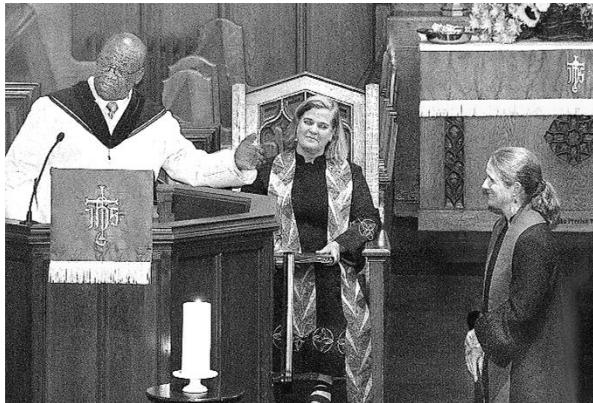


A WORD OF GRATITUDE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF PASTOR AMY CLARK FELDMAN

Last Sunday, we celebrated the Installation of our Associate Pastor for Youth and Families, Amy Clark Feldman. It was a joyous afternoon, celebrating Amy's ministry, and our church's passionate commitment to children and youth. We were also glad to celebrate our new relationship with the American Baptist Churches, and to welcome many ABC visitors. Amy would like to extend a very warm **Thank You** to everyone who worked so hard to make it such a special afternoon. From the weeks of preparations (years, really!) and worship service, to the beautiful reception, so very many people, including our children and youth, came together to make the day what it was – a wonderful celebration of our child and youth ministries, of our life as an interdenominational, intergenerational church, and of our walk together as pastor and people. We are so very grateful!



TRAVEL TO NICARAGUA



TRAVEL TO NICARAGUA FOR A SERVICE PROJECT THIS FEBRUARY

The Union Church has had a relationship supporting Nicaragua for more than 15 years and made its first trip to the country in 2003. The Church has been on service trips every two years since then, has developed many deep connections with the people, and accomplished many goals in the areas of clean water, health and education. Over the past couple of years, since our 2018 trip, Nicaragua has experienced great political

unrest and the country has suffered. They are in need of our support now more than ever with service work and prayers. It is with great excitement that I announce that **there will be a service trip this February during Newton School vacation week**. An information session will occur after Church on October 6th to answer questions, or you can reach out to one of the Nica Task Force group - Alex Brown, Karen Weisgerber, Buzz Bedford, Karen O'Bierne, Diane Tillotson, Frank Laski, Annie Gatewood or David Spertner.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH GROUP REGISTRATION DUE OCTOBER 6TH

Online and Paper Registrations

In order to make sure your child/youth has a safe and great year at UCW, we ask all families to register their children and youth annually. The form includes updated contact and health/allergy information, a photo release, and an opportunity to include other information that may be helpful. We also invite families to share a \$50 per child/youth donation (\$100 family cap) to support our programming and the purchase of supplies and books (PayPal or checks gratefully accepted). We are grateful for your help!

SAFE CHURCH – CORI Forms and Child Safety Policy

We require all adults volunteering with our children or youth to complete a CORI background check, and also to be familiar with our Child Safety Policy. CORI forms and our policy may be found in the



HIGH-SCHOOLERS: TreeTop Adventures - TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

First Monthly Gathering, October 6th

High schoolers, please plan to join us today for an awesome afternoon in nature at TreeTop Adventures! We'll gather at 12:15 p.m. in the UCW parking lot to head to Canton for our 1:00 p.m. reservations. If you haven't yet signed up on WeSpire (ucw.wespire.com), please let Amy (617-938-8112) or Mark (mark@dogwoodlanefarm.org) know if you can come. Please also plan to join us for our first monthly High School Youth Group at 6:30 p.m. on October 6th after Exploring Our Faith (5:00 - 6:30 p.m.)

MIDDLE-SCHOOLERS: TreeTop Adventures, October 5th

Service Trip to Catie's Closet in Hyde Park, October 9th

Middle-schoolers are heading to TreeTop Adventures too! Please plan to join us on Saturday, October 5th. Details are on WeSpire (ucw.wespire.com), or you can be in touch with Pastor Amy or Rob Purser (rob@purser.org).

WESPIRE: Staying Connected and Organized

As you know, our Youth and Families calendar is bursting with activities and lots of volunteer opportunities. We are excited to try a new tool this year, donated to us by WeSpire (which was founded by Susan Hunt Stevens), that should simplify and improve how we stay in touch, organized and sign up for events and volunteering. Visit ucw.wespire.com to sign up. Families should have received an email, and are welcome to reach out to Susan (susan@huntstevens.com) or Pastor Amy (amy@ucw.org) with questions.

CALENDARS IN THE CROCKER CHAPEL & ONLINE! The Year for Kids, Youth and Families

We are so excited about the upcoming year, and have full calendars planned for our children, youth groups and families. Families should have received an electronic copy of the calendars in the mail, and can also pick up paper copies in the Crocker Chapel or find them online at www.ucw.org. All events, registrations and volunteer sign-ups are also on WeSpire (see above).

ADULT EDUCATION, SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP

NEW OFFERING -- YOGA: PRAYING WITH THE WHOLE BODY WITH ANDREW HEINTZ

Join body and spirit in an accessible yoga class. In this hour-long class, we will join breath and body both in energetic flow and restorative stretching. No matter where you are on your yoga journey, you will build strength and find a quiet restful center. This class is accessible to all body types and abilities. Please bring a yoga mat and any favorite props. Andrew has some props and mats available to borrow.



- Thursday, 8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
- October 3rd to November 7th
- In the sanctuary of the Union Church in Waban
- Accessibility: The church has an elevator to the left of the office entrance.
- These classes are freely provided by Andrew and therefore there is no cost to participate.

Andrew is a minister and yoga teacher in the Boston/Newton area. He served as the ministerial intern at Union Church from 2016-2017, and he continues to be active in the Newton community. In addition to being an RYT-200, Andrew holds certifications in plus-size and chair yoga so that he can help everybody feel their best. YogaWithAndrew.com IG: yogawithandrewh

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP: 7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

We live in a noisy world. There is much that clamors for our attention. Even when we shut our eyes at night it may take a while for the din to die down enough for us to sleep. You are invited into a practice of cultivating spaciousness and silence. You are invited into the beauty of the morning light streaming in through the windows of Memorial Chapel. You are invited to rest a while in the peace of stillness. If you have questions, please be in touch with Sandra DaDalt or Pastor Stacy.

CHURCH MATTERS

CALLED TO SERVE?

As we begin a new program year at the church, there are several leadership opportunities that are open. Perhaps you are feeling a call to serve? Clerk of Council - this member of our governing council that meets once a month on the first Wednesday is responsible for assuring the minutes of the Council and the records of the church are in good order. In addition, we are looking for another Deacon, someone to join the Human Resources Team, someone to join the Christian Education Leadership Team, and someone to join an ad hoc group to begin to plan coverage during Pastor Stacy's upcoming sabbatical (May, June, July 2020). If you are interested in learning more about these positions or being considered for one of them, would you please be in touch with Co-Moderator, Diane Tillotson at dtillotson@hembar.com.

TODAY'S FELLOWSHIP HOUR- ALL ARE WELCOME!

Thank you to Sally DiLoreto for laying our table and hosting our fellowship time this morning. If you would like to host a future, after-church Fellowship Hour, please sign up through the Sign-Up Genius webpage. The link can be found on the UCW website at ucw.org and in the Friday e-blast.

MISSION OUTREACH INEQUITY AND INEQUALITY IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

This year your Mission Outreach Leadership Team is organizing its work (and coordinating with the other areas of UCW life) around seasonal themes. These will provide an organizing context for the many mission activities and we will coordinate educational opportunities, worship, and children's education around these themes when possible. We also hope to coordinate our seasonal offerings around these themes.

Themes are as follows:

Fall – Inequality and Inequity in Public Education
Winter – Homelessness and Housing
Spring – Climate Change (and disaster relief)

For our fall exploration of Inequality and Inequity in Public Education, we invite you to partake of the following opportunities for service, education and reflection.

- Oct. 4th & 5th: White Privilege Symposium
- Oct. 27th after church: Equity and Equality in Public Education - information session
- Next book group continues the discussion of race in America -- Oct. 29th at 7:00 p.m.
"Invisible Man" by Ralph Ellison

For more information about each of these offering please see the Children, Youth and Families and Adult Education/Spiritual Formation section of these announcements or the Friday e-blast. Or please feel free to reach out to Carol Bascom-Slack and Jaap van Reijendam.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Sept. 29	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study	The Union Church in Waban: 14 Collins Road, Waban, MA 02468
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal	
	10:00 a.m.	Worship	
	11:30 a.m.	Montgomery Travelers/Racial Justice Team	
	12:15 p.m.	High Schoolers: TreeTop Adventures	
Tue., Oct .1	6:00 p.m.	Deacons	
Wed., Oct .2	7:30 a.m.	Prayer Group	For a complete listing, and details of upcoming events, please visit our website, www.ucw.org
	6:00 p.m.	Mission Leadership Meeting (offsite)	
Thur., Oct .3	8:45 a.m.	Thursday Morning Yoga w/Andrew Heintz	
Sun., Oct .6	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study	
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal	
	10:00 a.m.	Worship	
	3:00 p.m.	Blessing of the Animals	
	6:30 p.m.	High School Youth Group	

COPY DEADLINE: Material for inclusion in the Friday e-Blast newsletter or our Sunday Announcements insert should be e-mailed to the office at ucw@ucw.org, by **9:00 a.m. on the previous Wednesday** morning. Please specify whether for e-Blast, Sunday Announcements, or both. Thank you!