

# The Visitor

December 2015

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Taken **from The Vine**

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## Celebrating the Gifts ...

### 12 months of New England Mission Shares

*In the 1<sup>st</sup> month of 2015, through mission shares gave we:*

One Mission university

*In the 2<sup>nd</sup> month of 2015, through mission shares gave we:*

Two campus ministries

*In the 3<sup>rd</sup> month of 2015, through mission shares gave we:*

Three JFON clinics

*In the 4<sup>th</sup> month of 2015, through mission shares gave we:*

Four thousand dollars (on average) in Equitable Compensation grants each to 46 churches

*In the 5<sup>th</sup> month of 2015, through mission shares gave we:*

Five camp/retreat centers

*In the 6<sup>th</sup> month of 2015, through mission shares gave we:*

Six graduates of the first class of the Biblical Leadership Institute for Hispanic/Latino laity

*In the 7<sup>th</sup> month of 2015, through mission shares gave we:*

Seven (or more) people from three church teams sent to Launchpad: church planters bootcamp

*In the 8<sup>th</sup> month of 2015, through mission shares gave we:*

Eight walks to Emmaus (scholarships for laity)

*In the 9<sup>th</sup> month of 2015, through mission shares gave we:*

Nine District Resource Day speakers

*In the 10<sup>th</sup> month of 2015, through mission shares gave we:*

Ten sewing machines for the Managua (Nicaragua) Sewing Program

*In the 11<sup>th</sup> month of 2015, through mission shares gave we:*

Eleven participants to the national Do No Harm conference

*In the 12<sup>th</sup> month of 2015, through mission shares gave we:*

Twelve months of supplemental health care coverage (including dental!) for our retirees

Mission share giving – the share of our tithes and offerings that goes beyond our local church to support United Methodist ministries and mission around the conference and the globe – is up by about \$150,000 this year over 2014. That's much to celebrate, because together we can so much more than on our own.

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#### Church hours:

Sunday Worship Service 10:30am

Sunday School 9:30am

Office Hours Monday thru Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm

# Church and Community News

## Christmas Eve Prayer

"Blessed Shining Night of Lights  
Pointing out the newborn babe  
Who came to show our world that love  
Is by far the truest way.

To find the path to heaven's home  
To make our searching not in vain  
To show the way that fills our soul  
With heavenly light day by day.

Blessed Shining Light of Lights  
We find you in our heart each day  
And by our caring, sharing acts  
We go forth, not led astray.

Blessed Babe of Golden Light  
Never forgotten, here to stay  
Living on eternally  
Hand and hand with us each day.  
Living on eternally  
Living in joy with us today

- Susan Helene Kramer



**Rick McKinley will be joining us again on the 10th of January 2016 immediately following the service. Lunch will be provided.**

## CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

*We are very excited to notify all of you that a Cancer Support Group will begin at our Oneco UMC.*

*7:00-8:30 p.m., and will meet monthly on the 4th Tuesday of the month.*

*We have facilitators for the Group, but still need a few people just to sit in to listen for specific needs within the group. Please spread the word. Everyone is welcome to attend.*

## UNITED METHODIST 101

**Second Thursday of the month at 6:00pm**

Come to **UNITED METHODISM 101**. It's interactive and is a blend of audio, video, written materials and group discussion.

A lifelong or long-term or new to the United Methodist traditions?" You may be surprised at what you can learn about our United Methodist Church and how it fits into the modern world.

Why are you United Methodist? What is your image of The United Methodist Church? How did that image develop? What would you like to learn about our church? .

You do not have to attend every one and can jump in any time! Come when you can.



**KNITTING AND STITCHING Women's Group** – Open group -

Starting the third Friday's of the month. Come join the shenanigans, ummm I mean crafting.

**7:00 – 8:30.**

Please call or email Cathy McNeill for location. 860 -230-6804 [cathymcneill@ymail.com](mailto:cathymcneill@ymail.com)

## Please continue to support the ongoing projects of the Outreach Committee:

- Spam, tuna with oil & peanut butter
- \* children's underwear
- \* old suitcases for Haitian Health Foundation
- \* Can tabs for children at Shriners' hospitals
- \* Campbell labels for educational supplies
- \* Blankets, towels and twin sheets for the homeless shelter
- \* Diapers for the local Diaper Bank
- \* Shoes for Africa

**The local shelter is** looking for shampoo, towels, soap, toothpaste and tooth brushes, coffee cups, soup bowls, silverware, razors, twin sheets and blankets. The sample sizes of personal amenities are welcome too.

We are collecting used neck ties for the Golden Bees in Webster to use in making their sleeping bags.

The sleeping bags are distributed through out the Rte. 395 corridor. They also need donations of light blankets, material scraps, and thread.

Each sleeping bag comes with a health kit containing:

Wash cloth, hand towel, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, bible or inspirational book, shampoo, hand lotion, small pack tissues, etc.

Each sleeping bag also contains a small pillow, hat, scarf, mittens or gloves and socks.

They are always looking for donations of any of the above items. A collection box will be placed in the back of the Narthex.



### **Monday morning breakfasts**

could use any of the following:

Pancake mix, milk and eggs

Hash browns

Eggs

Bacon/Ham/ Sausages

Coffee, and canned or frozen Juice

Paper products, including plates coffee and juice cups

Or a monetary donation to purchase these items and some of the more perishable items we use.

**December UMCD CALENDAR**

- Dec 1 World Aids Service 6:30pm
- Dec 4 Snowflake Bazaar 4:00pm –8:00pm
- Dec 5 Snowflake Bazaar 9:00am-12:00pm
- Dec 6 AD Council Mtg after the service
- Dec 6 Angel Tree tags available
- Dec 7 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00
- Dec 8 Trustee Meeting 6:30pm
- Dec 9 Community Kitchen 9 1 pm
- Dec 10 Methodist 101 6:00pm
- Dec 14 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00
- Dec 16 Community Kitchen 9-1pm
- Dec 18 Be Our Guest Dinner @ 5:00pm
- Dec 18 Knitting & Stitching 7:00pm
- Dec 19 Christmas Pageant 6:30pm
- Dec 20 Angel Tree present are due today
- Dec 21 Community Breakfast 9:00am
- Dec 23 Community Kitchen 9-1pm
- Dec 24 Christ mas Eve Services 7 & 11pm
- Dec 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**
- Dec 28 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00am
- Dec 30 Community Kitchen 9-1pm
- Dec 31 **New Years Eve (Watch Night)**

**ANGEL TREE TAGS WILL BE OUT DECEMBER 6TH  
AND DUE BACK WITH A  
GIFT ON DECEMBER 20TH**

SEE CYNDI PERKINS



**OTHER SEASONAL ACTIVITIES**

**Dec 5th** Sugar Plum Fair—Federated Church—9:00-12

**Dec 5th** Hanukkah Party—Temple Beth Israel—Dinner \$10 at 6:00pm

Victorian Christmas at Westfield Cong. - first 3 Sundays in December 7:00pm

**Dec 13th** Luminary Night in Danielson 4:00pm

**Dec 19th** Our Lady of LaSalette Christmas cookie sale 9:00—2:00pm

**Dec 25th** Christmas dinner—Cornerstone Baptist Church open at 3:00, dinner at 4:00pm



## Scripture Readings

### December 6

- Malachi 3:1-4
- Luke 1:68-79 (UMH 208)
- Philippians 1:3-11
- Luke 3:1-6

### December 13

- Zephaniah 3:14-20
- Isaiah 12:2-6
- Philippians 4:4-7
- Luke 3:7-18

### December 20

- Micah 5:2-5a
- Luke 1:46b-55 (UMH 199)
- Hebrews 10:5-10
- Luke 1:39-45

### December 27

- 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
- Psalm 148 (UMH 861)
- Colossians 3:12-17
- Luke 2:41-52

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The gifts above represent New England missions ... but the global reach of our mission share giving includes even more: higher education at 13 theological schools, 11 black colleges, and Africa University; global missions including UMCOR disaster relief and missionary personnel; advocacy, training, support through the General Councils on Religion and Race and Status and Role of Women and the Board of Church and Society; ecumenical and interfaith connections through the Office of Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns; support for campus ministries and ministerial candidates through the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry; episcopal leadership and support; legal and administrative guidance through the General Council on Finance and Administration; discipleship resources and training by Discipleship Ministries; healthcare and pension administration through the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits, and much more!

These are extensions of our Conference ministry, and we would never be able to match the resources or the strength of these agencies without joining our gifts with those of United Methodists around the world.

Thank you to the generous United Methodists throughout New England for being faithful in paying missions shares and spreading the reach of Christ's love.

Connected in Christ,  
Erica



#### TELLER LIST

Week 1	Marsha Hardell + Nate Bramlett
Week 2	Sue Theroux + Barbara Schreier
Week 3	Jennelle Provencher + Mildred Briggs
Week 4	Pam Bramlett + Betsy Kneeland
Week 5	Del Tomasi + Nancy Wold
Floaters are:	Kendra Collins Cathy McNeill Barbara Schreier

**PLEASE USE THE SIGN UP SHEET ON THE BULLETIN BOARD UPSTAIRS TO CONTINUE VOLUNTEERING FOR LITURGIST, USHERS AND GREETERS.**

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**Pastor meeting available upon request 860.779.2018**