



The Hancock Herald

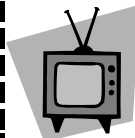
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LexMedia Cable TV Schedule — Watch Hancock Services on RCN 3, Comcast 8 and Verizon 35 at these times:

- Sundays at 9:55am (LIVE) & 7PM
- Tuesdays at 10pm



Hancock Holiday Fair Raised Over \$25,000 For Charity

The 10th annual Holiday Fair raised \$25,866 for the 27 participating charitable organizations.

This amount exceeded last year's profits by nearly \$3,000.

We had old favorites, such as Heifer International, A Thread of Hope, Rosie's Place and the Sharing Foundation.

New participants included Folk Art Mavens, Yoga and Meditation, and Children's Center for Communication.

The groups who participate and benefit from the Fair are always grateful to Hancock for the strong support they receive.

We would also like to thank the many Hancock volunteers who make this wonderful Christmas tradition the success that it continues to be.

The Holiday Fair Committee is always looking for new ways to enhance the Fair. If anyone has ideas, or suggestions for non-profits who may be interested in participating in the Fair,

please contact a committee member.

Holiday Fair Committee
Julie Duncan

Connie Devereux

Janet Woit

Carol Bukys

Nancy Schlecht

Charlottee Dougherty

Sandra Shaw, Co-Chair

CeCe Potter, Co-Chair

February at the Potter Library

February is a good time to come into Potter Library and find some great winter reading. Look through the fiction section and the biographical books – some are new and some are old favorites (These sections are on the right as you enter the library).

New books of special interest are on the book cart – A City upon a Hill by Larry Witham; Mary Oliver's book of poems, Thirst; Einstein's God by Krista Tippett, and David

Kessler's Visions, Trips and Crowded Rooms.

For the children we have a delightful story about a library's pet kitty named Dewey. Mary Keith West gave us a copy of Kate Milway's Good Garden. Jacky Deranian suggests that you check out James Patterson's website for encouraging parents and kids to read.

www.readkiddoread.com.

The Library Committee appreciates the support that you all gave us in coming to our open house. Please come in again and look through the shelves, the card catalog and the books we have on the book cart.

Potter Library is open during church office hours and on Sunday mornings. Please follow the book sign-out directions on the desk and take home one or two special books to enjoy on these long cold nights.

Come to "The Well" — Evening Worship at Hancock

Looking for worship that is intimate, modern & participant-directed? Come give evening services (6:15pm in the Chapel) at Hancock a try! Contact Rev Dana Allen Walsh for more details.

February Schedule: Feb. 6, Feb. 27

From the Senior Minister



Dear Members and Friends,

I served a congregation in Falmouth, Maine for nearly twenty years, and the pews were filled with sailors. It was wonderful for a Colorado land-lubber like me to have so many mariners around. They often needed a crew, and I who knew nothing of sailing but who loved being out on the water, was happy to oblige. There are few things in life that can compare with a summer afternoon spent sailing among the Calendar Islands of Casco Bay.

Among the many details that the sailors were attending to as I sat in the sun with a cold beverage in hand was the status of the tide. It's imperative that the captain know whether the tide is ebbing or flowing, and each of them could detect that moment when the tide reversed: when it stopped flowing in and began moving out, or vice versa. I couldn't ever discern the moment, but the seasoned mariners all could, they all knew when the momentum of the ocean had changed.

As we begin the new year, all my instincts, all my experience, all my intuitions honed by 24 years as a minister and pastor all lead me to declare that the tide of life at Hancock has turned, and that energies that had been ebbing are flowing once again. The changes are subtle, the results not yet fully measurable. But the signs of a sea change are present and powerful.

- Conversations about topics that a year ago provoked anxiety and worry can now be had forthrightly, with everyone heard, and everyone seeking consensus to make progress.
- People are feeling proud of their church and the programs we offer, and though we remain reticent, New England Yankees, increasingly folks are inviting their friends to check us out.
- Worship, both Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings is growing in attendance, with a quality and variety of music unmatched, and with prayer and community spirit to match.
- Committee after committee is taking a comprehensive look at its responsibilities, evaluating and adjusting, letting go of traditions that have died, and nurturing new life and new possibilities.
- For the first time in a long time, pledged income exceeded expectations, and in 2010, we did not rely upon memorial or legacy funds to meet our operating budget.
- Ministries to children and youth are deepening in faithfulness as good leaders understand that these are ministries of faith formation.
- Our building looks better than it has in years, and it just feels good to walk into our church and feel at home.

“People are feeling proud of their church and the programs we have to offer, and though we remain reticent New England Yankees, increasingly folks are inviting their friends to check us out.”

Make no mistake: we're not perfect, and we're not yet where we want to be. But the sea on which we are sailing has changed, with enthusiasm and expectation replacing anxiety and worry. And I am feeling honored to be sailing with you.

Grace and Peace,

Paul

Comments? Suggestions? We Want to Hear from You!

Have ideas, comments or suggestions for *The Herald*? We want to hear from you! Send your input to office@hancockchurch.org

Have items for the March issue of *The Herald*?
The submission deadline is February 15th.

Ministers to Lead Lenten Series

Easter Sunday is April 24 in 2011, very nearly as late in the year as it can be.

As a result, the season of Lent begins later than usual, with Ash Wednesday on March 9.

As has been our custom during Lent,

our Ministers, Paul Shupe and Dana Allen Walsh, will lead a series of classes following Sunday morning worship.

You will want to make note of the following dates and themes:

March 13 – Innocence

March 20 – Temptation

March 27 – Sin

April 3 – Repentance

April 10 – Forgiveness

Join Us for A Winter Celebration Progressive Dinner

We are pleased to invite congregation members to A Winter Celebration on Saturday, Feb. 12 from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Sponsored by Parish Life.

Escape the winter for a few hours and enjoy good food, good company and great conversation with Hancock friends.

The event is a progressive dinner. In case you haven't been to a

progressive dinner party before, hosts will open their homes for appetizers and main courses. Then we will all drive to a second home and finish with dessert. You'll be asked to bring a contribution by your hosts.

We have several homes for hosting so far and we are looking for a few more.

We are hoping you will all join us for this joyful gathering! If you have any

dietary restrictions, just let us know when you sign up.

To sign up, contact Loretta Porter at lorettaporter@comcast.net or 781.862.4408.

Please RSVP by Sunday, Feb. 6.

Hancock Church Steps Into Social Media

You may have noticed new social media icons for Facebook, Twitter and YouTube have recently been added to the Hancock Church website.

We invite you to join our social media communities. Simply click on these icons and you will be directed to the church's social media pages. You can also find these icons on the church's weekly e-mail newsletter.

In coming months, Hancock Church's ministers and staff will be posting event announcements and sharing stories on Facebook and Twitter.

Weekly sermons will continue to be

posted on YouTube and the church website.

Over the next year, we hope to start posting videos about other aspects of church life as well.

"Social media is a great way for church members to stay informed, share stories and learn about different aspects of church life," said the Rev. Paul Shupe.

"It's also an important way for us to connect with those outside the congregation and showcase the rich spiritual, volunteer, cultural and social opportunities we offer."

Facebook allows users to recommend their friends follow organizations and businesses.

It allows members to share interesting church posts and announcements with their friends. Twitter allows users to retweet church announcements.

We ask you to consider sharing our work with your friends on both these social media venues.

Our community is made richer by the commitment of our existing members and the steady flow of visitors and new members.

Prime Time Sunday, February 13

A workshop to explore the meaning of The Lord's Prayer will meet on Sunday, February 13 from 11:30 until 1 o'clock in the Kathie Stuart Room. We will remember, write and search for images which represent our personal relationships with the prayer we repeat so often, and look for new meaning for it in pictures and photographs.

We will consider each phrase of the prayer in this context as well as defining what the frame looks like to each of us. Everyone in the Christian tradition repeats the Lord's Prayer; it is a constant in our formal worship. Liturgy may change, be re-translated, tweaked, even abandoned, but this remains. We will look at this beloved prayer in a new way, considering its individual meaning as a symbol of our community of faith.

How to Learn About Hancock Folks in the Hospital

Many of us want to stay informed if fellow congregation members are hospitalized or are leaving the hospital and in need of some assistance.

Each Thursday, a printed list of Hancock members and friends who are hospitalized or otherwise in need of prayer are posted in three locations in the building:

- In the Narthex near the coat room
- On a bulletin board outside of the

Sr. Minister and Congregational Care Coordinator's offices

- On the announcement kiosk in the Dining Room.

You may also find information on the Community Prayer recorded message: 781-862-4225.

You are encouraged to take note of these friends, and to include them in your prayers.



New Church Office Hours

The staff of Hancock United Church of Christ is here to serve you, and we are always glad to hear from you or to have you drop by the church to talk with us.

We are happy to schedule appointments to meet with you at hours other than those posted below.

The Church Office is staffed Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

The days that our part-time staff work are as follows:

Norma Blake, Office Administrator, Monday-Thursday

Thad Jackson, Business Manager, Tuesday-Thursday

Sara Withee, Communications Coordinator, Tuesday and Thursday

Pam Cochrane, Director of Children's Ministries, Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday

Mark Morgan, Director of Music, Sunday and Tuesday-Thursday

Meg Anzalone, Congregational Care Coordinator, Sunday and Tuesday

Dan dos Santos, Facilities Manager, Sunday-Wednesday

The church voice mail system permits messages to be left for all staff persons, and these messages are checked in a timely fashion. Moreover, we are all accessible via email.

Paul and Dana are both keeping Friday as a day off. If you have a pastoral emergency on a Friday or Saturday, we want to hear about it. Each of us has our cell phone numbers on our greeting in our voice mail.

We hope that you'll make note of these hours, and that you'll continue to let us know how we might be of help to you!

Music Ministry Seeks Feedback



This summer Mark Morgan will complete his second year of service at Hancock as our Director of Music.

He and Paul have put together a Music

Ministry Feedback Team to seek input from the congregation about our music ministry and its future direction.

Beginning on Sunday, March 6, a written survey will be made available on Sunday mornings in the Narthex and at Coffee Hour in the Dining Room.

Members will be encouraged to fill them out and return them.

Additionally, Mark will be available on two Sundays following the morning worship service for face-to-face conversation about the Music Ministry.

Those conversations will be held March

20 and April 3.

Do you have comments or questions? If so, contact the Music Ministry Feedback Team.

Our members include:
Connie Ahara

Stewart Deck

Faith Fenske

Andy McClaine

Mark Morgan

Paul Shupe

Sign Up for 5th Annual Women's Retreat March 4th



This year's Women's Retreat will be Friday, March 4—Saturday, March 5 at the Essex Conference & Retreat Center in Essex, Massachusetts.

All women – young and old - are invited to attend the Women's Retreat. It's a wonderful opportunity to get to know other women at Hancock, to relax and have fun, and to talk and reflect together.

We will gather on Friday evening and share dinner and desserts. On Saturday, there will be structured time together as well as free time to walk to the ocean, enjoy the sauna, or catch up with a friend.

Our theme for this year's retreat is "In the Sanctuary of Women." We'll be exploring women of the Bible, mystics of the church, and ancient prayers written by women.

Thinking about signing up? Here is some feedback from women who have attended in past years:

"For a newcomer, the Women's Retreat is a shortcut into the heart of the church community." - Barbara Martin

"The Women's Retreat is a blissful "time out" from my world of schedules and responsibilities." - Karen Kishpaugh

"Great company, great conversations, great learning experience, great food and a wonderful chance to bond with other women at Hancock." – Caroline Nijenberg

"What I have most enjoyed about the Women's Retreats is the variety of women who attend, all with different ages and experiences. It's a unique opportunity to share concerns and feelings with a wide spectrum of women in a spiritual context." Sandra Shaw

"A simple way to share mutual concerns and nourish our spiritual growing edges." – Harriet Chmela

"The Women's Retreat each year has been a time for me to reach into myself to find my center and to share with friends thoughts and issues that truly matter." - Rosemarie Sauermann

Sign up outside of Dana's office door if you are interested. Feel free to email or call Dana if you have any questions.

Ending Homeless Recent Successes and Next Steps Forum

Seventh Annual Interfaith Homelessness Forum

*Sunday, March 6, 2011, 3:00-5:00pm,
Trinitarian Congregational Church,
Concord, Mass.*

Family homelessness remains a severe crisis in Mass. with record high foreclosures and layoffs.

Over 33,000 families in housing crisis applied for emergency shelter last year, far exceeding the 3,000 families in emergency shelters nightly.

Speakers include:

- **Lt. Gov. Tim Murray, keynote speaker**, will highlight the state's encouraging homeless prevention initiatives.

- Tina Brooks, Co-leader of Mass Commission to End Homelessness, will describe the successes, innovations, and proposed growth plans of the pilot regional network programs that involve preventing homelessness.
- **Tina Close**, Co-Convenor of the MetroWest Regional Program, will detail achievements using prevention, diversion, and rapid re-housing.
- A family that avoided homelessness by using these services will share its first hand account. Hear from area lawmakers and learn how we can help with proven strategies.
- State House Lawmakers from our Area in a Panel Discussion, moderated by Miriam Stein, MSW, advocacy consultant.

The forum is free and open to all. It is also sponsored by Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries.

Forum co-sponsors include Episcopal City Mission and the UU Mass Action Network.

Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries is an interfaith coalition of over 80 congregations, in the city of Boston and surrounding communities, which brings people together across religious, racial and socioeconomic lines to work jointly for social justice.

For more information, contact Carl Miller at 978-369-3755 or at NormanCMiller@comcast.net.

The Hancock Community in Action

Chancel Choir to Join Area Choirs For Lexington Choir Festival

On Sunday, February 6th at 3:30 p.m. our Chancel Choir will be joining 10 other choirs from the area for the annual Lexington Choral Festival.

Each choir presents or two pieces of their own, and the program culminates with all the choirs singing a work

together.

This year that work is Copland's uplifting chorus *The Promise of Living*. Our choir will reprise *Ave Maria* by Franz Biebl that they sang for Music Sunday in December at the church.

The Festival will take place at Sacred Heart Church. Admission is free, and the program will be over long before Super Bowl Kick-Off!



The Word in Music: The Creation and the Fall: March 27th

Seeking Singers for Unique Service

The Cantata Choir and the Rev. Paul Shupe will be collaborating on a unique Lenten service this spring.

The Choir will present portions of *The Creation* by Haydn, intertwined with the creation stories from Genesis and a message focusing on the fall of Adam

and Eve and the expulsion from the Garden. We welcome all singers to come and join us for this special event.

Rehearsals will begin on Thursday March 3rd and will take place each week on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room, with a dress rehearsal on

Saturday March 26th from 10 a.m. to noon.

To sign up, please contact Mark Morgan, Director of Music at mark.morgan@hancockchurch.org or 781-862-4220 ext 212.

Lexington Interfaith Food Pantry: Donations & Volunteers Needed

February is canned fruit month - including Pineapple - 12-22 oz cans.

If you donate food in February, please consider giving canned fruit, including Pineapple. Donation baskets are in the

narthex, as well as outside the office and dining room.

Volunteers are needed for March 12 to help distribute the food at the Pantry. The commitment is from 8:45 to

about 11:30 am and the learning curve is short!

For more information contact: Caroline Nijenberg carolinen@rcn.com or 781-862-4465.

Give Back to the Hancock Community by Donating a Few Hours

Many people ask, "What can I do at Hancock Church that doesn't require monthly meetings, year long commitment or groups." We have something just for you!

Each Sunday after morning worship, a volunteer arranges flowers from the chancel, lectern and pulpit flowers and delivers a bouquet to no more than 3 people. These deliveries go to shut-ins or to say congratulations, thinking of you, special birthday.

No flower arranging talent is needed. Containers and foam are available for those with decorating abilities and vases for those who don't.

It's a one time commitment.

So ask yourself, can you help one Sunday afternoon a year. If Sunday afternoon is not good, Monday is fine.

We have 13 spaces that need to be filled. Can we put your name in one of these spaces? Contact Norma Blake at the

church office at 781-862-4220 or norma.blake@hancockchurch.org

Available Dates

February 13

June 19

July 3

August 7, 28

Sept. 11

Christian Service Round-Up: Hancock In Action

Feeding 5000: Year 3 Progress, Current Efforts & Upcoming Events

For the fourth year, the local band Trial Run, started by Lexington resident Len Nason, will be sponsoring the Go Green Dance. Len has invited Hancock to work with them again this year on the dance as a fundraiser for Sustainable Harvest International.

Feeding 5000 has committed to fund SHI's work in Piedras Negras, Honduras for 3 years. Proceeds from this dance will go toward fulfilling that commitment.

Trial Run plays classic rock and blues with a dash of Motown.

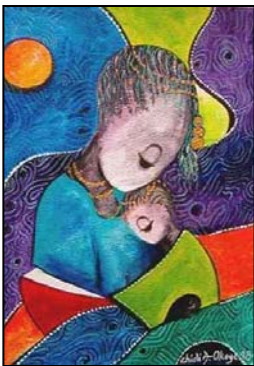
The Go Green Dance will be held Saturday, March 12 at the Elks Lodge at 959 Waltham Street Lexington from 7-11 pm.

Tickets are \$15 for one ticket or \$25 for two tickets if purchased in advance. Tickets are \$20 per person at the door. Tickets will be sold at upcoming coffee



hours. For more information, contact Charlotte Dougherty, Amy Swanson or Carol Counihan.

Hancock Parent Discussion Group Explores Mindful Parenting



Join us for a monthly exploration of "mindful parenting." Benefit from a safe and open environment for dialogue and sharing of experiences, hopes and concerns.

Meets the third Wednesday of each month at Hancock Church in the Pearson Room. 9:15 a.m.

Dates and Topics:

January 19th
How to bring the tough topics to the table

February 16th
Carving out the time for relaxation, reflection and renewal

March 16th
Fostering gratitude in a family

April 13th
Sharing stories of spirituality at home

May 18th
Saying no to get to yes

The group will be led by:

Dana Allen Walsh is the Associate Minister at Hancock United Church of Christ. Her areas of focus in the church are social justice, youth, young adults, interfaith work, and spiritual formation.



Dana believes that the church can be a source of transformation, support, and social action. She has led service trips of youth, young adults, and adults to East Kentucky, Downeast Maine, the Appalachian mountains of West Virginia, Shreveport, Louisiana, and rural Honduras. In addition, every spring, she hosts a fun and enriching women's retreat.

Pam Cochrane is the Director of Children's Ministries at Hancock United Church of Christ. Pam brings together her background in the arts and religious education to develop programs for



children, youth and families at Hancock and in the wider community. Her passion for welcoming children and finding the soul in work, play and daily living drives her ministry and celebrates creative expression.

Daryl Battin, a member of the Hancock Adult Christian Education Committee,



has fond memories of the importance and value of the sharing, learning, and relationships developed as part of a Hancock parenting group when her children were young (now ages 24 & 29). Life experiences beyond parenting and family life include daycare director and social worker with young people with developmental challenges and their families.

Come share an hour with fellow parents. open to all! Infants and toddlers welcome.

Communion Series for Hancock Church School

From Pam Cochrane, Director of Children's Ministries

Over the last few months, I have heard many adults in the congregation mention the joy they feel seeing the Hancock youth participate in communion.

I believe the experience of making sandwiches for the outdoor church and returning to worship for communion and the blessing of the lunches has made a significant impact on the youth as well.

The sacrament of Holy Communion is a central and grounding ritual in our worship, and yet, sometimes we take it for granted that our children connect the dots as to the meaning and practice of communion.

During February the children and teachers of Hancock's Church School will explore the sacrament of holy communion (also called Eucharist, Greek for 'thanksgiving') as part of a three unit series, "Communion as Remembrance, Celebration and Thanksgiving."

We'll share stories, traditions and practices to enrich our understanding of Jesus' last

meal with his friends the night before he died, the significance of the bread and cup, and the central theme of a shared meal in our community of faith.

It is our hope that this special series will build on the each child's experience and learning of communion. We encourage parent participation and welcome a partnership with families to explore these themes.

There is a long standing tradition at Hancock for fifth graders to culminate their study with a special invitation to communion. This year we will celebrate this passage on March 6th inviting them to partake in the feast during the Sunday morning worship service.

At Hancock, children of any age are always welcome at the table. Whether they participate is left to the discretion of their responsible adults, but we encourage the little ones to come to Jesus, just as the Gospels say he did.

The Lord's Supper nourishes us not only

as individuals, but also and primarily as a community. Steeped in an atmosphere of self-giving and unity, celebrating communion both expresses and strengthens "the ties that bind our hearts in Christian love."

If you'd like to participate in the church school series on communion as an adult volunteer (Shepherd) or have particular questions about communion, worship and welcoming children to the sacrament of communion contact: Pam Cochrane at 781-862-4220 or pam.cochrane@hancockchurch.org.



Hancock Youth Group To Return To Kentucky

The Hancock Youth Group (HYG) is planning to make good use of February school vacation with its annual mission trip to Neon, Kentucky.

HYG has traveled to the region for many years to work with H.O.M.E.S, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to the ministry of providing affordable housing to low-income families in Southeastern Kentucky.

HYG members will gather at the

Sanctuary at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18. After a brief worship service, the 45 teenagers and 7 adult chaperones will board a charter bus. They will travel throughout the night and most of the next day to reach Neon, just west of the Virginia-Kentucky border.

In Neon, HYG members will stay in H.O.M.E.S, Inc.'s volunteer dormitory and start work that Monday morning, repairing homes and building new structures. They will work under the supervi-

sion of H.O.M.E.S, Inc.'s eight full-time carpenters.

HYG members are expected to return home on Saturday, Feb. 26.

Hancock Youth Group's annual mission trip is one example of the many youth learning and volunteer opportunities our church offers. Come hear about their important work at the morning worship service on Feb. 27.

Ministry/Program News: Congregational Care

Message from Meg – Reflections of Winter into Spring

As I glance out my window, it is almost time for the sunrise to manifest itself and call forth the animal and human creatures that have been sound asleep in the night to wake up and greet the new day!

I see the earth is again covered in a fresh blanket of white snow almost two feet deep in these parts. Indeed, it is a snowy winter in New England this year!

The morning quiet and the sense of stillness surround me as I pause for a moment before the dog stirs, and the geese cruise in for a landing on the icy pond. I pour my first cup of coffee, while the rest of the world wakes up.

The New Year is half a month old. I wonder if anyone has noticed. I am curious about those New Year's resolutions. Are we keeping any of them? Do we even remember them? Does it really even matter?

The beginning of the year always offers new hope and possibilities. Often we begin cleaning away old stuff, reworking our perspectives, making new resolutions, dieting, exercising, yoga classes, learning a new musical instrument, or beginning some other new venture. We all get a fresh start. We may want to change some things about ourselves, about our lives, even about our church.

While busy making these changes, the Season of Winter ever so slowly turns toward the season of Spring. It happens even before we recognize it with our eyes. If examined closely, we can even notice that trees have their new buds. Soon crocuses will make their way through the snow. Even now, for those of us that pay careful attention, there is a glimmer of darkness turning into more increasing light each day.

January turns into February and we turn our focus on hearts, and love, and flowers! Cold winds shift to warm breezes. Before we know it, even the earth's mantle changes from snow to mud, and the garden catalogues will get tossed to the side table. Instead, true gardeners will grab their boots to go out and play in the mud and leftover snow, as they dream and envision their barren fields to be filled with swaying flowers and edible vegetables!

I am reminded how lucky we are to have new years that give us permission to make the changes that we desire in ourselves, in our lives, even in our church. I am reminded how lucky we are to have these possibilities each day. As Joseph Priestly said *"I have always been delighted at the prospect of a new day, a fresh try, one more start, with perhaps a bit of magic waiting somewhere behind the morning..."*

The Congregational Care Team continues to focus on building the caring network by meeting monthly, assessing needs in the church community, writing cards, visiting the sick, developing and further spreading the Prayer Shawl Ministry, flower coordination and delivery, weekly Community Prayer, and a various array of other activities. Please consider being part of this ministry for this new year!

There will be the first meeting of those who want to meet for prayer and meditation to remember those who are sick on Tuesday, February 8th at 1:30 in Meg's Office.

The next Congregational Care Team meeting will take place on Sunday Feb. 20th at 11:30 in the Wilson room.

The Congregational Care Team

members are dedicated to making their Mission Statement become a reality.

"United in Christ's love, we dedicate ourselves to a ministry of hope and compassion, by providing a network of care for Hancock Church members and friends during time of need. Through prayer, encouragement, training and support, we will strive to create, build and nurture our connections with each other. Together we will care for others and strengthen our identity as a vital and caring faith community."

As Hancock moves forward with many new events and activities for people of all ages this year, consider where you may become more a part of the community. So it can continue to be a stable beacon of hope, and a church of welcome, where Christ is still speaking and inviting all who are seeking to find God, pay attention to the development of a new capital campaign for Hancock. Consider taking a course offered in church through adult lifelong learning. Engage with Christian education in its mission to children and youth and to social justice. Consider joining the choir or bells. Commit to some aspect of congregational care. Whatever you can do to be more connected, consider the opportunities that Hancock offers.

As you continue on your journey of faith, may the season of Winter turn to Spring even before you recognize it, and may your new resolutions, love for each other, and dreams for your future, transform the church community into the hope you hold in your hearts each morning!

Peace and blessings,

Rev. Meg Anzalone, Congregational Care Coordinator

Worship at the Well @ Hancock Church

A Service That "Involves You, Draws You In."



"I go to the Well because it's personal. You can't just sit back and watch it happen; it involves you and draws you in. It's really laid back, and the music is amazing! For me, it's more spiritual than the Sunday morning service because I feel that I'm making my own unique connection to God. You can't ignore the community in the room, and everyone that wants to can contribute and participate. The service counts on everyone there to come to its fullest potential." - Alli Bukys



Learn more about Worship at the Well @ Hancock Church. This month's services are scheduled for Feb. 6 and Feb. 27. Services start at 6:15 p.m. in the Chapel.

Find Us On Facebook:

Visit the Hancock Church website and click the Facebook icon marked "Well."



The Notice Board



Next Herald Deadline

Submissions for the March Hancock Herald are due on Tuesday, February 15.

Please e-mail submissions by that deadline to sara.withee@hancockchurch.org

The Hancock Blog

Now you don't need to wait a full month for your news about Hancock Church. Visit the Hancock Blog at

www.hancockchurch.org/blog

Adult Education

Hancock Church offers many learning opportunities to bring people together and deepen their connection to God.

Our adult education programs are open to all and are a great way for those outside the church to learn about the many religious, musical and volunteer opportunities offered by our congregation.

Check out all we have to offer today:

www.hancockchurch.org/ministries/adults

Pub Theology with the Rev. Paul Shupe

You may think worship is limited to Sundays, but the Rev. Paul Shupe takes the conversation beyond the church walls once a month.

Join him on the first Tuesday of each month at Nourish Restaurant at 1727 Massachusetts Ave., Lexington.

For more information, contact Daryl Battin at dbjb1475@verizon.net. Or just show up!

School Vacation Sledding

School vacation is Monday, February 21—Friday, February 25.

Wondering how to pass the time with your children?

We're gathering a group of families for a fun day of sledding on Wednesday, February 23.

Those interested, please join us at Hayden Field in Lexington at 10 a.m.

Check church calendar and weekly e-mail newsletter before event for possible weather cancellation.

Get Involved and Help Stop Hunger

Feeding 5000 is Hancock's three-year mission to learn, work together, and find sustainable ways of addressing hunger, while nurturing our church community and involving 100% of the congregation. To get involved, visit the Hancock website at

www.hancockchurch.org/ministries/feeding-5000 or contact Amy Swanson at amy.swanson@rcn.com.



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Hancock Calendar

The following is a list of February services. To see a full list of services and events at Hancock United Church of Christ, pick up a church bulletin or visit www.hancockchurch.org/events/event-calendar.

Sunday, Feb. 6: 10 am Morning Worship, Holy Communion. The Rev. Paul Shupe preaching.

Sunday, Feb. 6: 6:15 pm Worship at the Well in the Chapel.

Sunday, Feb. 13: 10 am Morning Worship. The Rev. Paul Shupe preaching.

Sunday, Feb. 20: 10 am Morning Worship. The Rev. Dana Allen Walsh preaching.

Sunday, Feb. 27: 10 am Morning Worship. Youth Sunday.

Sunday, Feb. 27: 6:15 pm Worship at the Well in the Chapel.