6402. Wouldn't it be fun to share the symbols of Advent and Christmas with others!

## Worship Flowers

- Oct. 3rd Rob O'Keefe
- Oct. 10th Anne Farrell
- Oct. 17th Anna & Karina Craft
- Oct. 24th Kim Greenberg
- Oct. 31st Meredith Plizga



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of MANSFIELD

## “Safe Church Policy” Caring for Our Kids!



Our children are indeed a sacred trust and we have responsibility in assuring parents that they are always in a safe environment. We also expect the church to be a place and a people where all are safe, where all are aware of appropriate boundaries, and where certain procedures and expectations are in place to assist us in fulfilling our obligations.

The brilliant orange “Safe Church Policy” booklet is available by our church entrances. Eric Greenberg handles all CORI applications. We strive to make our church a safe place for all God’s people. Thanks for your attention to this important matter!

Dear Coffee Hour Hosts:

I am happy to inform you that **Diane Jerome** has most graciously "volunteered" to be the next coordinator for our after church coffee hours. Many of you have been so generous in hosting and continuing our congregational tradition, and I do sincerely thank each and every one. I am sure that Diane will appreciate any future hosts, especially to make the transition easier for her. Again, thank you all for making my "job" so much fun!

Most sincerely,  
*Betty O'Connor*

## Send Us Your Email Address and start receiving your Congregational eCryer Newsletter!

Help us conserve funds...sign up for your eCryer newsletter! Kindly print your name and email address below. We will add you to the list and soon you'll be receiving your electronic edition. This helps us conserve funds (nearly \$3K/year) while being environmentally friendly. Thanks for considering the “green” eCryer alternative!

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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## YOUR COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP



Thank you **AND** please help! The Daily Bread Food Pantry would like to thank those who have stepped forward to help with our Saturday distribution. However, we **STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS**. If you are an adult and can volunteer 2 or 3 hours once every month or so then please contact Maria Smith at: [msmith77334@comcast.net](mailto:msmith77334@comcast.net). For info on the Sat. Morning Distribution contact Dick Kelsay at: [kelsay@pbworld.com](mailto:kelsay@pbworld.com). The Saturday morning distribution needs your help!!

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for material submitted for the November 2010 Edition should be in by Tuesday, Oct. 19th.

Please email information to: [office@occmansfield.org](mailto:office@occmansfield.org). Thanks for your assistance.



## LANYARD & NAME TAG SALE...FREE!!!

The Deacons have requested that we make our special name tags & lanyards available to everyone without cost. They will be kept alphabetically on the lovely wooden racks in the entry foyer for your convenience. Kindly list the names that should appear and place them in the collection plate or return to the office on Annette’s desk or email the info. Your help will speed this task along.

Include name(s) for badges in the space provided.

NAME 1: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME 4: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME 2: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME 5: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME 3: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME 6: \_\_\_\_\_

# October 2010



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

					<b>1</b> 6am Men's Fellowship/Parlor	<b>2</b> 9-11am Food Pantry Distr.  9am-12pm West Side Benevolent Sign-Ups/ Scout room
<b>Pastor's Day Off</b> Mondays					8pm AA/vestry	
<b>3</b> 10am Worship World Communion Sunday  11:30am Church Meeting	<b>4</b> Office Closed	<b>5</b>  6:00pm AA/vestry  7:00pm Choir/Sanctuary  7:30pm Deacons/Conf. Rm	<b>6</b> Office Open  7-8:30pm Handbells/Choir Rm.	<b>7</b>  7-8:30pm Prayer Shawl @ Mary Hourigan's  7:30pm Study Group/Parlor	<b>8</b> 6am Men's Fellowship/Parlor	<b>9</b> 9-11am Food Pantry Distr.  9am-12pm West Side Benevolent Sign-Ups/ Conf. room
<b>10</b> 10am Worship With A Twist with Joan Watson Jones	<b>11</b> Office Closed  Columbus Day	<b>12</b> 6:00pm AA/vestry 6:00pm West Side/Conf. Rm. 7:00pm Pack 13 Comm./Parlor 7:00pm Choir 7:30pm Trustees/Parsonage 7:45pm History/Parlor	<b>13</b> Office Open 7-8:30pm Handbells/Choir Rm.  7:15pm Food Pantry Meeting/ Conference Rm.	<b>14</b>  9:00-10:30am CongoCafe  7:30pm Study Group/Parlor	<b>15</b> 6am Men's Fellowship/Parlor	<b>16</b> 9-11am Food Pantry Distr.  9:00am Family Cycling  7:30pm Rose Garden Coffee-house/Vestry
<b>17</b> 10am Worship	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6:00pm AA/vestry 7:00pm Choir/Sanctuary  7:30pm PRT/parsonage	<b>20</b> Office Closed  ARC Blood Drive Donate 2pm-7pm  7-8:30pm Handbells/Choir Rm.	<b>21</b>  7:30pm Study Group/Parlor	<b>22</b> 6am Men's Fellowship/Parlor	<b>23</b> 9-11am Food Pantry Distr.
<b>24</b> 10am Worship	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6:00pm AA/vestry 7:00pm Choir/Sanctuary 7:30pm Church Council/Conf. Rm.	<b>27</b> Office Closed  7-8:30pm Handbells/Choir Rm.	<b>28</b> 9:00-10:30am CongoCafe  7:00pm West Side Meeting/Vestry 7:30pm Study Group/Parlor	<b>29</b> 6am Men's Fellowship/Parlor	<b>30</b> 9-11am Food Pantry Distr.
<b>31</b> 10am Worship 11:15am Round Table/Parsonage Halloween					8pm AA/vestry	

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE (9/12/10-6/12/10)

Sunday Worship with Staffed Nursery	10:00 am
Church School	10:00 am
Fellowship & Refreshment	11:00 am
Youth Ministry (Jr. & Sr.)	TBA
Round Table Chat (last Sunday)	11:15 am

## OTHER MINISTRIES

Prospective Members Seminars	Oct/Jan/May
Men's Friday Morning Fellowship	6:00 am
Handbell Choir Rehearsal (We)	7:00 pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Tu)	7:30 pm
Our Daily Bread Food Pantry (Sa)	9-11 am
Prayer Shawl Ministry (1st Th)	7:00 pm
Church Council (4th Tu)	7:30 pm
Outing Club (new outings alt. months)	TBA

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Reaching Out with Compassion  
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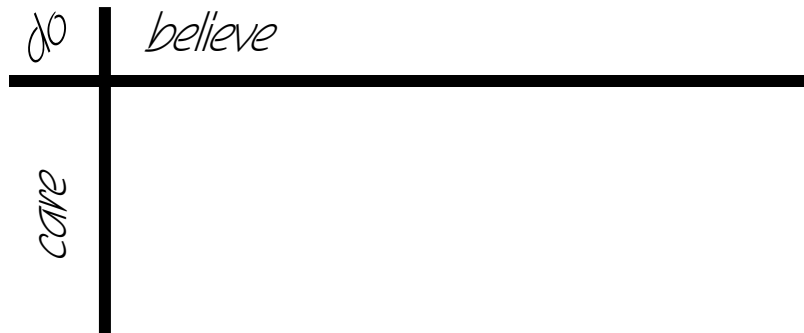
Inasmuch as we are called to follow Jesus Christ, our goal is to deepen our discipleship while we reach out as the hands and heart of Christ in our world today.

Therefore, we pledge to intentionally employ the "Six Marks of Discipleship" listed below. As a disciple of Jesus Christ I will:

1. **PRAY** daily (*for my world, nation, leaders, church, neighbors, family and self*)
2. **WORSHIP** weekly (*be an active part of the faith community...a community to which I will bring the gift of myself*)
3. **READ** the Bible (*daily reading to enhance understanding*)
4. **SERVE** at and beyond our local church (*the church is all about mission & outreach...be the hands of Christ!*)
5. Be in **RELATIONSHIP** to encourage spiritual growth in others (*join a small group ministry and spiritually invest in those around me*)
6. **GENEROUSLY GIVE** of my time, talents and resources to the glory of God (*I impact life only by the generous sharing of my gifts...spend it on something that outlasts it*)

These six identifying marks of discipleship in Jesus Christ are strongly encouraged by the leadership of our church family. Commitment to each of these areas reaffirms the centrality of spirituality to all of life. And as disciplines, they foster a decidedly Christian identity that affirms the worth and dignity of each person as a minister in the name of Christ. Join us on the journey! Practice the Six Marks today!

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