

ALL CHURCH RETREAT

The all church retreat gives us the opportunity to affirm the belonging and blessedness of all of our gathered community, to deepen the connections that create a community of cooperation and care and helps us to remember our purpose as a faith community and as individuals.

Where: Rolling Ridge Retreat Center, 660 Great Pond Rd., North Andover, MA 01845
(978) 682-8815. www.rollingridge.org

When: 6:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 9 to 11:00 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 11

Cost: Adults \$236 (ages 13 and above); Children \$170 (ages 3-12). [Children younger than 3 years old are free]. Cost includes four meals, and two nights lodging. Family cap (maximum per family) \$700.

Registration forms are available in Crocker Chapel. Registration deadline is September 30.

The retreat is for *everyone* and as such it is tremendously important that cost not be a barrier to participation. We want everyone who possibly can to attend. So while we have outlined the costs above, *what is most important is not what you are able to pay, but that you are able to come to the retreat.* So please contribute what fits within your budget. Payment information will be kept confidential. Also, if you would like to make a donation to a common fund to help make it possible for everyone to attend, it would be very much appreciated.

TODAY'S FELLOWSHIP HOUR- ALL ARE WELCOME!

Thank you to **Vinita Leslie** 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.

WORSHIP

Choir Skill Building Session

Join us on **Monday, September 17, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.** in the main sanctuary for an evening of developing group-singing and music-reading skills. We will have a time for pizza and socializing after our skill building session. Anyone interested in growing these skills is welcome, including youth and families! If you plan to attend, please email Kayla Gautereaux at kgautereaux@gmail.com .

ADULT EDUCATION, SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Wellspring – Our Women’s Group

Wellspring will gather again on **Tuesday, Sept. 18**, (We will meet on this Tuesday just for the month of September and then will return to meeting on the third Wednesday in October).

We’re suggesting a couple of changes this season:

1. That we meet in September, October and November then skip December, January, and February (due to inclement weather and travel schedules in the winter months) and gather again in March, April, and May.
2. That we use a book-- **Still Point: A Literary Guide to Prayer in Ordinary Time** by Sarah Arthur. Our sharing time will continue to be the main precious component of our Wellspring gatherings. The book can be a supplement to our reflections on our individual and collective faith journey.

Please note the following meeting dates: SEPTEMBER 18, OCTOBER 17, NOVEMBER 28 (after Thanksgiving) (No meetings in December, January and February) **MARCH 20, APRIL 10** (before Holy Week), and **MAY 15**.

Our spring women’s retreat will be MAY 17-19 at Toah Nipi.

God’s blessings for each of us and for Wellspring as a gift of sisterhood!

MISSION OUTREACH

Here at the Union Church, we understand that our life together cannot be contained by the walls of the building, but that being church means loving kindness, doing justice and walking humbly with our God out in the world, especially in its broken places.

The Mission Leadership Team (headed by Carol Bascom-Slack, with Jaap van Reijendam, Rick Chrisman, Brian Donovan and Pastor Stacy) will be helping to support and organize a variety of opportunities to serve, learn, advocate and reflect throughout the year.

**To learn about the mission outreach activities in the year ahead,
please stop by the tables on the stage after worship next Sunday, September 16.**

If you have some ideas for service and learning opportunities, or would like to speak with the Mission Leadership Team, please feel free to send us an email at mission@ucw.org or simply speak with us in person.

With gratitude and excitement for the upcoming year,

Your Mission Leadership Team

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Children, Youth and Families Fall Calendar Now Available!

The Youth Ministry and Christian Education Teams have been busy planning exciting things for our kids, youth groups and families this fall! This week, families were sent the fall calendar of events, information about our new Parents' Group, registration forms, updates about Sunday School and new Children's Chapel and more! All materials are also available in the Crocker Chapel, or by contacting Amy at amy@ucw.org.

New Group for Parents

First Meeting: Next Tuesday, Sept. 11, 7:30-9 00 p.m., in the Reception Room

It can seem like parenting is harder than ever before. What can we do to help our kids thrive through their youth, teen years and into adult 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. This group will meet on the second Tuesday of each month throughout the year, and all are invited. We hope to see you there!

NEXT SUNDAY! Sunday, Sept. 16

Blessing of the Backpacks; Kids and Families Fair and Cupcakes!

Please plan to join us on September 16 ready to celebrate our new year together. We'll bless our backpacks and kids as they head back to school, and following worship, we'll welcome families to our newly updated Littlehale room and Children's Chapel, and create a special community art project for the space. We'll share updates and registrations for our fall offerings, and celebrate with our popular cupcake decorating too! If you can help provide cupcakes, frosting or decorations, please be in touch with Amy at amy@ucw.org. We look forward to seeing you!



High School Youth Service Trip this weekend!

This weekend our new High School Youth Group is in New York City serving with the Rauschenbusch Metropolitan Ministries Urban Immersion program. We'll learn about issues of homelessness and food insecurity in the city; help with an urban garden; serve Sunday lunch to around 1000 of the city's hungry; visit the 9-11 Memorial; and make sure to have some fun and eat some New York pizza along the way! Please hold this group in your prayers as they travel and participate in this meaningful weekend.

Next Friday: Middle School Youth Group Kick-Off Party! 7-9:00 p.m. at the Union Church

Our Middle Schoolers will kick off the year with a fun night of pizza, games, glow-sticks, music and more! Families of middle schoolers should have received an Evite to the event. If you can help chaperone, or with any questions, please be in touch with Amy at amy@ucw.org. Thanks!!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon., Sept. 10	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Tue. Sept. 11	7:30 p.m.	Parent Group
Wed. Sept. 12	6:30 p.m.	Retreat Planning Team
Fri., Sept. 14	7:00 a.m.	Java Gents
	7:00 p.m.	Middle School Youth: Kick-Off Party!
Sun., Sept. 16	8:30 a.m.	Teacher Breakfast
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Mission Outreach & CE Fair

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

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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!

The Council of UCW

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