This Week at Our Church

Sunday, February 15

10:00am Worship with Rev. Dr. Peter Allen **HS Youth Group** 6:00pm Monday, February 16 8:00am Pine Street Inn Meal Prep Presidents' Dav Office closed **Tuesday, February 17** 10:00 am **Consignment Center** Adult Bible Study 7:00pm Thursday, February 19 9:00am GIFT Bible Study **Consignment Center** 10:00am 7:30pm Sr. Choir Saturday, February 21 10:00am **Consignment Center**

Sunday, February 22 10am-HS Breakfast Club

Copies of Rev. Pete's sermons are available in the narthex and on our website www.hccucc.com



Following the service, please join us for coffee and fellowship downstairs in the Vestry. We invite visitors to take a red cup and members to meet, greet and welcome our visitors. Please wear your name tag to coffee hour.

Please hold in your prayers:

- The Gillig Family on the recent death of Pamela's father, Stanley Howard.
- Tim Nash, whose father died recently
- Hermelinda, friend of the Mullers from Guatemala
- Tim Carpenter, AI & Linda's son
- Dot Wagstaff
- Dick Sinclair

- Susan Johnson
- Lynn Waynen
- Mary Ela
- Lew Scotton
- Rev. Don Fitzsimmons •
- Barbara Watts
- Bill Ketchum

Happy February Birthday to the following members of our HCC family:

2-Lucy Burr **2-Caroline Milton** 7-Andrew Spaziani 8-Lynn Waynen 7-Avery Spaziani 8-Brooke Igo 14 – Bud Muller **16-Jean Muller 18-Sarah Milton**

19-Phil Edmundson 20- Lydia Boer 20-Kit Schlosky 20-Greg Wylie 23-Matt McGuirk 27-Jen DiMarzio 28-Leif Thureson

Christian Education

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<u>Adult Book Study</u> -- This Lenten Season we will read The Last Week by Marcus Borg, then gather together for reflection and discussion on 3/15, 3/22 and 3/29. If you are interested in taking part in this group, please email Rev. Brandon.

<u>Vacation Bible School</u> -- This year's VBS will take place July 20-24 from 9am-12pm. This year we are excited that we will be spending time in "Hometown Nazareth"!! Registration will begin in March, and more details will be given at that time.

<u>High School Breakfast Club</u> – Our 2nd meeting of this well received group will be on 2/22. Join Mr. Stupin and other high school students for food and fun, as we continue to get this group off and running. We will meet during worship (10am) in the downstairs library.

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Jessica Jaena, who is currently a senior at the Cambridge School of Weston, is headed to Jamaica for a month with support from the Bill Eaton Fund. While in Jamaica, she will be volunteering, and hosting shorter-term volunteers, at an orphanage. Jessica, who is the daughter of Nancy Smalzel, is active in HCC's Senior High Youth Group. Please keep her in your prayers while she is away and be ready to hear about her experiences when she returns.

Pine Street Inn

This month's Pine Street Inn meal takes place on <u>Monday, February 16</u>, Presidents' Day. Frigid temperatures and heavy snowfall have made life even more difficult for our neighbors at Pine Street Inn, people who experience the challenges of hunger and homelessness every day. On January 19, HCC provided and served dinner to over 100 hungry women at the Women's Inn at Pine Street Inn in Boston! This month, consider being a part of our Pine Street Inn mission and donate your time by contributing desserts and/or by assisting in the meal preparation. Desserts (cookies, brownies, bars, cupcakes, etc.), labeled Pine Street Inn, may be dropped off at HCC on Sunday, February 15 or on Monday, February 16 by 9:00 AM.

The meal preparation begins at 8:00 AM on Monday morning, in the church kitchen and takes about an hour from start to finish. There is a sign-up sheet for kitchen help and dessert donations on the bulletin board behind the table used for coffee hour. Questions? Please contact Ruth Whitner at 781-740-2881 or email at rgilbertwhitner@verizon.net, or Marcia Sinclair at 781-740-1437 or email at <u>marbensin@gmail.com</u>.

Men's Group will meet this coming Monday, Feb 16 at the Maung Thai Restaurant, 74 North St. in Hingham. We picked the venue on the assumption that we could park somewhere save, AND the food is good. We'll meet at 6:30, and eat around 7. We plan to continue our discussion that Rev. Pete started in January on race. We only touched the service last month. Plan to come and get out of the house for some good food and fellowship. RSVP so we have an idea as to numbers.

Music Request

If you would like to volunteer to perform music for one of the upcoming Wednesday Evening Lenten Prayer services, please contact David Giessow <u>David@figgypuddin.com</u>; 617-847-1841.

Food packaging event

On behalf of the Outreach Committee, we want to thank the many volunteers who helped make Sunday's food packaging event so successful.

We started with a goal of putting together 10,000 meals, and with the hard work and generosity of our congregation, we produced almost 17,000 meals! The food will be distributed to Wellspring and The Hingham Interfaith Food Pantry.

Your efforts will truly make a difference in our local communities for those in need. In addition to helping out those in need, we were so gratified to see members of all ages of our congregation working side by side - what a wonderful sight!

Young Men's/Dad's Group will meet at the Snug at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17. Come join us for fellowship and meaningful conversation.

HCC Mom's Group: Join us for a friendly, casual evening of fellowship at Salsa's on <u>Tuesday, February 24</u> at 7:30pm. Are you a mom new to HCC? This is a great way to connect with other local moms. We hope to see you there!

Adult/Young Adult Mission Trip to Philadelphia

This summer, a group of HCCers will be traveling to the City of Brotherly Love to serve the homeless population for one week. This experience will be full of learning, spiritual growth, and meaningful interaction. We will grow close as a group as we reach out to our neighbors with compassion. We would love for you to join us!

Please sign up in the Vestry. Dates: August 2-8. Cost to be determined (it will be very reasonable and scholarships will be available). Please speak with Rev. Pete or Tracy Allen if you have questions.

"Walking with the Compassionate One: A Lenten Journey," a women's retreat

WHEN: Friday, 4 pm--Saturday, 3 pm, March 13-14 (Day-trippers, Saturday, 9 am--) WHERE: Sisters of St. Joseph Retreat Center, on the Cohasset coast

LEADER: Dr. Brita Gill-Austern, Professor of Psychology and Women's Spirituality, Andover Newton

HOW MUCH: \$145, overnight (program, lodging and 3 meals); \$45, program and lunch Your place is reserved when your application (found on the bulletin board in our "coffee hour" room) is turned in to

the church office with your payment.

HURRY: One space has opened up for overnight and several spaces are open for daytrippers.

Scholarships are open as needed.

QUESTIONS? Contact Kate Kallis at 781.749.3036 or katek1004@gmail.com

Pasta Party

Sunday, March 85:00-7:30 pm

Sons of Italy Hall, Kilby & 3A, Hingham

Bring the family for a fun-filled evening of food, fellowship, music, dancing and raffles! Tickets go on sale starting today at \$5 per person, \$25 per family max. Raffle baskets will be on display starting February 15 after church. Get a free raffle ticket with the purchase of each dinner ticket or purchase a raffle ticket for \$1 each.

Sign up for Lenten Carbon Fest

This is the 5th year that the UCC has joined other denominations in offering a daily discipline of "fasting," or reducing our levels of carbon use during Lent. This is a great personal or family activity. Just go to MACUCC.org, You will see the details and a place to sign up to receive daily emails. Many from our congregation have followed this discipline in past years. Join us—the more the happier we are that we are doing small but significant things to love Mother Earth.

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