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A weekly newsletter of the Weston United Methodist Church

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Thought of the Week

"Out of complexity, find simplicity"
SIMPLICITY - *Albert Einstein*
"To be simple is to be great"

- *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

In Our Prayers

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Kathy Von der Heyde
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Special Prayers for the entire United Methodist Church as we struggle with difficult conversations in hopes of finding a way forward.

Please keep our Annual Conference and the Conference leadership in prayer.

The New England Annual Conference meets this week (June 12-15) in Manchester, New Hampshire. The persons attending from our church this year are Bob Hout and Rev. Pat MacHugh.

Theme for this Week: What's Mine is Yours

Pentecost comes with the rush of the spirit in wind and fire. As Jesus foretold, the Spirit is shared by all gathered together in spite of their differences of language and culture. The

Spirit makes its home in and through all people. Jesus has promised, "what's mine is yours!" The early church believed this day was one of the most appropriate days for receiving new members into the Body of Christ. As part of that tradition, we will receive new members and offer a way for anyone to commit as they are comfortable to making this church their spiritual

home.

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Scriptures for Sunday, June 6th “What’s Mine is Yours”

THE PENTECOST STORY: Acts 2:1-21 The Voice

Narrator: When the holy day of Pentecost came 50 days after Passover, they were gathered together in one place.

2 Picture yourself among the disciples:

A sound roars from the sky without warning, the roar of a violent wind, and the whole house where you are gathered reverberates with the sound. 3 Then a flame appears, dividing into smaller flames and spreading from one person to the next. 4 All the people present are filled with the Holy Spirit and begin speaking in languages they’ve never spoken, as the Spirit empowers them.

5 Because of the holy festival, there are devout Jews staying as pilgrims in Jerusalem from every nation under the sun. 6 They hear the sound, and a crowd gathers. They are amazed because each of them can hear the group speaking in their native languages. 7 They are shocked and amazed by this.

Pilgrims: Just a minute. Aren’t all of these people Galileans? 8 How in the world do we all hear our native languages being spoken? 9 Look—there are Parthians here, and Medes, Elamites, Mesopotamians, and Judeans, residents of Cappadocia, Pontus, and Asia, 10 Phrygians and Pamphylans, Egyptians and Libyans from Cyrene, Romans including both Jews by birth and converts, 11 Cretans, and Arabs. We’re each, in our own languages, hearing these people talk about God’s powerful deeds.

Narrator: 12 Their amazement becomes confusion as they wonder,

Pilgrims: What does this mean?

Skeptics: 13 It doesn’t mean anything. They’re all drunk on some fresh wine!

Narrator: 14 As the twelve stood together, Peter shouted to the crowd,

Peter: Men of Judea and all who are staying here in Jerusalem, listen. I want you to understand: 15 these people aren’t drunk as you may think. Look, it’s only nine o’clock in the morning! 16 No, this isn’t drunkenness; this is the fulfillment of the prophecy of Joel. 17 Hear what God says!

In the last days,

I will offer My Spirit to humanity as a libation.

Your children will boldly speak the word of the Lord.

Young warriors will see visions,

and your elders will dream dreams.

18 Yes, in those days I shall offer My Spirit to all servants,
both male and female, and they will boldly speak My word.

19 And in the heaven above and on the earth below,

I shall give signs of impending judgment: blood, fire, and clouds of smoke.

THE PENTECOST STORY: Acts 2:1-21 The Voice (CONT.)

20 The sun will become a void of darkness,
and the moon will become blood.

Then the great and dreadful day of the Lord will arrive,

21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
will be liberated into God's freedom and peace

36 Everyone in Israel should now realize with certainty what God has done: God
has

made Jesus both Lord and Anointed King—this same Jesus whom you crucified.

Narrator: 37 When the people heard this, their hearts were pierced; and they **said to**
Peter and his fellow apostles,

Pilgrims: Our brothers, what should we do?

Peter: 38 Reconsider your lives; change your direction. Participate in the
ceremonial

washing of baptism in the name of Jesus God's Anointed, the Liberating King. Then
your sins will be forgiven, and the gift of the Holy Spirit will be yours. 39 For the
promise of the Spirit is for you, for your children, for all people—even those
considered outsiders and outcasts—the Lord our God invites everyone to come to
Him.

Narrator: 40 Peter was pleading and offering many logical reasons to
believe. 41 Whoever

made a place for his message in their hearts received the baptism; in fact, that day
alone, about 3,000 people joined the disciples.

John 14:15-17

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the
Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17 This is
the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor
knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you..

Romans 8:14-17

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15 For you did not
receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of
adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16 it is that very Spirit bearing
witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs,
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we
may also be glorified with him.

All are invited to wear red this Sunday for Pentecost

Announcements

Thursday, June 6

10 am: Reading at Whittemore School

Saturday, June 8

9 am – 4 pm: All Church Retreat

Sunday, June 9

Confirmation Sunday

9 am: Choir Rehearsal

10:30 am: Worship

Monday, June 10

5pm: Bristol Lodge

Tuesday, June 11

9 am: Altar Guild

10:30 am: Small Group Study

6:30 pm: Small Group Study

Wednesday, June 12

New England Annual Conference (Through Sat.)

11:30 am: Weston Clergy Association

Thursday, June 13

10 am: Reading at Whittemore School

Sunday, June 16

Peace for Justice Sunday

9 am: Choir Rehearsal

10:30 am: Worship

WEAR RED!

Everyone is invited and encouraged to wear red for Pentecost

Sunday June 9th

SAVE THE DATE

June 8, 2019

9am – 4pm: All Church Retreat

*More Details located later in BEAMS

A Message from the Pastor

As God's church, we are a group, a church, a congregation, with a purpose and a function to fulfill in the world.

There is a two-fold purpose of God's church I want to share with you. One purpose of the church is to save us from selfishness. There is an instinctive and impulsive tendency in us to turn inward, to think first of ourselves, to live life to our own advantage. The church exists to save us from that catastrophe, and it does it by holding before us constantly the figure of the one supremely healthy person, Jesus.

The other purpose of the church is to glorify God. Regardless of what people are thinking or doing or being, the church is here to say: "here is what God is, and in contrast to all the ugliness and falsehood and impurity and all the other forces which corrupt life, this is divine, and we stand here to pay our tribute, to make our response, to glorify God." I remind us all that this is the God who says that you are important no matter what you achieve. This is the God who promises to be there in the bread and the wine of communion, even when you think you are totally alone. This is the God who calls you one by one to be disciples. This is the God who will help you and guide you.

So, the church succeeds in saving people only so long as it continues to glorify God. The church fulfills its function on a human level only so long as it continues to keep its eye on something far beyond.

At Pentecost the content of the disciples' faith did not change one bit – but the form and the shape of their self-understanding changed – the limitations of their humanity (the "I'm only human" attitude) were far exceeded!! It is when that Spirit dwells in a church that it has a chance of fulfilling its real purpose.

We pray that Christ's spirit of goodwill and outgoingness will be in every usher and in every pew and in every person who sits in that pew; and in every musician and in every minister who conducts a service and in every corporate act of worship here, that Christ's Spirit might dwell in it; in every organization that the church promotes and in every family; that Christ's spirit of willingness to go and to give and to spend and to be spent may dwell in our church.

Sometimes the Holy Spirit is the quiet strength of a faithful heart, and sometimes it is the rush of a mighty wind. It is with Jesus Christ and with our almighty Awesome God, and it is with us and will not leave us forsaken.

Grace and peace to you,

Pastor Pat

What Kind of Church?

Weston United Methodist Church All-Church Planning Retreat

We have been praying “God, what kind of church do you want us to be?” each Sunday. Now we will gather together and see what answers God is giving us. Bring your hopes and dreams, your fears and joys, your enthusiasm and expectation, and let’s see what God can do among us.

Where: First Parish in Lincoln, 14 Bedford Road, Lincoln, MA

When: Saturday, June 8, 2019

Schedule:

9:00 gathering

9:20 opening devotions

9:30 session 1

10:45 Break

11:00 Session 2

12:15 Break for lunch and walk/pray/games/visit

1:15 Session 3

2:30 Break

2:45 Session 4

4:00 Closing Worship

How much: Cost is \$22/person, and includes lunch (scholarship help is available)

(your choice of salad or sandwich from Panera, to be delivered)

Resources: [Canoeing the Mountains](#), by Tod Bolsinger; [Simple Church](#), by Thom Rainer and Eric Geiger; Laity Sunday brochure, https://gbod-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/legacy/kintera-files/laity/HOPE_Brochure2017Digital.pdf

What Kind of Church? Registration form

Please come whether you have registered in advance or not. You may register by emailing or calling the church office and leaving your information:

Name:

Phone:

Email:



PRIDE INTERFAITH COALITION

Serving Greater Boston's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer People of Faith

In 1977, LGBTQ people of faith realized that something important was missing from the Boston Pride Festival. While the community gathered to celebrate its social and political accomplishments, it wasn't gathering to honor the faith and spirituality that was growing in its heart. Each year that heart continues to grow!

The Pride Interfaith Coalition is proud to announce the

42nd Annual Pride Interfaith Service

"Forward Together"

Saturday, June 8, 2019, 10:00am

(doors open at 9:30 am)

Union Church

485 Columbus Avenue, South End, Boston

Bristol Lodge Soup Kitchen

Monday, June 10,
5:00 pm

Grace Vision UMC
545 Moody Street
Waltham

Our hungry brothers and sisters come to the Bristol Lodge Soup Kitchen, held daily in the basement of Grace Vision (formerly Immanuel) UMC, at the corner of 545 Moody Street and Cherry Street in Waltham. They are so grateful that **GOD** and **YOU** care about them!

After worship on Sunday, please sign up on the two signup clipboards in the church parlor / Parish Hall to **share Christ's love by playing YOUR part in this ministry.** You can contribute one or more food items for our next serving day and/or assist with reheating or serving the meal. Our next serving day is **Monday, June 10th at 5 pm** (the second Monday of every month). As always, please keep in your prayers this ministry of love and everyone who it touches.

What We Need:

- (5) **Sloppy Joes**, 4 lbs. from each contributor, prepared
- (4) **Potato Chips**, 2 large bags
- (2) **Brownies or Cookies**, each portion to serve 24
- (2) **Orange Juice** and (3) **Milk**, 1 gallon each

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the May meal!





Waltham Partnership for Youth, Inc.
Networking Youth Programs

Dear Friends,

We invite all of you to this year's WPY Coalition Showcase and Awards Ceremony on June 12th from 5:30-7:30pm at the Waltham Boys and Girls Club.

Please Come and help us celebrate and honor those who are committed to the health and well-being of Waltham youth and families, and learn about all of the amazing work being done by the WPY Coalition and the WPY Trailblazers, the youth arm of the WPY Coalition. You will have a chance to use interactive displays that showcase the anti-waping media campaign, early results of the Youth Rish Behavior Survey, and much more!

Community Mapping Project

All will be interested in the WPY Trailblazers Community Mapping Project, which will be presented at the Showcase. The WPY Trailblazers have created a map that pinpoints all tobacco retailers in the Waltham community and their proximity to schools, parks, and playgrounds. The trailblazers will present their map and ask for community input on how to create healthy, safe, and just place where all young people can thrive.

2019 Community Leadership Awards

Nominations are in for the Community Leadersgip Awards, which honors youth and adults who have demonstrated leadership of courage in addressing important issues facing Waltham youth. Recipients of this year's awars will be recognized at the event, so please help us give a shout out to them!

Tha Showcase and Awards Ceremony is free and open to the public. Dinner from the Chateau will be served, so please be sure to [RSVP here](#).

I look forward to seeing you on June 12th!

Kaytie Dowcett

Executive Director

Waltham Partnership for Youth

www.walthampartnershipforyouth.org

Invitation to Emmaus Gathering on June 22, 2019

Our Weston UMC family is invited to join us at a gathering of our Southern Ne England Emmaus Community. You do not have to have gone on a walk, just come and enjoy. The gathering is at First WUMC in Framingham from 12-3 pm on June 22. Enjoy a potluck lunch, music and worship with us. For more info, contact Carole and Joe Kerr at 205-305-9674.

LOVE, HOPE, COMPASSION, AND CARE ,BEING COLLECTED AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Are you attending annual conference in mid-June in Manchester, NH? Maybe you aren't attending but have a real heart for helping your neighbors in need. If so, **we'd like to invite you to partner with the United Methodist Foundation of New England, the United Methodist Economic Ministries (UMEM), and White Truck Ministries** as we collect items to meet the specific needs of youth and families in Western Maine.

"Our neighbors in western Maine are looking for the most basic items," said Rev. Michele St, Cyr, Director of UMEM. "Kids and adults both need new socks and underwear. We can use all sizes to share with them. We can also use help with our back to school program. We fill new or slightly used backpacks with many of the items that youth need to start the school year on the same level as their peers. We can always use more supplies than we collect because the young people will need replacements throughout the school year."

Rev. John Blackadar and White Truck Ministries has been transporting donations and supplies to UMEM and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) regional office for years. "With our recent grant, we were able to purchase a larger trailer which means that we can take more items to each location. We'll bring the new trailer to annual conference this year so folks can bring all the donations they want."

Come join the partnership. The three ministries are inviting individuals and faith communities to collect the items listed below and then drop them off at the Foundation's table just down from the registration area at annual conference. There will also be a donation jar for folks who want to help with the purchase of needed items to serve our young neighbors and their families. All gifts will be received in thanksgiving and praise to God's work around the region.

Items needed:

- Socks (youth and adult)
- Underwear (youth and adult)
- Pocket folders
- Glue sticks
- Black or blue pens
- #2 pencils
- Notebooks
- Composition books
- Rulers
- Cap erasers

In Matthew 25, Jesus notes that when people were hungry, sick, alone, or in prison, the followers of Christ met those needs. **Today, the call is to serve people who need clothing but also school supplies so that they can strive to attain their utmost potential.** Together, we can be living and loving examples of God's grace and hope in the world.

From Pastor Pat's 6/2/19 Sermon, shared at the request of a parishioner:

I want to share with you a vision for Weston UMC.

We have been praying for some time now, "God, what kind of Church do you want us to be?"

These are some of the questions we will be addressing as we gather this coming Saturday in our all-church planning retreat:

- "How do we respond to a world that is shifting beneath our feet"
- "What kind of church does God want the Weston United Methodist Church to be in this changing world"
- "How do we focus our energies and our gifts to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world," as the United Methodist Church's mission statement says, or "To Know Jesus Christ and to Make Jesus Christ Known," as our own mission statement says?"

I want to paint a picture for you of a vibrant church here – a church filled with HOPE [hospitable, offering Christ, purposeful, and engaged], a church that is making a difference in the world. Like some great airport terminal, life is full of departures and arrivals. In some ways the church is called to be an airplane –where we arrive together, get on the same plane, and fly out together toward the same destination. In other ways, we are called to be an airport, where each of us comes in order to get refueled so that we can depart headed toward different destinations, fully supported and prepared to continue the journey.

Friends, I believe that God is calling this church to not merely survive, but to thrive as a place where people can come to truly know Christ, and a place where all people find themselves welcomed, where all are included in a system of discipleship that grows hearts and minds and spirits, a place that serves as a point of light in the world. I hope you will make it a priority to come this Saturday. We are going to a beautiful spot in Lincoln, and there will be time to enjoy nature, time to be quiet and listen, time to talk and be active, time to be creative, and most of all time to explore what it is that we are hearing when we ask the question "God, what kind of church do you want us to be?" Each of us is an important part of the future of this church – God has brought each of us to this church right now for a reason - and YOUR ideas are important, YOUR needs are important, YOUR fears and hopes and dreams are significant. Come and help us to shape the future!