

# THE MINI-UNION COURIER

Union Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
The Reverend Gail L. Miller, Pastor

220 Main Street  
Groton, Massachusetts 01450



## October 2016

**Prayer List** This list is refreshed twice a year (January and June). Please contact Gail Miller or Carol Zaiatz (978-448-2091 or unioncc@uccgroton.org) to add or remove a name.

Anna Biocchi	Vic Bunish	Harold Gould	Rudi Schmid
Norm Boucher	Sally Mayo DeWinkleer	Liz Lienhard	Joe Swales
Rosemarie Bradley	Eva Facchini	Debbie Sampson	Liz Waggoner

- Liz Lienhard, recovering from surgery on 9/13.
- Ella May Vautour, born Tuesday, 9/13, eight weeks early.
- George and Karen Durrance in the death of their son, Brian.

## October Birthdays and Milestone Anniversaries

Kirsten Sjoberg	10/01	Bob Hargraves	10/14	Lyra Harper	10/19
Alex Ansted	10/02	Casey Cunningham	10/15	Nevan Rosenfeld	10/21
Helen Misselhorn	10/06*	Maggie Wickham	10/15	Ben Ansted	10/22
Joe Zambuto	10/06	Richard Ferrero	10/17	Connie Brown	10/23
Mitchell Townsend	10/09	Evan Elibero	10/18	Cameron Fraser	10/27
MacKenzie Luth	10/11	Anna Kubick	10/18	Andrew Howard	10/29

\*Helen Misselhorn turns 92!



**Connie and Bob Brown: 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 22!**

**Cheryl and Bill Townsend: 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 25!**

## An Invitation to the Congregation

*Erica and Drew Davenport  
cordially invite you to attend  
the wedding of their daughter*

*Susan Davenport  
to  
Charles Nelsen*

*here at our church on  
Saturday, October 29, 2016  
at 9:30 a.m.*



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## Sunday School

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### October 2—*World Communion Sunday*

Communion Lesson then back to worship

### October 9—*Two Men Healed* Luke 16:1-13

### October 16—*Jacob Wrestles* Genesis 32:22-31

### October 23—*The Pharisee & the Tax Collector* Luke 18:9-14

### October 30—*Zacchaeus* Luke 19:1-10

### Sunday School Teacher Situation

The CE Committee is in need of teachers for the upper elementary aged kids. Without enough teachers, we will (sadly) need to cancel classes and reconsider how we structure Sunday School. The lessons are easy to teach and the kids are a delight!

#### Please consider teaching

contact Anne Cahill (anniebob29@yahoo.com)

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### Christian Education Committee

—Anne Cahill, Chair

—Krista Kubick

—Jean Armstrong

—Diane Landry

—Kelli Hnath

—Anne Larsen

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## Missions

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### *Neighbors in Need* Offering

#### October 9 and 16

This is a UCC special mission offering that supports works of justice and compassion throughout the United States.

### *Loaves & Fishes* Backpack Drive

Support kids in need by providing school supplies for area families. Please take an item from the display downstairs and return your backpacks or supplies to the box in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

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## Music

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### ***SPECIAL SINGING OPPORTUNITY - You are invited!***

Many will remember when we had the opportunity to swell our choral ranks and get to share those marvelous pieces, such as *Indondanna* from South Africa, or *The Ground*, the piece with string quartet and piano accompaniment by Ola Gjeilo.

Once again we have found a piece of music that is just right for a larger choir which we will sing in worship on Nov. 13. So we would like to open our rehearsals to additional people who might not otherwise be able to sing with us, but for a short period of time. This piece will be rehearsed over four weeks (Thursdays: Oct. 20 & 27, Nov. 3 & 10), and you need only commit to three of the four rehearsals.

**Rehearsals are at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary** (finished no later than 8:30). So if you can commit to three rehearsals, please consider joining us for *I Am Not My Own* by Craig Courtney, a lovely piece with piano and brass accompaniment. Simply google *I Am Not My Own* by Craig Courtney to hear it for yourself.

This is a powerful piece, so musically descriptive of its text which declares that we belong to God. Any questions, contact Bernard Crane (617-768-7166; sibelius415@gmail.com)

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## Invitation to Serve—Sandwich Run in Cambridge

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### Monday, October 10 (Columbus Day Holiday)

9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (approx. times)

Children in upper elementary grades and their families are welcome to join Pastor Miller and Sophia. Meet at church, make sandwiches and assemble sack lunches; then head to Alewife and to Central Square. We walk a route organized by the *Outdoor Church* (a homeless ministry in Cambridge), handing out lunches, and extending the warmth of God's love. **Call / Email the church office if you or your son/daughter are attending so we can plan for the sandwich making.** (978-448-2091, gail@uccgroton.org)

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## October

- ◆ Sat., Oct. 1 Harvest Fair, 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
- ◆ October 2 **World Communion Sunday**  
*Common Cathedral Preachers*
- ◆ October 9 *Neighbors in Need* Special Offering
- ◆ Mon., Oct. 10 Serve the Homeless in Cambridge
- ◆ Sat., Oct. 29 Davenport/Nelsen Wedding at 9:30 a.m.  
Middle School Youth—Halloween Party in Fellowship Hall 4:00-6:00 p.m.\*  
\*Correction
- ◆ October 30 **Reformation Sunday!**