



## **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Sunday, June 14, 2009

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## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ONA Movement



June 16, 2009 is the 25th Anniversary of the MA Conference Annual Meeting that passed, in 1984, the first ONA Resolution in the United Church of Christ. The action of our Conference led to the National General Synod Resolution in 1985 and subsequently the establishing of the ONA Program within the United Church of Christ. A list of the 92 ONA churches and settings of the Massachusetts Conference can be found here: <http://www.macucc.org/emj/ona-churches.cfm>

Using the language of “More Light” (employed by Presbyterians who support LGBT-inclusion), the idea of “Welcoming Congregations” was first raised at the General Synod in 1983. No formal action was taken by the General Synod but, in the months after that, a group of UCC members from the MA Conference\* continued work. They developed a resolution using the term “Open and Affirming” and it was adopted by the Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Conference in 1984. That resolution and one from the Rocky Mountain Conference formed the basis of the resolution adopted in 1985 by the Fifteenth General Synod (national delegate body of the UCC.)

The resolution was entitled: “Calling on United Church of Christ Congregations to Declare Themselves Open and Affirming.” This General Synod action “...encourages a policy of non-discrimination in employment, volunteer service and membership policies with regard to sexual orientation; encourages Associations, Conferences and all related organizations to adopt a similar policy; and encourages the congregations of the United Church of Christ to adopt a non-discrimination policy and a Covenant of Openness and Affirmation of persons of lesbian, gay and bisexual orientation within the community of faith.”

*\*The MA Conference UCC members referred to in the write-up were the Rev. Rosi Olmstead (“proposer” of the Resolution), Ms. Marnie Warner, Ms. Margarita Suarez and the Rev. Susan Harlow.*

Dear Hope Church,

Thank you so much for your thoughtful input regarding the profile. We know that there is still work to be done. Yet, it is very gratifying to know that overall the congregation feels that the profile accurately reflects who we were, who we are and who we aspire to be.

As was mentioned last Sunday, a draft of the profile will be submitted to Rev. Wendy Vander Hart by week’s end. The committee will meet with her next Wednesday. If all goes well, she will approve the position for posting. At that point, we will also ask Rev. Mary Ann Glover to post the position with the DOC.

Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Blessings,  
The Search Committee



## GATHERING IN WORSHIP

*You are invited to light a candle at any time during worship that we might all share in the Light.  
During Communion you will find members of our prayer team available to pray with you and lay hands on you.  
Our prayer team will pray through the week the prayers that you offer via the prayer request form.  
We hope you will let us know that you have been with us by completing the form in the bulletin.*



**Welcome**

**Invocation**

**Gathering Music**

**All Things Bright and Beautiful**

**Confession, Assurance and Celebration**

**Prayer & Silence**

**Sung Confession:** Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me (2x)  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

**Assurance of Forgiveness and God's Presence**

**Passing of the Peace** One: The peace of Christ be with you all. **All: And also with you.**

**Sung Celebration:** Ameni, ameni  
Amen, amen, amen, ameni

**Call To Prayer**

**Hope Church Singers**

**Prayers of the People**

*Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

*As we pray for those whom we love, for ourselves and for the world, we invite you to share your joys and concerns, highs and lows, praise and thanksgiving...and our prayer team will include your prayers throughout the week.*



## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Musical score for the hymn "Al-lu-lu-ia". The score is written for a piano and voice. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Al-lu-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! (hum)".

Psalm

Psalm 20

Hebrew Bible

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

One: The Word of Truth

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Bob Brown

Hymn

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

## COMMUNION

Offering

Invitation to Joyful Stewardship

\* Sung Response (*Amen*) and Procession of Gifts

\* Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion

**Invitation to the Feast:** *This is an open table; everyone is welcome. You are invited forward to receive the bread and dip it into the bowls of grape juice or the chalice of wine. Gluten Free "bread" is available. Should you need assistance; a server will bring you the communion elements.*

**Communion Prayer**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Prayer of our Savior (sins; sins against us)**

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever, amen.

**Sharing the Bread and Cup**

Living Hope

Closing Hymn

Hold To God's Unchanging Hand

Benediction

## LIVING HOPE

**CHURCH SCHOOL:** Watch for details about our summer plans for children.

**WORSHIP THIS WEEK & BEYOND:** Invite a friend to come along and join us for worship.

**Today, Sunday, June 14, 2nd Sunday after Pentecost, Worship @ 5:30 pm:** Bob Brown, preaching; Rev. Wendy liturgist and celebrant.

**Sunday, June 21, 3rd Sunday after Pentecost, Worship @ 5:30pm:** Nanette Savides, preaching; Steven Savides, liturgist and celebrant.

**Sunday, June 28, 4th Sunday after Pentecost, Worship @ 10:30am:** We will be kicking off the summer by visiting with Central Congregational to lead worship on June 28 at 10:30am. Our musicians will all be playing and Sara will be leading the Hope Singers. If you'd be available to plan, lead, shlep stuff, etc please let Gretchen know: [gsnoeyen@gmail.com](mailto:gsnoeyen@gmail.com), 339-832-8854. Also please encourage everyone to come out for this.

**Sunday, June 28, 4th Sunday after Pentecost, Worship @ 5:30 pm:** One of our seminarians will preach—to be named

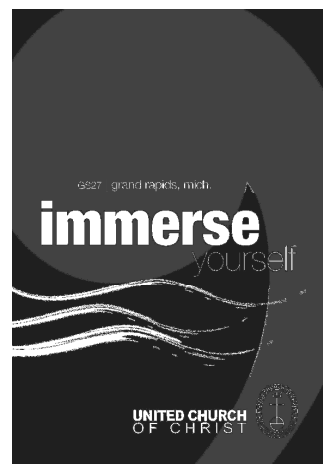
### A Plethora of Preachers

Over the summer we will enjoy the worship and preaching leadership of many of Hope's own seminarians, in-care candidates, those just beginning their preparation and those about to be ordained as well as experienced clergy who are a part of our ministry. Please join the Leadership Circle, In-Care Committee and Rev. Wendy in supporting and engaging these preachers as they prepare, practice and preach. We encourage feedback and care—either directly or through the In-Care Committee. Thank you for your part in Hope's amazing calling as a teaching parish.

**Many more to come....watch this space for the schedule!**

LET US PRAY FOR THE DELEGATES AND GUESTS  
OF THE UCC'S 27TH GENERAL SYNOD,  
BEING HELD IN GRAND RAPIDS, MI  
JUNE 26—30.

MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDE  
AND MAY MORE LIGHT BE SHED ON GOD'S HOLY WORD.



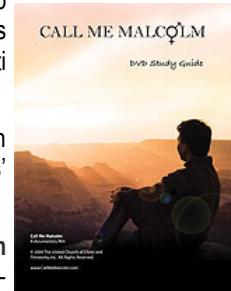
## SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

Leadership Circle meets today, June 14 after worship.

**Welcome Wagon Ministry at Hope Church: Thursday, June 18, 2009, 6:30 – 9pm.** Help new visitors getting more deeply involved in life at Hope Church! We meet at one member's house for pot luck supper, reflection and business. Meeting at Christie Dustman and Patti Ryan's home, contact the church office for directions .

**Seminarian, In-Care and Searching Support Group, Thursday, June 18 @ 6:30pm**—in the church office, 67 Poplar. We will gather, send out for supper and share each others' journey.

**Next Tuesday, June 23, 6:30pm:** We will gather to discuss what we learned from "Call Me Malcolm". The film is available in the church office thanks to JC Mitchell) for viewing. The documentary is a down to earth, wholesome, straightforward look at one transgender man's journey. Hope Church Office, 67 Poplar Street in Roslindale Square. *"Far more than one man's story. It is all of our stories... reminding us how much love and family we all truly have to offer each other."* – Frameline 29 film Festival



**Meditation and Prayer, Wednesday, June 24 @ 7:30pm**—come as you are for this monthly gathering of ancient music, prayer and meditation, reflection and silence. In the church office, 67 Poplar. Go home refreshed.

**WAAM (Worship, Arts and Music Ministry) Planning Retreat, Wednesday, June 24, 10:00 am--5:00 PM.** Hosted by Del Case at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy. For more information, contact Nanette Savides or Sarah Goplin.

**Stewardship Ministry Meeting, Wednesday, June 24 @ 6:45.** At the new location of Bella Luna/Milky Way Lounge at the Brewery.

**Career Transition Group at Hope Church:** Are you laid off or looking for employment? Trying to discern God's call in your life and work? Join us for a weekly networking lunch for all those going through work transitions in this challenging time. Gatherings are informal and designed to provide job seekers with peer support, encouragement and spiritual renewal. Wednesdays,,10:30am-12:30pm at Nancy & J's home, 47 Hillock St, Roslindale. All are welcome; bring brown bag lunch or something simple to share. Any questions: contact Nancy Azar at njazar@rcn.com.

**Knitting Group:** Hope Church Knitting Group meets on Thursdays from 7-9pm. For more information please contact Robin (rmjoyce@mac.com) or Beverly (bas2360@gmail.com ).

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## NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE AND OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Adult Music Camp at the UCC's Craigville Conference Center, July 23-26, 2009:** Join other musically minded Christian adults for the opportunity to spend a long weekend making beautiful music together. We will worship, rehearse, relax, and enjoy fellowship with one another. On Sunday afternoon we will share our talents in a concert. All participants are expected to sing in the choir. And all of this takes place at the beautiful setting of Craigville with access to the beach, walking trails and a peaceful environment. Come alone or bring a friend. Minimum age is 18. Jane (Clarke) Logee at [logeej@macucc.org](mailto:logeej@macucc.org) for more information. Extra night (7/26) available, breakfast included on 7/27 \$350 per person includes 3 nights lodging, 10 meals and linens \$60.00 additional night and breakfast 7/27

## HOPE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

**Ministers:** All of us!

**Interim Pastor:**

Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade, pastor@hopeboston.org

**Children's Church :**

J.C. Mitchell, johnchristianm@yahoo.com

**Administrative Manager:**

Frederick Hayes, office@hopeboston.org,

**Leadership Circle:**

J Conlon, board@hopeboston.org (Moderator)

John Brock, Bob Drake, Christie Dustman,

Kathie Mainzer, Stacey Schamber,

Frank Stevens, Kevin Tucker , Judy Wagoner

**Music Leadership:**

Hope Church Singers,

Jeanne Lucas, Sara Goplin,

Bobby Hall, Neil Helme, Todor Stoinov

## HOPE CHURCH MINISTRIES

*Hope Church is a vibrant and growing community with lots of ways to get involved. Please contact these leaders and let us know where you feel called to serve and we'll plug you in!*

<b>Casserole Care:</b>	Kathy Bermingham
<b>Children's Church :</b>	J.C. Mitchell
<b>Finance:</b>	Frank Stevens
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Ron Scanlon
<b>In Care Committee</b>	Polly Hamlen
<b>Nominating Committee:</b>	Laura Everett
<b>Prayer Ministry:</b>	Beverly Pacheco
<b>Search Committee:</b>	Beth Chandler
<b>Seminarian Support:</b>	Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade Rev. Steven Vandergrift
<b>Social Justice:</b>	Neeka Stanley
<b>Stewardship:</b>	Ellen Snoeyenbos
<b>Welcome Baby:</b>	Barbara McQueen
<b>Welcome Wagon:</b>	Jean Vandergrift
<b>Worship, Arts and Music:</b>	Nanette Savides/Sarah Goplin

## HOPE CHURCH OPERATING STATEMENT

01/01/2009 thru 5/31/09

	<b>Budget to Date</b>	<b>Actual to Date</b>	<b>Total 09 Budget</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
<b>Pledges Received</b>	58,333	54,865	140,000
<b>Offerings</b>	<u>9,167</u>	<u>5,456</u>	<u>22,000</u>
<b>Total Contributions Income</b>	67,500	60,321	162,000
<b>Other Income</b>	<u>417</u>	<u>1,810</u>	<u>1,000</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	67,917	62,131	163,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	92,611	77,914	222,266
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	(24,694)	(15,783)	(59,266)
<b>CASH BALANCE as of 5/31/09</b>		<b>\$51,875</b>	

## **Welcome to Hope Church...**

Welcome to all who have no church home, need strength, want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not believe.

Welcome to new visitors and to old friends.

Welcome to grandparents, to mothers, fathers, and single people.

Welcome to people of all colors, cultures, abilities, and sexual orientations, to old and young, to believers and questioners – and welcome to questioning believers.

Welcome to everyone!

Tonight we are all invited to live into God's love, peace, and justice

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