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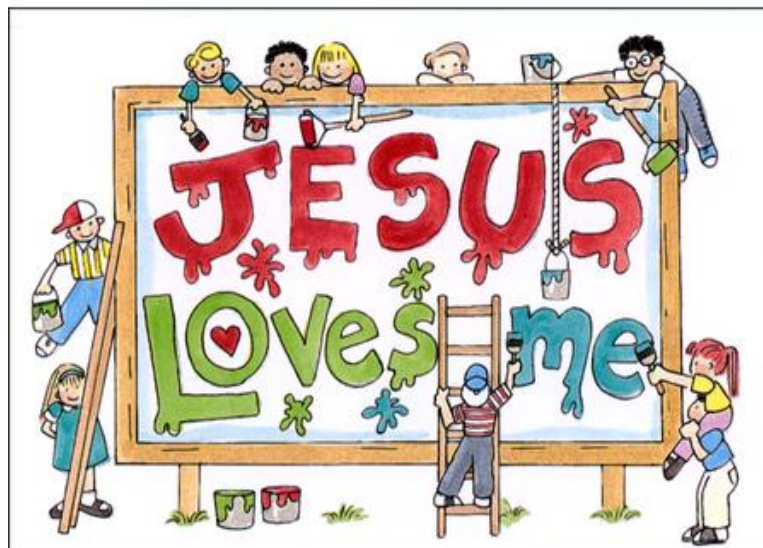
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## Children's Sunday

June 1, 2008.  
10:00 AM

In  
Fellowship  
Hall

*Come and hear our faith expressed by our  
youngest parishioners.*

# Daily Lectionary

## June 2008

*These lectionary readings are from A Daily Lectionary-Scripture readings for Every Day based on the New Common Lectionary. \*The readings listed for Sundays are from the UCC Desk Calendar and are not part of the daily lectionary cycle.*

Day	Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Epistle
<b>*Sun</b>	<b>June 1</b>	<b>Gen 6:9-22</b>	<b>Matt 7:21-29</b>	<b>Rom 1:16-17;3:22b-28,(29-31)</b>
Mon	June 2	Gen 9:4-22	Matt 19:23-30	Rom 2:12-16
Tues	June 3	Gen 7:1-10	Matt 20:1-16	Rom 2:7-24
Wed	June 4	Gen 7:11-24	Matt 20:17-28	Rom 2:25-26
Thurs	June 5	Gen 7: 11-24	Matt 20: 29-34	Rom 2:27-3:18
Fri	June 6	Gen 9:1-17	Matt 21: 1-11	Rom 3:19-31
Sat	June 7	Gen 9:18-29	Matt 21: 12-22	Rom 4: 1-12
<b>*Sun</b>	<b>June 8</b>	<b>Gen 12:1-9</b>	<b>Matt 9: 9-13,18-26</b>	<b>Rom 4: 13-25</b>
Mon	June 9	Gen 11:1-9	Matt 21:23-32	Rom 4:19-25
Tues	June 10	Gen 11:27-12:8	Matt 21:33-46	Rom 5:1-5
Wed	June 11	Gen 12:9-13:1	Matt 22:1-14	Rom 5:6-11
Thurs	June 12	Gen 13:2-18	Matt 22:15-22	Rom 5:12-21
Fri	June 13	Gen 14(1-7)8-24	Matt 22: 23-40	Rom 6:1-11
Sat	June 14	Gen 15:1-21	Matt 22:41-46	Rom 6:12-19
<b>*Sun</b>	<b>June 15</b>	<b>Gen 18:1-15,(21:1-7)</b>	<b>Matt 9:35-10:8,(9-23)</b>	<b>Rom 5: 1-8</b>
Mon	June 16	Gen 16:1-14	Matt 26:1-16	Rom 6:20-23
Tues	June 17	Gen 16:15-17:4	Matt 26:17-25	Rom 7:1-6
Wed	June 18	Gen 17:15-27	Matt 26:26-35	Rom 7:7-12
Thurs	June 19	Gen 18:1-16	Matt 26:36-46	Rom 7:13-20
Fri	June 20	Gen 18:16-33	Matt 26:47-56	Rom 7:21-25
Sat	June 21	Gen 19:1-17	Matt 26:57-68	Rom 8:1-8
<b>*Sun</b>	<b>June 22</b>	<b>Gen 21:8-21</b>	<b>Matt 10:24-39</b>	<b>Rom 6:1b-11</b>
Mon	June 23	Gen 21:1-21	Matt 26:69-75	Rom 8:9-17
Tues	June 24	Gen 22:1-18	Matt 27:1-10	Rom 8:18-25
Wed	June 25	Gen 23: 1-20	Matt 27:11-23	Rom 8:26-30
Thurs	June 26	Gen 24:1-27	Matt 27:24-31	Rom 8:31-39
Fri	June 27	Gen 24:28-38(39-48),49-51	Matt 27:32-44	Acts 13:1-12
Sat	June 28	Gen 24:50-67	Matt 27:45-54	Acts 13:13-25
<b>*Sun</b>	<b>June 29</b>	<b>Gen 22:1-14</b>	<b>Matt 10:40-42</b>	<b>Rom 6: 12-23</b>
Mon	June 30	Gen 25:19-34	Matt 27:55-66	Acts 13:26-43

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*Prayer for  
the Day*

***A prayer for today,  
tomorrow, and the  
day after...***

*Whatever happens  
today, Lord, help us to  
remember your  
presence.*

*If we find ourselves in  
the shadows of  
disappointment or  
rejection or pain, let us  
see your comforting  
light.*

*If we are in the radiant  
light of success or  
acceptance or  
wholeness, may we  
acknowledge your  
providence and grace.*

*Wherever we are, grant  
us the assurance of  
your nearness. Amen*

***From the Interim Pastor's Pen***

Dear Family and Friends of UCC:

“With God all things are possible!”

What a wonderful moment it was on Sunday when the congregation voted overwhelmingly to adapt the chapel into two rooms for: a Nursery-Kindergarten Room and Music Room which would include office space for Roy! There were no “nays” although a few folk did not vote.

This affirmative decision by you is a major movement toward the preparation for community outreach to families with children and will allow for much enhanced programming in the Church School program.

In voting “yes” to this change in the building, you continue to demonstrate your support for strengthening the church school and for church growth. Strengthening the church school and developing a focus on church growth are two of the goals that were adapted on November 5, 2006. You continue to use these goals as guides in moving the church in a direction that assures its on-going ministry to the town of Maynard and to the world.

Maynard is changing and it is a community that has couples with children as well as young professional singles moving into town. This is good news for the church. Surveys also indicate that these folk are looking for a church that has a traditional worship service.

As these changes are made to the chapel, please keep the process in your prayers and continue to pray for the church; pray for the church school teachers, students, and leaders; church staff and pastoral leadership; and for the vision that is carrying the church into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

What a wonderful way to end the church school year and how wonderful to have a renewed and revitalized church school to look forward to in the new church year. Nanda L, Kathy H, and their helpers have done a superb job with the church school and we appreciate their commitment to a viable and excellent Christian Education program.

Rally Day will be September 7, 2008. But first let us celebrate this year of the church life and enjoy God's good gift of the summer season.

See you at church and around Maynard.

Blessings, *Pastor Jean*

## Staff

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

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Sexton: Nyomi Corriveau

Nursery: Laura Doucette

**Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 AM,  
(nursery care provided)  
Fellowship at 11:00 AM  
Church School during Worship  
Building is handicapped accessible**

Websites

Union Cong: [www.maynarducc.org](http://www.maynarducc.org)

Mass Conference: [www.macucc.org](http://www.macucc.org)

United Church of Christ: [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org)

**Deadline for the next  
Union News is**

**June 22, 2008  
for Issue: June 26, 2008**

(This issue will contain the calendar and the  
volunteer schedules for July & August.)

**Next Deadline**

**for newsletter: 8/24/08, Issue: 8/28/08**

(This issue will contain the calendar and the  
volunteer schedule for September.)

## Search Committee Update

The Search Committee is devotedly meeting every Monday night working out the details for the settled pastors for our church. Please keep them in your prayers as they work on our behalf.

## Mission Outreach

### *Zimbabwe Update*



In November, Tsitsi Moyo traveled to Zimbabwe. She brought money for tuition and food and conducted a special revival meeting for the children and youth. Being there during a time of currency change was difficult. It made for uncertainty in getting from place to place because gas and food purchases were difficult (as of mid-February, \$1 American was equal to \$2.5 million Zim dollars, whereas about a decade ago \$1 American equaled \$8 million Zim!).

Because of the Zimbabwean presidential elections to be held at the end of March, it was deemed imprudent to travel until May. You may have seen or read that there continues to be political unrest. The elections were held, but President Mugabe won't release the results and is now using force to beat up any people who voted for the opposition.

It is especially dangerous for young Zimbabwean girls. If they don't go to school, they are forced to marry, raped, or worse. The cost of tuition for each girl to go to school is \$175-\$300, depending if they board or are day students. That is why it so important for us to continue our church's support through The Balm in Gilead Ministry International, Inc. started by the Maynard United Methodist Church's Pastor, the Reverend Dr. Abiot Moyo, and his wife, Tsitsi, to send girls to school. Dr. Moyo will be speaking at our church on Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. We are going to have collections the first three Sundays in June to help support the girls of Zimbabwe. Please come and listen to Dr. Moyo, and give from your heart.

## Invitation from United Methodist

The Reverend Dr. Abiot Moyo will be leaving the United Methodist Church of Maynard at the end of June. We have been invited to a special service honoring Pastor Abiot on June 8 at 6 PM. The service will be followed with fellowship and food. Please RSVP by June 1 (there is a note: "if you forget to reply, please come anyway!"). The church's phone is 978-897-2211.

## Pledges – Is yours up to date?

The summer months are approaching. Please do not forget your pledge to the church as your summer plans take you on adventures away from Maynard. Bills still come in and need to be paid. Let's not give Jim M and Elayne F indigestion wondering where the money will come from to pay these bills!

## Candidating Weekend

Save these dates! The Search Committee is planning a "Candidating Weekend" to introduce the candidates for our settled pastors. All the details are not set as of the issue of this newsletter. There will be an opportunity to share a potluck meal with the candidates on June 7<sup>th</sup> and they will lead worship on June 8, 2008. There will be a Congregational Meeting after worship for the purpose of voting on the recommendation of these candidates by the Search Committee. More details will be coming.

## An Invitation

The Union Congregational Church, UCC of Groton (218 Main St) is inviting Union Congregational of Maynard to the installation of the Reverend Gail Miller on June 8, 2008 at 4 PM. A reception immediately follows the service.

## Join Us on June 1 for Children's Sunday

You are invited to a special worship service on June 1, 2008 for Children's Sunday! The children of our church along with their teachers and the Christian Education Committee have been planning a wonderful worship service to take place in our Fellowship Hall. This



service will be led by our children (along with Pastor Jean). Our Church School Choir will sing in addition to the Adult Choir. Our children will be making a presentation with the theme of "Fruits of the Spirit," there will be

children receiving their Bibles and we will be honoring the Sunday school teachers and assistants. Come and hear our faith expressed by our youngest members.

After this service, please plan on staying for a potluck indoor picnic! You are invited to bring sandwiches to share. Desserts will be provided and will also include a "Make Your Own Sundae Bar."

## Great News

It was voted in at the May 25<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting to make the Chapel into 2 separate rooms. One will be the new Nursery Room and the other will be the Music Room which will be a combination Choir Rehearsal Room and Roy's Office. A wall will be built to divide the space with a windowed door. This wall will not be permanently affixed to the ceiling in order to make it removable if we wish to do so in the future.

The pews in the chapel will need to be removed and put up for sale. We are offering to anyone in the church the first option to purchase a pew for \$100 each. If you are interested in buying one, please speak to Lynne H or call her at home at 978-897-2379.

## Volunteers Wanted

Habitat for Humanity is building homes with families in need in Acton, Ashburnham, Fitchburg, and Townsend. Sign up online to volunteer at [www.ncmhabitat.org](http://www.ncmhabitat.org) or call 978-348-2749. Work days vary – most Saturdays and some weekdays.

## Don't forget about the Driveway Project

Thank you, one and all, for your contributions to our new driveway! Everything is moving on schedule! As of the end of April, we are close to being 2/3 paid. Please check out the Driveway Project Boards at the church for the progress. The blue offering envelopes for this project may be found on the table opposite the display cabinet. If you mail your check, please put **"Driveway Project"** on the lower left corner of the envelope (and on the memo line on your check) or if you would like Ruth to send you a few of the driveway offering envelopes, just call or email her.

## Church Publicist

Our Church Administrator, Ruth Carney, will be our Church Publicist until a member of our congregation is able to volunteer. Because of the newspapers' deadlines and Ruth's office schedule, you will need to get any information to her a minimum of 3 weeks (preferably 4 weeks) in advance. Ruth will be able to write the article – just give her the: **who, what, where and when**. If you want info in the papers about an event that already has taken place, you will need to give her as much information as possible as she would not have been at the event. You can reach her at the church during office hours, or you can leave a message on her voicemail or you can email her at the church.

## Congregational & Church Family Meetings

We will have a **Congregational Meeting** on **June 8, 2008** after worship for the purpose of voting on the candidates for Co-Pastors recommended by the Search Committee. The Next **Church Family Meeting** is scheduled for **June 29, 2008** after worship. Plan to stay for refreshments, sharing with one another and to hear any updates.

## Father's Day

The first celebration of Father's Day is thought to have been in July 1908, in Fairmont, West Virginia. Grace Golden Clayton suggested the special observance to her pastor after a deadly explosion in a nearby town killed 361 men. Soon after, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, wanted to show her gratitude to her father, who'd cared for the family after his wife died. Dodd asked her pastor to choose a June Sunday to honor all fathers, and he selected June 19, 1910. In 1924, President Coolidge suggested that Father's Day become a national holiday. In 1966, President Johnson designated the third Sunday of June to be Father's Day. Six years later, President Nixon instituted Father's Day as a national observance.

## Random Acts of Grace

I have been thinking a lot lately about what is really important in life – to love and be loved, to cherish and be cherished, to value someone and be valued by someone, to care and to be cared for. This further led me to think about what all this means to me and that led to this new column. Have you ever had someone do a kindness for you that you never asked for, but really needed? Was it someone you know or a complete stranger? Does this person know how much it touched you or how grateful you felt? Here is the chance to share your experience with others.

I shared an experience with you in a previous issue of *The Union News*. Do you have an experience you would like to share in the newsletter? Please email me your story at [ruthcmaynarducc@verizon.net](mailto:ruthcmaynarducc@verizon.net) or [maynarducc@verizon.net](mailto:maynarducc@verizon.net). We will only use first names or if you wish you may call your benefactor "angel."

Grace and Peace, *Ruth*

## If you get sick – Please Remember

Would you or a family member or a friend or a medical professional (nurse, etc.), please let Pastor Jean and/or Ruth know what is happening? You can call the church office at anytime at 978-897-2522. If no one is in, please leave a message. We will keep any information you give us confidential unless you instruct us it is OK to share it. Thank you!

## Church Goals

On Sunday, November 5, 2006 at the Church Congregational Meeting, an adapted list of church goals was presented by the Liaison Team. The adapted list is printed below: (Please read them carefully and keep the life of the church in your prayers.) The goals are a real help to the development and growth of church life.

- † Settled Pastor
- † Communications within the church
- † Conflict Management
- † Church Growth (This new goal incorporates membership, active participation and publicity.)
- † Strengthen Christian Education – There was a consensus that focusing on the nursery-pre-school program was a top priority. The Christian Education Committee will review and suggest what is needed to the congregation.
- † Statement of Purpose
- † Church Safety (a new goal) – A Safe Church Policy was unanimously voted. The Church Council will initiate implementation of the Safe Church Policy and other church safety procedures.

## From the Church Office



Hi One and All,

**Our website is up and running!** It is still a work in progress. As each new page becomes available, you will see it on the site. Visit the site at [www.Maynarducc.org](http://www.Maynarducc.org) and **let me know what you think!**

We are now emailing *The Union News* with a different program. You will now receive it as a pdf file. Now, with our new program, you are able to have the newsletter exactly as it left the Church Office.



Peace and Blessings, *Ruth*

### Church Leadership

Robert M, Moderator, Chair Stewardship & Search Committees

Elayne F, Treasurer

James M, Financial Secretary

Donna A, Clerk

Lila C, Chair of Deacons & Mission Outreach

Lynne H, Chair of Trustees

Nanda L & Kathy H, Co-Superintendents of Sunday School

Kathi M, Chair of Christian Education

Phil B, Chair of Investments

Marge M, Member at Large

Beth P, Chair of Altar & Usher Committees

Marge M, Prayer Chain Coordinator

## Prayer Celebrations & Concerns

### Parishioners (and loved ones) in our prayers who have health issues:

Edith B.  
 Albert (Ole) C.  
 Anne G.  
 Jane J.  
 Marge M.  
 Jim O.  
 Anne R.  
 Nancy S.  
 David W.  
 Thelma W.

### Please keep in your prayers:

All those now serving or about to serve in the US Armed Forces.  
 All those affected by the conflicts in the Middle East.

Our President and all government leaders. May we find an equitable peace for all.

Peace and understanding in the world and in our personal lives.

For those who have been affected by hurricanes, storms, cyclones, tidal waves, earthquakes, fires, floods and tornadoes.

For those in our world who go to bed hungry.

For those who live in conditions so bad that we cannot comprehend.

For fathers and for those who have taken on the role of father.



## Birthdays

### In June

Day	Name
01	Rachel W
03	Marion H
03	William C
04	Lynne H
04	Michael H
05	Amanda S
05	Zoe S
14	Ruth C
23	Mary Ann H
25	David B
28	Nathan C
29	Kathleen M
30	Paul H
30	G. Charles Y (Charlie)
30	Suzanne W

### Volunteer Schedule

#### June 1, 2008

**Flowers:** Lynne H  
**Altar:** Beth P  
**Ushers:** Phil B, Kristin C & Robert M  
**Nursery:** Laura Doucette & ?  
**Acolytes:** Rachel H & Robin Y

#### June 8, 2008

**Flowers:** Lynne H  
**Altar:** Beth P  
**Ushers:** Ruth A, Steve M, Raoul P & George Y  
**Nursery:** Laura Doucette & ?  
**Acolytes:** Rachel H & Robin Y

#### June 15, 2008

**Flowers:** Lynne H  
**Altar:** Beth P  
**Ushers:** Beth P, Suzanne W & Fred W  
**Nursery:** Laura Doucette & ?  
**Acolytes:** Rachel H & Robin Y

#### June 22, 2008

**Flowers:** Lynne H  
**Altar:** Beth P  
**Ushers:** Phil B, Kristin C & Robert M  
**Nursery:** Laura Doucette & ?  
**Acolytes:** Rachel H & Robin Y

#### June 29, 2008

**Flowers:** Lynne H  
**Altar:** Beth P  
**Ushers:** Ruth A, Steve M, Raoul P & George Y  
**Nursery:** Laura Doucette & ?  
**Acolytes:** Rachel H & Robin Y



### Thoughts for the Day

If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion.  
 – Tenzin Gyatso, the 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama

A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination.  
 – Nelson Mandela

The things we truly love stay with us always, locked in our hearts as long as life remains.  
 – Josephine Baker

By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong.  
 – Charles Wadsworth

Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.  
 – Jesus (John 13: 34b NRSV)



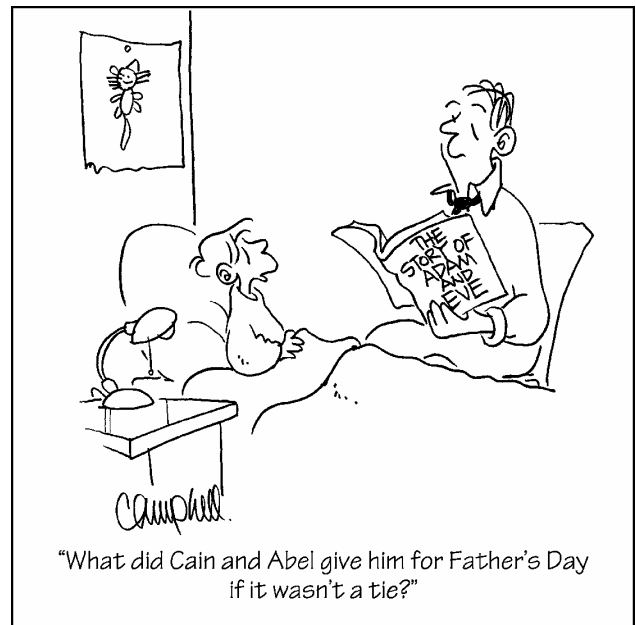
## Church Calendar

### Sunday Morning

- †Choir Rehearsal – 9:15 AM
- †Worship – 10:00 AM
- †Sunday School – will resume in September
- †Sunday Café/Fellowship – 11:00 AM
- †Youth Group – Last Sunday of each month – 10:00 AM

### Regular Meeting Schedule

- †CE – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue. of the month, 6:00 PM
- †Choir Rehearsal – Thursdays, 7:00 PM
- †Church Management – (as needed)
- †Council – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 PM
- †Deacons – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 PM
- †Caring & Sharing Support Group – not currently scheduled
- †Investments – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 11:30 AM
- †Missions – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 11:30 AM
- †Pastor Parish Relations Committee – (not meeting)
- †Search Committee – Mondays 7:00 PM
- †Trustees – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 PM



### Regular Building Users

- †Alanon/Alateen – Thursdays, 8:00 PM
- †Boy Scouts – Tuesdays, 6:00-9:00 PM
- †Community School – Weekdays, 7:30 AM-5:30 PM
- †Depression Anonymous – Wednesdays, 6:30 PM
- †Open Table – Mondays, 4-7:00 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday business meeting 7-9:00 PM
- †Senior Drop in Center – Tuesdays, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM



### Upcoming Dates

- † Rehearsal and set up for Children's Sunday – May 31, 2008 at 5:00 PM
- † Children's Sunday – June 1, 2008 – Indoor picnic after worship
- † Staff Meeting – 10:00 AM every Tuesday (except June 17, staff will be on June 18)
- † Candidating Weekend – June 7-9, 2008
- † Candidating Sunday – June 8, 2008
- † Congregational Meeting – June 8, 2008 following worship
- † Rev. Abiot Moyo preaching – June 15, 2008
- † Newsletter deadline – June 22, 2008
- † Church Family Meeting – June 29, 2008 after worship

Any changes or updates to the calendar will be announced in worship.



June 14<sup>th</sup>

June 15<sup>th</sup>

