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 Norm Boucher Rosemarie Bradley Vic Bunish Sally Mayo DeWinkeleer Eva Facchini

Harold Gould Liz Lienhard Debbie Sampson Rudi Schmid Joe Swales 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: 50th wedding anniversary on October 22!

Cheryl and Bill Townsend: 30th wedding anniversary on October 25!

An Invitation to the Congregation



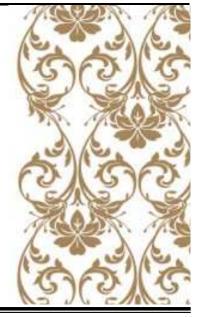
Erica and Drew Davenport cordially invite you to attend the wedding of their daughter

Susan Davenport

to Charles Nelsen

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





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October 2—World Communion Sunday Communion Lesson then back to worsh	Sunday School Teacher Situation		
October 9—Two Men Healed Luke 16:1-1	The CE Committee is in need of teachers for the upper elementary aged kids. Without enough		
October 16—Jacob Wrestles Genesis 32:	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)		
October 23—The Pharisee & the Tax Col Luke 18:9-14			
October 30—Zacchaeus Luke 19:1-10			
Christian Education Committee —Anne Cahill, Chair —Jean Armstrong —Krista Kubick —Diane Landry Missi		—Kelli Hnath —Anne Larsen	
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.	Supp area down	IVES & Fishes Backpack Drive Fort kids in need by providing school supplies for families. Please take an item from the display instairs and return your backpacks or supplies to the n the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!	
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Sunday School

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)

Invitation to Serve—Sandwich Run in Cambridge

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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