



**MESSENGER**  
of the  
**First Congregational  
Church**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**Melrose, Massachusetts**

*An Open and Affirming Congregation*

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**Welcome back!**

How do you plan to get involved in our church services this year? How about being a lay reader? As a lay reader you have the unique opportunity to be directly involved with the church service. If interested, please contact Jennifer Gillette at [jennifergillette@gmail.com](mailto:jennifergillette@gmail.com) or call at 617 484 0688.

**The Deacons of Worship Life** invite you to dedicate flowers this church season. We welcome you to dedicate flowers in memory of a loved one or in celebration of good news. Help us create a beautiful space for us to worship together. Please contact Jennifer Gillette at 617 484 0688 or [jennifergillette@gmail.com](mailto:jennifergillette@gmail.com)



**Flowers**

In Memory of ...

In Celebration of ...



**September 13, 2009**

**Welcome Back Sunday**

**9:00 AM – Senior Choir Rehearsal**

**10:00 AM – WORSHIP –**

**and Church School Pre-K – 12**

**11:15 AM – Coffee Hour, Narthex**

*THE FLOWERS are given by Circle 4  
in memory of loved ones.*

**DURING THE WEEK**

**Wednesday, September 16**

7:15 PM – Bells Rehearsal, sanctuary

**Thursday, September 17**

7:00 PM – Senior Choir Rehearsal resumes

**Sunday, September 20**

Sunday School Registration and Breakfast

**Sunday, September 27**

Welcome Back Cook-Out after worship

**The following groups meet here regularly:**

**Boy Scouts** – Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the basement

**Girl Scouts** – Sundays at 5:30 PM, Rm. 1 and lounge, Mon. at 7 PM, Rm. 7/8, Wed. at 6PM, Rm.7/8, Fridays 2:30 and 5PM, 7/8

**Pre-PAL** – 9 11:30 AM M, T, Th, Fri, Room 7

**PAL** – 3:00 PM, Room 7/8

**Cub Scouts** – Wednesdays, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

**Al-Anon** – weekdays at 12 noon, Sunday at 1 & 7 PM – Rm. 8

**Blue of a Kind** – Mondays at 7:00 PM in the Music Room

**S.A.R.P.** – Tuesdays at 6:30 PM, lounge

**A.W.O.L.** – Tuesdays at 7:30 PM, 7/8, lounge, Rm. 1

**Mothers' Group** meets Wednesdays 9-11 AM, lounge, 1, 7/8

**CODA** – Wednesdays at 7:30 PM, lounge

**Vital Cycles** - Thursdays at 7:00 PM, lounge

**O.A.** – Fridays at 7 PM, lounge

**A.A.** – Wednesdays at 7:30 PM, Fridays at 8:00 PM and Saturdays at 3:00 PM – Rm. 8

**September is  
Welcome Month**

**At First Congregational Church!!**

**Sunday, September 13: Welcome Back Sunday**  
**Church School begins**

**Sunday, September 20:**  
**Church School Breakfast and Registration!**

**Sunday, September 27: Welcome Back Cook-Out!**  
**Playground Area, after Church**



**Happy Birthday to  
Jennie Way! Jennie  
turned 100 on  
September 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**JENNIE WAY**



Marilyn McComas (Room 827, Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, 125 Nashua Street, Boston, MA 02114), Betty Crane (Rosewood Nursing and rehab Center, 22 Johnson St., West Peabody MA 01960), Kate Watson, Anne Wing,

Laverne Clemens, George Burrell, Bud Pendleton, Jennie Way, Barbara Jones.

**As we return to church this fall, you will notice the beautifully-reupholstered chairs gracing the narthex.**

Over the summer we had a number of our old chairs recovered and cleaned up, and the results are stunning! There are still a number of chairs to be done, and we are asking for donations of \$175 per chair, the cost of the make-over. Gifts may be made in memory or honor of a loved one, or to celebrate a special occasion. All such gifts will be added to our memorial book and listed in the Messenger. If you would like to help us finish up this project by making a donation, please make your check payable to the church and give it to Candy Brower or leave it in the church office with a notation.



*Are you free on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 am to 11:30 am? We could use some more Messenger volunteers. Two people come at a time, usually for a month at a time. The work is simple – affixing address labels to*

*the newsletters to prepare them for the post office. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please call Susan at the church office. (781-665-2111)*

**Weekly New Testament Lectionary:**

- Sunday, Sept. 13 – Mark 8:27-38
- Monday, Sept. 14 – Mark 16:1-8
- Tuesday, Sept. 15 – Mark 16:9-20
- Wednesday, Sept. 16 – Luke 2:41-52
- Thursday, Sept. 10 – Luke 3:1-14
- Friday, Sept. 17 – Luke 3:15-22
- Saturday, Sept. 18 – Luke 4:1-13



**By Lighting our Church Steeple** in memory or in honor of loved ones, you can help our church financially. Contact the church office (781-665-2111 or [info@fccmelrose.org](mailto:info@fccmelrose.org)) to sign up for a week beginning on a Sunday. Your gift will be announced in the Sunday Bulletin and “The Messenger”. A \$25.00 per week contribution is suggested.

**Save the Date of October 25!**

MAAV’s 14th Annual Walk Against Violence and Candlelight Vigil will be held on Sunday, October 25, 2009 starting at 4:00 pm. This community-wide event takes place each year as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, as we commemorate the victims of domestic violence in our state over the past year. Join with your friends, family, or organization to walk as a team! More info to follow..

