

NICARAGUA

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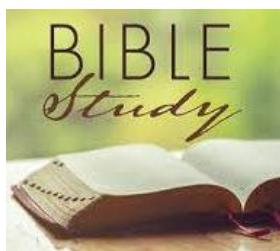
From February 15th -24th, twenty-one members of the Union Church traveled and served in Nicaragua's San Juan del Sur. We helped a local community and school with needed improvements to their building and eating area, but more importantly, we built friendships and deepened relationships with the community and our long-time partners. We are so grateful for the church's prayers and support during the trip, and very much look forward to sharing photos, reflections, songs and more during our Nicaragua worship service, tentatively scheduled for March 15th.

ADULT EDUCATION AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION

New Bible Study Group at The Union Church

Starting Thursday Morning, March 5th from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Led by Jade Hardgrave



Join us on Thursday mornings starting March 5th for six weeks of Exploring the Bible: Old Testament. This study series is intended for all who are interested in learning more about the Bible, even if your previous understanding is limited. In our time together, we will learn more about the content of the Old Testament and the context in which it was written.

We will meet from 10:00-11:30 a.m.
on March 5th, 12th, 26th, and April 2nd, 9th, and 16th.

Hope in the Dark

Untold Histories,
Wild Possibilities

REBECCA SOLNIT
WITH A NEW FOREWORD AND AFTERWORD

Book Group: Tuesday, March 31st at 7:00 p.m.

In Stacy's Study.

Our March read is "Hope in the Dark: untold histories, wild possibilities" by Rebecca Solnit.

"No writer has better understood the mix of fear and possibility, peril and exuberance that's marked this new millennium." —Bill McKibben

"An elegant reminder that activist victories are easily forgotten, and that they often come in extremely unexpected, roundabout ways."
— *The New Yorker*

The Penalty for Success

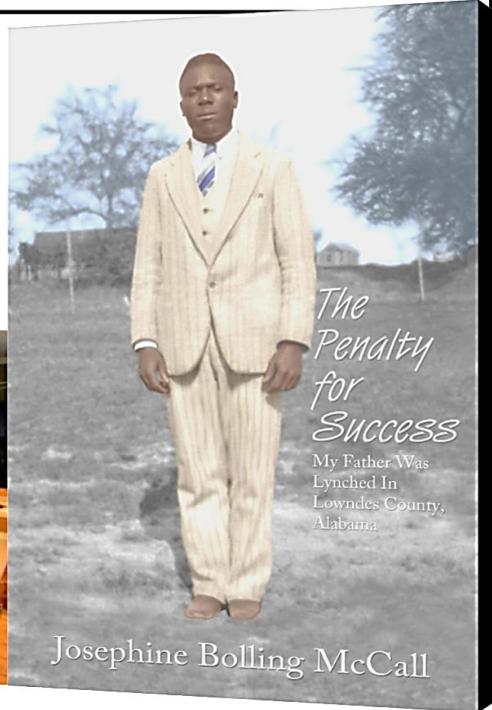
My Father Was Lynched in Lowndes County, Alabama.

An Evening with the Author

Josephine Bolling McCall

Sunday, March 8th at 6:00 p.m.

JOIN US FOR A POTLUCK AND CONVERSATION



Josephine Bolling McCall

Josephine will tell the story of how her father's success as a businessman in Alabama led to his lynching and how that impacts his descendants and the community even today.

She will provide updates on the Legacy Museum and the Memorial in Montgomery both of which honor her father as one of many victims. Jo will also challenge us to rethink the reality of life for Blacks and Whites in the mid-20th century rural South by considering joining a literacy campaign.

Research shows that children who have learned to read by the third grade have a much better chance of completing high school. Alabama has a new law that children will be retained if they do not successfully complete the third grade.

The speaker hopes her presentation will set the stage for dialogue on creative ideas for participants to help improve literacy in Lowndes County, Alabama.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SHARING IN THIS EVENING WITH JOSEPHINE, PLEASE RSVP TO PASTOR STACY SWAIN AT STACY@UCW.ORG.

OR VISIT THE UNION CHURCH HOMEPAGE AT UCW.ORG FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO SIGN-UP.

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CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS –Coming Up!

Please save the date for upcoming Youth Group get-togethers:

- **TODAY! March 1st: High School Youth Group @ Boda Borg!** – We have a reservation at Boda Borg from 2:00-4:00 p.m., (meet at the church at 1:00 p.m. so we can leave by 1:15 p.m., and be sure to fill out the Boda Borg online waiver) and then will come back to the church for pizza and Exploring Our Faith (5:00-6:30 p.m.)
- **March 8th: Common Cathedral** – All ages are invited to help prepare food in Sunday School, and then to serve lunch and worship with our friends experiencing homelessness on Boston Common.
- **March 27th-28th: Middle School Overnight!** We'll gather for an awesome night of fun, games, food, connection and worship.

PALM SUNDAY – ALL-AGES WORSHIP

On April 5th we will celebrate Palm Sunday and share a *Walk Through Holy Week* during worship. We invite all ages – from 2 to 102! – to share in the telling of this ultimate story of hope and God's healing, life-giving work in the darkest of places. We'll be talking with the kids and preparing for this service during Sunday School in Lent. If you or yours would like to be involved in this meaningful service, please be in touch with Pastor Amy (amy@ucw.org) or Cindy Spertner.

CALLING FOR SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS – LENT AND BEYOND

As we seek to surround our children and youth with loving adults, we would like to ask YOU to volunteer to share one or two worship services in Lent, or May/June with our kids. Our hopes are that you can share your presence, maybe a story or thought about the Bible passage, pray with them, and sit with them as they do a craft or service project, or discuss the scripture passage. If you are willing to volunteer your time and presence, please let Pastor Amy know. We'd be so very grateful!

SAVE THE DATE!

BOSTON CITY SINGERS: Sunday, March 15th at 3:00 p.m.

Performing at The Union Church in Waban

Join us for a memorable concert featuring Luke and Elisabeth van Reijendam and the talented Boston City Singers' 35-voice choir in a program of music and dance from around the world, in collaboration with Naledi Masilo and Chi-Wei Lo. This will be your last chance to hear Luke sing with this choir as he will be graduating from high school this spring!

Your donation will support the Scholarship Fund for our upcoming Global Voices Tour to Ecuador, in the summer of 2021. Your support ensures that all chorus members, regardless of financial means, can participate. We never leave anyone behind! No tickets required. Free-will donations at the door. Visit the church website at ucw.org for more details. Thank you, Jaap van Reijendam.

MISSION OUTREACH

TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

PUBLIC VOICE SPEAKERS FROM CITY MISSION

We are privileged to host two speakers from City Mission's Public Voice program today after fellowship. Public Voice provides trained storytellers/speakers whose lived experience gives insight, understanding and perspective to the issues underlying homelessness. City Mission's Public Voice Project customizes storytelling training and presentations to help participants find and share the stories which break down barriers and build understanding within oneself as well as across groups, cultures and communities.

March 8th – Common Cathedral after Worship

Please consider sharing in worship with the outdoor church of Common Cathedral on Boston Common on Sunday afternoon. Our children will be preparing food in Sunday School and then all ages are invited to travel down to the Common after our worship service to serve lunch and share worship with our friends who are experiencing housing insecurity and homelessness

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., March 1	8:00 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal 11:30 a.m. Public Voice Speakers from City Mission 5:00 p.m. Exploring Our Faith 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group	The Union Church in Waban: 14 Collins Road, Waban, MA 02468
Mon., March 2	7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	
Tue., March 3	6:00 p.m. Deacons 7:15 p.m. 1K Church 6:30 p.m. Intergenerational Worship Planning Mtg.	
Wed., March 4	7:30 a.m. Prayer Group 6:30 p.m. Council	
Thur., March 5	9:00 a.m. Morning Yoga with Andrew 10:00 a.m. Exploring the Bible 1:00 p.m. PRC	
Sun., March 8	8:00 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal 12:00 p.m. Common Cathedral 6:00 p.m. The Penalty of Success	

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

COPY DEADLINE: Material for inclusion in the Friday e-blast newsletter or the Sunday Announcements should be e-mailed to the office at ucw@ucw.org, by 9:00 a.m. on the previous Wednesday morning.