

North Church
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September 2009

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Celebrating 183
Years of Ministry
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FYI:

Sept. 11th & 12th – Trash to Treasures sale, from 2pm – 5pm; 9am – 1pm on Amherst Common

Sept. 12th – Pig Roast & Auction at Southampton Congregational noon - 5PM (in the Opa Opa tent)

Sept. 13th – Iftar meal at the Jones library from 6:30 – 8:30pm contact Barbara to RSVP

Sept. 14th – Executive Meeting 7:30pm in the BATES Room

Sept. 19th – Good Eats monthly meal in Parish Hall – contact Hanifah or Barbara for info

Sept. 20th – Simple Gifts Farm Harvest Festival: noon – 6pm

Sept. 23rd – Bible Study (book of Mark) at Jenna & Patti's house

Sept. 24th – Hunger Summit at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield, noon – 5PM

Oct. 4th – World Communion Sunday

Oct. 4th – Opening Reception for Celebrate North Amherst from 1pm to 3pm in Parish Hall – speak with Barbara if you can help out

Oct. 14th – “A Look Back at North Amherst” presentation, 7:30PM in the North Church Sanctuary

Oct. 16th & 17th – Annual Meeting of MACUCC, 10AM on the 16th to 5PM on the 17th, in Worcester

Oct. 18th – Shelter Sunday: door to door collections for the hungry & homeless, after worship

Oct. 18th – Interfaith Peace Festival in West Springfield

In Our Thoughts...

For many of us, it feels as if the transition from summer to fall is simply coming on way too fast! Although the calendar points to start of a new school year, and another September, we're still enjoying these late summer days of steady sunshine, wonderful gardening, and last bits of vacation.

It also seems as if lots of other transitions that are taking place as well: the on-going healthcare debate in our country, the loss of the senior Senator from Massachusetts, Sen. Edward Kennedy, fires in the West, strategic changes in global relations, new assessments of the Afghan conflict. And nearer to home for North Church folks, is the arrival of a unique fall season, in which we plan to host **Celebrate North Amherst** as part of the 250th anniversary of Amherst, MA. If you weren't aware of this, you are now! And if you haven't thought about becoming involved in our preparations as hosts for special exhibits and lots and lots of visitors all during the month of October, here's your chance.

As we return to worship and the ministries of North Church, let's find ways to reconnect with another, as well as with our neighbors and guests. We have an amazing opportunity to invite others to join us in our journey of faith, as they explore our town's past. What will God be doing in our lives *this* year? See you on the 13th of September, for the “kick-off” celebration of Fall beginnings.

Pastor Nada

Crafty Contributions

It's that time of year, again, when individuals at North Church shop for arts & crafts supplies for our adopted Springfield school, Margaret C. Ells Elementary. We've been doing this for several years, now; ever since we learned how scarce funds were for these so-called “extras”. Suggested items include: glue sticks, washable paints, construction paper, markers, glitter, popsicle sticks and other crafty material that pre-K through 1st graders can use. It's important to keep in mind these young ages, as that has changed since we began our support. Also, save those cardboard tubes from toilet paper and paper towels, as those are also popular for crafts. If you have any questions, please contact Ginger Fowler (gffwhales@msn.com). *Thank you!*

Thinking Green

Steve Brown would like everyone to save lids from jars the size of peanut butter and mayonnaise, so he can re-use them as liners for small potted plants that he will be giving away to UMass students as part of North Church's outreach table on campus.

Gibbles and Bits

Why are many coin banks shaped like pigs?

Long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of a dense orange clay called 'pygg'. When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as 'pygg banks'. When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a bank that resembled a pig. And it caught on.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Trash to Treasures 2pm – 5pm	12 Trash to Treasures 9am – 1pm Pig Roast & Auction noon – 5pm
13 <i>Iftar</i> meal at Jones Library	14 Exec. Meeting	15	16	17 Steve's birthday	18	19 Good Eats meal
20 Simple Gifts Farm Harvest Festival	21	22	23 Bible Study	24 Hunger Summit Springfield, MA	25	26
27	28	29	30			

October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Georgia's birthday	2	3
4 <i>World Communion Sun.</i> Celebrate North Amherst, 1 - 3 pm Opening Reception	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Celebrate North Amherst, 1 - 3 pm	12	13	14 Celebrate North Amherst exhibit, 5:30 – 7:30 pm Presentation 7:30p	15	16 Annual Meeting in Worcester	17 Annual Meeting in Worcester
18 Shelter Sunday Celebrate North Amherst, 1 - 3 pm Interfaith Peace Festival	19	20	21 5:30 – 7:30pm, Celebrate North Amherst exhibit Dottie Giard's birthday	22	23	24
25	26 Alison M.'s birthday	27	28	29	30	31