

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 4, 2015

We welcome all who enter the doors of this church. Just as God's self-revelation is made complete in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, so do your prayers and presence make our worship service more complete. We pray that you may be strengthened and nourished as our community is enriched and uplifted by your presence among us. If you come as a visitor, we pray you will leave as a friend. Please sign our guest book.

QUIETLY ENTER THIS HOLY PLACE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR YOU

- Remember to practice thankfulness and add a coin to your *United Thank Offering* box.
- Remember to take a suggested shopping list and/or brown paper bag for the Saint John Paul II Food Pantry.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- An informal, group discussion format, **Bible Study**, covering the Gospel of St. Mark, convenes at 11:45 a.m. each Sunday. The group sets its own pace for reading and discussion and will continue to meet until St. Mark's Gospel is finished. We start @ 11:45 a.m. after any administrative or rehearsal events have taken place and will finish by 1:00 p.m. We recommend each PERSON brings a brown-bag lunch and that you read St. Mark's Gospel using a Bible of your choice! Previous attendance not required. Discussion today will be on Mark 9:38-50.
- In October, we will continue to send the **Mission Plate** donations to aid the Syrian refugees through Episcopal Relief & Development.
- On Sunday, October 4 @ 2pm, United Church of Christ, 4 Church Street, Webster, will be "**Blessing the Animals**" in their courtyard. Bring your pet or pictures of your pet. Following the Blessing will be a meet and greet with Author Elisabeth Davis where she will have books to sell and sign as well as a showing of her pet portraits. Mrs. Davis donates all proceeds, after costs, to animal rescue.
- **All You Can Eat Breakfast** fundraiser at United Church of Christ in Webster (4 Church Street). Eggs, Pancakes, French Toast, Corned Beef Hash, Fresh Baked Muffins and much more! Sunday, October 11, 7:30-11am. Adults \$7; Children 12 and Under \$4.
- **"Only Saints Can Win Our Culture for Christ"**, Thursday, October 22, 7-8:30pm. Faith Baptist Church, 22 Faith Ave, Auburn, MA, Cost \$10, Dessert & beverages provided. Register online at NewEnglandChristianStudyCenter.com. As followers of Jesus Christ, we live in challenging times, and having an effective Christian leader speak into the issues which we are all dealing with in our daily lives and ministries, can be extremely helpful, encouraging us to be courageous with our faith.

CLASS INFORMATION:

- **Yoga Time!** Practice hatha yoga for mind, body, spirit. Monday evening yoga: new session began August 31st. Class runs from 6:00 – 7:15 pm. 7 week session, \$56 or \$10 per class drop-in fee. **Aug. 31st – October 19th**. For more info, contact instructor Linda Davis (508-615-3568 karayogi@yahoo.com www.yogatimecharlton.com).

Undercroft Ceiling News

Over the last few weeks there have been updates on the failed plaster ceiling that is concealed above the suspended ceiling in the undercroft. Cole Contracting evaluated the situation and said to close the space to the public, which we did. The ceiling is 1,800 square feet. The kitchen and closet/bathroom areas were not affected. The ceiling tiles and plaster were tested for asbestos and the test came back negative; good news.

The insurance company was notified, and an adjuster was out to look at the ceiling; we are awaiting a decision, but it is unlikely we will have a claim.

The restoration estimate came in at \$18,450. This is to remove the suspended ceiling and sections of failed plaster, preserving the existing ceiling tiles if possible, and putting up a new suspended ceiling.

We asked for a 50-year repair, so we should not have problems with this ceiling for many years to come. The vestry met and unanimously voted to proceed with the restoration using all available building reserve and other reserve funds with the hope of replenishing the building fund over time.

Here are the details of the estimate:

- Cost to test acoustic ceiling tiles and plaster for asbestos.
- Demo and dispose of existing drop ceiling grid and tiles that cannot be preserved.
- Demo and dispose of all layers of plaster ceiling in the main hall.
- Clear the area of all electrical conduits, wiring, circuitry and lighting.
- Provide temporary lighting for construction.
- Install all new ceiling grid and new 2 X 4 ceiling tiles as necessary.
- Re-install all existing lighting. (16 fixtures)

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact Susan Howland who is overseeing the project at 508-248-6112 or howlands@charter.net

If all went well after this printing the project should be underway. Cole Contracting is licensed and insured, and they do fine work, never cutting corners, but watching for ways we can keep our cost down.

Thanks! Susan