



SPIRIT SONG

From the Pastor

When I was a kid learning how to write, I asked my teacher why we couldn't write to the edge of the page. She told me that we needed to keep a margin. A margin preserves neatness. It makes a page legible. It allows for mistakes and corrections. A page without a margin is illegible.

I hope that you have a margin in your life. I hope that your load is not heavier than your limits. But the truth is that most of us are far more overloaded than we can handle and there is no margin, no margin for error in our lives. When God created us, we weren't designed to live like this. We were designed to live with margin. So how can you build margin into your life? Here are three suggestions in regarding to the areas of spirituality, time, and money:

First, come to Wednesday Sharing Faith as we begin a new study—Revival: Faith as Wesley lived it. October 1st begins our six week journey in our sharing circle. We can study the life of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, explore his defining characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian, and hear calling for a revival of our hearts and souls so that our world might be changed. I hope and pray our church can be the holy appointed place to experience revival as we pray vigorously awaiting the power of the Holy Spirit.

Second, spend some time with God by meditating on the Bible, especially in the morning before your life gets loaded, and learn from the life of Jesus who is the perfect example of following. Richard Swenson writes: “When I look deeper at the life of Christ, I notice that there is no indication he worked twenty-hour ministry days. He went to sleep each night without having healed every disease in Israel—and he apparently slept well. Neither did he minister to everybody who needed it. Neither did he visit or teach everybody who needed it. There were needs that he simply chose not to meet. Even when Lazarus became sick, Jesus was shockingly slow to mobilize. Jesus understood what it means to prioritize and to balance in light of those limits and how to focus on the truly important” (The Overload Syndrome).

Third, make your financial statement during the month of October. What I mean by ‘financial statement’ doesn’t mean the records of the financial activities of an individual or business. I would like you to ponder your finance before God, and make your personal faith statement on the matter of finance. This financial statement will give you margin in between God and money. As the church will begin stewardship campaign in the month of October, I think this is the perfect season to think and give thanks to God for all the blessings we are given. “But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that” (1 Timothy 6:6-8).

Two announcements: we will have **Church Conference on October 8 (Wed) at 7 p.m.** Since it is Church Conference, all are welcomed to worship, celebrate all the ministries, and take the Holy Communion together. It will be an uplifting and joyful event! Also, for those who want to join this congregation, we will offer **membership classes from October 12th for 6 Sundays at 9 a.m.** Please notify me or church office by October 5th.

In closing, Jesus never rushed. He always took time for his relationship with his Father. He lived only a short time, and yet at the end of his life he could say, “I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do” (John 17:4).

Peace be with You! *Pastor Tae Sung*

September 21, 2014

Dear CCUMC Men's Group,

We are writing to thank you for your generous scholarships to help us go to Camp Aldersgate this past summer. We were very happy and grateful to receive these scholarships.

We attended various camps over the summer. Kayleigh, Leena, Madison and Grant went to Living Arts camp where we performed *The Sound of Music*. Kayleigh had the part of Frau Schmidt, Leena was a dancer, Madison was in the chorus, and Grant worked on set production. Julie, Kat, Julianna, and Danny went to Camper's Choice where we did some archery and cooking, and we met many counselors from other cultures.

These scholarships allowed us to lighten the expense for our camp experience, and is sincerely appreciated. Your help has inspired us to "pay it forward" by working on the Men's Suppers so you can continue to support us and others with future scholarships.

Sincerely,

Kayleigh, Leena, Julie, Kat, Danny, Julianna, Madison & Grant

United Methodist Women

Saturday, September 27 a group of UMW members attended the Fall Central MA UMW District Meeting whose theme was "Your Voices in Action" One of the workshops was creating a Tshirt highlighting an abuse against women and/or children. These were all then hung on a line for display. Watch, this exhibit is coming to our church this month.

I don't know if the ladies of the church realize that just being a member of the church you are considered a member of UMW. In fact you can still come and not be a member. We would like to encourage all women of the church to attend our programs. We think that you would find them interesting and you would find out how much UMW does for missions.



October 2014

New Members

New members will be welcomed into the church on Confirmation Sunday November 23. Any adult who would like to become a member of Charlton City United Methodist Church should contact Pastor Tae Sung.

Men's Early Morning Fellowship

The Charlton City United Methodist Men will be holding men's coffee fellowship every Wednesday morning from 5:30am to 6:30am. Come join us for great coffee and...who knows what else!!! (More info speak with Jim Hall)

Men's Supper - October 11

Roast Pork Supper

Come and enjoy food and fellowship with friends and neighbors on Saturday, Oct 11 from 5:30 to 7pm

A tasty pork roast with potatoes, vegetables, and your choice of beverage, along with a delectable dessert, will be served. As always there will be continuous serving and take-out. Tickets may be purchased at the door although reservations are appreciated. Call the church office at (508) 248-7379 for information and reservations. The building is handicap accessible.



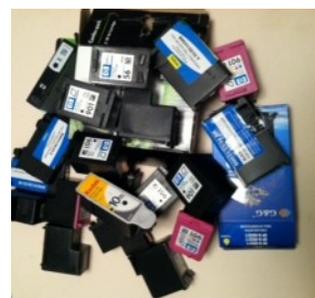
An Invitation

We are invited to attend a gathering at Wesley United Methodist Church in Worcester on October 18th from 9:00 - 3:30. Guest speaker Bill Easum, a premier church growth consultant will be focusing on what churches and pastors need to know about becoming growing disciple-making churches. This seminar is needed by every church member who calls themselves Christian and a follower of Jesus. We are all called to be disciples, but we don't know how. Come and get some tools to help plant those seeds. The cost is \$10 which covers a continental breakfast and lunch. Please contact Jean Anderson by October 10th if you plan on attending.

Thank You for Recycling Print Cartridges

We were able to recycle 20 cartridges this month earning us \$40 in rewards. This will buy us two large boxes of paper for our bulletins, lesson plans and other items.

Keep them coming!



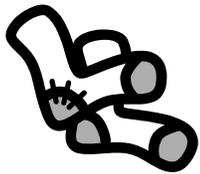
Mission—Outreach

Winter Coats Needed for Families

Please bring in your gently used winter coats for the Winter Coat Closet ministry. Last year 200 families were given warm winter coats through this vital mission work. With the high cost of everything and low wages for working families your thoughtfulness goes a long way towards helping God's children. Collection bin will be in the narthex near the couches. THANK YOU!!



Have any Socks? Mittens?



Buying socks for yourself or a family member? Remember the Worcester Fellowship. And while you may have warm gloves and mittens could you spare a pair for a lost soul? Add to our Sox in a Box in the Narthex. Bless you.



Community Café Serving Family Luncheons For All Ages

The Community Café is the last Saturday of every month from 12 to 1. Come for a great luncheon with warm friendly people. We are always looking for helpers to set up, serve and clean. The best part is you are expected to sit with our guests and enjoy the company and the food. We serve 12 to 25 folks and anyone is welcome! Come on down to fellowship hall:~)



Dear Charlton City United Methodist Church,



Thank you for so faithfully providing supplemental food so families that are stretched way too tight financially can squeeze out a few extra meals on a very thin paycheck. When you pick up an extra item or two of food for the church's food pantry you are helping real people get needed nourishment. You are blessing others with your kindness.

*Faithfully yours,
Your Mission Team*

Youth Group

The Youth Group has begun a new year. I have gotten to know the youth over these few weeks in September, and we have a variety of fall events planned. We hope to see more youth come out and join our group on Sunday nights from 6-7:30. However, our first two October events are not on Sunday evenings, so join us if this time is better for you.

Wesley UMC in Worcester will host youth from all over New England on Saturday October 4th for the Youth2015 GO ON tour, featuring Christian rap artist Tedashii and speaker Reverend Cedrick Bridgeforth. See Youth2015.com for details. We encourage the Youth Group to bring friends and also encourage other young adults who can't make Sunday nights to attend. Anyone interested, please contact Betty Darling at emd9930@charter.net so I can add you to the ticket list. If we buy tickets ahead of time it will save \$5 per ticket. The ticket cost should be \$5 per youth, as we will use some of the Youth Group funding for the majority of the cost. We will be leaving at 3:00 from the church and will return between 6:30-7.

Sunday October 12 we will go Pumpkin Picking at Westview Farm Creamery in Monson. We will be leaving right after church during the Small Group time. We will call parents when we are on our way back. Those who cannot attend on Sunday nights are welcome to join us. Please bring a few dollars for pumpkins and ice cream. We will make PB&J sandwiches and bring snacks to eat on the way.

I hope to see more people as the year progresses.

Betty Darling

Bottle & Can Drive

Old fashioned bottle and can drive- turn your bothersome returnables into CCUMC youth mission trip donations!!!

Don't know where our collection bin is?

It's right outside fellowship hall



**OH Yeah!! Stay tuned~More news to follow!!
Collection week November 16-24.**

Sunday School

Sunday School is up and running. We seem to be a little thin, but hope that you will join us. We have new curriculum, and hope you'll join us on Sunday mornings to see what is in store. We're going to try some new presentations and you never know when they might be so come and see what all the commotion is in the Sunday school wing. Don't worry if you don't make it every week, come ,when you can there is always something new going on.

Karenlee

PIES**PIES**PIES**

Oh my!! Before you can say "supercali...." October 13th will be here. Joe Couture talked about a shortfall in revenue for the church. This event is one way we help out the general budget. Ingredients are donated by the congregation, pies are made and then sold for \$10.00 each. This year we are looking to make 300 pies, that means there will be/can be a \$3000 influx of cash to the general budget and if everyone helps out it doesn't seem to hurt so much and we have fun doing it. Won't you help us make this happen?

We are still in need of ingredient donations, monetary donations for apples, and HELP!! You remember the saying many hands make light work. It really does when it comes to pie making. Remember what I said anyone can help: male, female, young, old, experienced and the unexperienced, I can always find a job meant for you.

We are looking for donations of Flour, Butter, Crisco, and Eggs.

We will be working Monday, October 13th from 9-9

And Wednesday, October 15th from 9-9

Come join us for an hour or two, it doesn't matter how long you stay any time is greatly appreciated. Hope to see you Monday or Wednesday.

So now we've made the 300 pies (or so), you ask what do we do. We have order sheets for anyone that wants to sell apple pies to their family, coworkers or neighbors. This allows us to have an idea of how many pies are presold. Tell everyone they come frozen, baked if requested ahead of time, with sugar and sugarfree. They keep in the freezer very well (ask some of our parishoners-some have had 2 year old pies that still taste delicious), so buy one for all the holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, Birthdays or just to have one in case of company or you get a craving for a warm apple pie on a cold winters' night. Let's be blessed and sell out before Christmas.

Any questions, please see Lynne Ellis, Karenlee Hickey, or Priscilla Walker

The Pie Committee

See you Monday or Wednesday!!



Revival

Study Series begins Wed. Oct. 1 at 7pm

John Wesley's message and his faith continue to speak to 21st-century Christians calling for a revival of our hearts and souls so that our world might be changed. Join Adam Hamilton for a six-week journey as he travels to England, following the life of John Wesley and exploring his defining characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian. Wesley's story is our story. It defines our faith and it challenges us to rediscover our spiritual passion. This study will deepen people's faith by calling them to a devout and holy life while defining what the Christian life looks like through the eyes of a Wesleyan Christian. Series Begins October 1.

Church Conference—October 8th—7pm

All members are encouraged to attend this meeting and voice your opinions and concerns. All church members have a voice and vote in a church conference. Vote on the budget for 2015, learn what all the committees are doing, and plans for the coming year. We will celebrate this gathering with a worship and communion service of thanksgiving. The SPRC Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. before the conference with our District Superintendent Rene Perez.

Give

Whether you are making a one-time gift or a recurring donation, you can use your banks online banking.

If you have a TD Bank account you can use "Bill Pay" to send a check, weekly, monthly or other choices.

Southbridge Savings Bank has "Bank N Pay" which has similar features

Bank of America has "Online Bill Pay." Check your bank and see if they offer this opportunity.

Checks payable to "Charlton City UMC" may be mailed to

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CALENDAR

World Communion Sunday Sun, Oct 5th
 Ecumenical Fellowship Community Tue, Oct 7th
 Church Conference Wed, Oct 8th at 7pm (SPRC at 6pm)
 Men’s Fellowship..... Thu, Oct 9th at 7pm
 Men’s Roast Pork Supper Sat, Oct 11 at 5:30 pm
 Caring Fellowship..... Sun, Oct 12 after worship
 Apple Pie Production Line Mon, Oct 13 at 9am till ???
 Apple Pie Production Line Wed, Oct 13, 9am to 9pm
 District Church Growth..... Sat, Oct 18, 9 to 3:30
 Community Café Sat, Oct 25 at noon
 Newsletter due Tue, Oct 28
 Bishops Day Wed, Oct 29, 6 to 8pm

ONGOING

Sunday School..... Sundays at 9 am
 Adult Study with the Pastor..... Sundays at 9am
 Confirmation Class Sunday at 4:30 pm
 Worship Sundays at 10:30 am
 Men’s Early Bird Coffee Wed, Apr 2 at 5:30am
 Women’s Bible Study..... Wednesday at 10 am
 Sharing Faith Wednesday at 7pm
 Intercessory Prayer..... Thursday at 11:30am
 AA Saturdays at 7 pm
 Community Café Last Saturday of the month at noon

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Sunday's
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