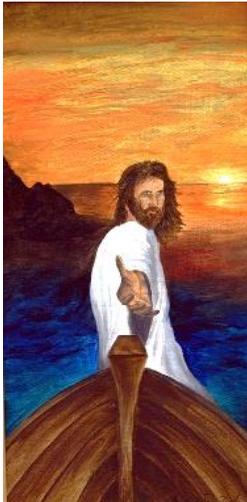


EDUCATION AND FORMATION

NO OTHER GODS – Rev. Anne Robertson.**Sunday, November 18th at 11:30 a.m.**

Please mark your calendars and plan on staying after worship for what will be a remarkable conversation with Rev. Anne Robertson. Anne lifts up the first three of the Ten Commandments and sees in them a methodology for making our way through these confusing times. She writes “Idols are not just relics of a pagan past. They are the things that trick us into putting them above all else in our lives, taking for themselves the power and authority that rightly belong to authentic faith and loving community. From naked partisanship to gun control, our divisions are stoked by undue influence from shadowy players. Come, help us pull back the curtain to see the pretenders.” For more information please be in touch with Pastor Stacy (stacy@ucw.org).

**ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLET – STEPPING OUT OF THE BOAT**

Would you consider contributing something to our Advent Reflection Booklet? In our Advent book we will be reflecting on what “stepping out” for (or in) Hope, Peace, Joy and Love looks like (or could look like) in our lives and in our world. Do you have a story, poem, picture, thought or wondering that you’d be willing to share? The Advent Booklet is a much beloved tradition where we get to hear from each other what is on our hearts and minds. If you’d be willing to contribute a piece to the Booklet, please be in touch with Pastor Stacy.

The deadline for contributions is Sunday, November 25th

BLESSINGS FROM THE TAIWAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREATER BOSTON

For many years the Union Church in Waban was blessed to share our church building with the congregation of the Taiwan Presbyterian Church of Greater Boston (TPCGB), who has recently moved to their own, permanent church building in Waltham. Last Sunday, on October 28th, Rev. Amy Clark Feldman, and Deacons Jim and Judy McDonald, attended a special worship service of celebration and thanksgiving to bless and dedicate their new church home. It was a beautiful service in three languages, led in conjunction with the Presbytery of Boston (including attendance by our own Rev. Bart Kelso). During the service, Amy and Jim represented Union Church as we presented our friends from the TPCGB with the gift of a new Communion chalice and plate, blessed by our congregation on World Communion Sunday. In return, the TPC presented Union Church with a beautiful, framed map of Taiwan with the words, "We have Shared Together the Promise of God." It was so good to see our dear friends of the TPC growing and thriving. While we will miss them terribly, it is clear that God is working through them in new and wonderful ways. May we continue to hold them in our hearts and prayers, as they enter this exciting new phase of their life and ministry.



TODAY'S FELLOWSHIP HOUR- ALL ARE WELCOME!

Thank you to Alan Cody for laying our table and hosting today's fellowship time. 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

MITTEN TREE

This year we continue to partner with Waban Health and Project Care and Concern to bring Christmas gifts to those who otherwise might not receive one. We are looking for one or two additional volunteers (**a high school or adult volunteer - or a pair**) to assist with the mitten tree immediately after worship on Sunday, Dec. 2nd and Dec. 9th and then sorting gifts prior to pick-up by Sister Joyce the week of Dec. 16th. If you are interested, please contact Carol Bascom Slack or email mission@ucw.org.

GREENS SALE

It's that time of year again! The greens sale is an annual fundraiser that supports our mission and outreach work in the church. Wreathes, poinsettias, sprigs and other festive decorations are available to purchase to prepare our homes and our sanctuary for Advent and the celebration of Christmas. Please look for an order form in the bulletin and online. Orders are due by Nov. 25th.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER 2018



The UCW Community Thanksgiving Dinner brings together local seniors and families who sit down together for a relaxing meal and time of fellowship.

This year's dinner will take place on Saturday, November 17th at 1:30 p.m., and we need lots of volunteers! Even if you cannot attend the actual dinner, there are tasks you can do to help. Please see the UCW e-mail blast or the website (www.ucw.org) for a link to sign-up to volunteer, or reach out to **Carol Bascom Slack** at mission@ucw.org, if you are able to help organize this beloved time of good food and fellowship. Thanks for supporting this wonderful event

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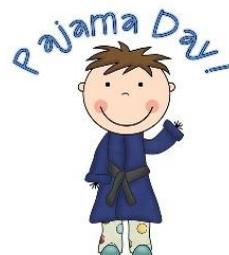
TODAY! Youth Group: Helping Hands Clean-up and Donuts – Sunday, November 4th

Following worship today, the Middle and High School Youth Groups will gather in teams to lend a hand to any members of the congregation who could use help with yard or house work, or other projects. If you would like to join us, please come downstairs to the vestry following worship as we divide into teams, and head out into our community. Thanks!

Next Sunday, November 11th:

Pajama and Movie Morning for Kids at UCW!

Next weekend, many of us will be at the All-Church Retreat in Andover, MA. Children and youth who are staying here in Waban, are invited to a fun and relaxed morning at UCW! Come in your PJ's, and enjoy time during Sunday School with a movie, craft activities and snacks in the Littlehale Room.



UCW Parent Group: Tuesday, November 13th

It can seem like parenting is harder than ever before. What can we do to help our kids thrive through their childhood, youth, teen years and into adulthood? As fellow parents in a faith community, let us come together to support and learn from each other, and share the joys and challenges of parenting. **The Parenting Group gathers every 2nd Tuesdays of the Month in the Reception Room from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.**

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Nov. 4	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Mon., Nov. 5	10:30 a.m.	Exploring the Bible
Tue., Nov. 6	6:00 p.m.	Deacons
Fri., Nov. 9	6:30 p.m.	All Church Retreat Begins
Sun., Nov. 11	10:00 a.m.	Worship

For a complete listing, and details of all upcoming events, please visit our website, www.ucw.org

Note: 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!