



# The Hancock Herald

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## Bill McKibben Urges "Taking Creation Seriously"



On **Sun., 8/29**, Hancock was proud to welcome home native son Bill McKibben as he was travelling through the area promoting his new book, *Eaarth: Making A Life on a Tough New Planet*. More than 200 people filled the sanctuary on a beautiful summer Sunday morning to hear Bill preach on the "Moral Math of Climate Change." After first ac-

knowledging his gratitude to Hancock for its "impact on the formation of [his] character," Bill went on to link Jesus' Gospel exhortation of inviting the poor, the sick, and the hurting to our banquet with a need to "take seriously the creation in which we live...this particular creation that God made." Noting that "it's not just that we've failed to invite the poor to our banquet, but that our banqueting is what is making people poor," Bill, nevertheless, encouraged the congregation to develop

the political and moral will to address climate change because, despite its seemingly insurmountable scale, as people of faith, we are uniquely suited to embrace those things which, on the surface, seem improbable or unlikely.

If you weren't able to be with us to hear Bill, you can listen to his sermon on the Hancock website, [www.hancockchurch.org](http://www.hancockchurch.org), in the "Worship" section under "Sermons."

## Special Offering: Pakistan Flood Relief

We will continue to accept contributions to a special collection for Pakistan relief throughout September. Envelopes are available in the pew racks in the sanctu-

ary or you can mail/drop-off a check directly to the church office made payable to Hancock Church with "Pakistan relief offering" in the note line. The flooding

in Pakistan has displaced millions of people and created immense suffering. We offer our financial resources as well as our prayers to the people of Pakistan.

## Annual Senior Picnic: Food, Friends & Fun!

It's time to mark your calendar for the 27th annual Hancock Church Senior Picnic! On **Sat., 9/11 from 11:45am until 2pm** Revs. Paul Shupe and Dana Allen Walsh, along with Congregational Care Coordinator Rev. Meg Anzalone will be joining


with Hancock alumni and friends for a lovely day of fun, good food and good friends. Many thanks to Iris and Larry Larssen and their daughter, Robin Caloggero, for, once again, generously offering to host the event (34 Elm Street in Chelmsford).

If you haven't done so already, please RSVP to Norma in the church office (781.862.4220) and let her know if you need a ride or can offer a ride.

See you on the 11<sup>th</sup>!

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



## From the Senior Minister



Dear Friends,

When a friend first told Nathaniel about Jesus of Nazareth he laughed, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” The reply was simple, “Come and see.” Come and see. Those are my three words to you as I begin this second year with you as your Senior Minister: come and see.

Come and see a worship life on Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings filled with beautiful music of great variety, earnest prayer, and the best preaching that Dana and I are capable of. Come and see if worshipping God doesn't change your life for the better. And invite someone you love to come and see, too.

Come and see a ministry of and to children, youth, and young families in which enthusiasm is building, friendships are growing, and a church is seeking to help children and their parents thrive in these difficult and challenging time. Come and see if there isn't a growing sense of joy and purpose and caring among our children. And invite someone you care about to come and see, too.

Come and see a congregation committed to acts of justice and peace and love in the world as we enter our third year of Feeding 5,000, as our Hancock Environmental Action Team (HEAT) encourages us to live more lightly on the planet, as our Christian Service Committee seeks new ways to make our compassion budget make an immediate difference in the life of the poor in our communities, as your fellow church members reach out and invite you to help them. Come and see if the work of justice and peacemaking are for you. And invite someone near to you to come and see, too.

Come and see as a vibrant adult education ministry reaches out with a variety programs for people across the life span, strengthening our faith and equipping us for ministry. Come and see if new learning will reinvigorate your faith. And invite a neighbor to come and see, too.

Come and see as a new ministry of congregational care helps us take responsibility for loving and caring for one another, especially those who are unable to join us physically. Come and see if there's a ministry for you in visiting a friend and bringing joy to their lives. And why not invite another to come and see, too.

Come and see the improvements that have been made to our building and grounds: fresh paint and new floors; blooming flowers and lovely plants; the sacred Remembrance Hall and the peaceful Memorial Garden in the Garth. Come and be a part of the discussion as we prepare our church home for the next generation of its life. And bring a friend to come and see, too.

Come and see. The new year is practically crackling with energy and bursting with possibility. Come and see, because there is a place for you: to help, to learn, to sing, to grow, to laugh, to talk, to pray and to plan. Is anything good happening at Hancock Church? Come and see. Come and see.

Grace and Peace,

*Paul*

**“My three words to you as I begin this second year with you as your Senior Minister — come and see.”**

By now most of you have heard that my father, David Shupe, died early last Sunday morning in Colorado. He was 78 years old and had lived with significant heart disease for the past twenty-five years. He had a fall and a final heart attack during the last day of his life, and was moved almost immediately into hospice care where he passed quietly and pain-free after just a few hours. My family is very thankful for his peaceful passing, and of course, for his lifetime of love, support, and care.

I have been humbled by the many expressions of caring and sympathy which I have received: from cards and notes, to face-to-face expressions, to many prayers, to the anonymous gift of vegetables left on our front steps. I am feeling held and supported, and I am deeply thankful to all of you. A memorial service will be held in Colorado on Saturday, September 25. I will participate in the service, as you might expect. I will be traveling there a few days in advance, and returning to work the following week. As always, Dana Allen Walsh will be here to provide pastoral leadership and care, and the rest of the staff has been a source of hope and comfort to me. My mother, Margie, my sisters, Elizabeth and Alyson, my wife, MaryAnn, and my sons, Nate and Sam, appreciate your prayers and concern. Thank you for your understanding. Please feel free to talk with me if you have questions or concerns.





# Notes from UCC National: Annual “Neighbors in Need” Special Mission Offering (Sun., 10/3)

The Neighbors in Need (NIN) offering, which we will receive on **Sun., 10/3**, supports the UCC’s ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through UCCTakeAction.org, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy

work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-

third of the offering supports the UCC’s Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forbears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today, there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the United States.



**Imagining**  
Another World is Possible

Neighbors in Need (NIN) helps make another world possible. It needs your support. Please give generously using the envelope enclosed in this issue of *The Herald* or the one in the NIN Offering Sunday bulletin on **10/3**. For more information, visit [www.ucc.org/nin](http://www.ucc.org/nin).

## Lexington Interfaith Food Pantry: Donations & Volunteers Needed



Donation baskets are in the narthex and outside the church office and dining room.

When you donate to Lexington Food Pantry, consider donating their “focus food of the month.” September is **cereal month (no family-sized boxes)**.

**Have extra veggies in your garden?** You can donate them, too! Just bring washed produce to the Pantry on Saturday mornings *only* from 8:30-9am. The pantry operates out of the Church of Our Redeemer at 6 Meriam St. Enter via the third doorway (closest to back parking lot) on driveway side of church; take hallway to lower level.

**Be part of the Hancock team** that volunteers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month. The commitment is from 8:45-

11:30am and the learning curve is short! Find out how rewarding it can be to work at the Pantry, knowing you are helping provide a community service. Volunteers are needed for Hancock’s slots on **Sat., 9/11 and Sat., 10/9** to help distribute the food at the Pantry.

For more information, contact Caroline Nijenberg ([carolinen@rcn.com](mailto:carolinen@rcn.com) or 781 862-4465).

## Ministry/Program News: Children & Youth Christian Education

### Children's Christian Education Committee: 2010-11 Goals

The Children's Christian Education Committee has worked hard to carry forward the vision of the past year into action. This year, we will continue the work by:

- Making the church school more welcoming with rejuvenated classrooms and educational spaces that reflect our faith practices.
- Deepening our practice of a rotation-style curriculum that focuses on

engaging the multiple learning styles of children as they explore Bible stories through music, drama, games and creative arts.

- Creating more opportunities for children and youth to participate in worship.
- Connecting with relevant issues within our faith community that reflect and call for action in the larger community.

The Church School begins a new program year with renewed vision, a New Acting Director of Children's Ministry and new curriculum. All are invited to "Come Join the Circle" of Children's Christian Education, a theme inspired by the new curriculum for grades K-5. Join us for Homecoming Sunday on 9/12, when all children and adults are invited to worship together. After church, please join enthusiastic learners,

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### Youth Programs (grades 6-12)

September ushers in another exciting year of programs for youth (grades 6-12) at Hancock. The Youth CE Committee and HYG officers for the 2010-11 year are planning another full complement of classes, social activities and service projects for youth and welcome all to participate. Please mark the following dates in your calendars:

- OWL Parent Orientation (parents of 8th graders) – Sun., 9/19 at 7pm in Kathie Stuart Room

- Confirmation Class Orientation (for 9<sup>th</sup> graders and parents) – Sun., 9/12 at 5pm in Dining Room
- HYG Parent Orientation (parents of 9-12 graders) – Sun., 9/12 at 6pm in Kathie Stuart Room

Other key dates to remember:

- JYO (youth in grades 6, 7, and 8) classes begin on 9/19
- HYG (youth in grades 9-12) begins Sun., 9/12
- OWL (8<sup>th</sup> graders) begins Sun., 9/19

Each of the Youth Programs utilizes an email group as a means for posting the schedule, special notices, and regular updates. If you have any questions you may contact Pam Cochrane or Dana Walsh for more information or any member of the Youth CE Committee which includes: Wade Appelman (Chair); Barbara Shinn-Cunningham; Ruthanne Igoe; Dave Cushing; Sharon Kendall; Mike Amirault.

### Hancock Youth Group (HYG) Update

The first HYG meeting of the year will be **Sun. 9/12** from 7-8:30pm in the Upper Room. We will play some games, have fun, and talk about plans for the fall retreat. (Bring some money for ice-cream, we usually walk to Rancatore's after the meeting.) In mid-September, you will receive a schedule of all the HYG meetings and events, but most meetings are Sunday evenings, 7-8:30pm in the Upper Room.

We have a great group of elected Officers for 2010-11: Andrew Navia – Co-President; Kelsey Fenn – Co-President; Chris Batty; Tori Kendall; Chris Appelman; and Chandler Gregg.

In addition to a great officer team, we have three newly elected Worship Chairs – Lucy Galvin, Allison Bukys, and Lauren Ransohoff who will help to plan worship services for the fall retreat and spring mission trip as well as participate in the weekly Sunday Evening Worship service.

HYG kicks off the year with a retreat. The retreat is a great way to get to know other people in HYG, to bond as a group, and to grow closer to God. The retreat will be held at the Groton-wood Conference Center in Groton, MA. The dates for the Fall Retreat are Sat., 10/2 – Sun., 10/3. HYGers should have received retreat forms in the mail over

the summer. If you need information, contact Dana.

There will be an HYG Parents Meeting on Sun., 9/12 at 5:30pm in the Pearson Room. If you are new to HYG or an experienced HYG parent, you are welcome to come learn about the role and expectations of HYG parents.

For advanced planning – the HYG mission trip to KY will be over the February school break (2/18 -26). Lastly, feel free to contact Dana with questions or concerns. She is always happy to meet with parents or HYGers who need an opportunity to talk – just text or email and she'll gladly make time to meet over coffee or ice cream!

## (Cont'd) Children CE Committee: Children's Programs (grades K-5)

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dedicated teachers and our inspiring new Acting Director, Pam Cochrane, for an Open House at which parents, kids, and friends can explore the church school classrooms. Then come on down to the Christian Education table at the activities fair in Clark Hall to learn

more about the programs, pick up registration forms or sign-up as a volunteer. Church School classes begin on Sun., 9/19. The Christian Education Committee will host another Open House that day after worship.

If you would like to volunteer as a teacher or helper, or learn about other

ways to participate in the Christian Education Program, please contact Bess Deck 781-648-1795, decks4@verizon.net; Wendy Tanahashi-Works: 781-863-1325, dwworks@verizon.net; or Pam Cochrane; 781-862-4220, pam.cochrane@hancockchurch.org.

## Ministry/Program News: Adult Christian Education Coming Soon: Exciting Line-Up of New Adult CE Offerings

Looking for ways to reinvigorate your faith? Think Christian Education (CE) is just for kids? Think again! September will kick-off a whole new line-up of adult CE offerings. No prerequisites or advance registration required. All welcome, including friends and family. Below is a list of topics, meeting dates, and times. Why not give one a try?

**Pastor's Class:** "The Once and Future Church." Explores the Christian church yesterday, today, and tomorrow, and the major theological issues that have been debated throughout the centuries (the divinity of Christ, authority for ministry, relation of church and state, and church and culture). It will also look at the roots of the UCC. Led by Rev. Paul Shupe. Meets every Sunday morning, 8:30 – 9:30am in the Pearson Room, starting Sept. 19. All welcome—no pre-requisites. Come whenever you can. Each session stands on its own. Contact: Paul Shupe (paul.shupe@hancockchurch.org)

**Wednesday Evening Seekers' Class:** Stand-alone, 5-week sessions in fall, winter, and spring.

1) **Fall: "Major themes of the Hebrew Bible"** (Creation, Exodus, Exile, the Prophets, the Psalms). Led by Rev. Paul Shupe. Oct. 13, 20, Nov. 3, 10, & 17. 7:30 – 8:45pm,

Pearson Room. Contact: Sally Wyman (781-861-1929)

**2) Winter** Jan. 12, 19, 26; Feb. 2, 9. 7:30 – 8:45pm.

**A): "Women and the Bible"** (Role of women in scripture; specific women in the Hebrew Bible and the Gospels). Led by Rev. Dana Allen Walsh. Kathie Stuart Room. Contact: Karen Kishpaugh (Lexkaren@msn.com)

**B): "Spirituality of Work and Vocation for Men"** (Work histories, mentors, career and vocation). For men of all ages and stages of life. Led by Rev. Paul Shupe. Pearson Room. Contact: Russell Schutt (781-862-8109)

**3) Spring: Lenten series** March 16, 23, 30; Apr. 6, 13. 7:30 – 8:45pm.

**Theology "On-Tap" (Cambridge):** Monthly conversations offsite on theological issues for young adults (ages 21-35). 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, beginning Sept. 20. 8pm. Cambridge Common, 1667 Mass Ave., Cambridge. Led by Rev. Dana Allen Walsh. Contact: dana.allenwalsh@hancockchurch.org

**"Pub Theology" (Lexington):** Monthly conversations offsite on theological issues. All ages. 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays: Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 22, & Dec. 13. 7:30pm. Nourish Restaurant, 1727 Massachusetts Ave in Lex-

ington Center. Led by Rev. Paul Shupe and Rev. Dana Allen Walsh. Contact: Daryl Battin (dbjb1475@verizon.net, 781-789-3763)

**Wednesday Morning Parents' Discussion Group:** Monthly exploration of "Mindful Parenting" with other parents of young children. Led by Rev. Dana Allen Walsh and Pam Cochrane. 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays: Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15. 9–10am in the Pearson Room. Beverages provided. Infants and toddlers welcome. Contact: Daryl Battin (dbjb1475@verizon.net, 781-789-3763)

**First Thursdays Discussion Group:** Sharing issues of life and faith, centered on discussion of Barbara Brown Taylor's *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith* (paperback available at Barnes & Noble and on Amazon). Sept. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2. 9:30–10:30am in the Wilson Room. Led by Rev. Dana Allen Walsh. Contact: Lois Smith Martin (SmithMartin224@verizon.net, 781-270-0304)

**Adult Retreat Opportunities (Spring 2011):** Men's Retreat led by Rev. Paul Shupe. Women's Retreat led by Rev. Dana Allen Walsh (March). More details to be announced soon.

# Ministry/Program News: Congregational Care

## Message from Rev. Meg Anzalone

Thanks to all who participated in the Congregational Care Coffee and Conversation sessions. More than twenty folks showed up and shared many good ideas about their vision of congregational care, brainstormed suggestions to create ways to connect across the generations, and addressed their personal experiences about the benefits of receiving and giving care during time of need here at Hancock.

As we continue to create our program of congregational care, Congregational Care Team (CCT) members will incorporate the ideas from these sessions into program components. Responding to the call of love and compassion, the goal of the CCT is to provide a ministry of compassionate care and hope. We believe that no member of the congregation should feel isolated or alone. Our hope is to get everyone

involved, so that caring becomes a hallmark of the congregation. We envision creating and building a greater sense of community within Hancock church—ministers, staff, church leaders, and members together! Recruitment is now underway for CCT members. If you have not yet been contacted, and you desire to become a member of the Congregational Care Team, please contact Meg Anzalone, Congregational Care Coordinator, by calling the Church Office or by email at [meg.anzalone@hancockchurch.org](mailto:meg.anzalone@hancockchurch.org).

The Congregational Care Program provides a network of care for Hancock Church members and friends, during times of need, and offers a supportive connection when people are feeling most alone. Would you like to be available to help in case of need?

Complete the form below to be part of

the Care Community and return it to the Church Office. You can also stop by the Congregational Care Table at the Activities Fair after the Worship Service on Homecoming Sunday – volunteer Service Forms, as well as other information about Congregational Care, will be available for pick-up and drop-off. The CCT will collect the forms and will have the Care Community to call upon as needs arise. Just knowing that there is a pool of people who can be called upon makes our role more effective and helps members and friends of our congregation feel more connected. Thank you for your willingness to be available for each other! Your help can make a real difference. I look forward to meeting more of you, and sharing together with you in this very important ministry at Hancock.

Peace and blessings, Meg

## Congregational Care Volunteer Form: How Would You Like to Help?

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| <p>Name _____</p> <p>City or Town _____</p> <p>Home phone _____</p> <p>Cell phone _____</p> <p>Work phone _____<br/>(if you can be called at work)</p> <p>Email Address _____</p> <p>_____ I would be willing to help-out more than once per month, as needs arise.</p> <p>_____ I am willing to help outside my neighborhood.</p> <p>_____ I am willing to help outside my town.</p> <p>_____ I'd like to become a "Visiting Friend" (Further training and longer-term time commitment required)</p> | <p>Please check-off the services that you are willing to offer and return this form to the church office or the Congregational Care table at the Activities Fair. Or you can email Meg Anzalone at &lt;<a href="mailto:meg.anzalone@hancockchurch.org">meg.anzalone@hancockchurch.org</a>&gt;.</p> <p>_____ Visit a member of the congregation who may be sick, housebound, or in need of company (once or regularly)</p> <p>_____ Provide and deliver a meal or baked goods</p> <p>_____ Provide and deliver a food or care basket</p> <p>_____ Provide transportation – locally (to church, errands, appointments, etc.)</p> <p>_____ Provide transportation – longer distance (e.g., Boston)</p> <p>_____ Assist with a memorial service reception (setting-up, kitchen, etc.)</p> <p>_____ Send flowers</p> <p>_____ Send a card of support or congratulation</p> <p>_____ Help out new parents</p> <p>_____ Small chores (eg. Shoveling, mowing, light cleaning)</p> <p>_____ Other (please describe)</p> |
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# Christian Service Round-Up: Hancock In Action

## Lexington Interfaith Garden: Notes from the Field

By Amy Swanson

The Lexington Interfaith Garden builds meaningful interfaith relationships by working together to grow organic produce for our hungry neighbors. Our hope is:

- To provide fresh produce for people in need.
- To educate ourselves and our community on the value of local, sustainable farming.
- To build connections within our interfaith communities.
- To have fun while doing rewarding work.
- To foster the notion of community and community work.



farmer, takes us on a tour of the garden so we can see what has happened since our last visit.

The garden is located at a private residence in the center of town. The main garden is about 50 ft. by 60 ft. and there is another little garden plot adjacent. How many pounds of food will be grown is a big guess at this point, so to help answer that we have bought a weighing scale. Everything that gets picked to be given away will be weighed. By the end of the season we will be able to tell you how much produce has been contributed to the Lexington Food Pantry or to the Boston Gleaners, servicing local food banks, so stay tuned!

Discover the joy of being part of this important work. Volunteers work from 4:30 to 6 pm on Tues, Thurs and Sat afternoons. You get to work alongside members of some of the other 12 faith communities collaborating on the garden. Children at least 6 years of age are welcome along with a supervising parent. Contact Amy Swanson for more information (amy.swanson@rcn.com or 781-863-



9443.) or to sign up. You can learn more about the garden on their website, interfaithgarden.org, or look for Interfaith Garden Lexington on Facebook!

### Hancock's September slots are:

- **Tue., 9/14** (5-6pm);
- **Sat., 9/18** (7:30-9am)



## Save-the-Date: Luncheon Launching Feeding 5000, Year 3 — Sun., 9/26

After church on **Sun., 9/26**, come share food & stories as we launch Year 3 of Feeding 5000's campaign on hunger. Speakers from **New Entry Sustainable Farming Project (NESFP)** will be on-hand to talk about New Entry and share their stories, including Director, Jennifer Hashley, and Haitian farmer participant, Adisson Toussaint. Hancock's Feeding 5000 recently provided

the modest fees for him to continue in NESFP. He is currently entering his third year running his farm business on one of NE'SFPs incubator training farms in Dracut. The mission of New Entry is to assist people with limited resources and an interest in small-scale commercial agriculture to begin farming in Massachusetts. New Entry is one

of the first initiatives nationwide to assist immigrants and refugees to develop commercial farming opportunities.



**NE participant, Adisson Toussaint**

## Facilities: Hancock Inside & Out

### Memorial Garden & Remembrance Hall



The Remembrance Hall and Memorial Garden Committees are making great progress on the Garden and will be celebrating the

completion of the whole project with the dedication of the new Remembrance Hall and Memorial Garden on **All Saints Sunday, 10/31**. On that special day, we

will also read the names of Hancock Saints whose families or friends have requested that they be honored with a plaque in the Remembrance Hall. To submit the name(s) of your Hancock Saint(s) and a remembrance about his/her connection to Hancock (to be included in the Book of Remembrance to be placed in Remembrance Hall), you

can email any of the committee members: Kay Barney ([kbarney@amrf.com](mailto:kbarney@amrf.com)); Charlotte Dougherty

([charlottedougherty@verizon.net](mailto:charlottedougherty@verizon.net));

Bill Erickson

([berickson@bfearc.com](mailto:berickson@bfearc.com)); Verne

Henderson ([vhender@aol.com](mailto:vhender@aol.com));

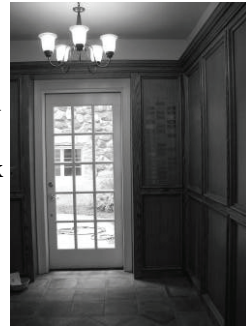
Rosemarie Sauermann (away 9/10-

10/8) ([rosemarie@sauermann.com](mailto:rosemarie@sauermann.com));

Linda Williams

([williams.l@verizon.net](mailto:williams.l@verizon.net)).

**Submission deadline: 9/30.**



### Building Repairs to Be Complete for Homecoming

Facilities Manager, Dan dos Santos, Prudential Committee, and a bevy of contractors have been hard at work through August putting the final touches on the repairs and renovations to the lower hall (damaged after the late March flooding). Staff are returning to their offices...just in time for Homecoming!

If you haven't yet taken a peek, please stop-by and check it out: the space is bright, welcoming, light-filled, painted, and ready to start the new church year off on the right foot! Thanks, again, to all who contributed to the Emergency Fund, and to Dan and Pru Comm for all their efforts.

### Special Words of Thanks

We would like to extend a special word of thanks to **Lisle Swanson** for going above-and-beyond the call with his work to help repair/restore the bathrooms in the Upper Room. Thanks, too, to **Dana Allen Walsh, Dan dos Santos, and Deb Holland** for their work painting the Upper Room.

## Notes from Potter Library

By Marjorie Travis

Our committee tries to keep Potter Library an interesting and useful resource for everyone. Come in and browse the shelves for subjects that interest you for your personal reading or devotions. Watch for the Library Cart during coffee hour in the dining room for a look at our most recent books. Here are some of the newest:

Bill McKibben's *Eaarth* is at the top of our list. His most recent and clearest book on climate change, it has been

receiving a lot of publicity (hope you had a chance to catch his sermon on Sun., 8/29).

*Stones Into Schools*, by Greg Mortenson, is his follow-up narrative to *Three Cups of Tea*. What just one man has accomplished by building schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan is really amazing — an inspiring read.

Journalist Larry Witham has put together a book that recounts how sermons have changed the course of

American history. *A City Upon a Hill* traces U.S. history from the Pilgrims to the present, providing a whole new perspective on how preachers have influenced people and the times in which they lived.

*The Moral Imagination*, by John Paul Lederach, has a subtitle of "The Art and Soul of Building Peace." The author is one of the world's foremost experts on peace-building and reconciliation, with a unique approach to social change.

## Music & Arts Corner

# So Many Ways to Share (or discover!) Your Gifts Chancel Choir Starts Thur., 9/9

Our Chancel Choir launches its fall season on **Thur., 9/9** at 7:30pm in the choir room. With a fall filled with music from the Renaissance to the present, from spirituals to choral masterworks, we have a place for you to indulge your love of music and help enrich our worship. Singers of all levels are welcome, no audition required! Haven't sung since high school? No problem! Can't make it every week? We're

flexible! Our goal is to recruit 10 new choir members this year—come help us get started! For more information please call Mark Morgan, Director of Music at 781-862-4220 ext 212 or e-mail [mark.morgan@hancockchurch.org](mailto:mark.morgan@hancockchurch.org).

## New Ensemble: Instrumentalists and Vocalists Needed

Our Sunday night worship service will now have its own resident music ensemble, Pilgrim's Way, leading worship. We need experienced instrumentalists of all types and singers capable of singing in duets-quartets. Pilgrim's Way will play a wide range of music, sort of a gospel/bluegrass/contemporary/Celtic/world thing! We will have a regular core group, plus musicians playing/singing from time

to time as the music needs of the service dictate. Rehearsal times TBA, service is 45 minutes, 2-3 times per month on Sunday evenings at 6:15pm in the chapel. For more information, please contact Mark Morgan, Director of Music at 781-862-4220 ext 212 or e-mail [mark.morgan@hancockchurch.org](mailto:mark.morgan@hancockchurch.org).

## Bells Open House on Sun., 9/12

Have you ever wanted to try ringing handbells? Ever wondered what those long tuning fork-like instruments are? Now is your chance to find out! You are welcome to come to the bell room on the second floor of the Christian Education wing after church on **Sun. 9/12**. Talk to the ringers and try swinging a bell or a chime. If you know your right from your left, can count to four, and like to laugh, you can ring handbells! Discover how much fun it is to

make beautiful music and make new friends at the same time! Hancock Church has six handbell choirs for ringers of all ages—from third-graders to adults, from complete beginners to experienced ringers—something for everyone! Why not give it a try? New ringers are encouraged to join a group in September or January. Questions? Contact Cheryl Kraley at 781.862.2209 or



### Which Bell Group Is Right for You?

**Munchkin Ringers** on Sundays 9-9:50am for 3-5 graders

**Marting to Glory Ringers** on Sundays 9-9:50am for 6-8 graders and new high school/adult ringers to get started

**High School Ensemble** on Sundays 4-5pm with optional social/dinner afterward from 5-5:30pm

**Twelve Bell Ringers** on Fridays 9:30-10:45am for adult beginners

**Morning Glory Ringers** on Fridays 9:30-10:45am for adult intermediate ringers

**Hancock Carillon** on Wednesdays 7-9pm for advanced adult/high school ringers

[cheryl.kraley@hancockchurch.org](mailto:cheryl.kraley@hancockchurch.org) or Marilyn Becker [marilyn.becker@hancockchurch.org](mailto:marilyn.becker@hancockchurch.org) or come to the Open House.

Pictured at right: Bell Ringers Lynne Batty and Carol Bukys



# Seen Around Hancock

## Fellowshipping One With Another (Sponsored by Parish Life Committee)



**Caroline & Wim Nijenberg.**



**Peg Whitney with Nina Dodd**



**George & Jacky Deranian**

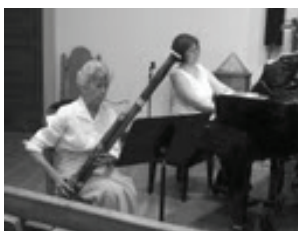


**Helen Levison and Rosemarie Sauer-mann**

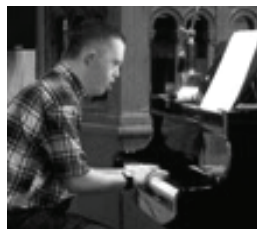


**Brian Gruhn with his grandparents and a friend.**

# Hancock Summer Music Ministry Abounds with Talent



**From l to r: Robert John; Tim Jarrett; Isabelle Plaster; Marilyn Becker; Sue Stone; Joan Rutila; Cheryl Kraley; Lynne Batty; Carol Bukys**



**From l to r: Marilyn Becker; Meg Weston; Marjorie Nickles; Graham Campbell; A Joyful Noyse; Suzanne John; Harriet Chmela**



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On 8/22, Hancock Welcomed William Baird John in Baptism. (Pictured at left with his parents, Robert and Cynthia John, and Rev. Paul Shupe.

# The Notice Board



## Important Dates to Keep In Mind

- Sept 11 -- Senior picnic
- Sept 12 -- Homecoming Sunday; Activities Fair; Bell Open House; Church School dedication and Open House
- Sept 19 -- Church School and Pastor's class begins; evening worship services begin
- Sept 26 -- Seminarian dedication (\*note new date\*); Feeding 5000 Year 3 Kick-Off Luncheon
- October 3 -- World Communion Sunday; Neighbors in Need Offering Sunday

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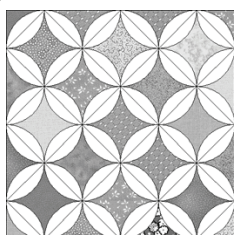
### Come to "The Well" — Sunday Evening Worship at Hancock

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

- Fall 2010 Schedule:**
- Sept 19 & 26
  - October 3, 17 & 24
  - November 7, 14 & 21
  - December 5 & 12



**Al Filipov Peace & Justice Forum**  
Trinitarian Congregational Church (UCC) invites all Hancock members and friends to attend the Ninth Annual Al Filipov Peace & Justice Forum on **Sat., 9/25 at 7:30pm** at the church (54 Walden St in Concord). Established in memory of Al Filipov, an active member of Trinitarian UCC who was killed in the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, the Forum is designed to address issues of peace and justice from a faith perspective and to highlight the critical importance of individual initiative in creating positive change. This year's speaker is Rye Barcott, co-founder of Carolina for Kibera. While still an undergraduate at the University of North Carolina, Barcott went to Kibera, one of Africa's largest slums, working side-by-side with local people to help them devise real solutions to their very real issues. The model for Carolina for Kibera as a unique and successful NGO has garnered widespread acclaim. Please join us! The event is free and open to all.



### Calling All Stitchers!

The Projects with Purpose group is in the process of making a quilted banner for the sanctuary (in Cathedral Window Quilt style). The background squares (all 609 of them!) have been made, and now we need help hand-sewing the squares together and sewing inserts between the squares. If you are comfortable hand-sewing and would like to help us out, please contact Joan Rutila, [rutila@rcn.com](mailto:rutila@rcn.com), 781-862-6627; MaryAnn Shupe, [pmsshupe@gmail.com](mailto:pmsshupe@gmail.com), 781-538-6655; or Cheryl Kraley, [cheryl@kraley.com](mailto:cheryl@kraley.com), 781-862-2209. We'll get you set up with some squares and sewing instructions. We'd love to have your help!



### 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 our Communications Coordinator, Angela Gaffney, at [angela.gaffney@hancockchurch.org](mailto:angela.gaffney@hancockchurch.org).

*The Hancock Herald* is a reflection of the entire community, so please, add your voice and let's build-up the community together!

Have items for the October issue of *The Herald*?  
**The submission deadline is September 15<sup>th</sup>.**



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# Save-the-Date: Hancock Homecoming, Sun., 9/12

**What is Homecoming Sunday all about?** It's a chance to reconnect with one another and, together, approach the start of a new church year with renewed enthusiasm for the wonderful ministries and dynamic community that is Hancock UCC. In our music, preaching, worship, works of service, educational programs, outreach efforts, rejuvenated facilities...in short, in everything we do, there is energy and possibility practically bursting at the seams! And Homecoming Sunday is also an invitation to you, to someone you know, to all of us, to come and see (for the first time or, simply, anew) all the good that is happening at Hancock.

### Schedule of events:

- Morning Worship with special choir, bells & bagpipe music
- Dedication of Church School staff and new year
- Activities Fair\*
- Church School Open House
- Bells Open House

### \*About the Hancock Activities Fair

Have you ever wondered what's happening at Hancock beyond the Sunday service? Do you want to explore what makes Hancock special? Are you interested in meeting more of the HUCC community outside of coffee hour? Do you have talents and interests that are underused? Then the Activities Fair is for you!

Here are just some of the activities you can find out more about: adult ed study and discussion groups, evening worship, pastor's classes, cooking for Rosie's Place, distributing food at the Lexington Food Pantry, the Hancock Care Team, HEAT (environmental action), the Monday morning project group, children's CE, many bell, choir, and music groups for both children and adults, work days, mission trips....the list goes on! There is something for everyone to get involved in year-'round. So come find a way to let your light shine!

**Mark Your Calendar —  
Neighbors in Need  
Offering Sunday: Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

