



SPIRIT SONG

From the Pastor

When I participated in my Naturalization Ceremony on October 9th at Mechanics Hall, I realized that I had mixed feelings about this historical event of my life. One feeling, needless to say, was joy and excitement over becoming a U.S. citizen and the fact that I no longer needed to be concerned about my legal status which I have been for 17 years. But at the same time, I also felt sad and feeling something weird in the depth of my heart. It was because I had to renounce my allegiance to my home country, South Korea.

If you don't know what I am talking about, this was my Oath of Allegiance to the United States of America: "I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic..."

That is the pledge that I made to this country as I was "born again" American on October 9th. Well, I still have one dilemma. Let's say, if the U.S team plays a soccer game against that of the South Korea, I am not sure which team I go for. I need to pray about it!!

Speaking of the pledge, atheist activists have long opposed the pledge, because reciting it allows for "under God" to be invoked in public venues. It surely troubles my heart. This country seems to forget where we came from and who we are. Let us pray fervently for our country for her repentance and pledge allegiance to the Lord. We need to listen to the prophetic message from Apostle Paul: "*Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven*" (Phil. 3:19-20).

Then, how to live as the people of God who has our citizenship in heaven? We will find out the Christian way of holy life through the new sermon series, **Three Simple Rules** which was originated from John Wesley's teaching: *Do no harm, Do good, and Stay in love with God*. Come and join this practical effort to practice our Methodist heritage and faith. I don't want you to miss this series of sermons. It will begin on the first Sunday of November. The first Sunday after Daylight Saving Time ends.

We have launched Stewardship campaign and most of you should have received a pledge card by now. I would like to emphasize one thing that is very crucial. Please seriously pray about it before you fill the card. It is simply because it is your pledge to God. That is your covenant with God, an act of worship and one of the ways to honor God with what God has entrusted you.

As I am writing this letter, this song comes to my mind and makes me keep singing. I used to love to sing this Ray Boltz's song, **I Pledge Allegiance To The Lamb**. Its chorus goes like this: "I pledge allegiance to the Lamb/ With all my strength/ With all I am/ I will seek to honor His commands/ I pledge allegiance to the Lamb" Can you join me pledge allegiance to Jesus Christ alone with your mind, heart, and *strength?*

Grace and peace,

Pastor Taesung, a U.S. Citizen who ultimately dreams to be a 'heavenly man.'

Saving Lives

By Joe Couture

While I was preparing for the Pledge Sunday Sermon, I picked an almost impossible topic, to summarize the bible in a few words. Everything is possible with God, but even this seemed a task that God might have difficulty with. How little faith I had. After a few days of prayer and thought, it came to me. **"Saving Lives"**. The bible can be summarized in two words. Yours, mine, and anyone else who wants to be a follower of God, has the opportunity to have their lives saved. The bible teaches us how to make this a reality. And that is what the Charlton City United Methodist Church is here for. In two words, SAVING LIVES. It is through your pledges, that we can make this a reality.

Pledges will be collected starting November 2, 2014

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will meet on Thursday , November 20th in Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm. The program will be our annual World Thank Offering presented by Claudia Blauvelt. Refreshments will follow. ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ARE INVITED. Ladies remember to bring your offerings for this program.

HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE ON THE 20TH AT 7:00 PM.

Please give generously
to support women,
children and youth through
the World Thank Offering!

thank you!



Men's Roast Turkey Supper – November 16th

The Men's Club is hosting a scrumptious turkey dinner at Charlton City United Methodist Church (74 Stafford Street) on Saturday, November 16th from 5:30 to 7pm. Come and enjoy food and fellowship with friends and neighbors.

Turkey, vegetables, cranberry sauce, and your choice of beverage, along with a delectable home made pumpkin pie, will be served. As always there will be continuous serving and take-out. Adults \$10, \$6 for children six to twelve, and children five and under eat free. .

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. .



New Web Site

CCUMC has a new web page! The internet address is www.cc-umc.org. Visit the church regularly online to see what's happening and check out the programs and people who are at work in the fields of the Lord. Also, you can see the fun stuff that happens when people of faith get together.

Many thanks to Hannah Darling for the countless hours devoted to bringing this online ministry of the church into being, and also for the assistance of the web committee (Mina Oh, Loren Jenks) and Pastor Taesung.

The new web page is still a work in progress but it's up and running, so check it out.

Giving

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
Charlton City UMC
P.O. Box 387
Charlton City, MA 01508



Don't know what to do with your worn Flag?

Bring in your old worn American flags to be disposed of by the American Legion There is a box in the church entryway for your flag.

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

STOP EBOLA NOW!!!



Saving Emmanuel, Promise, Ruth and Benson Cooper:

Ebola Emergency Relief- the United Methodist Church is in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea and Nigeria-and needs your help to stop Ebola. Please consider giving to The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) for immediate treatment and to purchase protective gowns, gloves and masks for medical workers and build temporary shelter/clinics for the afflicted patients. Please don't wring your hands- but give through our church and write Advance #98240 in the memo section of the check; these funds go directly to the mission field to purchase supplies for medical care. *Or give now to the Stop Ebola Campaign canister. A third option is to give on line through UMCOR Ebola Emergency and click on the donate tab. See Marilyn Gerrard with any questions.*

Winter Coats Needed for Families

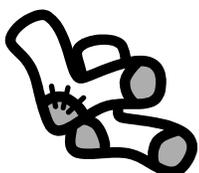
Please bring in your gently used winter coats for the Winter Coat Closet ministry. Last year 200 families were given warm winter coats through this vital mission work. With the high cost of everything and low wages for working families your thoughtfulness goes a long way towards helping God's children.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

Do **NOT** leave your items on the coat rack at the entry



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.



IMAGINE NO
Imagine Saving Millions Of Lives
MALARIA

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Every

seconds, malaria claims a life in Africa. Millions of lives, needlessly lost each year. A continent. Entire nations...slipping away. Slipping through life's precious net. Unless you hear the buzzing inside you.

Imagine No Malaria is an extraordinary effort of the people of The United Methodist Church, putting our faith into action to end preventable deaths by malaria in Africa, especially the death of a child or a mother.

Achieving this goal requires an integrated strategy against the disease. As a life-saving ministry, Imagine No Malaria aims to empower the people of Africa to overcome malaria's burden. We fight malaria with a comprehensive model.

Bottle & Can Drive

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

Don't know where out collection bin is?

It's right outside fellowship hall



Sunday School

Where are you?? This is the question we keep asking ourselves in the Sunday school wing. We are looking for God's lost sheep, won't you help us find them and encourage them to come home (church)?

Sunday school is off and running and we continue to teach our flock. We have a lot of excited teachers looking to share their enthusiasm for God's love. Come join us anytime to see and hear the Good News. Any questions, please see one of us.

Sunday School Teachers

302 Pies, Pies, Pies

Well, we did it on Wednesday, October 15th, we completed 302 apple pies. Sales are going smoothly. Please place your order for a frozen or baked pie for the holidays with one of us. We would like to thank all of you for your donations and your time. We had a great turn out on Monday and it was great just to sit and talk with each other and find out what is going on in each of your lives. A little mouse or two told me they even had fun and didn't even notice they were working. We would not have been able to accomplish this fund raiser without you. Don't forget to be God's stockbroker and "**sell, sell, sell**" and "**buy, buy, buy**". Again Thank you and God bless all of you.

The Pie Committee

Priscilla Walker, Karenlee Hickey, and Lynne Ellis

New Members

New members will be welcomed into the church on Confirmation Sunday November 23.

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

Where: Charlton City United Methodist Church

When: Wednesday, November 26th at 7:30 pm

Join in an Ecumenical Service. Services are alternated every year with Charlton Federated Church



Do these belong to you?

Check the Lost and Found Box in the Office

Drumming Circle

Have you ever finger-tapped a rhythm on a table or desk just for fun? Bet you have! That's the only qualification you need to join the drumming circle at Charlton City UMC. There's nothing you have to learn. There's no instructor. Someone sets a rhythm and tempo and others join in as the spirit moves them. We use mostly African and Caribbean rhythm instruments provided by Elizabeth Sutton. At our last session a visitor named Judy brought her own drum, which she wanted to learn how to play. It's a very supportive atmosphere, easy and fun.

Combine the drums, keyboard and praise choir, as we did in worship Oct. 19, and we are able to offer a powerful praise anthem to the Lord! Hope you were there to hear it and sing along. Whether you were or not, please plan to come out to our next drumming session Monday, Nov. 17, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The drumming circle meets every third Monday of the month.





Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry to bring Christmas and the message of Jesus to children in need throughout the world. CCUMC has participated in this program for many years and has sent over 200 shoe boxes.

In order to participate, simply wrap a shoebox and fill it with small items for one of 3 age groups (2-4, 5-9 or 10-14). Small unbreakable toys, school supplies, non-liquid hygiene items (toothbrushes, bar soap, wash clothes, brushes, barrettes, ribbons), small clothes (tee shirts, hats, sunglasses, socks).

The Youth Group will be in the Narthex after church to supply information and envelopes. You must provide the \$7.00 shipping cost in the provided envelope along with your shoebox. The Youth Group will also shop for you if you would like, if you can donate the shopping cost (\$15-\$20 suggested, and the shipping cost \$7)

A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over of the world in Jesus' Name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child.



2012 Car full of Shoeboxes



Youth at Pumpkin Farm

Youth Group News

The Youth Group has had a busy fall with a few outings. We went to the *Youth2015 GO ON Tour* stop in Worcester at the Wesley UMC and saw Tedashii, a Christian Rapper. Columbus Day weekend was busy for the youth where they helped with the Men's Supper on Saturday; they went to Westview Farms in Monson to go pumpkin picking, go on a hay ride, and eat delicious ice cream; and many helped with pie making on Monday.

In November we will be working on the Samaritan's Purse mission by wrapping shoe boxes, shopping for them, and filling them. Please see a member of the CCUMC Youth Group in the Narthex after church for information on how you can help this mission.

We will also be experiencing the beauty of God's creation of the earth and fall leaves by hiking in Wells State Park in Sturbridge after church on November 9. We hope that a few more youth can attend during that time. We expect to return by 2:30.

The Youth will be supervising a craft room at the Christmas Fair. So don't hesitate to bring your younger children or grandchildren and their friends to the fair. You can drop them with the youth group and they will create small crafts while you shop and have a relaxing lunch.

The CCUMC Youth Group is open to all Middle and High School students. We meet on Sunday nights from 6-7:30. We are a small bunch, but continue to have fun! Please join us.



Youth at 2015 GO ON Tour stop in Worcester



CALENDAR

Ecumenical Fellowship.....Tue, Nov 4 at 7pm
 Caring Fellowship..... Sun, Nov 9th after worship
 Men’s Fellowship.....Thu, Nov 13th at 7pm
 Men’s Roast Turkey Supper..... Sat, Nov 15th at 5:30 pm
 Council.....Mon, Nov 17th at 7pm
 Drumming Circle.....Mon, Nov 17th at 7pm
 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service Wed, Nov 26th at 7:30 pm
 Community Café Sat, Nov 29 at noon
 Newsletter due Tue, Nov 25

ONGOING

Sunday School..... Sundays at 9 am
 Adult Study with the Pastor..... Sundays at 9am
 Confirmation Class Sunday at 4:30 pm
 WorshipSundays 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 CaféLast Saturday of the month at noon

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Sunday's
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