



**St. Paul's Church of Palmer
 Universalist-Unitarian**
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NEWSLETTER

CHURCH CALENDAR

Services are at 10 AM in Sanctuary

April 5	Rev. Bill Baughan	PALM SUNDAY
April 12	Rev. Stephen Howard	EASTER SUNDAY
April 19	Rev. Jon Rehms	
April 26	Rev. Bill Baughan	

Theme: "Renewal of the Spirit: Direct experience of that transcending mystery and Wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and openness to the forces that create and uphold life."

***** Coffee Hour immediately following the Sunday Service in Fellowship Hall. *****

Coffee Hour

Verna Besaw for continues to bring goodies for coffee hour week after week. Coffee hour is the time when we get to touch base with and care about each other and Verna makes that time "sweeter" for all of us. Thank you, Verna, we all truly appreciate our "Coffee Hour Angel."

Anniversaries and Birthdays

April 4	Bryan Tierney	April 16	Philip Dineen
9	Robyn Faulkner	29	Denise Faulkner
13	Homer Denniss		

Cares, Joys and Concerns

EVERYONE hopes that Brad Salzman is feeling better!!!! Ernie Bacon – How's it goin?
 Homer Denniss would love to hear from old friends. His new address is Orchard Valley,
 Apt. 224, 2387 Boston Rd., Wilbraham 01095. His phone number is 413-599-1764.
 Been thinking about you, Mary Papineau.

APRIL 15

Income Taxes are Due



Food Share

A Food Share Box is located in Fellowship Hall near the coat closet. Please feel free to place your non-perishable items in this box. Palmer Food Share at 39 Walnut St. is open on Tuesday and Friday from 10 am to 11:30 am. Those in need must register prior to receiving food, and then are eligible to receive food every 3 months. You can even mail donations to Food Share, 39 Walnut Street, Palmer 01069.

Church Greeters

Gordon and Irene Christiansen and Verna Besaw have graciously offered to be greeters on Sundays. If you would like to also greet, you can call the church office at 283-8185.

Community Meals

Community Meals are held the 4th Saturday of each month. If you would like to donate a food item or make a monetary contribution, you can let Barbara Stone know at 413-283-5257. The next meal will be **April 25, 5 pm.**

FYI

May 12th – 16th **MAY TAG SALE**

We are accepting useable furniture,
Kitchenware, books in good shape, etc.

NOT accepting clothing, computers,
printers, mattresses, encyclopedias

Call Gordon Christiansen for more information

The Book Sale and Curio Shoppe will reopen in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 18th and be open on all the following Saturdays from 10 am until 1 pm.

Joan Allen has a new GREAT granddaughter. Sadie Mae Matczak and family are doing just fine.

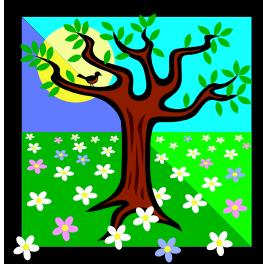
From UU Leader: (submitted by Barbara Stone)

One thing you can do to improve worship in your congregation. It is clear that the single event in the life of most congregations that brings the community together like no other is the weekly worship service. For some people it is their only contact with the congregations; for most it is the touchstone. What, then, can we do to deepen the experience of worship? The number one thing you can do to improve the quality and the experience of worship in your congregation:

Nurture a collaborative relationship between worship leader and music professional. Music is such an essential element of a fully engaging worship service yet it is often less than fully integrated, often relegated to the sidelines. Strive to have close and collaborative communication between the clergy person or lay leader and the music professional during the development of a service so that both can bring their expertise to the table.

School Vacation is April 20-24. Watch for children riding their bikes, rollerblading, chasing balls, skateboarding, etc. Spring has FINALLY arrived!

A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, 'Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today.' The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. 'That's interesting,' she said, 'how do you make babies?' 'It's simple,' replied the girl. 'You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'.'



*Call Barbara Stone if you would like to have
flowers in church for Easter.*

Happy Easter to All

St. Paul's History --

The Rev. Mark Harris, our minister beginning in February 1979, was active in the Connecticut Valley District, UUA activities, and became Vice President and board member of CVD. He was interested in church history and published a book about liberal religion in New Salem, Massachusetts entitled *Among the Dry Bones*.

During his years there were more energy-saving efforts. We moved the daycare center to Fellowship Hall for the winter of 1982-83 and insulated the Fellowship House attic, pantry, and kitchen. Hot water heating pipes throughout the building were also insulated.

The Rev. Harris suggested selling the parsonage and doing over the second floor of Fellowship Hall as an apartment for the minister. It was never acted upon.

In 1981 Mark and his wife Susan Hellen revived the Clara Barton Guild, formerly a women's group in the church. Mark was instrumental in the opening of a Palmer branch of Food Share in June 1982, on the second floor of Fellowship Hall. This facility became a member of Western Massachusetts Food Bank and continues to this day after moving to the former parsonage building at 39 Walnut Street.

Fundraisers during this time were for new draperies in Fellowship Hall by the Ladies Social Union, Doll House Fairs, and Apple Fairs. An attempt was made to re-form a youth group was started. A part time janitor was hired in April 1983. The Social Club was organized in May 1984. Also in that year three rooms upstairs in Fellowship Hall began being used by Children's Protective Services/Children's Study Home. In October the Stained Glass Window Fund was started and continues today. Its purpose is to completely restore and protect all the church building windows. The first ones completed in 1985 were above the choir loft.

After a busy, active ministry Mark resigned as of June 1, 1985, to go to Boston to be the Director of Information for the UUA.