



# Steeple Sounds

February 2012

The Newsletter of Central Square Congregational Church

**From the Interim Pastor's Desk:**

**February 2012**

## **What Makes People Come Back to Church?**

“Several studies agree that approximately 75 percent of unchurched people “begin their search” **when someone invites them to a worship service!** About 15 percent begin their search by attending worship in a church they selected from the *Yellow Pages*. About ten percent begin their search by worshipping at a church building they had noticed while driving past on a weekday.

### **Why do people search?**

Most people begin their search because they feel an inner need. This is usually during a period when their life is more stressful than usual, often during times of negative life change and sometimes during times of positive life change. But a few individuals report that “it was just time to find a church.”

### **Why do people get involved in the church?**

Former religious beliefs in pre-college years – 85 percent of people who become a Christian in their entire lifetime had a church experience prior to the age of eighteen.

Others get involved due to decisions based on current needs and social relationships.

### **What needs do churches meet for adults?**

Religious education for children: this includes moral character education along with learning about the Bible and church teachings (what Sunday school and youth programs offer cannot be purchased elsewhere...)

Personal support and reassurance: especially in settings where people can speak openly and honestly without fear of rejection. (small groups of various kinds can provide this).

Social contact and a sense of community and inspiration and spiritual guidance: All this means that people want worship to be uplifting, empowering, and encouraging, especially the music, which sets the emotional tone for all the other elements.

**What causes a church's first-time visitors to return a second time, a third time, and eventually make a spiritual connection with Christ and the congregation?**

The majority of today's people who respond to invitations base their decision to attend worship the first and subsequent times on whether the church exhibits seven magnetic factors.

**The seven magnetic factors are:**

- Do the style and tempo of the worship music fit newcomers' ages and preferences?
- Do the sermons inspire newcomers with biblical insights about how to live a meaningful life?
- Do the pastors and staff exhibit strong spiritual traits and possess personalities to which prospective adult attendees can relate?
- Do the excellent children and youth ministries meet an important need felt by young-adult parents?
- Does a variety of programs make newcomers feel "there is something here for every member of the family"?
- Is the congregation friendly and newcomers feel welcome and wanted?
- Is the church at a reasonable driving-distance from the newcomers' residences?

**The bottom line:**

When served this seven-dish magnetic menu, more church members enthusiastically invite people to visit worship – which increases the number of first-time worship visitors.

In addition, far larger numbers of those invitees return a second time, and eventually become regular attendees – completing that crucial first step as "they search for the faith missing in their lives." (MACUCC – September 2011-Vol. 19, #9. By:Herb Miller, [www.TheParishPaper.com](http://www.TheParishPaper.com))

On January 22, 2012, we had "Bring a Friend Sunday and the Blessing of the Bears." We had several friends and visitors with us that Sunday, I believe it was a welcoming time, and we enjoyed getting to know each other. What this article is inviting us to do is to consider continuing to bring our friends, share our faith beliefs and have them join us in worship. The Spirit will take care of the rest!

Our friends are looking for God's love, and we have God's love to give!

Blessings on the Journey!

Rev. Esther Rendon-Thompson

**Keep inviting your friends!!**



My Fellow Believers in Christ,

God has loved this world so much that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

Welcome to February, the love month of the year. This is the time of year when millions of dollars will be spent on flowers, chocolates and candy hearts as a way of saying 'I love you' to those we care so deeply about. It is a time of year when many hearts will be harmonized and cupid to perfection, the time of year that reminds us to share and to acknowledge love; for loving is sharing and sharing is loving.

The history of Valentine's Day is not fully archived for us to research in detail; maybe because it goes back too many centuries, but it is believed that Valentine's Day celebrations may have come from ancient Christian and Roman practices. It may even be legendary. However, it is believed that this day may have come from the ancient Roman festival of Lupercalis sometimes called Lupercalia or a 'fertility celebration' that was observed on February 15. The rise of Christianity in Rome, and maybe through-out Europe, created an atmosphere for many Roman holidays--holidays that were named and re-named after many Christian martyrs. It is believed that in AD 496 Pope Gelasius turned Lupercalia into a Christian feast day and arranged its observance one day earlier, hence February 14, in honor of St. Valentine, a Roman martyr who lived in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century. Again, it is believed that Valentine's Day is really an observance day to St. Valentine.

Another version indicates that the Great Roman Emperor Claudius II was faced with numerous crises and civil strife from those who were opposed to him like the Gauls, Slavs, Turks and Mongolians. He then recruited brave men to fight as soldiers in the army but was opposed to married men because he thought that marriage made these men weak. People became angrier because they could not marry. It is believed St. Valentine, who was appointed bishop at the time, performed secret marriages for these people but then word got out, and soon the emperor issued a decree to have St. Valentine executed.

While in prison, we are told that he wrote secret letters to his daughter and always ended those letters with 'Your Valentine'. It is also believed he was executed on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

In England and France during the 18<sup>th</sup> century, gift giving became a part of Valentine's Day. By 1840, Valentine cards became commercialized in the United States.

Esther A. Howlanda, a native from Worcester, MA, is believed to have created the first American Valentine's Day Greeting card. She added lace, ribbons and pictures which eventually caught on in America.

Whatever the history or whatever we choose to believe, as Christians, we do know that love is abounding. The Bible reminds us in 1 Cor. 13 (St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians and Romans) that love believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things and that love never faileth. Without love in our hearts we are of no merit. The most recent definition describes love as tender and passionate--the caring affection for another, whether towards a parent, child or friend. The truth is whatever angle we choose to view love, it is written that love is ordained by God because God himself is love.

Christ continues to love us more and more each day even in all our wrongdoings. His love is excelling, divine, pure and overwhelming. He is the loving shepherd who calls us into his fold of safety where there is rest and room. The loving shepherd who trails the rocky creek to find his one lost sheep, who lovingly rejoices when that lost sheep is found. It is He, Christ Himself, the one who commands us to love one another.

The Bible only talks about 3 kinds of love:

1. Agape love which is unconditional love, God for mankind
2. Philia love or philacio love that exists between close friends
3. Storge love or love that grows between family members

Modern-day romantics then came up with a 4<sup>th</sup> love called Eros, or romantic love. Eros is not mentioned in the bible, but we know it does exist. I guess God reasoned we could figure that one out for ourselves. Christ loves us all with agape love, (pronounced a-gap-ā) and He tells us to have agape love towards everyone.

So as we celebrate love this Valentine's Day, we must also remember to embed those words "I love you" not only in our hearts but also in our memory. We must make it our personal banner and always remember to utter them to those we love as often as we can, starting today and always through-out the year and for years to come.

For it is with this Godly love that we must continue to love unconditionally; to forgive and try to live in peace with each other; to let our light shine, let our love shine that others may see our good works and glorify our father in heaven.

Love Blessings,  
Miriam Theodore  
On behalf of the Board of Deacons.





**CHURCH BREAKFAST!**  
**COME ONE, COME ALL**  
Public Welcome – Bring your friends!  
1st and 3rd Sundays of every month...  
8am – 9:30  
(Donations welcome but not required)



**Attention, Single Mothers!**

Parenting tips, Resources, Support Group for Single moms

Tuesdays 6:00-7:30 p.m.

For more information and to **pre-register** call 781-871-2051 x213

**MEETING LOCATION**

Norma Kent Pastoral Counseling Center

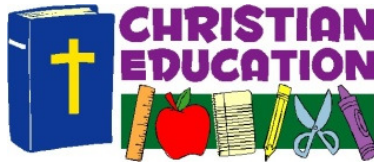
Bridgewater United Methodist Church

35 School St

Bridgewater, MA 02324

Childcare available

There is no cost, but you must call ahead in order to attend!



## News from Christian Ed

### Fat Tuesday

Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> marks the beginning of Lent, a time to be thoughtful and quiet and a time many people give up something they enjoy. Just prior to Lent is Fat Tuesday, a time to indulge the taste buds. Christian Ed would like to invite you to come and indulge yourselves on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. On the menu is a meal of pancakes and waffles topped with your choice of maple syrup and whipped cream, strawberries or blueberries. It will be served with a side of sausage and bacon along with a fruit salad. Also, on the menu is a choice of beverage: orange juice, apple juice, coffee or tea. If you are of a mind to come and eat as much as you can, we will see you for **Fat Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00**. Bring your whole family. See you there!

The Christian Ed Board

### Heifer

The Living Gift Market is over, but the children are still pursuing their goals. If your son or daughter has a Heifer bank at home, we will continue to accept them for the next several weeks. If you would like to make a donation, you may consider supporting one of the following classes: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades have earned \$121.92 towards a water buffalo - \$250.00, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades earned \$194.47 towards a \$500.00 Heifer, and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades earned \$102.89 towards a Llama worth \$150.00. Valentine's Day is almost here and a lovely card may be given to a loved one for a donation in their name to Heifer. Here is a continued report on the Heifer Project: Pre-K raised \$51.43 for 2 flocks of ducks and geese, grades 1 and 2 earned \$90.48 towards a trio of rabbits and a flock of chicks. Other donations given by the congregation totaled \$202.58. The children and I would like to thank you all for your generous support. It was a wonderfully successful

Living Gift Market with fun activities and tasty food. Next month, I will share with you some of the events that occurred at the Market.

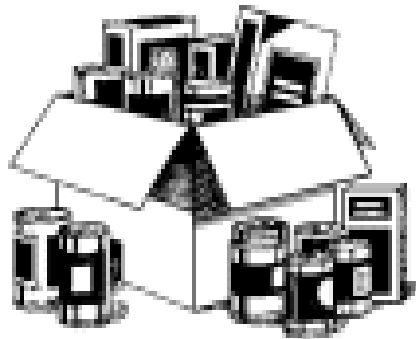
Terry Reynolds

### **Dates to Remember**

Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m. CE meeting

Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30 Kids of the Kingdom

Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 – 7:00 Fat Tuesday



### **Bridgewater Food Pantry**

Bridgewater Food Pantry is in need of specific items: ketchup, mayo, mustard, pancake mix, syrup, cereal, rice, rice pilaf, jelly, peanut butter, instant mashed potato, canned fruit, cake mix, crackers, juices (bottles and juice boxes), coffee, and tea. There are boxes provided in the narthex for this collection. Thank you!



**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE  
BLANKETS+**

**Church World Service Blanket Sunday is February 12, 2012**

Just a \$5 donation purchases a blanket for those needing comfort and warmth after a disaster has struck their home. Church World Service partners with relief organizations all over the world and provides assistance with very little overhead costs.

So join us on February 12. The children will learn about the many different ways that a blanket can provide help to those in need, we will sing a hymn together about blankets and learn more about Church World Service and their Blankets + program from our Board of Christian Outreach.



**Christian Outreach**

The Outreach committee had a successful first distribution for the year of Warmth in Cold Places items at the Taunton soup kitchen. We are planning on our second on February 13th, and we would like to have you keep us in mind to help provide items for this distribution. The items that were most popular were hooded sweatshirts, white tube socks, hats, gloves, soap and other toiletries. We had requests for blankets after we had given out the two that we had. Also, one man asked if we had any T-shirts. So, packages of new T-shirts might be something we should add to our requests.

Thanks for all of your generosity!  
Outreach committee



I visited many unusual and out of the way places in my working career. In remote areas of the U.S., if I new that I was in “UCC Country” - I would ride around and look for the local UCC church.

Baudette, Minnesota is 60 miles due west of International Falls. It is the walleye fishing capitol of the world. While the fishing tourism dollar is plentiful in the short summer season, overall, the economy in and around Baudette is poor. I visited there about 10 years ago on a business trip. I found the local UCC church, just a few blocks from the plant that I was working at. It is pictured above – a very recent picture.

BUT.....when I saw it 10 years ago, it was very run down looking, with worn and missing roof shingles and deteriorating asphalt shingles on the sides. It really looked sad and to me, very small compared to our generous space. No Sunday

School wing, that's for sure. I didn't have a camera with me, but believe me, it looked ragged.

What happened? Not magic – but a Capital Campaign! I spoke with the pastor after I found the picture above on the internet. She said that many gave sacrificially to make the dream happen. She noted that there are not many members who have higher incomes or significant accumulated assets.

Our demographics are quite different. We have members with higher incomes and we have members with (I suspect) significant accumulated assets. Please help our recently voted capital campaign be a success - volunteer to be interviewed by the campaign consultant and commit to a substantial gift for the campaign. There is nothing like an announcement that several large advance gifts have been pledged to get all pulling together for a successful campaign. Our future as a congregation depends on it.

Sincerely,

John Sharland, Board of Stewardship

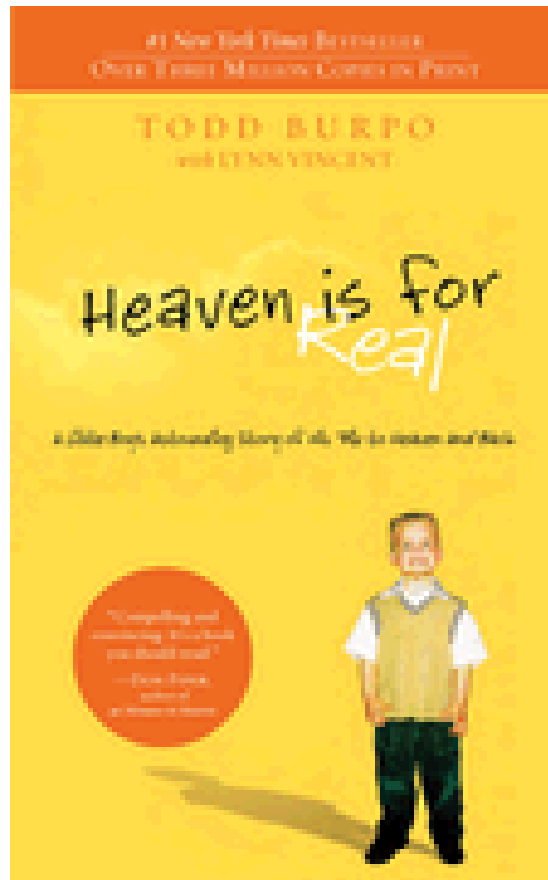
**In order to extend extravagant welcome and hospitality, individuals and congregations should ask:**

**-How and when do I feel welcomed?**

**-How did I welcome a guest recently in church?**

**-Do I and my congregation welcome strangers as I like to be welcomed?**

-Growth



## **Heaven is for Real**

Author: Todd Burpo

Lenten Book Study

Thursdays during Lent

7:30 PM – 9 PM

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

A DVD/Discussion Book Study

Books are \$10



## Coffee Hour Schedule

October:	Outreach
November:	Women's Guild
December:	Stewardship
January:	Trustees
<b>February:</b>	<b>Memorials</b>
March:	Growth
April:	Deacons
May:	Christian Education
June:	Music
July & August:	volunteers (punch only)



February 2012: Whom Shall I Send?

Written by Tom & Linnea Morse

*And I heard the voice of God saying, whom shall I send and who will go for us?*

*Isaiah 6:8a*

Churches in China are growing rapidly. This growth isn't the result of massive missionary efforts from the west after China's opening, but fruits of the work being quietly done by Chinese believers who held on to their faith through all of China's turmoil.

I want to tell you about Mr. K as he told me his story. Mr. K is about 40 years old and has a smile that makes you want to hear what he has to say. He was born in Northern Jiangsu province into a family of farmers.

"I was 19 years old when I first learned about Christianity from a classmate's mother-in-law. She had us pray before and after meals, which introduced us to these ideas for the first time. I had little interest in religion, but was willing to pray if it meant I could eat. One day I was walking past a small church and heard the sound of hymns being sung. When I glanced inside the feeling of comfort and peace I felt in that moment led me to believe. I realized God cared for me and it was a moment of great joy. After that I looked forward all week to my Sunday meetings with God. In the congregation no one else had even a middle school education, and 90% of them were illiterate. So they started asking me to preach or help them with reading the Bible. Looking back, it was my happiest year.

Outside of church, my friends had encouraged me to start raising chickens. I had invested in the supplies: feed, eggs, fences. One night I was outside, and sisters from the church came looking for me, but I didn't hear them knocking on my door. When I heard that I had missed them, I became focused on why it was they were searching for me. I stared at the sky unable to sleep, I knew they were going to ask me to study at the seminary, but I wanted to say "no."

Then I remembered the verse that says, "Whom can I send? Who can go for us?" And I realized that for my church I was the only one to do this on their behalf. It was my calling. The next day a sister from the church came and asked me to study at the seminary, and I happily agreed.

I had been focused on raising chickens, but God told me to raise my sights."

Together we pray for higher visions for ourselves, our church, our world.

*Tom and Linnea Morse, Global Ministries missionaries, serve with the Nanjing Drum Tower Hospital in China in English communications.*

## Daily Lectionary Scripture References February 2012 (Year B)

**Wed., Feb. 1**  
Psalm 35:1-10  
Jeremiah 29:1-14  
Mark 5:1-20

**Thurs., Feb. 2**  
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c  
Proverbs 12:10-21  
Galatians 5:2-15

**Fri., Feb. 3**  
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c  
Job 36:1-23  
1 Corinthians 9:1-16

**Sat., Feb. 4**  
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c  
Isaiah 46:1-13  
Matthew 12:9-14

**Sun., Feb. 5**  
*Fifth Sunday After Epiphany*  
Isaiah 40:21-31  
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
Mark 1:29-39

**Mon., Feb. 6**  
Psalm 102:12-28  
2 Kings 4:8-17, 32-37  
Acts 14:1-7

**Tues., Feb. 7**  
Psalm 102:12-28  
2 Kings 8:1-6  
Acts 15:36-41

**Wed., Feb. 8**  
Psalm 102:12-28  
Job 6:1-13  
Mark 3:7-12

**Thurs., Feb. 9**  
Psalm 30  
Leviticus 13:1-17  
Hebrews 12:7-13

**Fri., Feb. 10**  
Psalm 30  
Leviticus 14:1-20  
Acts 19:11-20

**Sat., Feb. 11**  
Psalm 30  
Leviticus 14:21-32  
Matthew 26:6-13

**Sun., Feb. 12**  
*Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany*  
2 Kings 5:1-14  
Psalm 30  
1 Corinthians 9:24-27  
Mark 1:40-45

**Mon., Feb. 13**  
Psalm 6  
2 Chronicles 26:1-21  
Acts 3:1-10

**Tues., Feb. 14**  
Psalm 6  
2 Kings 7:3-10  
1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1

**Wed., Feb. 15**  
Psalm 6  
Job 30:16-31  
John 4:46-54

**Thurs., Feb. 16**  
Psalm 41  
2 Chronicles 7:12-22  
3 John 2-8

**Fri., Feb. 17**  
Psalm 41  
Isaiah 38:1-8  
Hebrews 12:7-13

**Sat., Feb. 18**  
Psalm 41  
Isaiah 39:1-8  
Luke 4:38-41

**Sun., Feb. 19**  
*Last Sunday after the Epiphany/Transfiguration*  
2 Kings 2:1-12  
Psalm 50:1-6  
2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
Mark 9:2-9

**Mon., Feb. 20**  
Psalm 38  
Isaiah 30:18-26  
Acts 14:8-18

**Tues., Feb. 21**  
Psalm 38  
Micah 4:1-7  
2 Corinthians 1:1-11

**Wed., Feb. 22**  
*Ash Wednesday*  
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or  
Isaiah 58:1-12  
Psalm 51:1-17  
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**Thurs., Feb. 23**  
Psalm 103:1-13, 22  
Ezekiel 16:1-14  
Romans 3:1-8

**Fri., Feb. 24**  
Psalm 103:1-13, 22  
Ezekiel 16:44-52  
2 Peter 1:1-11

**Sat., Feb. 25**  
Psalm 103:1-13, 22  
Ezekiel 16:53-63  
John 7:53-8:11

**Sun., Feb. 26**  
*First Sunday in Lent*  
Genesis 9:8-17  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:9-15

**Mon., Feb. 27**  
Psalm 45:6-17  
Hosea 3:1-5  
2 Corinthians 1:23-2:11

**Tues., Feb. 28**  
Psalm 45:6-17  
Hosea 14:1-9  
2 Corinthians 11:1-15

**Wed., Feb. 29**  
Psalm 45:6-17  
Isaiah 62:1-5  
John 3:22-36



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Heifer (LGM) 7pm - AA-FH	30 SEND OUT BULLETIN 6pm - Bereavement-LL 7pm - NA-FH	31 9:30am - NRC 11am - NRC 7pm - NA-FH	1 6:30pm - WG&F Mtg. 7pm - Search-Parlor	2 Groundhog Day 6:30pm - Pack 35 Den 5 7pm - AIAnon-FH	3 Have copies of annual 6pm - GS 73502 LL 7pm - AIAnon-Upstairs	4
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19 No choir 8am - Free Breakfast 7pm - AA-FH	20 Presidents Day SEND OUT BULLETIN 6pm - Bereavement-LL 7pm - NA-FH	21 Fat Tuesday 9:30am - NRC 11am - NRC 7pm - NA-FH	22 Ash Wednesday 7pm - Search-Parlor	23 7pm - AIAnon-FH 7pm - Lenten Bk Stdy-	24 9:30am - Mothers' club 7pm - AIAnon-Upstairs	25 4:30pm - Pack 35 Den 6 7pm - Coffee House?FH
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## Church Administration

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## February Parish Care Deacon:

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**We invite you to join us in the Vestry following worship for our Coffee Hour hosted by the Board of Trustees.**

*“We are a Christian community of people who are reaching out to our neighbors at home and abroad, sharing our faith and our resources.”*

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