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Labor Day Sunday

September 5, 2010

9:30 A.M

PRELUDE: "Pie Jesu," from the "Requiem" Gabriel Fauré

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee" # 430

CALL TO WORSHIP: - Adapted from Psalm 139 Patti Colkos

Leader: O God, you have searched me and known me.

People: O God, I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Leader: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

People: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

Leader: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them – they are more than the sand; And when I come to the end – You are still with me.

People: O God, I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SEASON OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O Merciful God, you created us out of love, calling us to choose blessings and to delight in your law; but instead, we follow our own capricious natures. Rather than seeing freedom in your decrees, we see constraints. We convince ourselves that we know what we need better than you do. We make choices that hurt others and lead us away from you. Forgive us for all the ways we fall short in what we do and in what we fail to do. Instill in us the desire to grow in our faith and our discipleship so we can help grow your kingdom with integrity. Amen

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

SONG OF PRAISE: *Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in one;*

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

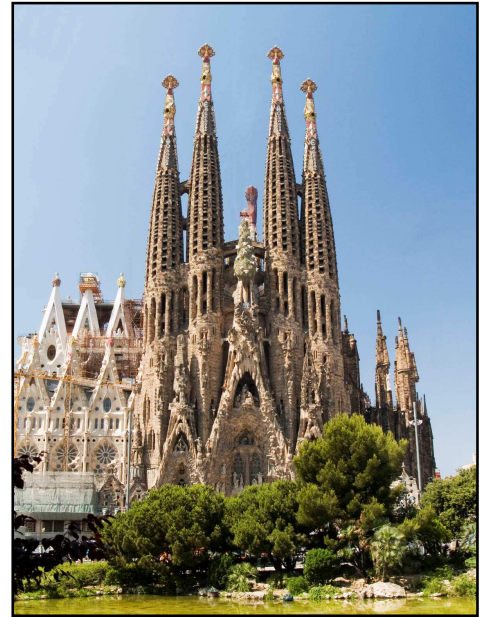
World without end. Amen. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND SELVES

Offertory Anthem: Guitar Solo Performed by Patrick Fallon

*Doxology
*Praise God, Creator of the earth;
Praise God made flesh with Jesus' birth;
Praise God within each living soul;
Praise God in whom we are made whole.*

Prayer of Dedication:



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Requests

Prayer of the People & Our Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Luke 14:25-33

Now there were large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Leader: Our God is still speaking. *People: Thanks be to God.*

SERMON:

"Building Towers for Jesus"

HYMN:

"Just As I Am Without One Plea"

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN:

"O Jesus I Have Promised"

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*BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE:

"All Glory Be to God on High"

J.S. Bach

***All who feel comfortable may stand.**

The *altar flowers* this morning are given to the Glory of God in celebration of the 35th Class Reunion of the Minnechaug Class of 1975.

MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY:

MINISTER: The Rev. Dr. Charles C. Close

HEAD USHER: John Tarbell

GREETERS: Jane Godfrey, Nancy Schenk

ORGANIST: Herb Vieira

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Mark Jacobson

USHERS: John & Lesley Tarbell, Michael & Cheryl
McCarthy, Patrick & Lisa Fallon

NURSERY CARE: Marilyn Heiney, Linda Bennett

GUITARIST/SOLOIST: Pat Fallon



Attention Visitors! Is this your first visit to United Church? We bid you a very warm welcome and invite you to sign our Guest Pad located in the Narthex. Please take a minute to look through the brochures and information at the Guest Table. These will help to familiarize you with our programs and our church family. ♦ Please join us for fellowship and lemonade on the front lawn immediately after the service.

Hosting today is Monica Gubala.

United Church, UCC & UMC

"News for the Pews" for the week of September 5, 2010



Bill Berman and Family, Jack Getchell, Ron Nobbs,
Elizabeth and Betsy Close, Joyce Muldrew, Jesse Rice,
Lorn Helgoe, Dr. Arthur Goodwin, and The Latours,
All peoples coping with natural disasters, and all who are helping in so many ways,
The boys at the Robert F. Kennedy Detention Center,
Our armed forces and their families, our country and our world.

Weekly Statistics

Last week's Attendance:	74	Total Offerings to date:	\$153,407.
Last week's Offering:	\$ 2,250.	Where we would like to be budget-wise:	\$163,558.

Please keep your pledge up to date through the summer. Thank you for your participation!

SAVE THE DATE – Sept. 25, 2010

Autumn Market Day is September 25, rain or shine, from 7 am to 4 pm. Included will be a community tag sale on the front lawn, an antique and collectible exhibition in the back parking lot, a farmers market, 4H exhibition and a barbeque.

Anyone wishing to participate in the tag sale can obtain an application form on the church web site. The fee for a 10x10 foot spot is \$25. Multiple spots may be purchased. Spots will be doled out on a first come, first serve basis. Participants are encouraged to bring their own tables, pop up tents, and any other paraphernalia necessary to showcase their wares. The church will accept any left over merchandise for donation to either the Thrift Shop or the Good Will. We can provide tax credit forms for those who donate. We will also dispose of any trash.

The Antique and Collectible Fair will be in the back parking lot. Any dealer is welcome. Dealers will be able to drive in to a space and unload their merchandise for ease of set up. Price for one space is \$50 payable on the day of the fair.

Green Acres Farm will be sponsoring a Farmer's Market and will sell produce and farm related items, such as jams, wreaths and soaps. In addition, the 4H will be giving milking and spinning demonstrations, as well as selling some of their homemade products. The children's area will be open from 10- 2.

There will also be an animal exhibit provided by Green Acres Farm, 4H and other local farmers. We are planning to show goats, sheep, alpacas, rabbits and chickens.

Continental Breakfast will be available starting at 7am and a barbeque on the lawn from 11 to 2, with food provided by Johnsens Catering. Also snacks will be available throughout the fair.

There will be limited parking on the church grounds, but also parking at the Masonic Hall and at Crane Park in designated areas.

We are hoping this will be a fun filled family day.

» » Help is needed for the following tasks:

- **Set up on Friday night.**
- **Kitchen help** to serve breakfast and lunch,
- **Parking attendants** are needed to direct traffic in the morning and afternoon until about 3
- **Help with set up at 6:30** Sat morning and to help with tag sale participant check in.
- **Help with break down at 4.**
- **Someone who can create signs** for the event and to post around town before the event.
- **Help for Nancy Giza, who is coordinating the youth.**

**For more information contact Joyce Pierangelo
364-4664 or jpieran@aol.com**



Annual Giant Mum Sale – Preorders will be taken on Sept. 5th and 12th, with pick up on Sept. 19th. The public sale will take place out front on Sept. 18th from 9 am – 1 pm. This sale is sponsored by ACTS, which provides free tutoring to Springfield area children. *See the displays in the Narthex.*

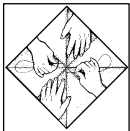
Summer Office Hours: Wed. – Fri. 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Please plan to see Laurie during the posted hours, whenever possible. You may also try the church e-mail: admin@wilbrahamunitedchurch.org or leave a phone message: 596-2511 x100

Cookbook Fundraiser, 'A Taste of Wilbraham'
The cookbooks are only \$9.50 each, and they make great gifts. Stop by the church office and pick one (or more) up. Checks can be made out to WUC. Bon Appétit!!


The Thrift Shop has new items for sale every single week! The Shop is open every Friday and Saturday, 9:30am-12:30pm, in the basement in Rooms 8B and 10B. Come on down for the best deals in town – and bring a friend! Proceeds benefit the church and local charitable organizations.

Donations of good quality, gently used items are always welcome. Please, no clothing, televisions, computers, exercise equipment, luggage or anything large.

Volunteers are always needed! Please email Dianne Lyons at dianneJBL@aol.com or call 374-7769.



“The Piece Makers” will be meeting on September 13 and 27 and October 4 and 18.

We videotape and broadcast our services on Wilbraham Public Access television, Channel 5, at 8:00 PM on Monday evenings and 8:00 AM on Tuesday mornings. 

Please Support our Shopping Card program!
Ordering Dates ~ the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month with your cards available to you the second and fourth Sundays of the month. In addition, \$25 & \$100 Big Y – Stop & Shop and Wal-Mart; \$10

Dunkin Donuts; Staples, and Home Depot cards are available during office hours.

WUC MENS CLUB will start their program year on **Sunday, Sept. 19, at 8 am in Fellowship Hall**. The speaker will be **Mike Trombley**, a resident of Wilbraham and graduate of Minnechaug High School. Mike played on the 1983 and 1984 Minnechaug football teams that both won Western Mass. Football championships. After graduating, Mike attended Duke University where he was a pitcher on the baseball team. Mike was drafted by the Minnesota Twins in 1989 and called up to the major league Twins team in 1992. Mike will talk about his experiences as a major league pitcher from 1992 to 2002. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Hope to see you there!

This Week at Wilbraham United

“News for the Pews” DEADLINE is Wed. 3:30 pm

TODAY – 09/05/10

9:30 am: Worship
10:45 am: Fellowship & Lemonade - *Front Lawn*
6:00 pm: Al Anon – *Rm. 1G*

MONDAY – 09/06: LABOR DAY HOLIDAY OFFICES CLOSED

TUESDAY – 09/07

2 – 4 pm: Music lessons – *2nd fl. classrooms*
7:00 pm: Yoga Class – *Discovery Room*

WEDNESDAY – 09/08

6:30 pm: Al Anon – *Rm. 1G*
6:30 pm: Al A-Teen – *1st SS Rm on left*
7:00 pm: Governing Board – *Friendship Rm.*

THURSDAY – 09/09

12 Noon: RFK Ministry Team – *RFK Center*
6:00 pm: Al Anon – *Rm. 1G*
7:00 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rm.

FRIDAY – 09/10

9:30 am – 12:30 pm: Thrift Shop – *Rms. 8 & 10B*

SATURDAY – 09/11

9:30 am – 12:30 pm: Thrift Shop – *Rms. 8 & 10B*

SUNDAY – 09/12: HOME COMING SUNDAY

9:30 am: Continental Breakfast & Sunday School Registration – *2nd fl. Classrooms*
10:00 am: Worship – *Sanctuary*

11:15 am: Fellowship Hour – *Fellowship Hall*

6:00 pm: Al Anon – *Rm. 1G*