

# GRACE NOTES

Newsletter of Grace Congregational United Church of Christ, an Open and Affirming Congregation

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## Season of Sharing

*Let us worship with our friends and neighbors from  
Edwards Church and Plymouth Church*



Sunday, July 26, 2009

10:00 AM

at Edwards Church

39 Edwards St, Framingham, MA

Worship this year includes three spiritual practices— labyrinth-walking, Taize-singing, and sandwich-making. Following the service, we who are interested will drive to Worcester to worship with and serve the homeless and underhoused of the Worcester area. In Worcester, set up begins at 12:30pm, worship at 1:00pm.

For more information check out [www.worcesterfellowship.org](http://www.worcesterfellowship.org)

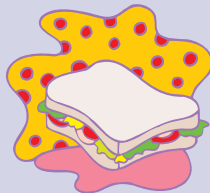
Each of the three churches is being asked to bring donations for the Worcester Fellowship. Grace's list includes:

4 loaves bread (60 slices)  
3 dozen hard boiled eggs  
30 homemade cookies/brownies (individually wrapped)  
25 pieces soft fruit or fruit cups and spoons  
Bologna and cheese for 30 sandwiches (or some mix)

As possible:

Nutrigrain bars  
Peanut butter crackers  
Men's white socks  
Women's sports socks  
Paper cups

Let Pastor Brad know what you are willing to donate.



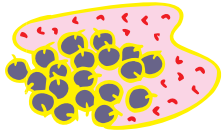
## Grace Church will be closed during town sewer project

The town sewer project is proceeding as planned. During this period, access to the building will be prohibited.

On August 2 and 9, Grace will not be offering any formal worship. The Deacons would encourage you to experience something different from Grace and let us know what moved you (or not), what was fun (or not), what made you think differently (or not). There have been discussions of possible "road trips" to other places of worship. If any plans do come about for a "road trip," the Deacons will send out emails and have info on the outgoing message on the church's answering machine.

August 16th, 23rd & 30th – Back at Grace.  
Camp Grace will meet during worship.

## August is blueberry season!



All are invited to help with produce pick-up at Stearns Farm  
Upcoming Fridays – Aug. 14 and 28th

You are welcome to sign up for produce pick-up at Stearns Farm on alternate Fridays – see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Pick-up is at your convenience, any time between 2-7 p. m, a great way to enjoy some nature at the end of a work week. Half of our produce will be shared with the pantry and the other half will come back to Grace for all to enjoy and share. Both of our August pick-up's will be going to the pantry, a month when they often run low on extra items. Pickers are welcome to bring home flowers and herbs of the season, and sample the blueberries that will most likely show up on these August dates. They are one of the best late summer treats!

Mary Memmott  
Member-at-Large

## Save the Date

The Sixth Annual Walk to Prevent Homelessness will be Sunday, Sept. 27, 12:30-3:00 p.m., from Framingham Center Common to Brophy School and back.



Mark your calendars for a fun afternoon of walking, snacks and prizes, and a great cause!

## A mystery

The Deacons have a mystery that could use some solving. The communion linens seemed to have disappeared – specifically, the round doily that goes in the bread plate and the napkins (with a dove embroidered on them) and the cloth that goes on the communion table. We know they are somewhere, but we just don't know where. Have you seen any of them? Please let Karolyne or Ruth know where they are. Thanks.

## Summer Sunday School – Camp Grace

“Camp Grace” summer Sunday School continues in August, for all ages.

Our theme this summer is living water: water in floods, rivers, wells, and great stories of the Bible. If you would to help teach, we are still seeking a 2nd adult for Aug. 16th, and an extra helper any Sunday is always welcome, especially if you have a craft or song you'd like to share. Speak to Mary Memmott if you can help. Our last Camp Grace Sunday will be August 30th.



The Book Club is reading *Mary Called Magdalene* by Margaret George. We will have our first fall meeting on Wednesday September 23 at 10:00AM.

Grace Women United will not meet over the summer. Their next meeting will be September 16 at 11:00 AM with a potluck luncheon.

## Grace Church calendar - August

July 27 to August 9- Grace Church building closed for town sewer project on the property.	August 17	11:30 AM	Worship Planning
August 2 No service at Grace (sewer project)	August 23	10:00 AM Camp Grace	Worship
August 9 No service at Grace (sewer project)	August 24	11:30 AM	Worship Planning
August 14 Stearns Farm pick up	August 28		Stearns Farm pick up
August 16 10:00 AM Worship Camp Grace	August 30	10:00 AM	Worship Camp Grace