

# Wilbraham United Church

500 Main Street

Wilbraham MA 01095

Phone: 596-2511 x 100 Fax: 596-2512

Email: [admin@wilbrahamunitedchurch.org](mailto:admin@wilbrahamunitedchurch.org)

Website: [www.wilbrahamunitedchurch.org](http://www.wilbrahamunitedchurch.org)

“But those who  
hope in the LORD  
will renew their STRENGTH.  
They will SOAR on  
wings like eagles;  
they will RUN and  
not grow weary,  
they will WALK  
and not be faint.”

Isaiah 40:31



## Communion

February 5, 2012

10:00 A.M

**PRELUDE:** “Great Day” Spiritual, arr. Robert *the Handbell Choir*

### WORDS OF GREETING

**\*OPENING HYMN:** “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” # 126

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

Llewellyn Merrick

Leader: Good people of the church, lift up your eyes and see.

*People: Have you not seen? Have you not heard? Our God greets us here.*

Leader: Good servants of the Most High, open your ears to hear.

*People: Have you not seen? Have you not heard? Our God meets us here.*

Leader: Good children of the light open your hearts and know what it means to delight in God.

*People: For we have seen, heard and known from the beginning to the end, our God...is.*

### GATHERING PRAYER

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: What do we hold and treasure most?

*People: Is it the promises of God?*

Pastor: What captivates our attention?

*People: Is it the grace of God?*

Pastor: God of mercy and grace:

*People: We are vulnerable people who sometimes ignore the vulnerable.*

*We are broken people who don't always pay attention to the world's brokenness.*

*Heal us, O God, to make us better healers.*

*Mend our rifts, that we might be better builders.*

*Cleanse our hearts, so we can clear out the damage of hurt and oppression.*

*We are yours, loving God. Help us to live and to know this better. Amen.*

#### Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Have you known? Have you heard? Our God lifts us up on eagle's wings...strengthening us so that we won't be weary. The burden of sin is but a far and distant memory. For, through Christ, our sins – all of them – are forgiven.

*People: God is great in strength, mighty in power, and full of endless love for us all.*

**SONG OF PRAISE:** *Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in one;*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.*

*World without end. Amen. Amen.*

### OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND SELVES

**Offertory Anthem:** “Rejoice, Oh Christian, Sing His Praise”

McCabe

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God, Creator of the earth;  
Praise God made flesh with Jesus' birth;  
Praise God within each living soul;  
Praise God in whom we are made whole.*

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Prayer Requests**

**Prayer of the People & Our Lord's Prayer (trespasses)**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**Prayer Response**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON:**

**Isaiah 40:21-31**

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is God who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when the Almighty blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

“So, to whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal?” says the Holy One. “Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? Who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because I am great in strength...mighty in power, not one is missing.”

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Holy One, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Almighty is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. God does not faint or grow weary; God's understanding is unsearchable. God gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Almighty shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Leader: Our God is still speaking.      *People: Thanks be to God.*

**SERMON:**

“Finding Your Second Wind”

**HYMN:**

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

# 618

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN:**

“In the Midst of New Dimensions”

# 2238 FWS

**\*BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH**

**POSTLUDE:**

“Psalm of Glory”

Smith

**\*All who feel comfortable may stand.**

The *altar flowers* this morning are given to the Glory of God by Patty Keiser in loving memory of her mother, Ann Thomas in honor and celebration of her birthday.

Our services are *videotaped and broadcast* on Wilbraham Public Access television, Channel 5, at **8 PM** on Mondays and **8 AM** on Tuesdays. **We always need more volunteers** – please see the bulletin boards to see what is involved, or call Betsy Johnsen at 599-1325



**MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY:**

**PASTOR:** The Rev. Dr. Charles C. Close

**MUSIC DIRECTOR:** Mark Jacobson

**INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Jeanne Westcott

**INTERPRETER FOR THE DEAF:** Leslie Munn

**HEAD USHER:** John Tarbell

**USHERS:** Deacons

**GREETER:** Claire McCollough

**NURSERY CARE:** Jo Miner, Cindy Koziol



**Attention Visitors!** Is this your first visit to United Church? We bid you a very warm welcome and invite you to sign our Guest Pad located in the Narthex. Please take a minute to look through the brochures and information at the Guest Table. These will help to familiarize you with our programs and our church family.

- ◆ Please continue down the central hallway and join us for fellowship and coffee in our Fellowship Hall immediately after the service.

*Hosting today is Cindy Koziol.*

# Wilbraham United Church, UCC & UMC

*“News for the Pews” for the week of February 5, 2012*



Patrick Wise – and his family, Kathy H. Satterfield and family, Katie Beth, Eric Jones, Loni Brower, Anna Salls, Joyce Muldrew, Jack Getchell Bill Berman & Family, Betsy Close, Ron Nobbs, Lorn Helgoe, The boys at the Robert F. Kennedy Detention Center, Our armed forces and their families, our country and our world.

### Weekly Statistics

Last week's Attendance: 115

Total Offerings to date: \$18,838.

Last week's Offering: \$5,669.

Where we would like to be budget-wise: \$23,173.

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*



Welcome to our newest member, **Jean Michon!** Jean lives at 28 Miles Morgan Ct. and her phone number is 599-1843. Previously, Jean was a long time resident of Springfield and attended East Church and Christ Church Cathedral. She is retired from 18 years at Brightside/Sisters of Providence, and has two adult children, Sherry and Douglas. So far, Jean is enjoying meeting other members of this church family and this beautiful church.

*The Monson Circle of Faith*, a group of area churches including Wilbraham United, is dedicated to building – either from scratch for Habitat for Humanity, or on a weekend basis helping with reconstruction and renovations of tornado damaged homes. Currently, MCOF is working on a home in

Monson and WUC is scheduled to provide the morning coffee break and lunch on February 11<sup>th</sup>. **Are you able to help in some way??** Needed would be a couple Boxes of Joe from Dunkin Donuts--*or* a couple Dunkin Donuts gift cards, munchies for morning break (DD donuts, nut breads, danish???) and sandwich makings for up to 15 people. Donations of meat, cheese, rolls, fruit and simple desserts would be very appreciated. The mess hall will be at the Monson Fire Dept., so if anyone is willing to come and make sandwiches, that would be the meeting place. If interested in helping or donating for Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, please call Laurie in the office. **The MCOF is looking for more workers also. Are you handy with a hammer?** Please see Alan Burch if you are interested in helping in any way.



## AWAKENING HEART Yoga classes:

Mondays, 9:30 am with Sarah

Tuesdays, 7:00 pm with Maura

~~Wednesdays, 9:30 am with Ellen~~

⚡ (suspended until May)

Fridays, 9:30 am with Sarah



**The Thrift Shop's Cupboards Are Bare!!** We desperately need your *very good* quality household goods in the Thrift Shop. Lamps, books,

knickknacks, music, artwork, games, candles, baskets, small appliances, dishes, glassware, etc. are all very much appreciated. Please, **NO** clothing, TVs, computers, suitcases, large items, or anything you wouldn't give your sister. **Thank you!!**

**Thrift Shop hours are Friday and Sat., 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.**

### Attention MSYF!!-- Retreat Info:

*The date for the MSYF retreat has been confirmed for February 11 and 12 at the Becket Outdoor Center, Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA. Please remember to return your completed paperwork and payment to Jeanne no later than Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012.*

### On a Hopeful Note Concert

to Benefit **Trees Bring Hope** program  
to replant Wilbraham

Saturday, February 11, 7 pm

at Christ the King Church, 758 Main Street

\$10 per person; \$20 per family



### Upcoming dates:

*Feb. 11 & 12 – MSYF Retreat in Becket*

*Feb. 11 – WUC feeds MCOF in Monson*

*Feb. 12- SHYF Movie Night*

February 14 – Valentine's Day

*Feb. 15 & 16 – Prep and Serve Loaves & Fishes*

*Feb. 19- NO YF MEETINGS*

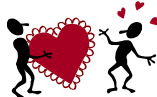
February 20 – Presidents' Day – offices closed

*Feb. 22 – Ash Wed. Soup & Service 6:30 pm FH*

February 26 First Sunday in Lent

Feb. 26- Regular YF meetings @ 5:30 and 7:00

*March 4 – 4 pm Healing Service with Rev. Heidi Chamberland of UMC District Office*



## This Week at Wilbraham United

*“News for Pews” deadline: Wed. 3:30 pm*

### SUNDAY – 2/05/2012 GO PATS!!!!

#### **10am Worship**

11:15 am Fellowship Hour – Fellowship Hall

11:30 am Jr. Choir – Choir Room

1 – 3:30 pm WUP – Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm Al Anon – 1G

7:00 pm Senior High YF – Youth Room

### MONDAY – 02/06

9:00 am MOPS – FH, plus

9:30 am Yoga Class – Discovery Room

10:00 am PieceMakers – Bliss Room

6:30 pm Outreach Comm. – Bliss Room

7:30 pm WUP rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

### TUESDAY – 02/07

9:30 am Staff Mtg – Library

Noon MIDWG – Friendship Room

6:00 pm Girl Scouts – Howard Room

7:00 pm Human Relations Comm. - Library

7:00 pm Yoga Class – Discovery Rm

7:30 pm WUP rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

### WED. – 02/08

5:00 pm Living the Questions – Disc.Room

6:30 pm Al Anon – 1G

### THURSDAY – 02/09

4:00 pm Prayer Study Group – Friendship Room

6:00 pm Al Anon – 1G; Al A-Teen – 1st SS rm on left

7:00 pm Bells rehearsal – Choir Room

8:00 pm Choir rehearsal – Choir Rm

### FRIDAY – 02/10 9:30 am Yoga Class – Disc. Rm

9:30am – 12:30 pm Thrift Shop – 8 & 10B

### SATURDAY – 02/11 (MSYF Retreat)

**9:30 am & Noon WUC feeds MCOF in Monson**

9:30 am – 12:30 pm Thrift Shop – 8 & 10B

11 am – 2 pm Chili Fest – Fellowship Hall

### SUNDAY – 02/12 (MSYF Retreat)

**10:00 am Worship - Sanctuary**

11:15 am Fellowship Hour – Fellowship Hall

11:30 am Confirmation Class – Youth Room

11:30 am Jr. Choir – Choir room

1:00 pm WUP rehearsal – Choir Room

6:00 pm Al Anon – 1G

⚡ **5:00pm- 6:00pm** Middle School YF

**\* NOTE TIME CHANGE THIS WEEK ONLY\***

7:00 pm Senior High YF – Youth Room