



# The First Congregational Church of Reading

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## October First ChurchNEWS

### Statement of Purpose

We gather as a  
faith community to  
love and magnify God.  
Guided by the Holy Spirit,  
we will love our neighbors as  
ourselves, advocating for  
peace and justice.  
We will go out and  
share our faith in Christ,  
inviting others to join us.  
We will be nurturers  
of the spirit and  
teachers of the Word.  
We will welcome and  
provide sanctuary to all.

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*As gardeners of the spirit, we provide fertile soil to nurture both church and community, harvesting faith, compassion, and understanding of God's love, as taught by Jesus Christ.*

### All the Good News of Fall 2010 at FCCR

#### Welcome!

At FCCR, you will find joyful hearts, open minds and a caring community. If you are a long-time church member, seeking a new spiritual community, or brand new to the very idea of "church"...if you are young or have young children or are mature beyond your years...if you are single, married, partnered, divorced, widowed, or in transition...no matter who you are, at FCCR, you are welcome to join us in celebrating God's love, sharing warm welcome, and offering sanctuary for all.

### Our Worship Life in October at FCCR

#### Sunday, October 3 - Worldwide Communion Sunday

This Sunday, we gather to worship and receive nurture at God's table, in communion with our Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world.

#### Sunday, October 10 - Blessing of Our Animals

We join in giving thanks to God for the gift of companions! Bring your pet or a beloved stuffed animal, or a picture of a pet whom you wish to honor. We will gather in Pilgrim Hall to worship and ask God for a blessing for these special creatures in our lives.

#### Sunday, October 17 - Reading Sabbath Sunday

All the churches of Reading will focus on the concept of Sabbath, and the question of how our faith encourages us to keep a healthy balance even in the midst of our busy lives.

#### Sunday, October 24 - Presentation of Bibles to 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders and The Service of Baptism

Please join us in worship as we welcome new children in baptism and honor our third graders with the awarding of their own Bibles.

#### Sunday, October 31 - Centennial Celebration Sunday

This year marks 100 years since our sanctuary was first used in 1910. Come celebrate as we remember the great cloud of witnesses who established and built our wonderful church. A special luncheon follows worship. For reservations, please contact Judie Williams at 781-944-2836.

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Dear Friends,

As I write these words, we are just one day beyond the completion of my first FCCR church faire, and I am still smiling with wonder and joy.

That's because Ye Olde Redding Faire is a great example of all that is vital, playful, strong, faithful, and fun about FCCR!

A diverse representation of church members and friends drawn together to create a wonderful event, is just one way of describing the faire. People of God putting their passions and gifts to work as a community, is another... So are the concepts behind the words amazing, exhilarating, crazy, exhausting, joyful and just plain fun!

But perhaps one of the greatest highlights for me is the realization of our true capacity as a congregation. There is so much we who are FCCR can do together! And there is so little which we cannot do together with God's help and guidance.

That's why I am looking forward to both our future as a congregation and to the immediate conversations we are having about how we may best use our resources to serve God. You have filled me with hope and confidence. You have shown me what can happen when we put our faith into action.

Therefore, even though the future we face is full of uncertainties, We face it with a sure and certain confidence that with God solutions are available. With God, we who are FCCR are up to the challenge and our future is very bright indeed.

May God bless you with all hope and believing...

Rev Lisa

Pastor and Teacher

### FCCR Needs You!

#### Now that the Faire is Over...

FCCR still has several leadership and volunteer opportunities that we really need to fill! Please pray and discern whether you might be called to one of these:

Volunteers for the Treasury Team – For more details, please contact Rev. Lisa or Amy Imrich, facilitator of the Resources Ministry.

Congregational Care Ministry Facilitator – New participation is needed for this very important ministry of our church. Gay Williams has provided wonderful leadership of this ministry for many years and has stepped down as of May's annual meeting. While coordinators are in place for the many specific programs of Congregational Care, an overall facilitator who will take the broader view and represent the ministry on the Visioning Team is needed. Please contact Rev. Lisa or Linda Ananian for more information.

Volunteers for a Church Vitality Team – Help is needed for new and renewed efforts in areas such as Sunday visitor hospitality, increasing FCCR visibility in Reading (and beyond) and organizing for more small group fellowship. For details, please speak to Rev. Lisa.

## Church School gears up for the year, Youth to begin soon

Greetings!

Church School is off to a great and very smooth start. We will be entering our third week of classes this Sunday (Oct. 3) as we continue our exploration into the wonderful and sometimes odd stories of the Old Testament. We have over 35 children registered for five different classes spanning from Pre-K through the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and we are very excited about this year. The next time you see one of our Church School teachers be sure to thank them for offering their time and talent this year in service with our children.

Be sure to watch the E-news and the newsletter for announcements about upcoming youth events. The Sr. High youth met for a very successful brainstorming meeting after worship on Sunday, Sept. 19 and decided as a group to meet twice a month on the first and third Sunday immediately following worship. This means that our first Sr. Youth meeting will be this Sunday, Oct. 3. Come join us in the youth room!

The Jr. Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade, non-confirmation) will be meeting the second and fourth Sundays of the month at a time and place to be announced. See the article below for more information about this year's Confirmation class for 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> graders.



Youth Happening

If you have any questions concerning Church School or Youth programming, or if you would like to volunteer as a Church School teacher or a youth chaperone please see or contact Blake Huggins ([bhuggins@bu.edu](mailto:bhuggins@bu.edu)).

Grace and peace,

Blake Huggins, Director of Children's and Youth Ministries

### Confirmation 2010-2011

Twelve youth attended our initial confirmation organizational meeting with their parents on September 19<sup>th</sup>. The confirmation program is for all 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders (and any interested older youth who have not been confirmed) and will be taught this year by Rev. Lisa Stedman. We are very excited to have such a good sized group and look forward to a year of exploring, service, reflection and fun! The class will begin meeting in October and confirmants will be asking adults to be their mentors. If you are interested in helping with this program, or if you are/have an 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grader who would like to be involved, please contact Rev. Lisa Stedman. Please include the confirmants (and their parents and mentors) in your prayers this year!



**Bible Study  
Begins Anew**

#### Tuesday Bible Study

Our Tuesday Adult Bible Study will resume on October 5th at 1:30 pm. All are invited to participate in this wonderful group! We will begin the year with an exploration of women of the Bible. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesdays!

## Congo Club Potluck and Game Night – with a (Yoga) Twist!

Congo Club is kicking off the new program year with our traditional potluck dinner and game night but with an added dimension – multi-generational yoga! Join us on **October 16<sup>th</sup> at the church for yoga from 4:30-5:45, potluck dinner at 6:15, and games at 7:00** – come for one, two or three of these events. **RSVP to Joann Sanford, [jo.take@verizon.net](mailto:jo.take@verizon.net) or 781-944-7805, by October 15<sup>th</sup>.** There is no cost for any of these activities.

**Yoga 4:30-5:45:** Saskia Bergmans of Studio Om will lead us in a multi-level yoga class for everyone – beginner to experienced, all ages welcome. Saskia will ease us through a 75 minute class, stretching and moving through yogic postures in ways that feel good to the whole body. We will break down one or two of the *asanas* (poses) for a deeper experience. We finish the class with *savasana*, to fully allow the body, mind and emotions to settle and relax. Wear comfortable clothes such as sweat pants and t-shirt.

**Potluck 6:15:** Bring a main dish or side or dessert to share – let Joann know what you are bringing when you RSVP.

**Game Night 7:00:** Bring your favorite non-electronic game. Wise and Otherwise, Trailer Park Wars, Uno, Quiddler and Barnstormin'Goofy have been past favorites.

Congo Club is an informal social/service group of the First Congregational Church of Reading and plans events for both families and adults. Past gatherings have included Christmas Caroling, Murder Mystery Dinner, Talent Show, Progressive Dinner and Hike for Humanity (benefiting Habitat for Humanity). All events are open to everyone in the church. Anyone with an idea or interested in organizing an event, please contact Joann for communication.

## Book Group – Get ready to share your recommendations!

On October 5, the book group will meet for the first time this fall. All participants, newcomers, and interested parties are invited to bring books that they would recommend to the group and join in the lively discussion about what are we going to read together this year. We'll look at the recommendations and collaborate on the year's schedule. The group attempts to balance the list with both non-fiction and fiction having a spiritual connection; and we are looking forward to an interesting and uplifting year together. The Book Group meets on the First Tuesday of each month, October through June, at 7:30 in the Parlor. (Until Parlor renovations are complete we will meet in the Youth Room)

Jane McCord

### WANTED: Coffee and Conversation Facilitators



When: After church, Sundays, September through June

How often: once a month, alternate months, or one time

Skills: A friendly smile and the ability to read directions

Optional: Baking of goodies (breads, cookies, etc.)

Teams of two work well. Families can also volunteer.

Contact Joan Kingston at 781-944-0533 or e-mail at [irjak68@hotmail.com](mailto:irjak68@hotmail.com) for details and available dates.

**Mark Your Calendar for our Annual Thanksgiving Feast, following worship on Sunday, Nov. 21st, hosted by the Austin family and our next Cocoa and Cookies event on Sunday afternoon, November 28th following the town tree lighting**



## Attention All Knitters—or Crocheters

It's time again to bring out those needles and start knitting or crocheting some 9x9" squares for the **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pine Street Inn Knit-a-Thon** which will be held this year at the State House on November 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be participating by donating our squares which will be sewn together at that time by many volunteers to create blankets for the Pine Street Inn's Supportive Housing Program. Upon moving into their new apartment, each tenant will receive a beautiful unique handmade blanket.



PINE STREET INN'S THIRD ANNUAL  
**KNIT-A-THON**  
FUNDRAISER

Squares can be any color, any material, or any pattern and you can knit or crochet as many or as few as you are able. The rule of thumb is 9 x 9". Please measure your squares – misfits cannot be used in a blanket and yes, **please weave in your ends**.

Go forth and multiply! If you can make one square you can make 2 and so on. Each blanket takes 35 squares. Even if you can only knit a few – they will help complete a blanket.

Please contact Carol Patterson @781-944-6592 or [cpat2@verizon.net](mailto:cpat2@verizon.net) with any questions or if you are in need of some yarn. Squares must be completed by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Common Cathedral Thanks!

Many thanks to everyone who donated sandwiches and baked goodies to the Mission Ministry's trip to Common Cathedral in Boston on August 29! They included Linda Ananian, Bev Cook, Shirley Fairchild, Maryann Higgins, Kitty Jones, Joan Kingston, Pat Lucas, Sharon Ofenstein, Carol Patterson, Hazel Piper, Joann Sanborn, Laurie Tucker, Craig Vickery, Eris White, and Judie Williams.

We needed all these helpers because our church was the only one providing the meal on that Sunday. Our team that traveled down to serve it consisted of Rev. Lisa, Linda Ananian, Pat Lucas, Sharon Ofenstein, Brian and Laurie Tucker, and Craig Vickery. We enjoyed beautiful weather, and it was as always a moving and rewarding experience. If you would like to participate, we'll be going again next spring.

## Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell Sends Team to Everest Build 2010

In October 2010, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell will send a group of eight volunteers, Board Members, and staff to the 'Everest Build' in Nepal. The build team will travel to Pokhara, located 200km west of the capital Katmandu, joining several hundred other Habitat volunteers from around the world to build 50 homes with HFH Nepal Partner Families. Led by Executive Director Dana Owens, the team will work on a house that is sponsored by Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell. The build will begin on Oct 4th - World Habitat Day.

Each of the new homes constructed for a deserving family during the Everest Build will have a bedroom, living room, kitchen and exterior toilet. The homes will be built with locally sourced, prefabricated bamboo walls and metal roofs. HFH Nepal is committed to preserving the natural environment by supporting the use of sustainable building materials. Each of the team members is excited to use the skills they have learned while building homes locally to help build homes with Nepali Partner Families.

Please keep our team members in your thoughts and prayers as they travel to Nepal to serve these families. And stay up-to-date on our progress by following this link to the Everest Build website. [http://www.habitat.org/asiapacific/what\\_we\\_do/events/everestbuild2010/default.aspx](http://www.habitat.org/asiapacific/what_we_do/events/everestbuild2010/default.aspx)



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## Boston Crop Hunger Walk, Saturday, Oct. 16th

The BOSTON CROP HUNGER WALK begins at Union Methodist Church, 485 Columbus Ave. in Boston's South End. Registration is at 9 a.m., and the walk begins at 9:30 a.m.

This unique walk through Boston's neighborhoods raises funds and awareness for global and local hunger and poverty initiatives. Walk with City Mission Society for 6 miles through Boston's South End to Jamaica Plain, building community along the way. Seventy-five percent of the monies raised support hunger programs of Church World United. The remaining twenty-five percent go to support local non-profits working to end hunger.

## Do you have books you'd like to donate to a good cause?

City Mission Society and the Prison Book Program are joining forces for the fourth year in a row to make it easier than ever for gently used books to benefit others by presenting **The Great American Book Drive**. Let us find your used books a new home! A percentage of the profits from their sale will fund two great programs. It's about literacy, not landfill.

**Saturday, November 6th, 10 am - 3 pm (rain or shine!)**

**The Non-Profit Center, 89 South Street, Boston, MA 02111**

## Visioning Team's Ponderings—October 2010

As we go to press, we are days before a very important meeting of the congregation on Oct. 3. Further information about the ongoing discussion and any decisions of the congregation will be shared in our weekly enews, Sunday bulletins and announcements. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Amy Imrich, Facilitator of our Resources Ministry, Linda Ananian, Visioning Team Facilitator, or Rev. Lisa. Thank you for your ongoing care and prayers for FCCR!

The Resources Ministry—and the Visioning Team—have been looking at a number of scenarios which would allow us to begin implementing some of the building renovations recommended by the envelope specialist—and as we saw were so badly needed during the spring rains. Some of the options talked about—and still being evaluated, with scenarios run to see the impact of each—include looking at the endowment for funds, evaluating a campaign, and other solutions.

Thanks to all those who attended the Informational meeting Sunday Sep. 19th to talk about starting the building work. There was wonderful dialogue and sharing of ideas and concerns, and it was clear that everyone in the room was interested in only what was best for the church.

Linda Ananian, Visioning Facilitator

Another Faire has come and gone, and it's the time of year when we anxiously await the "bottom line"- the report of exactly how much money our collective hard work raised. See the article from the Treasurer below, for our first cut at results. If you have other income to turn in, or if you have expenses not yet reported, please contact Gay Williams at [gqwill@aol.com](mailto:gqwill@aol.com) or call her at 781.944.5140. Until all the numbers are in, we cannot announce a final accounting; happily, we are still receiving news of sales!

But that bottom line doesn't tell the whole story. There is a second bottom line that some of us feel is even more important than the first, numerical one. The other bottom line of the Faire is the fact that this "signature symbol" of our church remains successful after 53 years, that the camaraderie felt among Faire-goers is as genuine as it was in year one, and that despite all that the past half-century has offered society in terms of secularization and

change, our (not-so-) little faire remains a hallmark of our church's outreach and vitality. When looking around the church's nooks and crannies, filled to the brim with both treasures and people last weekend, we hope you recognized this second bottom line with a smile. And if you participated in any way in the planning, implementation, or enjoyment of the Faire, you helped to make it possible, and for that we are very grateful. Thank you all!

One final word: each year you shape the Faire with your good ideas. If anyone has feedback or insight to share from this year's Faire experience, please send a note or email to one of the Faire Chairs. We will collect and hold them until it's time to plan the 54th iteration of this wonderful event next year. Thank you again!

Sincerely,  
Your Faire Chairs - Eleanor Grant, Brian Tucker, Craig Taylor, and Anastasia Kidd

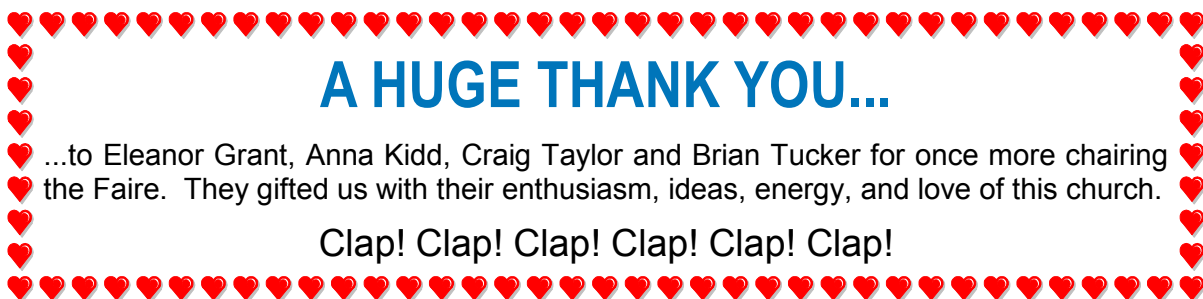
## That Most Wonderful Faire!

Many, many thanks to the many people who made this year's Olde Redding Faire once more, a great success! While the final numbers are not yet in (we still have some income to record in detail, as well as expenses), it looks like proceeds for the church will be between \$10,500 and \$11,000. And it would not have been possible without YOU!

Until I volunteered as the Faire treasurer last year, my involvement with the Faire had largely been in spending my money there. I had not really experienced the blessing that the Faire is in intimate ways for and among those who work so hard to make it happen. Friendships are made and relationships strengthened. Serving as treasurer, I have also become aware of some of the things others may not realize. Did you know that there is no expense at all to several of our tables - because the table chairs donate the full complement of their table? Did you know there is an angel who for the past two years has underwritten - via donation, the expenses of one of our tables? Did you know that the balloon guy who was handing out fun balloons at the Midway on Saturday was "gifted" to the Faire by one of our members? All this, along with bakers and knitters, cooks, servers, toy magnates, face painters, furniture collectors (curbside, even!), bibliophiles, candy queens, farmers, jewelers, AV guys, cookie artists, entertainers, "sweet fried dough", and elephants white, gray, and all fine...not to mention facade creation, dismantlement, table pick up and return, and cleanup!

This 50-plus year tradition is but one of the things that makes this church family special: its ability, and more importantly its willingness, to pull together to make the Faire possible. And of course it's possible - we have God's word on it!!!

Gay Williams, Treasurer for Ye Olde Redding Faire


  
**A HUGE THANK YOU...**
  
 ...to Eleanor Grant, Anna Kidd, Craig Taylor and Brian Tucker for once more chairing the Faire. They gifted us with their enthusiasm, ideas, energy, and love of this church.
   
**Clap! Clap! Clap! Clap! Clap! Clap!**

## And Now for a Musical Reprise...

For those who missed church the day after the Faire—or just want to hear it again—here are the alternative lyrics Anna sang to us as a special Faire Chair thank you!

### Previously known as “This Land is Your Land”...

This Faire is Your Faire  
This Faire is My Faire  
From the Midway Bounce House  
To the Toy Room Teddy Bears.  
From the Farm Stand Pumpkins  
To the Roast Beef Supper  
This Faire was made for you and me.

### And “Mrs. Robinson”...

And here's to you, Mr. Craig Vickery,  
Your table runs they really saved the day.  
And also you, Mark Johnson,  
And all those who helped take the trash  
away. (hey hey hey, hey hey hey)

### “Sweet Caroline”, aka “Sweet Fried Dough!”

It was the Fall, it was the town of Reading,  
Just down the hill on Woburn Street...  
I was downstairs, and I was getting hungry,  
Looking for something good to eat...  
Dough, Kneading Dough, Frying Dough, eating one, then  
three more!  
Sweet Fried Dough (bum, bum, bum),  
Calories never tasted so good (so good, so good, so good!)  
I've been inclined (bum, bum, bum),  
To eat more than I should (wo, wo, wo)  
Carmel apples, sprinkled with nutty topping,  
Mac and cheese and a truffle too...  
Maybe some fudge, and then some cheese and crackers,  
But only one last bite will do...  
Dough, Kneading Dough, Frying Dough, eating one, then  
three more!  
Sweet Fried Dough (bum, bum, bum),  
Calories never tasted so good (so good, so good, so good!)  
I've been inclined (bum, bum, bum),  
To eat more than I should (wo, wo, wo)



### Drivers Wanted

If you might be available to drive one of our members or friends for an errand or doctor appointment, or bring him or her to church (for worship or some other event), please contact Nancy Ballantyne. Unless you say so, we would not be asking you to drive to Boston. While Nancy has had some really fine help in the past, we are finding that there is a growing need for this kind of assistance. You can reach Nancy at 781-944-7564 or at nanbal@mailstation.com.

## Transport Help Needed

### Congregational Care Ministry Contacts

#### **Care Ministry General Concerns:**

Nancy Ballantyne (781.944.7564), or Gay Williams (781.944.5140) or Rev. Lisa Stedman (978.314.4265)

#### **Meal Needs:**

Eleanor Grant (781.944.1736) or Carol Johnson (781.944.1347)

#### **Transportation for Appointments, or Errands:**

Nancy Ballantyne (781.944.7564) or Carol Patterson (781.944.6592)

#### **Visitation, Companionship:**

Marcie Atkins (781.245.1993) or Liz Swallow (781.944.5878)

#### **Prayer/Prayer Shawl:**

Carol Patterson (781.944.6592) or Gay Williams (781.944.5140)

**Cancer Treatment Support:** Marcie Atkins (781.245.1993) or Barbara Philbrick (781.944.7037)

## CWF Important Dates

### Annual Meeting

The CWF Annual meeting will be held on Sunday October, 24th after worship in the Chapel. ALL women of the Church are invited for Fellowship and to learn about our programs. The cookbook, calendar, and programs will be discussed. Our booklet will be distributed. Hope to see you!

### Ham and Bean Supper

Our Ham and Bean Supper will be held on Saturday, October 23rd at 6 pm  
Come to enjoy a delicious home cooked meal!

### New in the Kitchen

Thanks to the profit which we weren't supposed to make, but did on the Plant Swap last May, CWF was able to purchase new silverware, trays, split covers for the chafing dishes and a new pot rack for the kitchen. Unfortunately we didn't have enough for the new ovens (only kidding), but were able to support the purchase of the new refrigerator with funds from our treasury

## Cookbook News

Only days left to submit your recipe. We know you want to be included in "The CWF Cookbook"

"Breaking Bread Together for 100 Years." All men and women of the Church are invited to share their favorite or special recipes, especially if you've brought them to a Church event like Confirmation Suppers or Soup and Salad Nights.

Deadline has been extended to October 11th. Thanks!!

## I'd Love to Help with the CWF Cookbook

Now that we have begun to collect recipes, many opportunities have sprung up for those of you who have asked "How can I help with the CWF cookbook?" There are 4 main categories and each has several tasks as explained below.

### I. RECIPES (Done by Oct. 21st)

We need people to type the recipes not put on line. Thanks to those who have already volunteered. This can be done at home at your leisure.

### II. LAYOUT AND DESIGN (Done by Oct. 25)

We need 3 people to help Mary Ann Higgins plan the layout and design of the cookbook. It is basically done for us, but we need to choose cover design, extra pages that might highlight some important events of the last 100 years since this cookbook is to celebrate our birthday, and decide on the layout of each page. Contact Mary Ann (mahiggins@gmail.com) if interested.

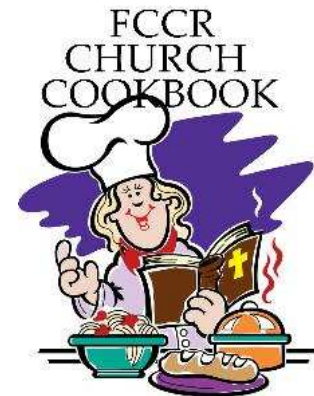
### III. TAKEOUT PAGES (Done by Oct. 25)

Instead of having sponsors for the cookbook, we are having takeout pages. Restaurants and vendors will submit their names, phone numbers and websites so that when things get crazy, we will have a list of nearby restaurants from which we can order. The forms are all done. We need someone(s) to gather them as they come in, type in the information, and thank the vendors in written form when the cookbook is done.

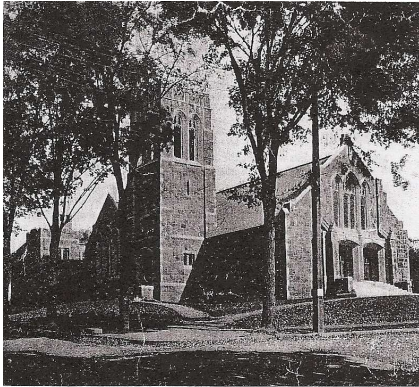
### IV. ADVERTISING AND SELLING (Varies)

We need people to take preorders after Church, and at the dinner on October 31st. We need people to sell the cookbooks at Cookies and Cocoa and other venues. One person needs to make a sign up sheet and remind volunteers when they are to work.

So....you asked what you could do. Please call Diane Wilson, Betsy Connor or Mary Ann Higgins to let us know. Many, many thanks ahead of time for your support.



## Opening Service in New Sanctuary, 30 October, 1910



Slightly over one year following the Laying of the Cornerstone for the new church, October 10, 1909, the new edifice of the "First Congregational Church of Reading" opened with special morning and evening services on Sunday, Oct. 30, 1910. Rev. Augustine Newton presided over both services.

The morning sermon was entitled, *A Glad and Transformed Church*. In it Rev. Newton told an overflow crowd in the *auditorium* (sanctuary) that it was a strange and mysterious Providence that deprived them of their former meeting house, but it had been a means of welding them together by ties stronger than ever. He continued saying, "You have done things you would have once counted as impossible."

The evening service was held in the auditorium, with Rev. Newton preaching about *The Essentials of Church Life*.

Though the building was finished, the "Official" Dedication Ceremony was scheduled for a later time, after the organ was installed. One memorial, however, was completed: the Bell in the Tower, dedicated to Miss Lucretia Hopkins in memory of her sister, Mrs. Mary Pratt. There were also plans for stained glass window memorials, the first being the "Resurrection" window, to be dedicated in memory of Rev. Frank Adams, a much beloved pastor who untimely passed away in 1897. As time went on, additional stained glass windows, as well as other memorials, were dedicated. Indeed, although the building was "finished," it was far from "completed;" memorials were dedicated right through the 1990s.

The new building, completed in 1911, served the parishioners for almost half a century, till the late 1950s. At that time additional space was needed to accommodate what would become known as the "Baby Boomers," the generation born in the post World War II period from 1946-1964. The "Church Family" was growing much larger. In the mid-1950s, a campaign was launched for a new building addition.

Next: the 1959 Addition

*Centennial Celebration Committee: Hazel Piper, Judie Williams, Nancy Ballantyne, Carol Patterson, Betty Wilder, Larry Piper, Mary Ann Higgins, Gennifer Tabor, Christine Georgilas, Dave Zeek, John Myers, Betsy Schneider, Kathy Guyott, Marcia Atkins, Rev. Lisa. Please contact any of us with ideas and suggestions.*

## Artifacts for Display at Oct. 31 Luncheon

Now that you've practiced looking over white elephants at the Faire, we ask you to please look for even older items from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century that we can put on display at the Centennial luncheon on Oct. 31.

Everett Blodgett will display old photos, including the Reading High School class of 1909. John and Shirley Fairchild have offered an ice scale and tongs used by John and his Grandfather Nichols, who was an ice man. The Pipers have a collection of Zane Grey westerns from Hazel's grandfather, and these were popular beginning in the early 1900s.

Do you have clothing, hats, an old telephone, postcards, photographs, china, books or anything you can think of, from around this time period?

There will be a box in the office where you can drop things off. Please label items so we can get them back to you. If it's a large item, call Hazel or Larry Piper at 781-944-5095, and we will pick it up.

We're really looking forward to what folks can come up with!

## RSVP to the October 31 Luncheon

By now you will have received your invitation to the Centennial Luncheon which will be held after a special worship service on October 31. It promises to be a delicious lunch, catered by Green Tomatoes Restaurant. Before, during and after the meal there will be entertainment of various kinds - a dramatic reading, singing of old hymns, and a wonderful display of photographs and other artifacts from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Please make your reservation right away by calling Judie Williams at 781-944-2836 or sending her an email at williams.judie40@gmail.com.

The Centennial Committee is working very hard to plan enjoyable and moving events for all in the church and outside the church to enjoy over the next year. We have decided to do a fund raiser so that many of the activities will be offered for free. The fund raiser is called *100 for the 100<sup>th</sup>*. The 100s are symbolic, of course. We are asking whoever can, to give whatever feels comfortable, to support these fun events.

## Why are we asking for your donations to the Centennial Celebration?

- So that we can offer you the Celebration luncheon on October 31 for free (or almost free)
- So we can pay for costumes and/or entertainment
- So we can copy, print and enlarge photographs of church members from the past
- So we can host a celebratory reception for the Town and the Church in May
- So we can pay for special music in May if we wish
- So we can share our good fortune with a start-up church by donating 10% of the money raised.

We're asking you to donate a little more than the cost of two dinners out so that we can offer you two whole days and a centennial program filled with fun, fellowship, reflection and spiritual refreshment!

Hazel Piper

Chair, Centennial Celebration Committee



## Self-Help Groups at FCCR

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS meet in the **Music Room** on Saturday mornings, from 7:00-8:00 am, and from 10:00-11:30 am in the **Music Room**.

EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS meet on Saturdays, 10:00-11:30 am in the **Conference Room**.

AWOL OA meet on Sunday mornings, 7:00-8:30 am in **Pilgrim Hall**.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meet on Sunday evenings, from 8:00-9:30 pm in **Pilgrim Hall**.

## FCCR at SUPER SATURDAY!

As this newsletter pirouettes through the postal system over the weekend, a number of your friends will be setting their alarm clocks early, to leave from the town hall lot at 7:45 AM to go to Franklin, MA for the MACUCC's Super Saturday event. Those early risers are Debbi Adams, Linda Ananian, Amy Imrich, Chris Kerr, Jane McCord, Gay Williams and Rev. Lisa.

These participants will each take part in two workshops over the course of the day—many of them listed in the box to the right. Why don't you look any one or more of these folks up and find out what workshops they went to, and what they took away from them. And your editorial staff will try to get some reporting in the next issue of our newsletter too!

<b>31 Workshops</b>	Inspiration
Fellowship	<b>Super</b> Worship
Search Committees	<b>Marketplace</b>
<b>Facebook</b>	<i>Mission &amp; Justice</i>
<b>Provocation</b>	Deacons
Christian Education	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>Networking</b>	Demographics
<i>Collaboration</i>	<b>Stewardship</b>
Resources	<b>Best Practices</b>
Homelessness	<b>Learning</b>
<b>Hospitality</b>	<i>Safe Church</i>
<b>Trustees</b>	<b>Treasurers</b>
Love & Good Deeds	

## Concert Series at the Wakefield UU Church

The Standing Room Only series at the Wakefield UU church was founded to enrich and inspire with high level performances easily accessible to the North Suburban and Greater Boston communities. A production of our Music Ministry, the concerts are also a benefit for The Building Fund of the church at 326 Main St.

Concert 2: December 19 at 7:00pm

**Candlelight Christmas II** *Classical Masterpieces and Holiday Favorites*. Back by popular demand. Again featuring Wakefield vocal All-stars, Joe Holmes, Holly Zagaria and John Erban lead a program that includes O Holy Night, The Hallelujah Chorus, Holiday for Strings, a special arrangement of Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah and much more. The New England Festival Orchestra accompanies.

Concert 3: February 13 at 7:00pm

**Love is Blind: A Valentine Concert** Join Leigh Barrett and Company for a poignant and funny look at love. Program includes: I Could Be Happy with You from The Boyfriend, I Could Be Happy with You from The Boyfriend. You'll Never Get Away from Me from Gypsy among many more great songs.

**Concert 4: Boston Children's Chorus** April 16 at 7:00pm

*A Celebration of Shared Humanity*. This is a rare, north-of-Boston appearance. Opening for the Chorus are performances by an All-Star array of young instrumental artists.

The website for information and tickets is [www.sroconcerts.org](http://www.sroconcerts.org)

Tickets are \$25, \$20 for seniors and students

Season Subscriptions are \$85, \$75 for seniors and students

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Daily prayers are invited for all of our friends and members-especially those who are dealing with these special joys and concerns. They and their families are most grateful for your spiritual support and cards of greeting.



### Prayers for the Month of September

Following are many of the prayers shared during the past 4-6 weeks

#### **O God, We lift up our petitions and concerns in prayer...**

- ✠ for all who are dealing with issues of grief, health or balance.
- ✠ for all dealing with medical treatments, for confidence in caregivers, hope in God, and good humor in all.
- ✠ for those whose loved ones are struggling with depression, anxiety, and other issues.
- ✠ for all who are struggling financially.
- ✠ for those who are unemployed and under-employed, and all who are searching for work.
- ✠ for the miners trapped underground in Chile, and all who are working to support and rescue them.
- ✠ for friends, neighbors and family dealing with issues of health, wellness and balance, especially Sheryl, Paul, Richard, Adele, Jimmy, Ken, Ron, Anne...
- ✠ for Ginny Davenport, continuing treatment for lung and breast cancer.
- ✠ for Bud Knox, recovering from hip surgery.
- ✠ for Adelaide Winam, now in care at the Wilmington Health Center.
- ✠ for Jane Rice, recovering well at home after hospitalization from a fall.
- ✠ for Jane Hakanson, continuing her recovery with a broken foot.
- ✠ for Sarah "Umby" Umberger, recovering from surgery on a broken leg.
- ✠ for Dan Walker's parents, Marguerita & Bob, both in failing health.

✠ for Danielle Pelliso, recovering from injury.

✠ for Shirley and John Fairchild's daughter Barbara Burns, recently hospitalized.

✠ for Joyce Miller, preparing for surgery on her other knee.

#### **O God, we lift up these celebrations and joys in prayer...**

✠ The birth of John Joseph Austin, born, Friday, September 17th.

✠ John and Shirley Fairchild, who celebrated their 56th anniversary.

✠ For all who celebrated birthdays!

#### **O God, we give thanks...**

✠ for all who worked for and participated in and attended the 2010 Ye Olde Redding Faire!

✠ for our Church School teachers.

✠ for our church!

#### **Our prayers continue for those who are in need of ongoing nursing care or assisted living:**

#### **And those who are cared for at home:**

Jane Rice

Peter Thorstensen

Grace Faulkner

Bill Rule

Doris Torppa

John Weston

Please call the church office for these addresses if you would like to send a card or visit these friends.

#### ***Thanks to those who donated flowers to beautify our worship space in September***

In loving memory grandparents Mae E. Heintz and I. Gertrude & Frank S. Hobbs by Diane Cain.

In loving memory of husband and father, Carl L. Junkins and sister, Aunt Phyllis Jones by Mildred Junkins and daughter Shirley Slack.

In loving memory of Dorothy Scheib by Beverly Cook and family.

In loving memory of Russell and Inez Daley by the Daley and Oliphant families.



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