

# The Tidings

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## Stay Connected

What you can do to stay connected to Tabernacle during the summer!!!!

1. Come to church on Sundays at 9:30!
2. Join me for coffee on Tuesday July 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-10:30.
3. Invite me over to your house for tea in July.
4. Maintain your monthly offerings to the church.
5. Sing or play an instrument during worship.
6. Create a small team of friends from the church for fellowship. Share a meal.

## Happenings At Tabernacle

- **Sunday Worship Services at 9:30am** beginning July 6 - August 31.
- **Vacation Bible School ~ August 11-15.** Cost for the week is \$20.00 which includes a T-Shirt and all crafts!
- **Hiking Trip ~ August 15th and 16th,** Friday & Saturday, *(see details inside)*
- **Rally Sunday September 14, 2007** at 10:00am. Sunday School Registration and Volunteer Sign Ups!

The curious culture of natives from the North Shore, is to stop attending church in the summertime. Let's be counter-cultural! Our worship is guaranteed to be 45 minutes – so you can walk on the beach or in the park by 10:15 on Sundays. Bring your children and we will include them through art or music.

I will be away during the month of August. Most of my vacation will be spent biking and motorcycling in New England. And for 12 days, I will be on a retreat in Wyoming. My goal is to return with a couple of new songs to sing in worship.

Hope to see you soon  
Rev. Laura





## July and August Preachers

Summer preachers are listed below, please remember our worship service begins at 9:30am!!!

- July 6: Communion  
Rev. Laura Biddle
- July 13: Baptism  
Rev. Laura Biddle
- July 20: Rev. Laura Biddle
- July 27: Lindsey Peterson, Preaching
- August 3: Jim Dillon, Preaching
- August 10: Will Maier, Preaching
- August 17: Betsey Bennett, Preaching
- August 24: Amy Davin, Preaching
- August 31: Barbara Bowman, leading a hymn Sing in the Bigelow Room!

Plan to join us this summer for our Worship Services, as you can see we have 3 or our youth preaching, please come and support our youth!



## Fall Dates to Mark on Your Calendars

- Rally Sunday, September 14 at 10:00 am
- Animal Welfare Committee~Guest Speaker~ September 21 at 11:30am
- Women's Night at the Pub~ September 22 at 6:30pm
- New Member Happy Hour ~ September 27 at 5:30pm
- Classical Concert ~ September 27 at 7:00m
- New Member Sunday ~ September 28
- Men's Night at the Pub ~ September 29 at 6:30pm.
- Blessing of the Animals followed by a guest speaker ~ October 4
- Haunted House ~ October 18
- Stewardship Fair ~ October 19

These are only a few of the exciting events happening at Tabernacle Church this fall. Stay tune to future newsletters for more information.

### Come, have coffee with the Minister!

July 8, 9:30-10:30am

In the Bigelow Room

Join Rev. Laura for coffee and to talk about current events and issues that you are concerned about. Stop by the church on Tuesday, July 8 from 9:30-10:30am.



*Coffee the Minister*



## Annual Tabernacle

### Hiking Trip

**Tabernacle Hiking Trip**  
**Friday & Saturday,**  
**August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Adults: \$73.32 each**  
**Children (15 years and under):**  
**\$42.96 each**

**Price include accommodations, dinner,**  
**breakfast and taxes**

The annual hiking trip will be an overnight trip to the Lonesome Lake AMC hut. The hike to the hut is relatively easy, but there are other trails to hike after we arrive at the hut. We will meet on Friday morning, hike to the hut, stay overnight and return on Saturday.

The accommodations are rustic (shared bunk rooms), but there is running water (no showers). Friday night dinner and Saturday morning breakfast is included. Please go to the web site at [www.outdoors.org](http://www.outdoors.org) for more information on what to pack, etc. Blankets and pillows are included, but be sure to bring sheets and pillow cases for sanitary reasons.

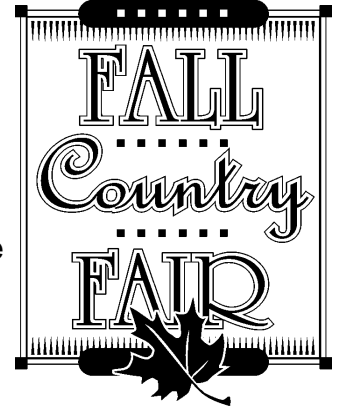
If you would like to join this fun-filled hiking adventure, please call Rachel Lutts at (978) 741-0499. Reservations and payment are due by July 7<sup>th</sup>. Please make check payable to Rachel Lutts.

## Church Fair/Silent Auction Organizers Needed!

The church fair and/or silent auction will be held on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. We need a committee of people to organize this event. In the past we held a traditional church fair with a white elephant, books, plants, crafts, baked goods, a children's table, silent auction and a luncheon. All proceeds of the fair go to local charities. For the past few years we have had only the silent auction. We thought it would be fun to bring the fair back, and we need new ideas on how to organize it (i.e. maybe rent tables to crafters).

If anyone has an interest in organizing this fun-filled fellowship event, please contact Rachel Lutts, Missions committee member at (978) 741-0499 or [rachel.lutts@comcast.net](mailto:rachel.lutts@comcast.net). We know there are people out there who would have a great time organizing this event!

Thank you from your Missions committee.



## New "Fun Committee" to Form

Joel Richardson, Tabernacle Council Member, is interested in starting a new committee this fall. The "Entertainment and Recreation Committee" will focus on fun things for church members and friends to do, like attending the Holiday Pops, attending baseball games, etc. If you would be interested in joining this committee to share your fun ideas, please contact Joel Richardson at [joelrichardson@verizon.net](mailto:joelrichardson@verizon.net).



## Summer Reading List

A selection of books for your summer reading! Enjoy!

- *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson and David Relin
- *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren
- *A Woman in Berlin* by Anonymous
- *Twelve Little Cakes* by Dominika Dery
- For mystery readers, anything by Henning Mankell, a Swedish author.
- *Water For Elephants*
- *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Burge
- *Desire of the Everlasting Hills: The World before and after Jesus* by Thomas Cahill
- *The Good Earth* by Buck
- *House Divided* by Buck
- *The Red Tent* by Diamant
- *The Last Days of Dogtown* by Diamant
- *The Kite Runner* by Hosseini
- *Brick Lane* by Ali
- *My Sister's Keeper* by Picoult
- *East of Eden* by Steinbeck
- *The Emigrants* by Moberg
- *Grapes of Wrath* by Steinbeck
- *My Antonia* by Cather
- *Cold Mountain* by Frazier
- *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Edwards
- *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by See
- *Tuesdays with Morrie* by Albon
- *Ava's Man* by Bragg
- *The Orchard* by Robertson
- *The Devil in the White City* by Larson
- *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by Kingsolver
- *One Thousand White Women* by Fergus

### Book List Additions for Kids:

We have these books, and many others, on the shelves at Tabernacle if you want to borrow them.

- *The Little House on the Prairie* series by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- *The Lion, the With and the Wardrobe* by CS Lewis
- *A Wrinkle in Time* and other books by Madeleine L'Engle

## Spring Tornadoes and Floods

In the wake of devastating flooding and a record number of tornados striking mid-America this spring, the United Church of Christ has issued a \$200,000 emergency appeal and a call for volunteers to assist with immediate relief and long-term recovery.

Communities across Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and Iowa have been severely impacted by these unprecedented spring storms. Missouri is bracing for the flood waters which are moving downstream.

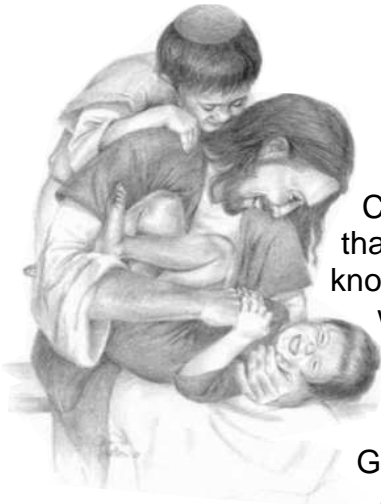
Florence Coppola, executive for UCC National Disaster Ministries remains in constant contact with Conference Staff and Disaster Coordinators in the effected areas. Steve Grey, Indiana/Kentucky Conference Minister, reports that elder church members believe this years' wide-spread flooding is worse than the historic floods of 1913. Gayle Strickler, UCC Iowa Conference Disaster Coordinator, reports that many farm families have lost their homes and livelihoods as crops have been decimated by the wind and flood waters. One Great Hour of Sharing solidarity grants are now being shared with Conferences and local UCC congregations to support immediate relief efforts.

Prices for materials to repair damaged homes and seed and fertilizer to replant crops are increasing steadily. The UCC has pledged our support to assist in long-term recovery efforts. Will you please give generously?

Volunteer clean up and rebuilding crews are being recruited . We will continue to update opportunities for service on the UCC website.

Our heartfelt prayers, service and generous contributions are needed now to assist our sisters and brothers in mid-America. Can we count on you?

Please consider this plea from the National UCC. Here is a "local mission" we can respond to and see the results. Surely our blankets from Palm Sunday are being used! Supplies are needed and the "river" continues to rise and run.  
**HELP!!** Barbara Bowman



## Greetings and Salutations!

Could this be the Jesus that our children should know? Is this the Jesus who calls to us? Who says bring the children for they too should know me, God, and the Holy Spirit? I love this

image of a laughing Jesus, playing with children. I hope your summer is filled with laughter and the spirit of love, hope and safety that this picture portrays. God bless you all!

Shalom, Betsey

## A Harbor Cruise in July for Adults

Reserve your space for the SUNSET CRUISE on the 47-passenger *Finback* out of the Salem Willows Park Pier on **Tuesday, July 15**. Cruise through historic Salem Sound by the captivating and beautiful shores of Salem, Marblehead, Beverly and Manchester-by-the-sea. We will gather at the **Willows Pier by 6:15 PM for the cruise 7:00 – 8:30 PM**. Cost is **\$14.00** for adults. Tickets can be purchased at the pier. The bar and grill are available on board for our touring pleasure. RSVP to Betsey Bennett by Friday, July 11 so that approximate reservations can be made.



## Harbor Cruise

## COME TO THE BEACH PARTY BEACH PARTY, SURFIN' THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES

**August 11 -15, 9AM – Noon**

We are inviting all children to be a part of the excitement at our Vacation Bible School, BEACH PARTY: SURFIN' THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES. At this Beach Party, your children will become surfers riding the wave of God's love.

The Bible stories presented at the Scripture Scene encourage your children to develop Beach Be-Attitudes: Be Obedient, Be Kind, Be Forgiving, Be Bold, and Believe.



Your children will extend their learning through every activity: making their own special memories in Beachcomber Crafts, singing fun tunes at Sound Waves, experiencing science activities at the Surf'n' Sand Science Lab, participating in recreational activities at Rockin' Rec, and enjoying tasty snacks at the Snack Shack. To register for our beach party or to find our more, call the church office at 978-744-3164

We will have a meeting on June 24 and July 29 at 7 PM for all adults who have expressed interest in helping with VBS or would like to help in any way. We will be decorating and setting up during the week before the VBS. So, mark your calendars to come and play.



## RECYCLING FUND RAISER

### SPONSORED BY CE TO BENEFIT YOUTH MISSION TRIPS



On Saturday, September 20, CE and the youth of the church will be running a recycling program in partnership with CRT

Recycling of Brockton. We will be collecting computers, monitors, televisions, and the like. There will be a fee per item, but it will be less than the city's curbside pick up program. There will be additional details in the September Tidings. A flyer and advertising to the community will also take place in September.

### Save The Date: Peace Retreat For The Senior High

Participating Churches are: West Parish, Andover; First Church Congregational from Methuen, Centre

Congregational from Lynnfield, Ballard Vale United Church from Andover and us.

Leader is Barbara Hildt

Program is HIPP,

Help Increase the Peace Program

Date: November 7 and 8 2008

Location: 1640 House at MACUCC Center in Framingham



### TWA *(Tabernacle Women's Association)*

The TWA ladies will meet at the church at **11AM on Tuesday, July 16** and car pool to Rev. Laura's house in downtown Newburyport for a luncheon. After lunch those who wish will join in a walk through the Newburyport shopping district. There will be no meeting in August. In September Cheryl Crotty will be sharing her trip to Holland in tulip season with members and guests. Have a wonderful summer.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please remember to work on your prayer shawl during the **cooler** days of summer. The supply of shawls is ample right now but the need may increase and the supply will be depleted. Thanks to all of you knitters and a special thanks to Mary Jo Bennett's mother who came to Tabernacle to see Brianna confirmed and asked if she could knit a prayer shawl. She completed it in record time and is now working on her second shawl.



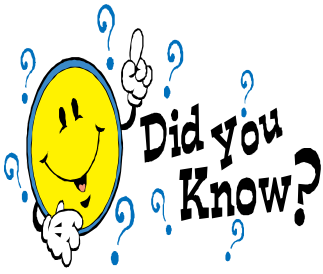
Prayer Shawl Ministry

### TWA Penny Fund

We will be joining the Sunday School in a special fund raiser next season so don't forget to keep saving your change for the TWA ladies.

### Take Home Your Pinch Pots and Art Work!

Find your art work from the past year in the Bigelow Room and take it home. Pinch pots from Sunday school with Kayla and Artist's In Worship pictures are displayed in the Bigelow for you to take home. If they are not picked up by the end of July they will be disposed of by the staff. You worked hard on these treasures. Take them home and enjoy them!



## Did You Know?

### Walter K. Bigelow Prominent Merchant Died This Forenoon

*President of Big Dry Goods  
Corporation Succumbed to  
Heart Trouble After Few Days' Illness;  
Civil War Veteran;  
Honorable Career  
Salem Evening News, Dec. 30, 1921*

Walter K. Bigelow, senior member, president and manager of the firm of Almy, Bigelow & Washburn, Inc., died this forenoon at his home, 220 Lafayette Street, in his 81<sup>st</sup> year. He had for some time suffered from a heart trouble, but had been able to be out of doors and at his place of business until a few days ago.

Mr. Bigelow was born in Stowe, VT, Dec. 28, 1841, the son of the late Jonathan and Relief (Newhall) Bigelow. As a farmer's boy he worked at the drudgery on the farm until 16 years of age, when, in the fall of 1858, while seated on the neeb of an ox cart in which he had just hauled a load of potatoes to the village starch factory, he received from his brother, who had gone into the post office for the mail, a letter from the late James F. Almy, asking young Bigelow to come to work for him in Salem.

He accepted and from the lowly position of errand boy he rose to his present position and partnership in the concern. His career was not a meteoric one, but a steady climb, with plenty of grit, push and business acumen to aid him in surmounting the ladder of business life.

When Mr. Bigelow came to Salem, Mr. Almy had a small store in the Bowker block, and in 1860, a year before the opening of the Civil War, he opened a larger store, in the West block, now known as the Bigelow building, and so named in honor of Mr. Bigelow. Greater accommodations soon became necessary, and the business has gone on increasing every year, until the whole of the big building was occupied, additions erected in the rear, in the West yard, and finally the Perkins estate was occupied. In March, 1919, the entire West property was purchased by the firm, and it is now considered one of the most valuable pieces of real estate in the city.

After a few years, Mr. Bigelow was admitted a partner by Mr. Almy, and in 1867, the late William G. Webber was admitted a partner, the firm becoming Almy, Bigelow & Webber company. On his retirement, Calvin R. Washburn and E. Augustus Annable, were admitted as partners and the firm name became Almy, Bigelow & Washburn, Inc., the familiar letters of the firm, AB&W, thus remaining unchanged.

On the formation of the corporation Mr. Bigelow was elected president, Calvin R. Washburn, treasurer, and Harry C. Annable, assistant treasurer, and William H. Sanborn, general manager. Today, the corporation is known as one of the soundest and most progressive in the state, with branch stores in Beverly and Gloucester.

During all the years of its existence, the firm has had a high reputation for honorable dealing, and that fact has been recognized not only in Salem and Essex county, but far beyond the confines of the state.....

*Stay tuned in September for the more of  
"Walter K. Bigelow"*

Kay Piemonte



## Church Steeple Lighting

The Church Steeple is lighted for the month of **July** in loving memory of **Bill Olsson** by his family.

The Church Steeple is lighted for the Month of **August** in loving memory of **Jerry & Clara LeBlanc** by Jean Bentas and Family.

## Special Thanks

I would like to thank all my very faithful and dedicated "office workers." You help in so many ways it is hard to list them all. You are always ready, willing and able to help me. Without your hard work this church office would not run as smoothly as it does! Thank you to:

**Jane Dionne, Jean Dionne, Margery Harvey, and Mary Eisenhauer.** You all mean a great deal to me! Thank you.  
Fondly, *Liz Nelson*



## Congratulations

Our Congratulations go to **Ron Harrison** who has been named one of the "Official Coast Guard Artists". Many apply and few are selected. Way to go Ron!!!!



## July and August Birthdays

The following members and friends are celebrating birthdays during July and August:

### July:

- 1 Claire Bailey
- 5 Marjorie Ives
- 5 Stan Doron
- 7 John Taubeneck
- 11 Whitney Peterson
- 13 Candace DeRoin
- 16 Gail Mini
- 16 Dolores Zienlinski
- 17 Patricia Michaud
- 17 Denise Tucker
- 19 William van de Stadt
- 20 Bill Peebles
- 22 Chloe Burge
- 24 Chad Driscoll
- 26 Olivia Hauber
- 27 Nancy Lutts
- 28 Will Maier
- 29 Bridget Ayers
- 30 Barbara Bowman
- 30 CJ Lutts

### August:

- 5 David Tucker
- 8 Tina Walker
- 9 Patty Dillon
- 11 Bob Strauss
- 17 Alice Bonney
- 18 Sean Curtin
- 23 Emery Tanch
- 24 Madeleine Lutts
- 25 Andre Richburg
- 25 Jack LaBelle
- 26 Iris Kamon
- 26 Scott Grover
- 26 Ashley Skeffington
- 27 Rosemary Strom
- 27 Shelly Sweeney
- 28 Joyce Pass
- 29 Ed Skeffington
- 29 Mathew Hartwell
- 30 Madison Santo
- 30 Stephanie Speicher