



The Link - September 2007

FIELD OF FLAGS IN FUMC MARLBORO

The Field of Flags is a display of honor and respect for the individual lives that have been lost in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, lives that have been given out of love and devotion to the country. Each flag displayed represents a person with a name, hometown, family, and friends. Each flag represents a person created by God and loved by God. Each flag represents a family in tears.



Marlborough Mayor Nancy Stevens plants flags and presents the church with a Citation complimenting us for hosting the Field of Flags and encouraging the whole community to participate in its presence.

First UMC Marlborough separated out the 73 flags in memory of the Massachusetts casualties and placed a new banner near them.



Ken Cox, Tom Swett and Phoebe Cox respectfully reflect on the Field of Flags after the opening ceremony on August 11.





W.H.O. (Women Helping Others) has made these colorful door bows to show support for our troops. They graced the pews at the Memorial Service for Massachusetts Casualties in Iraq and Afghanistan on Saturday, August 25. They will be for sale to the community at the Heritage Street Fair on the last Sunday in September. Make plans to purchase one of your own! They are a limited edition.

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Charge Conference

Our Charge Conference is the earliest ever! Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 16. All church members, especially new members, are expected to attend. This is the annual business meeting of the church where we report on our accomplishments for the past year. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Ron Wilson, will officiate. We are required by church law to hold this conference, and we will be voting on a slate of church officers for the 2008 year.

Staff Parish Committees from Marlborough and North Grafton will meet with the District Superintendent at 3:30 PM. All other church members are expected to be present to convene the Charge Conference at 4:30 PM in the Sanctuary.

Charge Conference reports

All chairpersons must submit their Charge Conference reports to the church office in hard copy or via email no later than Friday, September 7 for inclusion in this year's charge conference report.

There is no “wiggle room” on this deadline, as it takes a long time to compile, format, copy and collate the reports.

THERE IS NO CHURCH SECRETARY TO COMPILE THE REPORT THIS YEAR. THEREFORE, IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ASSIST IN COMPILING THE REPORT, COPYING IT, OR PUT THE REPORTS IN FOLDERS FOR THE MEETING, PLEASE LET PASTOR LINDA KNOW RIGHT AWAY.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

3 PEOPLE ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 14 TO MAKE COPIES AND PUT CHARGE CONFERENCE REPORTS IN FOLDERS. 2-5 PM. IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE LET PASTOR LINDA KNOW RIGHT AWAY.

Homecoming Sunday

This year, we will celebrate Homecoming Sunday on September 23. Please make a special effort to attend and bring family members, friends, or neighbors who have not been to church in awhile. We will inaugurate this year's ministries and consecrate church officers and those in other mission/outreach activities.

Youth Group Yard Sale

Youth Group Yard Sale will take place September 29th, 9 am - 3 pm. All donations may be left in the Choir Room starting 9/16. Thanks for your continued support with this fundraiser!

Sunday school News

Sunday school will resume Sept. 9th, 11:15 am- 12:10 pm. Please note new time. Children will be called to Sunday school approx. 15 minutes after the start of the service. Parents can pick children up in the Sunday school classroom at 12:10 pm.

Education Committee will meet 9/6 at 6:45 pm, in the large meeting room.

worship Committee will meet 9/9, following the service in the Choir Room.

Church Calendar for September 2007

2	Sunday	11:00 AM Noon 2:30 PM	Morning Worship with Holy Communion Coffee Hour Fellowship, Vestry Closing Ceremony for Field of Flags
3	Monday	Labor Day Holiday	—No Bible Study and Office Closed
5	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Trustees Meet, Education Room
6	Thursday	6:45 PM 7:00 PM	Education Committee Meets, Education Room Worship at New Horizons Assisted Living
7	Friday	5:00 PM	All Charge Conference Reports due in Church Office
9	Sunday	11:00 AM Noon	Morning Worship Coffee Hour Fellowship, Vestry
10	Monday	10:00 AM	Adult Bible Study, home of Bess Cowan
13	Thursday	7:00 PM	Worship at New Horizons Assisted Living
14	Friday	Afternoon	Final Copying and Collating Charge Conference Booklets
15	Saturday	2:00 PM	Fellowship Pizza Party and preparation of Homeless Shelter Meal—All are Invited to attend for fun and fellowship!
16	Sunday	11:00 AM Noon 3:30 PM 4:30 PM	Morning Worship and Celebration of 2 nd Anniversary of W.H.O. (Women Helping Others) Coffee Hour Fellowship, Vestry with continuing celebration of W.H.O. anniversary SPRC Meets with District Superintendent Joint Charge Conference with North Grafton in our Sanctuary
17	Monday	10:00 AM	Adult Bible Study, home of Bess Cowan
19	Wednesday	7:15 PM	W.H.O. Meets, Vestry: final preparation for Street Fair
20	Thursday	7:00 PM	Worship at New Horizons Assisted Living
22	Saturday	1:00-5:00 PM	Mandatory Clergy Meeting with Bishop in Chelmsford
23	Sunday	11:00 AM Noon	Morning Worship with Homecoming Celebration Coffee Hour Fellowship, Vestry
24	Monday	10:00 AM 3:30 PM	Adult Bible Study, home of Bess Cowan Marlborough Interfaith Clergy Association
27	Thursday	7:00 PM	Worship at New Horizons Assisted Living
28	Friday	6:00 PM	Setup for Yard Sale
29	Saturday	9:00-3:00 PM	Youth Fall Yard Sale, Vestry
30	Sunday	7:00-3:00 PM 11:00 AM Noon	Heritage Day Street Fair, Main Street Morning Worship with Holy Communion Coffee Hour Fellowship, Vestry

WHO plans a festive fall season

WHO (Women Helping Others) will represent the church at Marlborough's annual Heritage Festival (the event formerly known as the Horatio Alger Street Fair) to be held on Sunday, September 30. Thanks to our "sewing days" as well as the additional work done by Michele, Linda, Ann, Evey, and Pastor Linda, we now have gorgeous patriotic bows, children's aprons, and pillow cases to sell at the festival. We will need help to set up and dismantle our booth and to man the booth throughout the day. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestry for anyone who can contribute a couple of hours to the cause.

WHO will host a "Home Party Vendor Fair" on Sunday, October 21, from 2:00-4:00. Come to the church vestry to sample the newest lines from Southern Living at Home, Lites of Hope, Tupperware, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Silpada, Stampin' Up, Longaberger, and more. Enjoy refreshments and leisurely shopping. Bring a guest and have a ball!

WHO is selling tickets to the popular holiday shopping event, "Simon Evening of Giving". This is an exclusive after-hours shopping night for charity to be held on Sunday, November 18. Tickets, which sell for \$10, support our WHO missions and the Simon Youth Foundation. Please see any member of WHO to purchase your tickets.



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