

Life Together

June,
2009



WEST PARISH CHURCH, U.C.C.
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Worship and Sunday School 10:00 AM

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WEST PARISH COMMUNITY YARD SALE

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH
8:00 AM—1:00 PM**

Rain or Shine!

Folks will come together to celebrate what we do best at West Parish---reach out to our community of brothers and sisters in need. The proceeds will be turned back to local food and fuel banks, homeless and food shelters and to our Senior SPY who will serve the Lakota Native American Nation, one of the three poorest counties in the United States at Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota in 2010.

SORTING SUPPER

Come one; come all to our first "Sorting Supper". You ask, "What is a sorting supper?"

Well, the Yard Sale Committee cordially invites you to come and help us down the home stretch of sorting the last of our donated yard sale treasures.

Beginning at **4:30 PM on Wednesday, June 18th**, the Committee cordially invites you to join us for a light supper and fellowship while we go through the last (we hope) of the items. Bring your family and friends. Remember, you will have your last chance to get a first pick of any one of the treasures. You don't want to miss out! Call the church office and leave your name so we can plan for food.

If you can't make the supper, be sure to sign up to help before or on the day thereof. It's a great to give back to our community at large at a time when there is such a greater need. Signup sheets are in Fellowship Hall, Sunday Bulletins, this newsletter or you can call the church office.

Hope to see you there!

JUNE WORSHIP

June 7

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"
Isaiah 6: 1-8
John 3: 1-12

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June 14

"Who Knows How"
Mark 4: 26-34

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June 21

Rev. David Hanks
Summer Interim Pastor

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June 28

Rev. David Hanks,
Summer Interim Pastor

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**SUMMER WORSHIP MOVES TO
THE WEST PARISH CHAPEL ON
SUNDAY, JULY 5TH AT 10:00 AM**

KOINONIA

Koinonia will meet for our annual picnic on **Monday, June 8th, 12:00 Noon** at the home of Bud & Bette Henderson. All retirees are invited. Please call Donna Ellsworth at 978 475-3009 if you would like to join us and are not on our mailing list.

WOMEN'S EVENING CIRCLE

Thursday, June 11th 6:00 PM

Annual Meeting, Pot Luck Supper and Pound Auction. We will meet at the home of Ellen Harmoning.

If you are not on our calling list and would like to attend this event, please call Ellen Harmoning at 978-475-4961 or Phyllis Klockow at 978-208-0920.

WPC OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Monday, June 15th will start summer office hours in the West Parish Office. Hours will be Monday—Thursday, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Regular office hours will begin again on Wednesday, September 9th.

WPC OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

JUNE 29th—JULY 3RD

The Church Office will be closed June 28th through Friday July 3rd. Betsy Collins will be on vacation. Rev. Hanks will be available this week should you require pastoral assistance. Messages will be checked daily.



June Call To Care Contact:

**Belva Hopkins
978 470-0702**

July Call To Care Contact:

**Bernadette Baird
978 758-8343**

August Call To Care Contact:

**Erika Sanborne
978 376-5566**

Please contact the "Call to Care" person with the names of any church member experiencing a life event in which church members may assist, i.e. birth, funeral receptions, cards, meals, etc.

HOPKINS ALL CHURCH PICNIC 2009

Please join us for a cook-out, games, and pool party. This years the date is Sunday, July 12th. Swimming, tennis, croquet, badminton, beverages of various kinds, and food will all be available. Join your friends right after Church for summer fun and sociability.

Frank and Belva Hopkins

WPC MALARIA FUNDRAISER REACHES GOAL!

Throughout this school year, the children and youth of West Parish have been raising money to purchase Malaria nets for impoverished families in Africa through our children's collections and our "Pumpkins for Peace" project. Last week, we reached our goal of raising over \$500 in order to purchase 50 Malaria nets. Thank you to everyone who supported us!

**From the Desk of Rev. Thomas
McMillan,
Senior Minister**

Dear Friends

Churches work with so many calendars that it's sometimes hard to keep track of where we are in the year. Of course we're all familiar with the civil calendar that begins with January 1 and ends December 31. The liturgical year, however, doesn't begin January 1, but on the fourth Sunday before Christmas. Its seasons all relate to festival days—Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Pentecost. And then there's the church program year that more or less corresponds to the academic year.

The end of the program year is a time for good-byes because some of us won't be seeing one another again until we gear up for another year in the fall. You already know that I will be away from mid-June until mid-August. Although I will certainly see many of you before leaving for my sabbatical, this is my blanket Good-bye until I return all rested and recharged for the new program year.

This is also a time to say Hello to the pastor who will be filling in for me during the summer. He is the Rev. David Hanks. A few of you have met him and more of you at least know his name. But I want to say a few things about him before he is introduced to the church in person on June 14th.

David was ordained in 1993 and served a church in New Hampshire as senior pastor for seven years. While serving that church he also worked for Eastprint Incorporated in North Andover. In 2001 he became Minister of Music at Christ Church United in Dracut and has served in that position ever since. David is currently in the process of seeking a call to a settled pastoral position in the United Church of Christ, so his two-month stint at West Parish Church is a way for him to ease back into parish ministry. David has been very active in his local church, in addition to his duties as Minister of Music, and in the Andover Association and the Massachusetts Conference. He comes to us very highly recommended and certainly impressed the search committee that interviewed him. On a personal note, David is a Mason, sings with the Boston Gay Men's Choir, and lists his interests as cooking, music, travel, Disney

and baseball. (One of his references mentions that he "is an excellent cook and generally shares his expertise and chocolate treats." I'm going to make him promise to let me know if he brings a chocolate treat to share after worship so I can be sure to get a bite.)

I'm confident that West Parish will be in good hands while I'm away and that you will enjoy getting to know him. Please give him a warm welcome and do whatever you can to make his time at West Parish smooth, rewarding and memorable.

Blessings until the fall,

Tom

NEIGHBORS IN NEED FOOD COLLECTION

Paper bags will be passed out on Sunday, May 31st, for the monthly Neighbors In Need non-perishable food collection. The bags may be returned on Sunday, June 7th, or they may be left in the yellow box opposite the Nursery at any time. There will be no formal distribution of bags during the summer but the yellow bin is always available.

USHERS NEEDED FOR SUMMER SERVICES

We are looking for volunteers who could usher at the chapel this summer. Last summer we were not able to get ushers on a weekly basis. This year since we are having an interim minister, it is important that we have an usher for every Sunday. It is a minimal commitment and very rewarding. Please contact Kathy Dalton at 978-470-4974 or ktldalton@comcast.net if you would be able to usher one weekend during the summer.

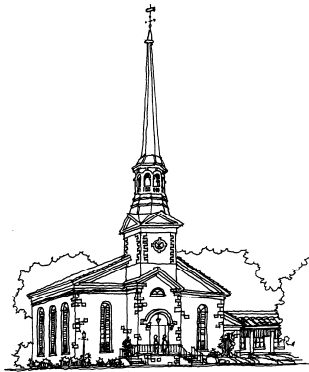
Thank you

West Parish Church

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS

**HOUSEHOLD GOODS
CLOTHES/LINENS
CHILDREN'S ITEMS
TOYS
SPORTING GOODS
PLANTS & POTS**



**COLLECTIBLES/
JEWELRY
BOOKS
CDS/DVDS
SMALL FURNITURE
MISCELLANEOUS**

129 RESERVATION ROAD, ANDOVER AT RTE. 133

**Saturday, June 20 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
RAIN OR SHINE**

Lunch will be sold

PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE FOOD AND FUEL ASSISTANCE TO THOSE MOST IN NEED AND TO OFFSET THE COST OF A YOUTH SERVICE TRIP TO ONE OF THE POOREST COMMUNITIES IN THE U.S.

WEST PARISH COMMUNITY YARD SALE
VOLUNTEER FORM
Saturday June 20th 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Proceeds from the yard sale will be given to various outreach programs in the community....
Sign up early to get your pick of volunteer activities/dates!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

ACTIVITIES:

I would like to volunteer for any of the following:
(Check the box.)

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| | Pick up items to be donated. (This service will only be available for senior citizens and the disabled.) |
| | Sort and price items. (Multiple dates are available for this activity.) |
| | Work the day of the yard sale |
| | Set up the morning of the yard sale. |
| | Clean up after the yard sale |

DATES:

Please list the dates you would be available to volunteer:
(Please state if you only want to volunteer one of these dates, twice, etc.)

Circle one:
Please ... call me/ don't call ...me if these dates won't work.

PREFERENCE:

If you volunteered to sort or to work the yard sale, please check all of the areas you are interested in:
(We will give priority to volunteers with outside allergies, sensitivity to summer heat, etc so that they might work indoors.)

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| | Overlook kids' bouncy house. (If you have a whistle, it may be useful.) |
| | Media (books, records, tapes, CDs, etc.) |
| | Clothing (Please note that this is an inside job.) |
| | Big Tent (Toys, house wares, miscellaneous) |
| | Plants and pots |
| | Sporting goods and luggage |
| | Boutique for Collectables (Please note that this is an inside job.) |

Are you willing/able to help if you can't do one of your "preferred" activities?
Yes No Maybe

What is more important to you- the date or the activity?
Date Activity Both Neither

We are considering having childcare, depending on the need. If we do have childcare it will be available on the day of the yard sale from 10-12. Is this something you would like to have available?

THANK YOU!

WEST PARISH WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS JUNE 7, 2009

- **Alison Cares & Todd Johnson** - Alison and Todd are both originally from central Massachusetts - raised in Northboro and Southboro respectively. They graduated from Algonquin Regional High School, where they met. After high school, Alison went off to Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, and Todd went to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York. Todd & Alison were married after graduation and have since lived in Rhode Island, California, Pennsylvania (where they attended Penn State for graduate school), and Connecticut. They moved to Andover in 2008. Todd is a Project Manager for Richard White Sons Construction Managers in Newton and Alison is a professor at UMASS Lowell. Their children are Lena and Tucker.
- **Barbara Carlson** - Barbara was born and lived in California until she was 34. At that point she moved to Cambridge, MA with her 2 daughters. She attended Pomona College and University of California at Berkley and received her degree at Boston University in Boston. Barbara taught in the Newton, MA school system for 35 years and after retiring, did curriculum and administrative educational work in Newton, Dover-Sherborn, Lincoln-Sudbury and Boston. She still teaches at HILR, where she met Norm Viehmann. She helps to run and administer "Teachers for Scholars" a "university on wheels" for around 100 teachers and 250 scholars in the northeast area. Barbara has traveled widely, read widely, written and dabbled in sculpture and painting. Barbara and Norm Viehmann were married in the West Parish Chapel on October 11, 2008.
- **Joshua Cousley** - Josh grew up on the South Shore in Abington. He has 2 older brothers that live in Greenfield and Abington, MA. Josh and his wife Kelly met at the University of Mass, Amherst and were married after college. During their first year of marriage Joshua went to night school for his MBA. After completing his degree they moved to Andover for a new job. They have lived in Andover for 2 1/2 years. Josh and Kelly have a daughter Isabel. Since moving to Andover they have been looking for a new church home where they can raise their family.
- **Kelly Cousley** - Kelly grew up in Montague, MA. She has a younger sister who lives in New Haven, CT with her husband and one year old daughter. Kelly majored in English at the University of MA, Amherst. She also completed a technical writing program. Meeting Josh her last year of college, they were married December 31, 2004. Kelly has been a technical writer for about 7 years and is currently staying at home with her daughter, Isabel. She and Josh have really enjoyed attending West Parish Church for the past year and look forward to becoming members.
- **Stephen & Jill Sergeant** - Jill Gleason Sergeant was born in Skowhegan, Maine and raised in Norway, Maine. Stephen Nichols Sergeant was born in New London, CT and raised in Groton Long Point, CT. Jill attended Boston University for both her Bachelor's in Psychology and her Master's in Social Work. Stephen attended Northeastern University where he earned his Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering. He began working at Raytheon during an internship at Northeastern and has worked there the past twenty-four years. Jill is a stay-at-home mother of two children; Julia age eight and Erik age five. Jill and Stephen met the summer of '96 at the Red Parrot in Newport, RI. They were married in a Congregational church in Bethel, Maine in '99. Jill, Stephen, Julia and Erik love to camp and go to Acadia National Park in Bar Harbor, Maine for their annual camping trip. The Sergeant family also loves to hike, swim, ski and watch movies.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WEST PARISH GRADUATING SENIORS

Christopher Hansen Andover High School
Brendan Mahoney Andover High School
Devon Mullen Andover High School
Angela Tenney Stanford University
Degree in Chemical Engineering

NEW MUGS

The new glass mugs in the Fellowship Hall cupboard are a gift to the Church from Women's Evening Circle. We have purchased them to be used at special West Parish functions and receptions. We thought they would add a nice touch at these kinds of events!



Women's Evening Circle

LOST AND FOUND CHECK IT OUT!!

Are you missing your umbrella or your child's jacket? These items, plus many more are in our Lost and Found area next to the entrance door near Fellowship Hall. Please check it out as anything left on the day of the Yard Sale will be sold or given to charity.

KNITTING MINISTRY

The "Blessing of the Shawls" will take place on **Sunday, June 14th**. Hospice of Merrimack Valley is always wishing for more of our beautiful shawls for their patients. So please, keep knitting! If you have a shawl that is nearly finished, please bring it to the office by June 10th. As always, I am available to teach knitting or to get you started on a shawl. Please call me!

Donna Ellsworth
978 475-3009

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the September Newsletter is August 17th. Please leave your articles or notices in the Newsletter mailbox in the church office or email to: westparishchurch@verizon.net.

If you have an item or announcement that needs to be distributed during the summer, please send me an email or leave the article in the Administrators Box and I will broadcast per your request. Thank You.

Betsy Collins

EARTH STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Earth Stewardship Committee, is an ad hoc committee tasked by Governing Board to look at how other UCC churches have addressed issues of respect and sacred treatment of the environment and all living creatures. The committee crafted a covenant and submitted it to the Governing Board as a recommendation for West Parish. With some adjustments, the Governing Board supported the Committee's recommendation and moved to include the covenant on the agenda for our January 2009 Annual Meeting for a vote. After further discussion, Governing Board withdrew the covenant from the agenda so that a vote could be based on more dialogue and discussion. The Board felt that congregational members might want to know more about the history of the term "covenant", and the UCC's involvement in the environmental justice movement before voting.

On Sunday, May 3, the Earth Stewardship Committee held an informal conversation in the parlor, immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting was to review the originally proposed covenant, how it would build community at West Parish around sustainable practices and environmental justice, and how it would join us with our sister churches in the United Church of Christ. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 7, immediately following worship. The focus of the meeting will be on the meaning of "covenant", and the UCC background for creating a covenant around the environment and the natural world. It is not the goal of the Earth Stewardship Committee, or the language of the covenant, to address or resolve scientific debates around specific environmental issues. The purpose of the June 7th meeting is to continue the conversation around building a covenant and to set the stage for a congregational vote in the fall. Everyone is welcome to join in the conversation. Please join us for coffee and conversation.

Environmental Justice *"As people of God, it's critically important that we become real stewards of the creation. And by being stewards of the creation, and by honoring our relationship with God, we must honor our relationship with each other. To that end, we have a responsibility to each other in order to live out the integrity of creation."* **Linda Jaramillo**, Executive Minister, Justice and Witness Minister, The United Church of Christ

Since 1959, the United Church of Christ has recognized our call to be stewards of God's ever-evolving creation, as is evidenced by the [Second General Synod resolution](#) that was a "call to Christian action in society, 'including a call for conservation and development of the Earth's resources for the benefit of all people now and in the future.'"

Environmental Justice - Eco-Justice

Environment is where we live and where our neighbor lives.

The United Church of Christ [Justice and Witness Ministries](#) has long been a leader in the [Environmental Justice](#) movement.

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WEST PARISH CHURCH GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes April 2, 2009 7:30 PM (Unapproved)

The church is us!

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

Attending: Rev. Tom McMillan, Ed Pass (Worship), Jim Olson (CE), Linda Willis (Stewardship), Don Nickerson (Treasurer), Martha Gibson (Outreach), Frank Hopkins (acting chair).

NEW BUSINESS

Steve Sawin gave the status report on West Parish Cemetery. Highlights included the 300th year of the cemetery, several concerts, maintenance, and further enhancements to the property. 100th Year Anniversary of the Chapel - many events planned, including a concert on June 6th by members of the BSO, and an historical walk on May 16th, a memorial service for lot owners on May 17th. (Complete report attached.)

Nancy McMillan (Outreach) proposed that Outreach Ministry sponsor the Yard Sale this year. We know that many members of the greater Lawrence community look forward to this event, and it was important to continue this outreach especially given the current economy. Outreach Ministry is also hoping to help sponsor SPY in their efforts to raise money for their mission to South Dakota in 2010. We see this as a win/win proposal with SPY helping and earning funds toward their mission, and with other proceeds from the yard sale going back to the community food and fuel banks and shelters. The date will be Saturday, June 20th. The Governing Board approved this proposal.

Frank Hopkins outline the agenda for the WPC Green Covenant Informational Meeting to be held on Sunday, May 3rd immediately after morning worship. Sabbatical Search Committee has proposed Rev. David Hanks as the summer interim for Tom's sabbatical. He will begin June 21st. The Governing Board unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

MINISTRIES

CE - Look into scheduling of rooms - prioritize - is there a policy for room use?

Operations - no contract from Verizon - there will be follow-up

TREASURER'S REPORT

Pledges are behind - improved in March, down in April

Possibly another letter from the Collector (quarterly)

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 7:30. Jim Olson will lead the reflection.

Closing Prayer: Tom McMillan

Meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Gibson

**From the Desk of
Marie J. Lucca
Minister of Children,
Youth & Families**

The easy-going, relaxed atmosphere of the summer makes it a perfect time for families to “get reacquainted” after an all-too-often chaotic school year. Today’s youth are longing to connect with their parents and grandparents. They want to spend time together, to engage in deep conversations with adults. Really, I’m not kidding! But I often hear complaints that “my parents just won’t make time for me” or “they never really listen to what I’m saying” or “they really don’t seem to care about my feelings.” I don’t believe that’s always true but I do think that many adults simply don’t know how to start a dialogue with an adolescent.

I recently came across a poem written from a teen’s perspective by *Youth Specialties* writer Jim Hancock. Please allow me this opportunity to share it with you. Wishing you many meaningful conversations this summer

Marie

“People Listen to People Who Listen”

Listen

You wanna know how I'm doing?

Don't ask.

Seriously.

Don't ask if you're not ready to listen.

Don't say, "How you doin'?"

I'll just say, "Fine."

It's the answer I'm trained to give
whether it's true or not.

A shallow answer to a shallow question.

Most people don't really wanna know;
they assume I know they're just being polite.

I don't think that's polite at all.

Short questions get short answers.

You wanna know how I'm doing?

Ask what I've been up to;

what I'm working on;

what's up with my family.

If you're asking me (and I sensed you were),
most of the best questions don't have question marks:

"Tell me about your sister."

"I'd like to hear about your job."

"Tell me how you felt."

"Tell me what you mean."

"I'd like to know more about that."

You wanna know how I feel when
you ask questions that way?

I feel included.

I feel cared for.

I feel like I belong.

Please...

if you already know the answer,

it's not really a question, is it ...

it's a test.

Please don't do that to me.

(I hate tests.)

Don't make me look foolish.

Don't trick me.

Don't use me to make a point.

If you're serious,

ask what I think,

ask how I feel,

ask an honest question,

and wait for my honest answer.

Learn from silence.

If I don't answer right away

– if the silence goes on too long –

ask what that means.

Maybe I'm embarrassed.

Maybe I didn't understand the question.

(Maybe you weren't clear.)

Maybe I'm thinking (and wouldn't that be nice).

You wanna know how I'm doing?

Sometimes I'm sad

because life is confusing

and painful,

and we both know

there's nothing you can do to fix that.

It's okay. I'll be fine...truly.

But that doesn't mean I don't want you to check.

Give me a chance to tell you when I'm fine,

and maybe I'll tell you when I'm not.

Don't take my first response at face value.

Listen with your eyes: Do I look like I'm doing all right?

Listen with your heart: Do you believe my answer?

With the very best motives

– and sometimes with the worst --

I'm capable of every kind of deceit.

Just like you.

Don't ask me to do what you won't.

If you wanna know my story,

tell me yours.

Let me know I'm safe --

let me know you're not perfect either.

When I believe that,

I'll talk your ear off.

ADULT MUSIC CAMP

Join other musically minded Christian adults of all ages for the opportunity to spend a long weekend making beautiful music together. We will worship, rehearse, relax and enjoy fellowship with one another. On Sunday afternoon we will share our talents in a concert. All participants are expected to sing in the choir. All of this takes place at the beautiful setting of the UCC Conference Center on Cape Cod in Craigville, MA with access to the beach, walking trails and a peaceful environment.

Come alone or bring a friend!

**Arrive Thursday, July 23 3:00pm
Depart Sunday, July 26 after dinner.
Craigville Conference Center**

*\$350 per person for 3 nights lodging,
10 meals and linens. (\$60.00 extra for
additional night and breakfast on 7/27.)*

To register or for more information, see:
<http://www.macucc.org/leadership/MusicCamp.htm>

STAR ISLAND ADULT RETREAT

This 3-day conference and retreat is organized by the members of the Laity of the United Church of Christ and includes speakers and personal prayer time. Setting is beautiful Star Island, New Hampshire from Saturday, September 5 to Monday, September 7. For details, visit:

<http://www.starisland.org/conferences/2009/>

CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION

If you haven't registered your child/ren with our Christian Education program, please do so as soon as possible. Customized registration forms were e-mailed to all families in May but blank forms can be found on the church website.

"BREAKTHROUGH"

A SUMMER WEEKEND RETREAT for ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Open to children entering 4th, 5th & 6th grades, "Breakthrough" is a weekend "camp experience" full of faith and fun! Activities include swimming, games, storytelling, campfires and more. It's close to home (North Andover) and only about 40 hours long, perfect for preteens who yearn for independence but don't want to be away from home for too long.

This retreat is non-denominational in nature and is sponsored by the Rolling Ridge Retreat Center.

Location: Rolling Ridge Retreat
Center, North Andover, MA
Check-in: Friday, July 10 at 5:00 pm
Check-out: Sunday, July 12 at noon
Cost: \$185

For more information and registration forms, contact Marie or visit www.rollingridge.org.

UPCOMING SPY EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars!



Jr. and Sr. SPY

Sunday, June 7
2:00 pm, South Church

Studio Go! VBS Volunteer Meeting — We need MS and HS students to volunteer as crew leaders and helpers with crafts, games, decorations etc. for a three-parish vacation bible school. Confirmation service hours given!

Friday-Saturday, June 12-13

White Water Rafting Trip

Wednesday, June 17
4:30 - 8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Pizza Party. Come eat pizza and socialize as we sort items together for the Yard Sale. 4:30 — 8:30 pm (or as your schedule allows). Please RSVP Marie by June 13. Confirmation service hours given!

Saturday, June 20
7:30 am - 2:00 pm

West Parish Yard Sale! Help with set up, sales, babysitting, children's activities and clean up. Confirmation service hours given! Please RSVP Marie by June 13.

Monday-Thursday, July 27-30
5:30 - 8:15 pm, South Church

Studio Go! TV Game Show themed Vacation Bible School. See above!

“Spirituality and the Holy Spirit” A Christian Summer Camp for Adults!

The Massachusetts Conference of the UCC invites you to attend the 26th annual summer Theological Colloquy — five days of interrelated Biblical reflection, worship, theological study, workshops and small group discussions. This year, the focus will be on the 3rd person of the Trinity. The Colloquy is a wonderful opportunity for adults to share a week studying critical Biblical passages relevant to the Holy Spirit; experiencing Spirit-centered worship; attending major presentations on spirituality and the Holy Spirit; finding a breathing place for the Word; and learning and participating in Taize-style chants. In addition, you will be able to take part in various related workshops such as Embodied Spirituality, Centering Prayer, Art and Spirituality, The Spirituality of Music, Celtic Spirituality and “Messy Spirituality.” Plus, wonderful meals, socializing, and time to relax on the beach! Think of it as a Christian summer camp for adults!

The Colloquy takes place from July 13-17, 2009 at the Craigville Conference Center on Cape Cod. For more information, go to:

<http://www.macucc.org/leadership/documents/craigvillecolloquy.pdf>