

## THE EPISTLE

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### **Annual Offering – One Great Hour of Sharing**

On Sunday (**March 21**) we will collect our special offering called One Great Hour of Sharing. This is an annual offering that goes to our denomination (The United Church of Christ) to support domestic and overseas missions. Offering envelopes will be available on Sunday, March 7 and 14. You may also return the envelopes to the church office. Thank you for your support.

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**The Endowment Committee** will be accepting applications for Endowment Scholarships beginning March 7 until April 14, 2010. Endowment Scholarships are for post secondary studies and are limited to Church Members, but may include those pursuing religious studies, public or community fields. Applications are available in the Church office.

Also, applications for Endowment Funds in the Capital and Christian Growth categories, if there are any, will be accepted during this period. These applications are also available in the Church office.

The Committee encourages ALL Church Members to submit proposals. The Endowment Committee will meet on these proposals on Sunday April 18 after Services at 11:30 AM.

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### **WKB MEETING**

The WKB Women's Fellowship Meeting will resume on **Tues. March 16<sup>th</sup>**. The Business meeting will start at 11:00 am. All ladies of the church and community are invited.

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### **THANK YOU**

To all of the people who helped and donated to the Ham & Bean Supper.

To all of you who attended the supper and supported your church.

We are proud of the accomplishments, talents, and generosity of our church members & friends, and we were so happy to hear the laughter and good fellowship in the Hall.

Sue Lomas & Audrey Eckilson

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### **CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS**

Upcoming dates in Church School:

We are back to our regular schedule of weekly classes until Easter. Donations will be accepted in the Church School each week until Palm Sunday for the Easter Baskets (see below). And remember, ***Helpers are needed every week in every class!***

TEACHERS' MEETING: Sun. Mar. 7th, 11:30 AM in the double classroom.

EASTER BASKETS for the SHELTERS: Each Sunday during Lent up through Palm Sunday (Mar. 28th), the Church School will be accepting donations of small "Easter" items to help fill the baskets for the children of local shelters. The ages of those children receiving them range from teens down to newborns. A box will be set up in the Church School area for the items. Suggested items (easily found at local dollar stores): colored grass, small books, games, toys, plastic eggs, wrapped candy, baby booties, caps, socks. We will be filling ~40 baskets for local shelters and the food pantry, so all contributions will be welcome! On Palm Sunday, after church, volunteers will be needed to stay to help fill and wrap these baskets.

FRIDAY MAR. 19th: FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Feature presentation to be determined. As always, bring your pillow, a blanket, comfy slippers & pjs, and snacks to share. We will provide popcorn and juice. Come and enjoy a family evening!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010 - Aug. 9th - 13th. 9:00AM - 12:00noon. Join us in learning about Jesus on "Lava Lava Island"! For ages 4-11 (6th grade). Older children needed as helpers, and parent volunteers welcome! More information to come...

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Sun 3/7	Fellowship	8:00AM
	Early Service	8:30AM
	Morning Worship	10:00AM
	Church School/Nursery	
Mon 3/8	Prayer Circle	9:30AM
	Youth Group Meeting	7:00PM
	PNP – AA	7:00PM
Wed 3/10	Bible Study	7:00PM

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## PRAYERS

**At home:** *Dick French, Evalyn Muggleton, George Lelievre, Kathy Saunders, Marilyn McMullen; Lillian Davis; Lynne Searle; Francesca Bianchi; Wally Wood; Alvin Smiley; Leslie Spencer; Arlene Wells; Ginny & Bill Kitchegan; Virginia Quinn; Antonio Gomes; Patricia Stegnicki; Shirley Goff*

**Life Care:** *Barbara Williams*

**Canterbury Woods, Attleboro:** *Evelyn Elting, Jodi McGuiness*

**Evergreen, East Providence:** *Helen Richmond*

**Long Meadow:** *Melvina Emerson, Gladys Colp*

**Walter Reed Army Medical Center:** *Matthew Canuel*

**Sister Churches in New Orleans:** *Church of the Good Shepherd & Beecher Memorial Congregational Church*

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Dear Friends,

I wish that I could reply to you individually to extend my deep gratitude for your expressions of love, care, and condolences toward my family and me about the passing of Rick. You sent prayers, warm thoughts and extended your concern and love during his battle with cancer. This strengthened Rick's faith in God. Those sentiments will also see me through my process of grieving.

Rick and our family have been blessed with an abundance of amazing friends and supporters! There is a mystery in the way worlds connect. Who knows, he might be in the midst of us and not be far off after all.

Rick's request of his friends was to remember him. To remember that he tried to do good and leave his mark on this world. Please continue to pray for our family.

In Christian Love,

Delza

Jerilyn, Meliza, Nathan, Sarah, Magic, and Luke

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\*We extend our sincere Christian Sympathy to the families and friends of **Dorothy Goff** who passed away on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. She was the sister of Earl Goff.

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**The Fellowship Cupboard is bare:** please help by bringing in home baked or store bought goods.

## The YOUTH GROUP's upcoming events are:

**March 7th**~seniors will participate in the Sunday service by passing the offering plates

**March 8th**~next YG meeting, 7pm

**March 21st**~is an all group bowling event right after church. Place TBD, more details soon.

**March 23rd**~is a baked good food drive. The seniors will be baking, the 5th-8th grades are invited to bring something baked from home. The baked goods will be delivered to Rehoboth's Helping Hands on Wednesday or Thursday.

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## MISSIONS

Upcoming Missions Committee Meeting – Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30AM

Salvation Army Soup Kitchen (3rd Sunday of the month) meet at the church at 3:15, travel to Salvation Army and serve till ~ 5:30, back to church. Any questions call Janet at 508-399-8537 or 508-801-7943. March 21<sup>st</sup>

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**Rehoboth Food Pantry:** Sunday collection of nonperishable items needed. Specific items needed: canned foods; peanut butter; cereal; canned soups; Macaroni & Cheese; paper towels; toilet paper (single rolls); shampoo; dish soap – Thank you

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