

# The Courier

Semi-monthly Newsletter

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Melrose  
Highlands  
Congregational  
Church

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## MOVIE SERIES ABOUT NEW ORLEANS SHOWN AT MHCC THIS SUMMER

Thursdays: June 21, 28 and  
July 12, 19 at 7:30 p.m.



Nineteen folks from MHCC will be traveling to New Orleans on a mission trip in late July assisting with the continued recovery efforts there. As an educational opportunity and a glimpse into the lives of the people that will be served by this trip, a movie series will be shown in the Holyword Theater – **all are welcome!**

The series is an HBO special entitled “*When the Levees Broke*” directed by Spike Lee. As Carol Rosseland notes, “it is important viewing for us as a church supporting restoration efforts, and particularly for those going down there – to be aware of and sensitive to the horrific things that people on whose houses we may be working experienced... so much more than just the loss of their homes and livelihoods.”

Carol notes that, like many Spike Lee productions, “it is graphic and disturbing and has some political parts,” but is still worthy of viewing.

It is a four part series, each part lasts one hour. Ice cream and informal conversation will follow the viewing.

## NEW ORLEANS TRIP FUND UPDATE

Thank you to all who supported our now-completed Pretty Potty Fundraiser by purchasing “insurance”, ordering Potty placements, or making donations to the cause. Our five Potty Patrol Teams went out for a total of ten weeks and had plenty of fun doing so. With very few exceptions our efforts were well received and well rewarded, even if our backs were sometimes weary! To-date we have raised over \$4,600 toward this trip, with donations still being received. Most of the “pottying” happened to people in Melrose and Wakefield who were not Church members, but we could not have gotten it started - nor reached our goal - without tremendous support from the Congregation. Thank you all for your good humor and generosity!!



## JUNE FEEDING MINISTRY

Our next date to feed the hungry through the *Bread of Life*, in Malden, will be Tuesday, June 26. Needed are funds to pay for the food and workers to help prepare and serve it. Help is also needed from 4:30 or 5:00 PM until about 7:00 PM. We'll be serving cold subs, so the cleanup will be easy!

If you would like more information, or would like to

volunteer to help or make a donation, please contact this month's coordinator, Carol Rosseland, at 781-665-6350.

## ORGAN DONOR NEEDED

The son of one of our parishioners is in need of your help and prayers.



Arthur McKean, son of Joe McKean needs a kidney transplant. Husband of Doreen (Hallissy) and father of Michael, age 6 and twins Matthew and Amanda, age 4, Arthur is currently on hemodialysis. His treatments are four hours each session, three times a week. Hemodialysis is a short term treatment, not a cure. Doctors tell him that his best chance of survival is to find a living donor. He is on the cadaver list for transplants in New England, but the wait could be 5 years.

Anyone interested in being tested as a possible candidate for kidney donation may contact Dr. Louis Ercolani, Massachusetts General Hospital at 617.726.5050 or Joe McKean at 781.662.8882. Kidney donation is safe and relatively easy. For more information about kidney and organ donation please visit [NationalKidneyFoundation.com](http://NationalKidneyFoundation.com) or [OrganDonation.com](http://OrganDonation.com) and thanks for your help and prayers.



**Andrew Faughnan** graduated from Stoneham High School. He will be attending the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in the fall.

**Ashley Hume** graduated from Endicott College with a double major in psychology and criminal justice. She also graduated a semester early and with high honors.

**Sarah Tullis** graduated from Melrose High School and will be attending Temple University in the fall.

### LUNCH BUNCH

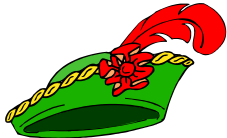


**Wednesday,  
July 11  
12:30 p.m.**

**JACKSON'S RESTAURANT**  
478 Lowell Street, Methuen

Please call Dick Rowland at 781.938.8763 for reservations or rides. Everyone welcome!

### A FEATHER IN YOUR CAP



Awarded to **Ralph Archibald and Les Haddock** for many years of service every Monday morning to record the pledges, gifts and offerings received by the Church.

### IN THE LIBRARY



Come to the library to pick up your supply of summertime reading! Here is a list of recently purchased books:

📖 *“Einstein, His Life and Universe”* by Walter Isaacson. This is the first full biography of Einstein since all of his papers have become available.

📖 *“Is This a Great Game or What?”* Author, Tim Kurkjian, is ESPN’s Baseball Commentator. A great read for baseball fans curious about America’s pastime.

📖 For Maeve Binchy fans her latest novel: *“Whitethorn Woods”*

📖 For you golfers: *“Golfing in New England”*

📖 Several new books added for the juvenile section such as *“Piglet and Mama.”*

### Reminder



When submitting checks for Annual pledges and Capital Campaign pledges please note on the memo line where the contribution is to be recorded. For depositing and accounting reasons we request that separate checks be submitted for each pledge respectively. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

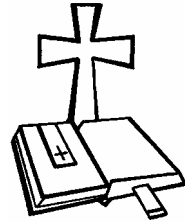
Beth Valliere, Treasurer

### NEXT COURIER DEADLINE

**Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at noon.**

### MEMORIAL FLOWERS

#### SUMMER



#### WORSHIP

As you may already know, MHCC hosts the Union Services for three Sundays this summer.

Naturally, we would like to have fresh bouquets to beautify the altar, so if you are so moved, please consider donating the memorial flowers. They can be given in memory of a loved one departed, or a celebration of a special event in your life.

Dates available are August 19 and 26, and September 2. The cost of the bouquet is \$40. For more information, or to place an order please contact Jim Lyles by phone at 781-662-0622 or by email at [jaslyles@comcast.net](mailto:jaslyles@comcast.net).



### Summer Labyrinth Walks

Wednesday, July 11 and  
Wednesday, August 8  
@ 7:30 p.m.



**Empties4Cash**  
Your Recycling And Fund Raising Partner

Remember to support a fundraiser for MHCC – recycle your printer cartridges here! MHCC receives money for each cartridge and we contribute to a cleaner environment. A collection box or mailers are available through the Church Office.



**Nancy Watts** – at Salem Hospital.

**Phyllis Greene** – healing at home.

**Denise Boisvert** – recovering from illness.

**Althea Hatch and family** – as they grieve the death of her brother.

**Steve Karampalas and family** – as they grieve the death of his mother.

To my good friends at MHCC –



Jim Lyles and his lovely daughter delivered the Sunday flowers to me here at the hospital.

They were so pretty – orange and yellow roses with greens and baby’s breathe.

I have received so many cards and get well wishes from you. It is such an up-lifting feeling to know so many prayers are out there for my healing!

Thanks to all of you.

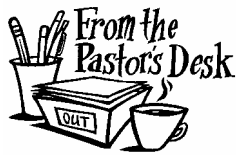
Love, Flo Hutchinson

### Thank You!

A special thank you for all of the prayers, thoughts and cards on the passing of my Mom recently. This difficult transition was made easier knowing that I have so much support from my church family.

You are a great bunch of folks!

Love & Peace, Jim Lyles



In worship on Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> we celebrated milestones.

We were pleased to celebrate fifteen folks who have been active members at MHCC for fifty years or over. It was an awesome thing to hear the length of service and energy dedicated here on the part of so many. Marylen Leving took the prize for longevity having joined the church in 1938. We blessed them all with a gift of thyme for the blessing of time they have shared with us!

We lifted up graduates from high school and college and recognized what a significant transition that can be in anybody’s life.

People were then invited, by their own definition, to name a milestone in their life this year. As people received a stone with a word carved in it, on an index card they named the “joys” and “oys” as we put it, recognizing that some milestones are of the “oy!” variety. I read over fifty cards with this sampling of notes:

- 63 years of marriage;
- Oy! –diagnosis and treatment;
- First time great-grandmother;
- The completion of a beautiful painting;
- A much anticipated wedding this Fall;
- Being confirmed last month;
- Finishing a year of being completely on my own, taking care of myself financially, spiritually with the help of my God;
- Seven months into forging a new career and deep spiritual practice;
- New car;
- The christening of my great-granddaughter wearing the dress my grandmother made for me 85 years ago for my christening;
- Moving to a retirement home and finding new friends;
- 46 years of marriage to a lovely person;

- Our family has experienced three deaths all within a year. We have also been given life in the form of a child; both of us have a round birthday this year. We have passed many milestones recently and have grown as a family and couple;
- Finally – clarity after murky times and much reflection.

It was a powerful moment reading the milestones aloud. But it was even more powerful, for me to have read them while standing behind the communion table in the context of worship.

Week after week, we dedicate our worship to the praise of God. We bring our whole selves – not just the good parts, but every part – the joys and the oys, the sins and good deeds, the healthy parts and the parts that need healing. We bring it all for blessing and forgiving, for celebrating and strengthening.

We will be joining with others in worship this summer through our participation in the Union Services (see the schedule on the back). Even so, we are still invited to bring our whole selves to worship. To my knowledge, God is not taking the summer off!

God will be just as present to us and the fullness of our lives even when we are worshipping in other spaces. I invite you to be as present to God all year long as God is present to us and bring it all – the good the bad and the ugly, the joys, the oys and the milestones to worship.

– Rev. Wendy Vander Hart



### STEEPLE AND CHIMES

The Steeple will be lit and the Chimes will be played this week in loving memory of:

**June 10** – Laura & Philip Greene.

**June 17** - Edith Bayers

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UNION SERVICES	DATE	PREACHER	HOST
	July 1	Rev. Wendy Vander Hart	Green Street Baptist
	July 8	Rev. Dominic Taranowski	Green Street Baptist
	July 15	Rev. Larry Starr	First Congregational
	July 22	Rev. Chuck Hartman	First Congregational
	July 29	Rev. Chuck Hartman	First United Methodist
	August 5	Rev. Wendy Vander Hart	First United Methodist
	August 12	Rev. Wendy Vander Hart	First United Methodist
	August 19	Rev. Chuck Hartman	Highlands Congregational
	August 26	Rev. Dominic Taranowski	Highlands Congregational
	September 2	Rev. Larry Starr	Highlands Congregational

**SUMMER  
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS  
JULY 1<sup>st</sup> – SEPTEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Tuesday, Wednesday &  
Thursday  
8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**



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