

THE NEW COVENANT



News of the Family from The United Presbyterian Church at Whitinsville

“Homespun Holidays”

2015

One of the highlights of the year “Homespun Holidays”, is just around the corner! The Kathryn M. Huston Mission Circle is busily finalizing plans for this community event on Saturday, November 14, from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. What an opportunity to usher in the holiday season!

Chairman Suzanne Santoro guarantees another memorable time for all ages! If you can assist in any way, contact her at 508-234-6456. As we all have experienced, “Many hands make light work!”

Once again the fair will feature **quality** crafts, a **bountiful** Harvest Table, a **scrumptious** Bake Sale, **unusual** Attic Treasures, a **creative** Kids Corner, an **unique** Silent Auction, the ever **popular** Theme Baskets, and a **5 Star** Luncheon.

“So If”

- .. You have Crafts or results of your Harvest to donate, contact Suzanne.
- .. You have a special item or a service to donate, contact Leslie (508-751-0799).
- .. You enjoy creating Theme Baskets and need suggestions, contact Harriet (508-278-2725)
- .. You want to put a smile on Someone's face, donate a “Treasure” and contact Carol (508-234-5368) or Bev (508-234-3003)
- .. You want to attend a Apple Pie Bake-Off, with or without experience, join Judy (508-278-7885) and Andrea (508-234-9392) in the church kitchen at a time to be announced!

As ever, the KMHMC appreciates any donation of goods, pie ingredients, work time fair day, your patronage, and, most of all, your prayers for another mission fundraiser.

“To God Be the Glory”



**October
2015**

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webpage!

www.whitinpres.org

On it you can find our most recent sermons, information about upcoming events, past newsletters and a church calendar.

Also, don't forget to like our Facebook page for up to date pictures, stories and announcements. Our Facebook page is located at www.facebook.com/whitinpres/



Second Sunday Social

Don't miss the October Second Sunday Social! October is Heritage Month for our church! We will honor all of our 50 year + members during our worship service on October 25, but prior to that on October 11, we will be having a Heritage-themed Second Sunday Social! Please plan on attending and bringing a dish to share with others that represents your Heritage! Main dish, vegetable, dessert, your choice! We always have plenty of food so please if you forget to make something or cooking is not your thing, please still attend!!! What a great time to celebrate your heritage and visit with your church family and friends! Yee Haw! (Can you guess what I will bring??)

MINISTRIES	Oct. 4	Oct. 11	Oct. 18	Oct. 25	
Worship Leader	M. Thomas	G. Shannon	Z. Morin	R. Thomas	
Welcome Center	M. Spalton	S. Santoro	C. Matchett	B. Keeler	
Greeter	S. Mateer	J. Baker	J. & N. Joyce	K. Miedema	
Offering Counters	M. Reynolds & T. Schelin	J. Baker & C. Pilibosian	D. & S. Mateer	T. Schelin & M. Reynolds	
Coffee Fellowship	C. Pilibosian	<i>Second Sunday Social</i>	T. Morin & H. Platt	L. Sabourin & K. Bilodeau	

Your service is very important. If you cannot serve on the date listed, please switch with another person *and* inform the church secretary (508-234-8220) of the change.

*****Sunday Morning Worship Schedule*****

Sunday School for all Ages
Morning Worship Service
Coffee Fellowship

9:15AM - 10:20AM
10:30AM - 11:30AM
11:30AM

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them" Matthew 18:20



The Pastor's Piece

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It has been an exciting month seeing all the great things God has been doing in our church. We've been hard at work improving our WORSHIP service on Sunday mornings. Kyle and Don Mateer, along with Greg Geimza and Dave Miedema, have been diligent in improving our sound system, and getting our worship service back on the local television station. The Worship Committee is experimenting a little bit with the order of the worship service, and has added an extra song each week. They are also trying out a couple of different layouts for the physical space, to better highlight the beauty of our sanctuary, and to bring us closer together as a church family. And, the Christian Education Department just launched a new worship time just for kids, called KidsOwn Worship. It has been exciting seeing all the incredible ways that God is drawing us into his presence, and to have the opportunity to worship God with such an loving church family each and every week.

There have also been many opportunities to GROW as we are starting the year off. Our Women's Book Club continues to meet and be blessed by the conversations there, and our Men's Prayer Group has even taken on a couple of new members this past month. We had a wonderful time at the church picnic at the Rod and Gun Club a couple of weeks ago, and our Financial Peace University is off to a great start! There are lots of opportunities for you to grow in your faith in the coming months, including a number of small groups and the "I Still Do" conference, and I encourage you to get involved and let God continue to stretch you in your faith.

And as always, our church continues to SERVE generously in so many different ways. Our Kathryn Huston Mission Circle is going at full speed getting ready for Homespun Holidays just next month, and we have seen more and more members of our church volunteering at Peace of Bread on Wednesday nights. We are also starting a new Outreach Team to think up new ways to show the love of God to those right here in our very own community. God is indeed at work in our midst!

It is indeed an exciting time to be a part of what God is doing at our church, and I want to offer a great big THANK YOU to all of you who give so generously of your time, talent and treasure in order to make this vision a reality. God has blessed us too generously, and it is an honor to be able to be a part of what he is doing in our world. Thank you!

Pastor Renn



Discussion Forum
Sunday, October 18, 11:30am

Please join us for an open time of discussion and sharing this Sunday after church. Our Session has been providing these times quarterly for us to look at our church, and to plan for our future. Please come with any questions, ideas, or concerns that you have, and be in prayer that God would continue to lead and guide our congregation.



Peace of Bread

Our turn to serve at Peace of Bread is coming up on Wednesday October 28th and we'd love to have you join us! We need help preparing the meal from 3-5pm and serving from 5-7pm.



It is also our responsibility to pay for the meal and any donations that you are able to give would be greatly appreciated. The meal usually costs about \$400, and feeds 140 people. Donations towards the meal can be made out to "UPC," with POB in the memo line. Donations that are meant to be given directly towards the operating expenses of Peace of Bread can be made out to Peace of Bread directly. Thank you!



We are back on TV!

Tune in to Cable channel 191 on Wednesdays at 10am to hear our worship service. After much help from Kyle Mateer, we have upgraded our sound and video system and we are back and better than ever! We hope this time will be a blessing to those of you who can't make it on Sunday mornings, and know that even if you can't join us, that you are still a loved and important part of our church family.

Women's Book Club

The next book club meeting will be on Friday October 30th at 6:30pm at the Linwood Mills Apartments. Gay McCrea will be the discussion leader. Stay tuned for more details!



A Community of Support
A Forum to Openly Assist and Address the Opioid Addiction Crisis.
Where: Northbridge Middle School Auditorium
When: Thursday, October 8 7:00 - 9:00 PM

The evening will begin with a brief presentation by Dr. Safdar Medina, pediatrician at Tri-River Family Health Center in Uxbridge, MA. Community members will have the opportunity to come and gain information regarding resources and support for addiction. After the presentation, individuals can pose questions to the panel for discussion.

Please join the Northbridge Coalition in working together to support our families and friends in this time of crisis!

For additional information, contact Dr. Catherine Stickney at 508-234-8156

I Still Do - A Marriage Changing Event for Couples



Saturday, Oct 17, 2015 from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Buy tickets online (see link below):

Tickets are \$24.75 from Sept. 1 through Sept. 30

or \$30.00 from Oct. 1 through Oct. 17

Questions? Please contact Liz Redden at liz_redden@charter.net or the church office (508) 234-8220

I Still Do® is a one-day event where couples will learn strategies to strengthen their marriage, rekindle the romance, and renew their commitment to each other. Couples will enjoy a day of learning, worship, and laughter. They will walk away with tools to continue growing closer and engage in better communication with one another.

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Outreach Team

One of the most important things we do as a church is make God's love visible to those around. This year, we are starting a new Outreach Team that will help lead our churches outreach efforts, and will focus primarily on finding new ways to connect and serve with those who attend Peace of Bread and live in our very own neighborhood.

If this is something you are passionate about, consider joining us on Wednesday October 14th at 7:15pm as we talk more about what this group will be responsible and some of our hopes and dreams for the coming year.

Please talk to Chris Matchett or Pastor Renn if you have any questions, or if you would like to get involved!



New Members' Class

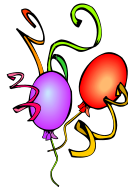
Are you interested in joining our church? Membership is one of the ways that we profess our faith and grow in our Christian journey. It is also a way that we commit ourselves to being a part of what God is doing in our very own community and allows you to participate more fully in the leadership and vision of our church.



For those who are interested in learning more about our church and want to see if membership is for you, we will be having a three part membership class this Fall. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about what we believe and to learn more about our church's particular vision.

Please let Pastor Renn know if you are interested in participating, and we will find a time to meet that works for everybody.

Birthday Corner



Laura Joyce 10/2
Gabe Stone 10/10
Cindy Frieswyk 10/12
Robie Sabourin 10/17
Madison Ireland 10/18
Dave Gniadek 10/25
Jen Schelin 10/27
Cheri Ribbe 10/28
Chuck Holding 10/29
Chuck Phoebe 10/31

Anniversary Corner

Chris & Rena Matchett 10/3
Chuck & Susan Phoebe 10/4
Dave & Robin Gniadek 10/14
Mike & Joanne Zeis 10/18
Matt & Kristen Stone 10/23



**FAMILY OUTING TO SEE THE PROVIDENCE
BRUINS HOCKEY GAME
ON NOVEMBER 1ST.**

Join your church family on a Sunday afternoon to see the Providence Bruins. Tickets are just \$20.00 per person and includes a Providence Bruins hat, popcorn and drink for the kids! Tickets must be purchased in advance. Place your orders no later than October 15 with Gaye Shannon @ shannons.jg@gmail.com or see me at church. Checks are to be made out to "Providence Bruins".

Bring a friend. The game is at 3:05 in Providence on Sunday, November 1, so we can meet at the church at 2:00 and car pool together, or you can just meet us there.

Sunday School News! We invite all of you to our Family Style Sunday School that is held from 9:15-10:20 Sunday mornings. We will start the day with a light breakfast and then hear and participate in a Bible Story (We are learning all about Moses). After the story, we will have a craft for the children and a time of deeper discussion for the high school students and adults.

We welcome all ages and hope to see you there!

'Kids Own Worship' Kids pre-k through sixth grade are invited to join us for the first part of service, and then head downstairs for a time of worship, story telling games and crafts designed especially for them. Its church just for kids! Come check it out!



KMHMC will meet on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 7 PM. Moderator Suzanne Santoro will inform us about this year's Thank Offering to benefit many causes of Presbyterian Women and conduct the Dedication Service. Plans will be finalized for "Homespun Holidays" on Saturday, November 14th. All women are cordially invited!

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Looking for ways to GROW in your faith? Join one of our small groups!

Try out our **Adult Education Class** at 9:30am before worship. This is a small group of people who enjoy reading through the Bible together and is perfect for both those exploring faith for the first time as well as for the mature Christian. No experience necessary!

On Wednesday evenings we offer a **Bible Study** before Peace of Bread starting at 4:30pm. This is a great group for those curious about Christianity or wanting to grow in their faith. This is an incredibly

relational and practical group, and we are always open to visitors!

We also have a **Men's Prayer Group** that meets in the church office on Friday mornings at 6am and a **Women's Book Club** that meets the third Friday of the month to discuss various Christian books and to encourage each other in their faith.

For more information, or to get involved, please contact the church office.