



## The Link - September 2008

### *Welcome Back to the New Church Year!*

Hal Borland says, "If you would know strength and patience, welcome the company of trees." In New England, the trees all around us in our yards and in our forests are living testimonials to the beauty of creation and to the strength that God has put in every living thing. Trees grace our lives with welcome shade and habitats for a beneficial ecological network of forest creatures. We mark the changing seasons by leaf changes: bare bark in winter, budding green in spring and summer, and red/golden/brown we now look forward to before the next month is out. Each change in our trees is a "welcome back" message to a new but familiar season. Within the welcoming, familiar rhythms of life we find strength and patience to explore and endure all that earthly life holds in store for us.

Samson reveals the secret of this strength Delilah in Judges 16:17: "A razor has never come upon my head; for I have been a Nazarite to God from my mother's womb. If my head were shaved, then my strength would leave me; I would become weak, and be like anyone else." Samson was wise to know the source of his strength, to stand firm, honor and sustain it. The wisdom of Proverbs 10:29 teaches us, "The way of the Lord is a stronghold for the upright."

Like trees, our church graces our lives with welcome refuge in all circumstances of life and is a habitat for a beneficial spiritual network of souls. We mark the changing seasons by changes in our liturgy and church activities: Ordinary Time, Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Pentecost. Like seasons of trees, seasons of church life each offer its familiar but renewed "welcome back" message to us. Within the welcoming rhythms of weekly worship and church seasons, we find strength and patience to grow and endure in the company of other sojourners, all that life holds in store for us, according to God's plan.

Like Samson, we must grow in our knowledge and wise guarding of the true source of our strength. Like Samson, we must admit that, when we wander very far from the source of that strength, we become weaker, we are tempted to become like "anyone else" who relies on trendy gurus and material things whose strength fades before the season fades.

Welcome back to the new church year! May we all resolve to spend this year growing closer in spirit to each other in church and to the Lord, our true and ever-faithful stronghold. I look forward to walking alongside each of you as this year unfolds!

In Christian love and care,  
Pastor Linda

### **We Are Getting a New Church Directory! Olan Mills Pro Photography is coming!**

Thanks to the Trustees, we will have a new pictorial church directory by Christmas. Olan Mills will be at our church to take pictures of individuals and families on Tuesday, December 2 from 3-9:30 PM. A schedule of appointment times will be available later this Fall. Olan Mills guarantees that any photo packages you purchase for Christmas giving will arrive on time! Get your family to clear schedules, get haircuts, locate just the right clothes, and gather at the church for this special photo opportunity. It has been (too) many years since our photo directory has been updated, so this is exciting!

**All Saints Day** is the first Sunday in November this year. We light candles and honor the memories of the saints who have gone before us during worship. We especially want to invite families of those we have lost since last November to be present with us. Please invite family members and friends who have lost loved ones to be with us in worship this day. Naming and remembering these persons in love helps the healing process!

**Calling all Liturgists!** Reading scripture at Sunday worship is a privilege open to anyone who would like to pronounce the Word of God. If you like to read scripture and we don't know about it, let Pastor Linda know!

### **Advent 2008...is Right Around the Corner!**

Starts Sunday, November 30! Christmas Eve is Wednesday, December 24, and Christmas Day is Thursday, December 25. If you have preferences about what time Christmas Eve services should be, please let Pastor Linda know. Remember that she must do two services...one in North Grafton and one in Marlborough!

**Want to host a Sunday Coffee Hour?** If your family is commemorating a special occasion, we would love to help you celebrate. If you wish to furnish refreshments, host and clean up on a special Sunday, please contact Robin Zaia, our Coffee Hour Chair.

**Altar Flowers:** If you wish to commemorate a special occasion this year, the sign-up sheet for altar flowers is on the bulletin board in the Vestry.

### **Nursery Helpers Needed Beginning Sunday, September 14:**

We are called to minister even and especially to our tiniest ones in a safe and adequate manner. Thanks to our Trustees, our nursery is now being professionally cleaned! Now, we need to ensure that we have TWO caregivers in the nursery at all times. Our older youth have been wonderful helpers in the nursery, but we need at least ONE PARENT OR ONE GRANDPARENT to sign up for each week. If every parent or grand parent takes one Sunday, we will be able to staff the nursery according to our Safe Sanctuary Policy. The bigger blessing will be knowing that our wee ones are getting an "intergenerational" experience that is missing in so much of society today. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Vestry.

### **We are a Church in Mission!**

Thanks to our very active Mission Committee, supported immensely by W.H.O. (Women Helping Others), we have a full slate of Mission projects for this Fall. There is a mission activity for every ability and every age!

- Thanks to those who helped with the annual Backpack program. We accomplished our goal of 10 customized back packs for the Food Bank program, including the backpacks, school supplies and gift cards. Through your generosity, we were able to complete the back packs without supplementing the cost from WHO funds—for the first time!

**Announcing our Charge Conference Date**

Our Charge Conference is set for Friday evening, November 21. The Staff-Parish Committee will meet with District Superintendent, Rev. Ron Wilson at 6:15. Then the entire congregation is invited to be in holy conferencing at 7 PM. Because we are a two-church charge, we hold joint charge conferences with our sister church, North Grafton UMC. Many from NGUMC traveled to our church last year for Conference, so we will travel to North Grafton for the 2008 Conference. Start planning your carpools now!

*Important Note:* All Committee reports and required financial statements are due in the church office no later than Sunday, November 9 to give volunteers sufficient time in both churches to compile the annual reports.

**Watch for early sales on winter** mittens and hats for our Advent Mitten Tree.

**Shop early and bring personal care items** for 16 men and 4 women. We will pack Christmas baskets for them in early December.

**Start collecting** interesting, small household items for approximately 15 Christmas baskets for our shut-ins!

**Second Annual Three-on-Three Basketball Tourney is Back!**

Dan Swett is gearing up for a second annual 3-on-3 basketball tourney fundraiser at the Boys' and Girls' Club. The tentative date will be a Saturday early in November. Since he is away at college, he needs help coordinating the event on this end.

Call Dan at 508-485-0815 to offer help. He needs:

- Prizes for winning teams and runners-up
- Recruitment of 3-person teams ages 16 and up
- Help distributing registration forms
- People to help on the day of the tourney

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**Second Annual 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament**  
**Registration Form (Please Print)**

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TEAM CAPTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ PLAYER #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER #3: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ EMERGENCY CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Only 16 Available Team Slots\* \*First Come First Served\***  
Please turn registration and payment into the Swetts by  
October 26

Cost \$45: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_



**What is the Marlborough Elder Community Collaborative?**

The community of Marlborough is, fortunately, very concerned about its senior population. Many agencies and providers meet in a “clearinghouse” format on the fourth Wednesday of each month to share news and solve problems related to providing adequate and smooth eldercare. Churches are seen as important connections to spread information about services. We need a representative from our church to be present each month to bring vital information back. The group meets at 8:30 at the Marlborough Hospital. Those who have or are now caring for elders would be find these meetings especially helpful.

**Here is the latest list of local agencies providing services for elders. Keep these numbers near your telephone!** A more comprehensive list is on the bulletin board in the Vestry:

Council on Aging:	508-485-6492	<u>Hospice Services</u>
Housing Authority:	508-624-6908	Elder Care Resources 866-280-2308
Baypath Elder Services:	508-573-7200	<u>Adult Day Care Programs:</u>
Hudson Transportation	978-568-9638	Advocates, Inc 508-653-8724
MART Medicaid Transport	800-854-9928	Aging Well 508-485-7700
Marlboro/Hud.Ambulance	508-485-4544	Pleasantries 508-335-1968
Sunshine Taxi	978-567-9149	Whitney Place, Northboro 508-393-2368
TOPS Ambulance	978-562-4518	<u>Medication Delivery</u>
PeaPod Food Delivery	800-573-2763	Bouvier Pharmacy 508-485-0432
SMOC Meals on Wheels	508-872-6570	<u>Home Care Services</u>
<u>Geriatric Care Managers:</u>		Beacon Hospice 800-840-0668
Care Solutions	508-366-1766	Care Alternatives 866-821-1212
Comfort Keepers	508-651-1020	Hospice Serv. West MA 877-786-4004
Home Instead	508-393-8338	<u>Skilled Nursing Facilities</u>
Home Staff	508-755-4600	Bolton Manor 508-481-6123
HomeWatch Caregivers	508-626-1944	Coleman House 508-351-9355
Overlook Visiting Nurses	508-792-3760	Sudbury Pines 978-443-9000
Parmenter Visiting Nurses	508-358-3006	Westborough Health Care 508-366-9131
Synergy	508-481-4930	<u>Legal Services</u>
UMASS Mem. Home Health	508-754-0052	Attorney Arthur Bergeron 508-481-0103
VNA Care Network	508-786-0693	

**Sunday School News!**

Sunday School Superintendent Lee Caissie announces that Sunday School classes will start on September 7. An exciting Bible-based curriculum will be used in our Elementary class (grades 1-4). Returning teachers this year are: Lee, Esther, Alyson and Robin. If you would like to teach or assist in teaching Sunday school, please see Lee.

**Sewing Time**

Those who can sew, hand stitch, press or cut are urged to attend the final sewing day on Saturday, September 6 from 10 AM to 3 PM. Bring your own lunch and ironing/sewing equipment and supplies. If you have been stuffing and hand stitching pillows at home, it's time to begin bringing them back to church so that we know exactly what our inventory will be for this major fund-raising event.

**Fall/Winter Mission Opportunities:**

**Sign Up To Help with Homeless Shelter Meals.** The Third Saturday of each month, we prepare a meal for 20 and deliver it to Roland’s House, our local homeless shelter. Groups can share the fun by meeting in the church kitchen to prepare or assemble the meal at 2 PM. Meals are delivered around 5 or 5:30 PM. Some families choose a month and get together in their home kitchens to prepare the meal and deliver it. We still need families for six of the nine meals this year. Please sign up on the announcement in your church bulletin or contact Joan Parris.

The September Homeless Meal will be prepared in the church kitchen at 2 PM on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup>. It is also a Fellowship Pizza Party sponsored by the Mission Committee. Everyone is invited to bring your favorite pizza topping. Last year, we had some very imaginative and tasty new pizza combos, both main course and dessert! We assemble the pizzas, cook them, munch them, and deliver some to the shelter. Join us for this crazy culinary collage!

**Financial Factoid...**

Art Bastian, Church Treasurer and Sue Lodi, Financial Secretary, join Pastor Linda in congratulating our congregation on its faithfulness in keeping pledges current. Unlike the financial straits last summer, we have been able to keep our bills paid on time this summer, and we are on target with our commitment to Conference...something that fewer and fewer churches can say!

Please help keep our church financially healthy during the last five months of the year. Keeping pledges current will be most helpful. However, even if all pledges are paid in full, we project a shortfall of about \$16,000 in meeting our most basic obligations by year-end. This is in addition to the extra roofing expenses that the Trustees are trying to cover. Please consider making a special offering above your pledge to help us keep utilities and daily operating expense paid. The Church financial team and Trustees cooperate in every detail to ensure that not an extra or unnecessary penny is spent in our “bare bones” budget.

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(please cut on line and put in offering plate or send to  
52 Church Street, Marlborough, MA 01752)

\_\_\_ I would like to give this special offering to help the church with its increased winter expenses in 2008. I give this joyfully and in gratitude for all that God doest for me and my loved ones.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ amount in \_\_\_\_\_ cash \_\_\_\_\_ check # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ In honor/memory of:

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**A New Experience in Church Growth!**

Our church is to be congratulated on much hard work over the past three years! We have installed the lift to give greater access to all. We have cleaned and painted the halls, ceilings, and bathrooms of the Education wing. We are in the process of putting in a new education wing hall floor. The vestry has been refreshed by a coat of paint and new, airy curtains. Our churchyard has more flowers and new sidewalks! Many thanks to all who have contributed “elbow grease,” materials and money to make this happen.

Our *church building* is now more inviting than ever, so now our *church members* need to be inviting more (people) than ever! **Pastor Linda is inviting you to try out “Invite a Friend to Church” Sundays:** the second Sunday in October and the second Sunday in November. We all know neighbors, colleagues, family members and especially youth and children who—down deep—want a church home where they feel welcomed by a group where they can be known by name—not as some anonymous stranger in a big crowd. So many people are hungering to hear a theological message that is meant for building up and encouraging rather than demeaning and guilt-inducing.

*You all have said how wonderful church is when the pews are almost full, the singing is rich, and the fellowship is warm! If everyone invites one person, then everyone will feel right at home, and worship will be vibrant.*

Many area churches have begun to grow again with something as simple as “Invite a Friend to Church” Sunday. It’s not only worth a try, it’s what Jesus commands us to do in his name!

**REGISTRATION FORM FOR LAY SPEAKING SCHOOL**  
(please fill out, clip and turn in to Pastor Linda for signatures)  
CENTRAL MASS DISTRICT  
LAY SPEAKING MINISTRIES COURSE REGISTRATION FORM

Course dates/times: each course will meet on three sequential Saturdays: October 25, November 8 and November 15 from 1 PM to 6 PM

Location: Oakdale UMC, 15 North Main Street, West Boylston, MA 01583

Fee: \$35

Registration Deadline: October 5, 2008

Name \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Local Church \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Admin. Board Chair Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Course enrollment:     \_\_\_ Basic Lay Speaking Course—Instructor: Bruce Senseon  
                                  \_\_\_ Advanced Course: Layspeakers Discover Spiritual Gifts—Instructor Janice Myers  
                                  \_\_\_ Advanced Course: Layspeakers Lead Bible Study—Instructor Judith Sandberg

\_\_\_ I am taking the Basic Course to become a Local Lay Speaker.  
\_\_\_ I am taking an Advanced Course to renew my certification.  
\_\_\_ I am taking an Advanced Course for audit purposes only.

Is your church interested in hosting future CMA District Lay Speaking Classes?   \_\_\_ Yes           \_\_\_ No

Please mail registration form and payment (check payable to New England Conference) to: Bruce Denso, 9 Dana Drive, Oxford, MA 01540. Email inquiries to b.denson@charter.net

**BOOK BIN UPDATE: Year to date: \$1065.80**

Who could miss the large container that sits on our property?  
Did you know there is no cost to us to have this bin? We get paid to have it?  
Did you know we get paid 5 cents a pound for our collect of books, DVDs, and CDs that we collect?  
Did you know that the Trustees give this money to the general fund toward monthly bills?  
Did you know that we (on average) have the bin emptied every month because it is full?  
Thanks to everyone that continues to help fill the bin every month. Not only is this a great fund raiser, it also helps us keep these items out of our land fills.  
If you have items to donate to the bin and are unable to drop them off, please contact any Board of Trustee member to arrange a pick up.

**Amazing Progress by the Trustees!**

Check out the building projects completed this summer by only FOUR hard-working TRUSTEES!

- Safer concrete steps being installed at doors leading outside from the Vestry
- The rear corner roof of the Sanctuary has been patched
- Railings installed on cellar stairway
- Trim on 13 outside windows scraped and repainted
- New switches installed in the sanctuary
- New gutters installed on kitchen-side of roof
- Front sidewalk replaced (thanks to Beals Construction for donation of labor)
- Choir room repainted. Soon to be redecorated with furniture and rugs so that we will have a Parlor

All this work was required by our property and liability insurance company who sent in inspector out last spring. There is still more work that must be done before the snow flies: the front half of the education wing must be re-roofed. We are lucky that it has survived the rainy summer. It will not last over the winter, and the insurance company will not pay a claim if we have water damage due to deferred maintenance. We need \$11,000 immediately to complete the roofing needed in the next 60 days. Please prayerfully consider giving a special offering now:

**INVITATION FROM THE TRUSTEES:**

There are only FOUR of us and about 80 of you! There should be NINE of us! We even have a couple of spots available for non-members to serve. We especially need MEN to serve. Now that we have done so much work on the building, the job of the Trustees is getting easier and easier. Now it the time to step up to the plate and serve. Requirements: Must be 18 years of age; willing to meet on the First Wednesday night each month at 7 PM in the Meeting Room; willing to give opinions, make a few phone calls or online research to get cost estimates for projects; willing to spend about two hours a week (average) monitoring the well-being of our church property or doing odd jobs.

We will even let you serve on a “trial” basis. Try the job from now to year-end and tell us how you feel about it!

\_\_\_\_\_ I am willing to serve on the Trustees on a trial basis.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Put in offering plate, send to church, or email Ann Bastian of your interest to [anniebass513@hotmail.com](mailto:anniebass513@hotmail.com).

**SPECIAL OFFERING FOR URGENTLY NEEDED ROOFING REPAIR**

Amount needed: \$10,700. Please make checks payable to Trustees, First United Methodist Church of Marlborough. *In the memo line, note: Roof Repair*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Amount given: \_\_\_\_\_ (all amounts are tax-deductible)

\_\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Please put your special offering in the offering plate on Sunday or send to: Trustees, First United Methodist Church of Marlborough, 52 Church Street, Marlborough, MA 01752. *Thank you!*

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**Don't Forget to Bring Food Offerings the First Sunday of Each Month.**

We always have a suggestion for items urgently needed at the Food Bank, but the truth is that any non-perishable food items that are still within the expiration dates are needed! Every time you go to the store, please pick up one extra item and bring it to the Food Pantry box in the Vestry. Each First Sunday, in keeping with the tradition of almsgiving at Communion, a tradition that we can trace back even to the earliest Christian years, we bless our offerings on the altar and then send them to the Food Bank. Our local Food Pantry serves 600+ families each month. September and October are historically the lowest donation months of the year. It's a shame when the Pantry has to close because it is empty. The overwhelming majority of hungry families in Marlborough are working poor, single mothers, handicapped individuals, and elderly. Ever month, these households must choose between purchasing food or medicine or utilities. We worship a God who put plenty of resources in the world. It's up to us to make sure that those resources are adequately distributed in our town. Here is a list of SUGGESTED ITEMS; IF YOU DON'T LIKE THESE, BRING SOMETHING ELSE! POST THIS LIST ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR OR NEAR YOUR GROCERY LIST:

First Sunday in October: cold cereals

First Sunday in November: black beans, kidney beans, baked beans

First Sunday in December: jars of baby food, especially fruit, baby cereal

First Sunday in January: hot cereals

First Sunday in February: spaghetti sauce in cans or jars

First Sunday in March: baby formula (Enfamil, Similac, etc.)

First Sunday in April: jelly or jam

First Sunday in May: canned tuna, especially white tuna

First Sunday in June: crackers (all varieties), cookies, raisins, granola bars, popcorn

First Sunday in July: diapers (size 3,4 or 5 are most needed)

First Sunday in August: shampoo, cr me rinse, soap, toothpaste, deodorant

First Sunday in September: paper goods: toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex

### Urgent Needs for the Homeless Shelter

Please help our church keep Roland's House a steadfast part of mission and outreach ministries by contributing to their urgent needs in September. Roland's House is affiliated with South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC) and provides short-term housing, job counseling, etc. for 16 men and 4 women in our community year 'round.

The staff of Roland's House will be worshipping with us on Sunday, September 28. On that day, we would like to bless a special offering and give it to them to take back to the shelter. Please be generous in your support! Many single persons who were economically self-sufficient are now finding themselves in tight situations due to the worsening economy.

#### Needed for the Roland's House Kitchen

Pots and Pans, regular household size  
Stainless steel knives, forks, spoons for dining  
Plastic food storage containers with lids that fit

#### Personal Care Items

Tooth brushes  
Tooth paste  
Men's deodorant (they have plenty for women)

#### Medical Needs

\$5 gift cards from Walgreen's for prescription co-pays



A 'lunchtime' pic from vacation Bible School, a joint outreach project of FUMC Christian Education Committee and the Holy Trinity Anglican congregation. Our thanks to all who provided materials, to WHO for their generous monetary donation, to those who taught (particularly Ann Bastian), and especially to our youth group (Brittany, Kelsey and Zach Edelman; Christopher Caissie; Brandi Swett; Sarah Papile; Laura Zaia) for their vital assistance in supervising the 30 or so children who participated from July 28 through August 1.

## Church Calendar for September 2008

1	Monday		Labor Day Holiday, church office closed
3	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Trustees Meet, Education Room
4	Thursday	7:00 PM	Evening Worship with Holy Communion at New Horizons
6	Saturday	10:00-3:00	W.H.O. final sewing day for Heritage Days Street Fair
7	Sunday	11:00 AM	Morning Worship with Holy Communion Jan Racca, Lay Speaker and guest preacher
		Noon	Coffee Hour Fellowship, Vestry
8	Monday	7:30 AM	Walk in the Park with Pastor Linda
		10:00 AM	Adult Bible Study, home of Bess Cowan
10	Wednesday		Sleeping bags/bedding due at church for attendees of Maine Mountain Ministries Mission Trip
		9:00 AM	Pastor Linda in Oxford for Clergy Mentor Session
11	Thursday	7:00 PM	Evening Worship with Holy Communion at New Horizons
12	Friday	10:00 AM	“Advance Team” with Pastor Linda leave church for Salem, ME to set up bunk house for Mission Team
		6:00 PM	Mission Team meets at church to pack cars with material aid
13	Saturday	5:45 AM	Mission Team meets at church
		6:00 AM	Mission Teams leave in carpools from church to Salem, ME
14	Sunday	11:00 AM	Morning worship with Sunday school
		2:30-3:00 PM	Mission Team returns from Maine to church
		Noon	Coffee Hour Fellowship, Vestry
15	Monday	7:30 AM	Walk in the Park with Pastor Linda
		10:00 AM	Adult Bible Study, home of Bess Cowan
17	Wednesday	7:15 PM	W.H.O. meets in Meeting Room: Last meeting before Street Fair
18	Thursday	7:00 PM	Evening Worship with Holy Communion at New Horizons



The third time is a charm! This is the third year that W.H.O. (Women Helping Others) is sponsoring a booth at the Heritage Days Street Fair in Marlborough on Sunday, October 5. It's a fun day to visit with the public and make the presence of our church more visible in our community.

## Looking Ahead: Church Calendar for October 2008: Save the Dates!

1	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Trustees Meet, Meeting Room
2	Thursday	7:00 PM	Evening Worship at New Horizons with Holy Communion
3	Friday	All Day	Set Up for Rummage Sale in Vestry
4	Saturday		Rummage Sale, Vestry
5	Sunday	7:30 AM	Deliver Tables, Tent to Main Street for Heritage Day Street Fair
		7:45 AM	Lay out Goods on Tables for sale
		8:30-2:30	Volunteers needed to greet public, sell goods
		2:30 PM	Tear down tent; deliver goods and tables back to church
		11:00 AM	Morning Worship, <u>World Communion Sunday</u>
		Noon	Coffee Hour Fellowship, Vestry
6	Monday	7:30 AM	Walk in the Park with Pastor Linda
		10:00 AM	Adult Bible Study, home of Bess Cowan
8	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Clergy Mentoring Session, Oxford
		6:00 PM	Education Fair on Alzheimer's, Senior Center
9	Thursday	7:00 PM	Evening Worship at New Horizons
12	Sunday	11:00 AM	<u>Bring a Friend to Church Sunday</u>
			Morning Worship with Sunday school
		Noon	Coffee Hour Fellowship in Vestry
		Noon	Mission Committee, Meeting Room
13	Monday	7:30 AM	Walk in Park with Pastor Linda
		10:00 AM	Adult Bible Study, home of Bess Cowan
15	Wednesday	7:15 PM	W.H.O. (Women Helping Others), Meeting Room
16	Thursday	7:00 PM	Evening Worship at New Horizons
19	Sunday	11:00 AM	<u>Laity Sunday</u> Morning Worship with Sunday school
		Noon	Coffee Hour Fellowship in Vestry
		7-8 PM	Tentative Youth Group Meeting
20	Monday	10:00 AM	Adult Bible Study, home of Bess Cowan
22	Wednesday	8:30 AM	Eldercare Collaborative, Marlborough Hospital
23	Thursday	7:00 PM	Evening Worship at New Horizons
25	Saturday	1-6 PM	Lay Speaking School, Oakdale UMC, 1 <sup>st</sup> Session
26	Sunday	11:00 AM	<u>Reformation Sunday</u> Morning Worship with Sunday school
		Noon	Coffee Hour Fellowship in Vestry
		Noon	Staff-Parish Committee, Pastor's Study
27	Monday	10:00 AM	Adult Bible Study, home of Bess Cowan
		7:00 PM	Administrative Board, Meeting Room
30	Thursday	7:00 PM	Evening Worship at New Horizons



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## Looking Ahead to November: Save the Dates!

1	Saturday	All Day	Tentative W.H.O. sales at Northboro Jr. Women's Craft Fair
2	Sunday	11:00 AM	<u>All Saints Day</u> Morning Worship with Holy Communion
		Noon	Coffee Hour Fellowship in Vestry
3	Monday	10:00 AM	Adult Bible Study, home of Bess Cowan
5	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Trustees, Meeting Room
6	Thursday	7:00 PM	Evening worship at New Horizons with Holy Communion
8	Saturday	1-6 PM	Lay Speaker School, Oakdale UMC, Session 2
9	Sunday	11:00 AM	<u>Bring a Friend to Church Sunday</u> Worship and Sunday school
			<b>Charge Conference Reports Due in Church Office</b>
		Noon	Coffee Hour Fellowship in Vestry
		Noon	Mission Committee, Meeting Room
10	Monday	10:00 AM	Adult Bible Study, home of Bess Cowan
12	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Clergy Mentoring Session, Oxford
13	Thursday	7:00 PM	Evening Worship at New Horizons
15	Saturday	1-6 PM	Lay Speaking School, Oakdale UMC, Session 3 & Graduation
16	Sunday	11:00 AM	Morning Worship with Sunday school
		Noon	Coffee Hour Fellowship, Vestry
		Noon	Worship Committee, Meeting Room
		7-8 PM	Tentative: Youth Group Meeting
17	Monday	10:00 AM	Adult Bible Study, home of Bess Cowan
19	Wednesday	7:15 PM	W.H.O. (Women Helping Others), Meeting Room
20	Thursday	7:00 PM	Evening Worship at New Horizons Assisted Living
21	<b>Friday</b>	<b>6:15 PM</b>	<b>Staff-Parish Committees meet with District Superintendent</b>
		<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Joint Charge Conference with North Grafton AT NORTH GRAFTON</b>
23	Sunday	11:00 AM	<u>Christ the King Sunday</u> Morning Worship and Sunday school
		Noon	Coffee Hour Fellowship, Vestry
		Noon	Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Meeting Room
24	Monday	10:00 AM	Adult Bible Study, home of Bess Cowan
25	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Pastor Linda to Central Mass Critical Incident Stress Management Team, Worcester Fire Department
27	Thursday	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Evening worship at New Horizons
30	Sunday	11:00 AM	<u>Fifth Sunday and First Sunday of Advent</u> Morning Worship with Sunday school
		Noon	Coffee Hour Fellowship, Vestry



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**Pastor Linda Stetter**

