
The Tower *Chimes*

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.....from the Pastor's desk

“...as you are able.” Where have you heard this phrase? When you become a member of Union Church you promised to support it with your TIME, TALENT, and MONEY “...as you are able.” What could be more reasonable or realistic? We are not asked to do what we cannot.

“...as you care.” It is apparent that “as you care” comes before “as you are able.” Joining Union Church is a public statement that you care. You give time, talent and money because you care, and as you are able.

What I ask is that you think about your caring for Union Church and your ability to support and participate in its ministry. Be informed, be concerned, be there!

Next month (November) you will be hearing from fellow members about how you can care and give. Please listen with a sense of expectancy! Dare to respond “...as you care and as you are able.”

The HARVEST FAIR appears to be moving on schedule toward its Oct. 15, 9 a.m. opening! Thanks to all who are making this year's fair possible!

PARKING FOR FAIR WORKERS is in the meadow behind the church. Our use of this frees up parking for our customers. IF you find it challenging to park in the meadow you may park behind the Sunday school building. Please do not block the rather narrow entrance and exit areas.

***OCTOBER 17 WORSHIP SCHEDULE**
ONE (1) SERVICE @ 10:00 a.m.

YOUR help is needed for the Fair. What we do is for the benefit of all the members of Union Church, for its mission and ministry.

You have received a Work Schedule – please note the Sunday clean up, beginning at 4 p.m., when we box and bag the White Elephants that did not sell; as well as the clothes and linens. This year the left-over books will be taken to the first classroom on ground level, from which they will be taken for recycling. “Many hands make light work.”

LAMPSTAND

“...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

This space is reserved for those who would like to share life experiences and/or observations of how God’s teachings work in their lives and the lives of others.

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

- October 03 – “*Mystical Insights in A Harsh World*”- John 15:1-11 (11)
 October 10 – “*It’s All Imagination*” –
 Philippians 4:4-9
 October 17 – “*Catacomb Christians*” –
 John 17:6-18 (*Service 10 a.m.*)*
 October 24 – “*Where Is This Friendly God?*”
 Psalm 42 (9-10)
 October 31 – “*Not Born For Death*” - Genesis
 2:4-9(7)

NOVEMBER CONCERT SERIES

Our November concert series features three music events that will enrich your mind and spirit!

November 7

Spanish/Portuguese Guitar and Organ Concert – 3 p.m.

Pedro daSilva is an eclectic and versatile composer and guitarist. He will be accompanied by his wife, Lucia Caruso, an accomplished organist, who has performed as a soloist, and with her husband in several countries. Both have composed musical scores for films and are, respectively, Associate Director and Composer, and Artistic Director and Composer of the Manhattan Camerata.

November 14

Three Organists Spectacular - 3 p.m.

The Three Organists Spectacular features Kathryn Jones, Joseph Nigro and our own Thomas Zachacz performing works by Bach,

Chauvet, Guilman, Vierne, Franck, Boëllman and others. We welcome them back to Union Church.

November 21

Kim and Reggie Harris in Concert – 3 p.m.

Last year, Kim and Reggie Harris presented their program entitled, “The Underground Railroad” and provided us with a most delightful performance making history come to life through music and stories. We look forward to their return in concert.

Reservations for all three events can be made by calling Union Church (914.631.2069). Admission is \$10.00 per person.

Make your Sunday afternoons in November special by joining us at Union Church for these must-see events!

INTER-FAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

An inter-faith community Thanksgiving Service will take place at Union Church on Wednesday, November 24 at 8 p.m. All are welcome to join us.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY GROUP

Our Wednesday night study group has begun its fall schedule. We are studying “*Early Christianity: The Experience of The Divine.*” Professor Luke Timothy Johnson, Emory University, will present each evening’s 30 minute lecture, which is followed by re-action and discussion. You are invited to attend.

DINNER CLUB NEWS

The Dinner Club had its annual Hay Ride on Sunday, September 12. Even though the skies were overcast and the temperature was cool, our spirits were high, and we enjoyed two hours of laughter and fellowship. We returned to the church where we feasted on wraps, salads and a delicious selection of pies served with ice cream.

Many thanks to Beth Coffman, Marjorie Martin and Bob and Dianne Sweeney for hosting this event. We also want to thank Jack Algiers who drove the hay wagon and who shared with us his lovely wife and two sons, whose company we all thoroughly enjoyed.

Dinner Club will not meet in October as we'll all be busy with the Harvest Fair. Our next meeting will take place on **November 13**, when we will have our annual International Dinner.

DC Coming Events:

Friday, 11/26 @ 6 p.m. – Decoration of the Church Sanctuary for Christmas

Sat., 11/27 - 9 a.m.–1 p.m. – Wreath Making

Sat. 12/11 @ 6 p.m. – Christmas Party

HISTORY OF THE DINNER CLUB

The Union Church Dinner Club has been an integral part of our church program for more than fifty years—with updating every 10 years or so just to keep us in tune with the times. Its purpose is to provide an opportunity for members, friends and guests to come together as a church family. Our program includes potluck suppers, occasional evenings out, a Christmas party and other activities. We also sponsor the church picnic in June, a plant sale in May and a wreath sale in December.

Our membership is comprised of both married couples and singles. Our members are asked to serve on at least one supper committee each year and to supply a food item for each of our four potluck suppers. Our dues are \$25.00 per person for the year. The amount of time served on a supper committee is minimal and participation during special events will involve a commitment of only a few hours of your time. We feel that our format allows for all to participate easily and to experience fellowship and fun along the way.

We would like you to have an opportunity to get to know us. To that end, we invite you to

join us, as our guest(s), for one of our suppers or special events. For further information, call the church office at 914.631.2069.

LOOKING AHEAD

The 2010 Harvest Fair is 2 ½ weeks away on **October 15, 16 and 17**. We are no longer accepting donations at this time, so that we can prepare for the sale, but will resume accepting items for next spring and fall on **November 1**.

We are in need of volunteers for this year's fair. If you have not yet been asked to serve in a particular area, please call and let us know if you have some time to share with us 914.631.2069. It takes everyone helping to make this event a success. Thank you.

HARVEST FAIR BAKE SALE

Last year, each of you pulled out those recipes and baked up a storm. I sure hope you still have them handy because here I am, co-chairing the Bake Table this year with Joyce Skiko. We are counting on your help again—it's the secret of our success! Last year we had requests for oatmeal-raisin cookies and more pies. Whatever works for you, works for us.

We know that many children and adults are allergic to peanut butter and nuts, so **PLEASE** mark any items that include these ingredients. We are also adding a new section featuring gluten-free baked goods, so if you have any recipes for these items, bake 'em up and bring 'em in.

You may deliver your baked goods on Thursday during the day or in the evening (call to let us know you're coming) or drop them off on Friday morning. Thank you for your continued support.

Mary T. Johnson

HOUSE PLANTS WANTED

If you have any house plants that you would like to donate to the fair's Flower & Plant tent, you may deliver them after the tents have been

raised. If you have any questions, call Ethel Angst at 332-0465.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Open Door Family Medical Centers are extending a volunteer opportunity to local church communities. They need people to read to children in their waiting areas and to distribute books for their Reach Out and Read Program. The hours are flexible and locations are available in our area. If you have any questions about this program, call Erin Maher, AmeriCorps member, at 914.941.1437.

TRAVEL TO MOROCCO

During November of 2011, we are planning a 16-day trip to Morocco. If you would like to consider accompanying us, I will be pleased to provide information. Overseas Adventure Travel is organizing this trip at a cost of \$3600/person. We have exclusive rights to the November 3, 2011 departure date through September 20 of this year.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

- As most of you know, Anne Klami is recovering from heart surgery and a stroke. She has been transferred to Burke Rehabilitation Hospital in White Plains, and we are told she is making good progress. Your continued prayers are requested.
- We recently received news that Elizabeth Sobolik had reconstructive surgery to repair a fractured cheekbone following a bicycle accident. We wish her well and look forward to seeing her soon.
- We also received a note from Tara Fink informing us that her mother, Ruth, passed away on July 1 after declining health for the last 2 years. We extend our condolences to both Tara and her brother, Scott, and their family.

Articles for the NOVEMBER Tower Chimes are due by OCTOBER 31.
