

**United Church of Christ, Federated
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

9:00am - 1:00pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

CHURCH STAFF:

Rev. Melinda LaMontagne, Ph.D. Pastor

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Pastor's office hours: Tues. and Thurs. 9:00am to 1:00pm

Lisle Hall, Church Secretary

Jean Jordan, Sexton

Head Deacon	Sandy Beavan, July
Greeters	D. & K. Diamond, 7/18 L. and S. Beatty, 7/25
Lay Readers	Jim Morrison, 7/18 Norbert Savard, 7/25
Coffee Hour Hosts	G. Bannister, R. Dziedzic, C. Plante, 7/18

UPCOMING EVENTS and MEETINGS

Sunday		Outreach Committee after service
Mon.	9:00am	Sleeping Bags
Tues.	1:00pm	Care Ministry
Wed.	12:00-2:00	Bible Study
	6:30pm	Finance Committee

United Church of Christ, Federated

“The church with heart in the heart of Webster”

**Bringing together the First Methodist Church
and the First Congregational Church since 1949**

JULY 18, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Relational Covenant for UCC, Federated

- We will pray together.
- We will interact with love, respect, and acceptance.
- We will take the time to listen to each other without interrupting, judging, or criticizing.
- We will listen attentively until the other person is finished speaking.
- If we disagree, we will provide respectful, constructive feedback.
- We will make every effort to relay the truth, never sharing unsubstantiated gossip.
- We will refrain from making judgments based on second-hand information.
- We will always work together to reach a common goal and agreement that suits all parties.
- We will honor confidentiality when it is asked for.
- We should always work toward the betterment of the entire congregation.
- We will refrain from making judgments about one another.

Gathering for the Word

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

GREETING

One: God is good!

All: All the time!

One: All the time!

All: God is good!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jim Morrison

One: *Please stand, as you are able, and join in the call to worship.*

Come; let us sit at Jesus' feet.

All: We come to learn of God's ways.

One: Come and know that you are welcome here.

All: We come to celebrate God's presence.

One: Come and take a rest, and bask in the love of God.

All: We come to experience spiritual renewal.

One: Come, let us worship God.

***HYMN** “Just As I Am without One Plea” #357

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION Jim Morrison

Lord God, you invite us to sit, and listen, to relax, and be renewed. Help us enjoy this moment away from the busy world and its distractions, as we focus on the spiritual dimension of life. Here in the comfort of your presence, inspire us to rest from the labor of this past week. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

***ACT OF PRAISE** “Glory Be to the Father” #71

TIME WITH CHILDREN Pastor Melinda

***HYMN** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” #526

Proclaiming the Word

FIRST READING Jim Morrison
Genesis 18:1-10a (Pew Bible, pg. 11)

SECOND READING Pastor Melinda
Luke 10:38-42 (Pew Bible, pg. 735)

SERMON “The Better Part” Pastor Melinda

***HYMN** “Nearer My God to Thee” #528

COMMUNITY PRAYER TIME

After each prayer request, please repeat:

One: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering of Our Gifts

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

“Through Christ let us continually praise God and share what we have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

CALL TO GIVING

COLLECTION

OFFERTORY

Carl Carlson

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF GIFTS**

Into your hands we place our gifts and our lives. With this act of giving, we remember all that you have given us. Use us and these gifts to bring healing and reconciliation into this world. Amen.

Going into the World

***HYMN**

“Abide with Me”

#700

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

** Please stand, for those who are able.*

MEMORY BOOK: George C.K. Duff, 1906-1981
Rosalind Duff, 1902-1991

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

July 4: 49 adults, 2 children.

July 11: 62 adults, 10 children.

CARE MINISTRY: The Care Ministry will meet Tuesday, July 20, at 1:00pm in the church office.

NEW MEN'S GROUP

Several male church members have expressed an interest in creating a group that would meet once a month for fellowship. Contact Tancrede, or sign up in the narthex, if you are interested.

ATTENDANCE-REGISTRATION SHEETS: We encourage you to fill out the attendance-registration sheets in the pews every Sunday. This will help us with updating our records. Thank you!

FOOD SHARE REALLY NEEDS BAGS, plastic grocery bags, and reusable totes, if you have a surplus. Many thanks!

CONVERSATIONS WITH PASTOR MELINDA:

I would like to meet with everyone who attends services at UCC Federated for conversation on Tuesdays. Your vision for the future of this beautiful church is important to me. Please sign up in the narthex, outside the sanctuary, or call/e-mail our office and reserve a time slot at 508-943-0061, or **HYPERLINK** "<mailto:uccfedwebster@verizon.net>" uccfedwebster@verizon.net.

CHOIR REHEARSALS: We invite all members and friends of the United Church of Christ Federated who enjoy singing to join us on Thursdays, starting September 9, 2010, from 7-8:30 p.m. We will have child care available. Call music committee members Verna Davis at 508-943-2969 or Jim Morrison at 508-943-8165 for more details.

NEW BIBLE STUDY THRIVES: Through systematic study of Bible

characters and prayer, we have learned about God's love and mercy. We meet in the church office Wednesdays from noon to 2:00 p.m. We welcome you to join our great group. Call Carolyn Foster at 508-932-3063 or Verna Davis at 508-943-2969 for more information.

OUR NEWSLETTER: We will begin a new system so that the monthly newsletter arrives by the first of the month, rather than the middle. There will not be an August newsletter, but the September issue will arrive by September first. The deadline for that issue will be Friday, August 13, so there is enough time to edit, proofread, and format the copy. Please e-mail your materials to Caroline Smith at [HYPERLINK "mailto:cjsmith1961@yahoo.com" cjsmith1961@yahoo.com](mailto:cjsmith1961@yahoo.com) by that date. We appreciate your support and interest!

Check out the Win-Win Program Called *SCRIP*

SCRIP is a very simple concept. Retail stores and restaurants offer discounts on gift cards purchased for use in their establishment. The program generates income for our church through the discount. If you purchase a \$50.00 gift card to purchase your groceries from Shaw's, then you pay the \$50.00, but the church receives a percentage back that goes to the operating fund and you have made a donation to your church without spending any additional money. How simple can that be? And at the same time you feel good because you have given to your church.

Julie Dell'Anna and Regina Kontoes co-chair the SCRIP program. They have the list of stores and restaurants that are a part of the program. You choose the amount of money you spend; the church profits; and you buy what you need at no extra cost. See them in church on Sunday or call them and they will see that you receive a form to fill out and get the gift cards to you. Right now this is being done on a weekly basis. Their phone numbers are Julie 508-949-2444 and Regina 508-943-8034. There are also forms in the church office.

**WHAT A GREAT WAY TO INCREASE YOUR GIVING TO
GOD'S WORK IN OUR CHURCH. JOIN THE SCRIP PROGRAM
NOW!**

