



The Hancock Herald

October 2011

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All Saints Day Celebration Planned on Oct. 30 in Memorial Garden



The Memorial Garden Committee is continuing to enhance Hancock's Ministry of Remembrance. Since the dedication of the new Remembrance Hall and Memorial Garden on All Saints Day in October 2010, we have welcomed and received many requests to honor other Hancock Saints with plaques in the Remembrance Hall.

Again this year on All Saints Day (October 30), we will

celebrate our remembrances by reading the names of recently added Hancock Saints, whose families and friends have requested that they be honored. If you would like to have your Hancock Saint included, please pick up a Memorial Garden brochure in the Narthex, the Remembrance Hall or outside Norma's office and contact us before October 9.

We invite all those who would like to write about their Saint's connection to Hancock Church to send us their "remembrances" for inclusion in the Remembrance Book, which resides in the Remembrance Hall. (If possible, please submit your reflections as an attachment to your e-mail, or drop it in the Memorial Garden

Committee's mailbox in the church office). Please contact a member of the Remembrance Hall and Memorial Garden Committee if you have a submission or any questions.

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LexMedia Cable TV Schedule
Watch Hancock Services on RCN 3, Comcast 8 and Verizon 35 at Sunday 9:55 am (LIVE) and 7 pm.

Bedford Cable TV Schedule
Watch Hancock Services on Comcast 8 and Verizon 38 on Sunday at 7 pm. There is a one-week delay.

Save the Date Nov. 5 for Our Fall Progressive Dinner Party

Back by popular demand, we are having a Fall Progressive Dinner Party and hope you will join us on Saturday, Nov. 5 at 7 p.m.

If you think you'd like to come, please call Loretta Porter this week at 781-862-4408

or lorettaporter@comcast.net.

Please sign up and you will be contacted about bringing an appetizer, side dish or beverage.

We'll all be assigned a home for hors d'oeuvres and the main dish and then come

together for dessert at one residence. This is an excellent opportunity for good food, great conversation and just having fun.

If you have dietary restrictions, just let Loretta know when you RSVP. Don't miss this fun Hancock community event!

Come to "The Well" — Evening Worship at Hancock
Looking for worship that is intimate, modern & participant-directed?
We invite you to join us for Worship @ the Well Sundays at 6:15 p.m. in Clark Hall.

From the Senior Minister



Dear Members and Friends,

As many of you know, when you fly into Logan Airport from the west, most times the pilots fly over the city itself still at considerable altitude, sailing out over Boston Harbor, and then looping around, actually returning to the ground from the east. It takes a bit longer than it would to just land, I suppose, but I always love it for the views that it provides: the rocky coast broken up by the white sand beaches. It's a lovely way to see the beaches; the waves breaking, the visible differences between the beach above the high tide line and the beach below it, the people resting and at play. It's a wonderful sight to behold.

But it's not the same as going to the beach. In the plane you get a panoramic view, but no sand between your toes. At an elevation of a several hundred feet you see the vastness of the ocean and get a sense for its inexorable grind against the land, but you miss the exhilaration of diving into the breaking waves and emerging laughing on the other side. At altitude you see how the seashore ties into the rest of the land, how quickly the beach gives way to granite shores or the green forests, but you don't have the feeling of the sand running away from under your feet with the undertow of the waves returning to the sea.

I love both. I love being at the waters edge and I love flying over it. The experiences, though they are of the same reality, are different, and if a summer didn't include both, I'd feel as if I'd missed something.

Our worship life at Hancock Church is rightly built around the Bible. Week in and week out, we sing hymns and listen to special music, we pray and we ponder, we preach and we listen to preaching; and all is built around a Bible passage. And mostly, the experience that we have of the Bible is comparable to being at the beach. We pick a single story, lift it out of its narrative context, and we dig into it deeply, taking it apart, examining it, letting it sink into our own thinking. It's a perfectly acceptable and helpful thing to do.

But just as being at the beach doesn't permit a panoramic view of the coastline, which is stunning in its own right, so digging deeply into a single Bible story doesn't permit us to see the grand sweep of the biblical narrative. The Bible tells one great story by telling a thousand smaller ones. It's not wrong to spend most of our time looking at smaller stories; it just doesn't provide us with the great sweep of biblical narrative and history.

In the year to come, our worship is going to look at the biblical narrative, the grand sweep. Rather than looking at a single small story, we're going to try to tell the grand story of what it all comes to. It's a bit audacious, and Dana and I are a bit nervous about doing it. But we believe that we'll all benefit from looking at the Good News from altitude.

We'll begin with some of the grand narratives of the Hebrew Bible:

- Creation
- The Exodus from slavery in Egypt, to becoming a new people in the Promised Land
- The failure of worship and justice that led to the Exile, the destruction of the Temple, and the return of the exiles
 - The prophets: what they were doing, what they weren't doing

In the new year we'll turn our focus to the Christian scriptures, looking to understand:

- What Jesus Taught
- Who Jesus Was and Is
- How the Church came to be
 - How the Church understood itself and its calling

By year's end, we hope that all of us have a better understanding of the whole of the biblical narrative. So welcome aboard that big plane, as we fly over and look down to see the grand sweep of what God has done, is doing, and will yet do in working with her people.

Grace and Peace,
Paul

PAGE HEADLINE

Welcome Julina Rundberg as Church Administrator

We are pleased to announce that Julina Rundberg will begin working as Church Administrator on September 27. Julina is a 2006 graduate of Middlebury College in Vermont. After graduation, she served the United Church of Christ congregation in Middlebury as their Christian Education Director and taught World Religions in a local school.

In the intervening years she has served in a variety of administrative positions. She is currently a student preparing to become a psychoanalyst, attending classes in the evening hours at the Boston Graduate School of Psycho-

analysis. Described by those who know her as a bright, hardworking person, she has the ability to multitask, and a great many computer skills. Julina writes and speaks well, and, as you will discover, has a warm and friendly personality. We have every hope that she'll fit in well with the staff and with the membership here at Hancock Church.

Though she will be working in the office that Norma Blake has occupied for the past 25 years, we urge you to remember that her job is not to replace Norma. Some of her duties will be the

same, but not all. And of course, she is her own person with her own personality, and will do some things differently than Norma. We will want to discover who she is and what she can do, without making too many comparisons. Please come by the office to introduce yourselves to her once she has arrived.

Joining the staff at a church like ours is akin to joining a family with 800 in-laws, and that's a lot of faces and names to put together!

Update from the Interfaith Garden

A few interesting numbers (thru Sep 10th):

636—the cumulative pounds delivered so far this season .

144—the number of pounds delivered from the garden to the Lexington Food Pantry on Sep 10th. It is a record amount for a Saturday delivery.

2 – the number of wheelbarrows needed to deliver those 144 pounds!

125—the poundage of this season's largest crop so far (By the way, it's potatoes).

119—the number of different people who have worked at the garden this season.

37—the number of different vegetables and herbs delivered to the pantry.

14—the number of Hancock members who have worked at the garden this year.

Tons—the amount satisfaction members report having worked at the garden.

There is still a lot to do at the garden and we welcome your help. No experience needed. Bring a friend! The next time Hancock works at the garden will be Sat morning, Oct 22nd.

If you would like to work then or help on other days, contact Amy Swanson by telephone at 781-863-9443 or e-mail at amy.swanson@rcn.com.



Still Seeking New Choir Members!

We're an impressive 40% of the way to our goal of 10 new singers—won't you join us? We are in especial need of sopranos and altos. Help spread the word—invite your friends, co-workers, or neighbors to join us!

Thursday evenings at 7:30, Choir room

Headline

Growing For Good

Capital Campaign Priorities - September 2011

This summer the Planning Committee has considered the many ideas offered by the congregation as well as the obstacles preventing us from reaching our full potential in the areas of worship, community, education and service. These four pillars of Hancock were first identified in our 2006 Statement of Purpose and have been adopted by the Planning Committee to serve as guiding principles for developing our list of priorities.

The following report is the first of two Hancock Herald articles highlighting building and non-building priorities. This article focuses on the building priorities. The November Hancock Herald will focus on non-building (programmatic, educational and outreach) priorities.

Building Related Priorities

(not necessarily in order of priority):

- Capital improvements to address necessary maintenance of the building. These items were identified by our architect Don Mills and his consultants as part of the building assessment:
- Upgrade "Life Safety" systems
- Repair/replace roofing .
- Repair wall cracks
- Look at energy efficiency of the building; replace systems and insulate as needed

The building should be welcoming and accessible to all; entrances to narthex, sanctuary, and offices should be obvious and welcoming. Our goal is total accessibility, as well as making our entrances more appealing and friendly, improving the signage or flow around the building, and possibly finding a new space for coffee hour.

Communication is important and the Planning Committee wants to hear your feedback and provide opportunity for you to ask questions about these priorities. For the first three Sundays in October come to the Chapel after the morning worship service to ask a question, and/or offer your feedback to representatives of the Planning committee. The October open feedback sessions are scheduled for Sunday October 2, 9, and 16th, from 11:30- 12:15PM.

To contact members of the Planning committee via email: cc-planning-hucc@googlegroups.com

The learning spaces and community spaces should be functional, flexible, and welcoming. Improved education spaces and programs will attract more families, youth, and adults to Hancock. Spaces included are all Sunday School, youth and adult spaces.

The Chancel and Sanctuary should better reflect our theology and connect the congregation and the clergy. This includes aligning the doors and aisles; improved lighting and acoustics; audio visual upgrades; possible reconfiguration of the Chancel, and moving or replacing the organ if needed.

More flexible worship space is needed, for "The Well" and for smaller more intimate worship, such as prayer, funerals, small weddings, overflow when sanctuary is full, etc.

Clark Hall should be better used as a flexible space in order to provide opportunities for worship as well as fellowship for the congregation and community at large.

The Kitchen and Dining area should allow a space for people to break bread together. The kitchen should be reconfigured and upgraded to facilitate serving

To read the full Planning Committee Report and individual sub committee reports, go to: <http://www.hancockchurch.org/capital-campaign>.

Joan Rutila and Carol Bukys, Planning Committee Co- Chairs,

Sam Altschuler, Yvette Kirby, Charlie Wyman, Carmen Kalsow, Lisle Swanson, Dean Rutila, Wendall Kalsow, Carol Counihan, David Zenk, Robin DiGiammarino, John Foster, Faith Fenske

Upcoming Capital Campaign Dates

(Please note that childcare will be available):

Sunday, October 2, 11:15 – 11:45, Chapel. Open feedback session on Hancock Priorities for Capital Campaign

Sunday, October 9, 11:15, Chapel. Open feedback session on Hancock Priorities for Capital Campaign

Sunday, October 16, 11:15, Chapel. Open feedback session on Hancock Priorities for Capital Campaign

Sunday, October 23, 11:15, Chapel: Don Mills will present a preliminary Master Plan for Hancock

Thursday, October 27 - Sunday, October 30: Renee LiaBraaten will conduct interviews with individuals, families and focus groups to develop her resource assessment.

Capital Campaign—Resource Assessment

From October 27 – Sunday October 30, Renee LiaBraaten of Kairos and Associates will be conducting a resource assessment for our Capital Campaign.

She will be interviewing individuals and holding focus groups to determine if the

congregation is in agreement with the priority list developed by the Planning Committee and the Master Plan presented by the architect.

She will also ensure we have the financial and leadership support required to do the

work. More information on this process and how to participate will be arriving in the mail in mid-October.

Join Us Nov. 6 for Mission: 1

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November 6th, 2011
JOIN US!

For 11 days in early November, the entire United Church of Christ will make good on its "that they may all be one" motto with a coordinated mission campaign to gather more than one million food and household items for local food banks and marshal its 5,300 congregations to advocate collectively — and loudly — for hunger-related causes, both domestically and around the world.

In the 11 days, the United Church of Christ will collect more than 1 million items of healthy food and other household items for local food banks and outreach services.

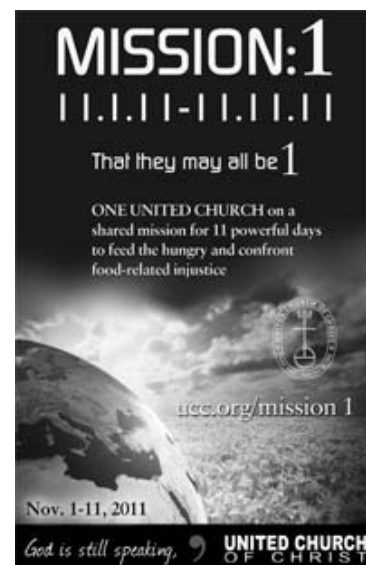
In the 11 days, the United Church of Christ will make an extra-special push to gather online contribution of more than \$11,111 for Neighbors in Need, offerings that will be shared for hunger-action purposes with agencies of justice and compassion throughout the U.S.

In the 11 days, the United Church of Christ will offer more than 11,111 letters to Congress asking the government to reform U.S. foreign assistance in a way that more effectively benefits hungry and poor people worldwide, helping to provide a major final push to Bread for the World's 2011 "Offering of Letters" campaign.

What Hancock Church can do:

- Gather 1,111 food items (peanut butter, tuna, canned fruit, soup, cereal, pasta and sauce, rice, etc...). Items will be delivered to the Lexington Food Pantry.
- Write 111 letters to Congress. We will have letters addressed to Congressional leaders prepared for your signature. Please stop by and sign.
- Make an on-line donation of \$11 (or more) to Mission 1 to benefit the East Africa famine relief effort.

Please join us on November 6th in the Dining Hall. Bring canned goods and sign letters to Congress.



Questions?

Visit www.ucc.org/mission1 or contact Connie Gregg at congregg@rcn.com or Geoff Kuli at GeoffreyKuli@comcast.net.

Hancock Serves

Update from Congregational Care Coordinator Joy Fallon

It will be an honor for me to be installed on September 25th as Hancock's new Community Care Coordinator. As a seminarian I worked last year with the Rev. Meg Anzalone, then the Care Coordinator. When Meg departed to accept a full-time call in Maine, and I graduated from divinity school in May, I was grateful to Paul Shupe for offering me this part-time position.

My hope is to build on the strong work that Hancock's members have done in the past, serving one another with care and compassion.

Because we've had a gap in time since Meg's departure in June, I'll first seek to re-harness the past energy and focus our efforts on our core offerings.

We recently just completed one – the glorious Senior Picnic hosted again by Iris and Larry Larssen. Many thanks to them, their family, their neighbors, and to the deacons for another delightful outing.

In addition to this annual event, I am focused on these parts of Hancock's Congregational Care ministry:

- our Prayer Ministry for those in need
- Sunday flower deliveries each week
- Meals
- Rides to church
- the Shawl Knitting Ministry

- Flower deliveries at Christmas and Easter
- Help with Collations after funerals

Visitation of Members

Various Hancock people are stepping forward now to lead one of these aspects of our care, keeping lists and managing other volunteers on their project, including Carol Bukys, Mirjam Huizer, Linda O'Keefe, and Courtney Jones. Let me or one of them know if you feel called to this kind of leadership role, too, running one of the above ministry teams. Once our leadership is in place, they will be in touch with volunteers in each area, including the many of you who have helped in the past.

We'd love to hear from you if you want the fellowship and help Congregational Care seeks to provide; if you know someone who might; or if you would be able periodically to assist as a volunteer yourself, such as by delivering some sign of our love to a person needing it – a meal, a flower, a shawl, a visit. Does the idea of this Hancock ministry make your heart sing?

On Labor Day Weekend I preached at Hancock, dreaming with you about the way God sees us, as individuals and as a church, knowing all that we've been through, knowing all that we face now, and knowing all that we can grow to become in the days ahead, as beloved children of God. Fredrick Beuchner, Presbyterian minister and author, best captured for me the way any of us can discern whether we are being called by



the God of Love who knows us so well, perhaps even better that we know ourselves. Beuchner says that our call arises when we find that our "deep gladness" intersects with a great need in the world. When the things that we love to do, that bring us joy, mesh with some need in our community or beyond, then we pay attention. God is calling us to minister.

Participating at Hancock in Congregational Care helps me answer a call – it brings me great delight and serves needs that arise within any church life, in the rough and tumble of this world. What about you?

Joy Fallon

Congregational Care Coordinator

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Lexington Interfaith Food Pantry: Donations & Volunteers Needed

If you donate food in October, please consider giving **canned fruit (15 - 22 oz size)**. Donation baskets are in the narthex, as well as outside the office and dining room.

Volunteers are needed for **October 8 and November 12** to help distribute the food at the Pantry. The commitment is from 8:45 to about 11:30 am and the learning curve is short! For

more information, contact Caroline Nijenberg (carolinen@rcn.com or 781 862-4465).

Hancock Happenings

Monks for a Week

By the Rev. Dana Allen Walsh

As part of my sabbatical, I spent eight days in June with eleven other clergy in an intensive writing program at the Colledgeville Institute (at St. John's University) in Minnesota. Below is my reflection on that week and the process of writing.

Unlike the monks of St. John's Abbey, long robes did not define our wardrobe, a sense of sobriety was not our calling, and two X chromosomes did not deny us participation; still, we, the writers of *Words That Sing* workshop were monks for a week.

We left behind our animal companions - Irish terriers, miniature schnauzers, and shelter mutts, and acquired new ones - pesky mosquitoes, blue dragonflies, and wood ticks. We said goodbye to familiar relationships— significant others, neighbors, congregations, and we welcomed new relationships - friends, fellow clergy, and wanna-be writers.

We said farewell to certainty, control, and comfort, while we navigated uncharted lands (cutting through backyards to find the cafeteria), adopted new routines (six hours of class and four hours of writing

each day), and learned an esoteric language (how's this for a series sentence?).

We were novitiates. Fresh and inexperienced, we, a class of twelve, desired transformation. Reluctant but willing, with the fervor of a convert, we arrived committed to the noble and mysterious task of writing. And like the monks whose daily needs are ordered enabling them to see God in their worship, in their work and in their study, our days were also pre-arranged - nutritious meals provided, comfortable housing provided, and our writing schedule predetermined.

"Ora et labora." First, pray and then, work. Our new motto.

But for us, the work came first – the constant task of learning, writing, and receiving feedback. Yet prayer quickly followed: God, when will we get a break? God, please don't make me have to rewrite again! God, what on earth is a braided metaphor?

Beyond my shallow prayers of lament, I learned to pray in a new way: to look and to notice. And then to notice what I



noticed. And then to scribble down what I had noticed. And to take those observations and memories and open my mind to the possibility of metaphor lying within.

Though desperate to communicate clearly, to finish the assignment, and to impress others, I could not force good writing. I could not will it to happen. Good writing is a combination of dedication and hard work, and faith and craft, and that illusive inspiration. So, we worked, prayed, and noticed with the hope that the Spirit might move, and our words might flow. Thanks be to God.

Music Highlights for October

Sunday, October 2nd:

Harvard Collegium returns to provide special music for morning worship. Works by Vittoria, Pearsall, and Goudimel to be included.

Always a highlight of the fall!

Sunday, October 9th

Our resident early music ensemble **A Joyful Noyse** will sing and play works of the renaissance and baroque.

Sunday, October 16th

Our **Chancel Choir** returns and sings works of **J.S. Bach** and English com-

poser **CV Stanford**, including the stunningly beautiful *Beati quorum via*.

Sunday, October 23rd

The **Chancel Choir** sings music from the early American tradition.

Sunday, October 30th

The **Chancel Choir** sings a spirited setting of the traditional American hymn *Bound for the Promised Land* as well as Lassus' moving motet *Super flumina Babylons*.

Sunday Evenings at 6:15— Worship at the Well, with the River Rock Band

Each week the Band plays music from around the world and across the ages. You never know when you might hear a Celtic reel, a bluegrass ballad, a gospel rouser, or a Caribbean folk song!

Featuring our award winning professional musicians, including five time North American fiddle champion Ivonne Hernandez.

Children & Youth Music @ Hancock!

Where is the Children's Choir?

Many people have said how much they miss seeing the children sing in worship—so do we! Unfortunately, the last several times we have attempted to put together a children's choir, we have met with minimal interest from the children and their families. However, we do have multiple opportunities for children to participate in music, and are proud of an expanded music program we are developing with Christian Education. We do hope to see a children's choir again in the not too distant future, but until then read on to see the exciting things we are doing for and with our kids!

Clap Your Hands and Sing to the Lord! A New Program for Music in Christian Education Begins

Building on foundations begun last year, a program for the inclusion of music in the Christian Education program has been developed over the summer. Our Music Director, Mark Morgan, in concert with our Christian Education Director Pam Cochrane and the Christian Education committee have developed this program with the goals of having all the children of the church learn songs in support of the lessons they are learning in church school. They will learn two types of songs: songs that are contemporary and have immediate appeal to children of varying ages, and songs that are some of the foundational hymns of our denomination. After laying out the themes and lessons for CE for the year, songs were chosen to support those themes. The children will learn them during their CE time each week (and hopefully at home as well!) and from time to time the entire church school will share them with the congregation during worship.

Recognizing that the ability and comfort level of many adults to teach songs is frequently limited, whether they be parents or teachers, we have developed a number of tools for the children, their families, and their teachers to use this year:

- The songs will be introduced during the Children's Chapel time about once a month by Mark Morgan (when he is able to leave worship to do so)
- The songs will be repeated in intervening weeks with the children by various members of the CE team.
- **In support of the teachers and families, the songs have been recorded and will be available for download from our website, or (by request) on CD.**
- A packet of the music and words will be available for the teachers and families for all the songs.

We hope that these tools will enable families to sing the songs with their children at home, helping to reinforce their CE lessons at home. We further hope that by making singing a regular part of our church life for our children, that future interest in forming a children's choir will also be engendered.

If you have any question, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to contact Mark Morgan, mark.morgan@hancockchurch.org, or Pam Cochrane, pam.cochrane@hancockchurch.org

High School Musicians: Come to The Well!

We are looking for high school vocalists and instrumentalists to play and sing with **The River Rock Band** for worship at The Well. High School singers are also invited to join the Chancel or Cantata choirs, and instrumentalists are encouraged to play in our various ensembles for Sunday morning and special services.

Interested? Contact Mark Morgan, mark.morgan@hancockchurch.org

Handbell Opportunities for Children and Youth

THE HANCOCK JUNIOR HANDBELL RINGERS

is a beginning choir for 2nd graders that read music and all 3rd-5th graders that meets at 9-9:50 am about 2 Sundays a month.

Participants will learn elementary concepts of handbell ringing and reading music through games and bell ringing activities. A commitment to be on time and attend a majority of rehearsals is necessary.

THE MARTING TO GLORY PLUS RINGERS

is an intergenerational, mixed abilities handbell choir for middle school, high school, and adult ringers.

Everyone will be challenged to their own ability, working as a team to create beautiful music for church services, concerts, and festivals. Rehearsals are 9-9:50 am about 2 Sundays a month. A commitment to be on time and attend a majority of rehearsals is necessary. Come and experience making music as a team sport!

Questions -

Cheryl Kralej 862-2209 or cheryl.kralej@hancockchurch.org

Does Your Child Want To Sing?

We are always happy to work with any children who want to sing. Even without a Children's Choir, there are lots of ways we can have children sing in worship: we can do duets, trios, small ensembles, have them sing the soprano part with an anthem by the Chancel Choir, or for Sunday evening Worship at The Well. Just let me know and we can always find a place for your child to share their gifts and interests with the congregation!—

Mark Morgan,
Director of Music

Feeding 5000– Some Thoughts on our 3 Years

Join Us for Our Oct. 2 Linger Lunch



By Amy Swanson

As you may realize, the three years Hancock committed to Feeding 5000 has come to an end. How does one attempt to wrap up these past 3 years?

Let me start small with a story about my cereal bowl. It's a white ceramic bowl decorated by Camden, from our church school. Camden drew a rake, plants and an orange blob that may be a carrot. I got this bowl at one of my favorite Feeding 5000 events, the Souper Bowl, a fundraising dinner for Sustainable Harvest International (SHI).

The church school decorated bowls for us to serve chicken and vegetable soup and everyone at the event got to take home a bowl. We served rice and beans along with the soup. The rice and beans represented the typical Honduran meal before working with SHI. The delicious soup represented the upgrade in diet that families enjoyed after working with SHI—protein and greater diversity of vegetables derived from planting family vegetable gardens, raising hens and installing fish ponds.

Despite nearly daily washings since, I am still able to enjoy Camden's vision of what the families who work with SHI might plant and grow and it reminds me of my own time working with SHI in Honduras. Camden got a lot of it just right.

And from there, I think high level

...whether we achieved the objectives of Feeding 5000 of: 1) Have an impact on hunger locally, regionally, and globally; 2) Get 100% of the congregation involved; and 3) Have a lasting legacy.

So how did we do? Let me share some highlights.

Have an impact on hunger locally, regionally, and globally.

—**Outcome:** Hancock fed the equivalent of 100,000 people for a day. We reached all our intended geographic areas. In terms of locally, Hancock should be very proud of its role in the launch of the Interfaith Garden. Since inception in 2010, over 1630 pounds of fresh produce have been delivered to the Lexington Food Pantry and over 220 different people have worked there. And Hancock has learned a lot in working with our global partner, Sustainable Harvest International (SHI). A modest investment of time and money has been leveraged to have substantial impact on impoverished Honduran families. In Piedras Negras, 15 families have been firmly launched on the path of sustainably feeding their families and improving their standard of living and the community's environment. Furthermore, SHI has discovered that a program participant on average shares their training with at least 7 more people. The gift of education and self-improvement keeps on giving!

Get 100% of the congregation

involved—Outcome: Many members got involved in some way (such as donating food, working at the Interfaith Garden and food pantry, or learning about hunger issues from speakers) but was it 100%? I don't know. We initiated programs that invited the whole congregation to get involved, along with events

and programs to specifically reach out to communities within Hancock, such as the church school, committees, and the youth groups. Here are some of the activities that Feeding 5000 organized: food drives, speakers, mission trips, dinners, linger lunches, service opportunities to pack and sort food at food banks, work at local gardens that support food pantries, and book and discussion groups. During this time, other Hancock groups sponsored their own events, such as: a JYO hunger walk; HYG hungerathons and hunger-relief dinner; JYO monthly sandwich making benefiting The Outdoor Church of Cambridge; church school fundraising for Heifer.

Have a lasting legacy: Out-

come: There are a few programs that will continue beyond Feeding 5000 such as the Interfaith Garden and our commitment to SHI. And plans are underway to continue supporting the Greater Boston Food Bank and its backpack program, providing weekend nutrition for food-insecure students.

Feeding 5000 has meant a lot more than what is reported above. The success of it goes beyond 100,000 people fed for a day. Our goals have been met no matter how you participated. They have been met if you understood better the needs of the food-insecure, understand the justice dimensions of the issue and have done something to ease that need.

We invite everyone to celebrate these 3 years on **Sunday, Oct 2nd**. After church there will be a linger lunch to share stories and laugh together. We call the lunch "*Eat, Pray, Celebrate.*" Please join us!

From the Director of Children's Ministries Pam Cochrane

Hancock Welcomes Sascha Dornhardt



Sascha will be with us at Hancock until the beginning of December as an exchange student from Germany. He will be working closely with the Children's Christian Education Committee and we are thrilled to welcome him to Hancock.

By Sasha Dornhardt

It is a great opportunity to introduce myself to the Hancock Community. My name is Sascha Dornhardt and I come from Bochum in Germany. Near the town of Cologne town which you may know.

I am 22 years old and study religious education at the EFH Bochum. EFH stands for Evangelische Fachhochschule Bochum (Protestant University of Aplice Since.) There, I am in my second year and will finish in another year with a Bachelor of Arts. Then I will continue my study of theology to be able to work later as a Reverent.

I am here for the next 3 months and for an internship in Hancock. On the

06th of September I arrived full of excitement in Boston. Many students of the EFH have internship in Bochum or in Germany. I imagined, why shouldn't I make my internship in the United States?

With help from my professor, Mr. Bell, I got in touch with Hancock Church in Lexington. Then after some e-mails with Pam Cochrane my internship-place was certain.

Here my field of work will be the work with children and youth. For me it is very exciting to see how you work here in religious education. I am glad about many exciting preparations, discussions and projects.

Religious education is so incredibly important in this world and it is exciting over and over again to talk with children about God, which questions they have or how they imagine a life with God.

I hope during the next weeks and months there will be a lot of possibilities to have conversations with you, to get to know more about you and this community.

I would like to thank some people for the great support. Thank you to Pam Coch-

rane for the coordination and help here during my internship. Thank you to Paul Shupe, Dana Allen Walsh and the whole staff here for this lovely welcome and for the nice talks and support. Thank you to Mark Morgan, Director of Music, for the loan of a great bicycle that I can use here. Of course big thanks to my host families, the Sandeens, the Wests and the Beraweshes for their great hospitality. And of course also thanks to so many nice people here I have met already in my first weeks.

I am glad about the many great people I will get to know. I look forward to the conversations, the services on Sundays and the great times with my host families and this community. Of course I want to tell you more about me and myself and to get to know more about you. So no worry, I am not shy. I love conversations.

In the end, I would like to share a line from my favorite hymn: *Mögen die Straßen uns zusammenführen und bis wir uns wiedersehen, möge Gott uns fest in seinen Händen halten.* This means, may the many ways bring us together and may God hold us in his hands.

Church School Explores the Creation Story!



During the fall months the children of Hancock's church school program will explore some of the many Old Testa-

ment stories. From Genesis' creation verses to the tales of Exodus and the Ten Commandments we'll share stories of faith that connect us all as children of God. In September, the children created a wall weaving that hangs in the Children's Chapel Room. Made of fabric, sticks, yarn, ribbon and found objects, each child has had a hand in the collaborative work that reminds us that the stories of our faith are like threads in a weaving, full of color and texture, woven together to remind us of our intercon-

nectedness and strength in community. You are invited to visit the classrooms and share in the children's work and play.

Volunteer as a Shepherd – We invite parents and adults to serve as "shepherds" in the church school program. Shepherds offer an extra set of hands for teachers as they help with class room activities. If you like to volunteer to help in the church school classes contact Pam.Cochrane@hancockchurch.org.

Family Movie Night Saturday, Oct. 15 at 6 pm in Upper Room

Come join Hancock Church School families for fellowship, fun and a movie!

Featured film: Tangled - *The 2010 animated film Tangled tells the story of the magically long-haired Rapunzel who has spent her entire life in a tower.*

When a runaway thief stumbles upon her, she discovers the world for the first time, and who she really is.

Pizza and drinks will be served. Please bring a healthy snack, salad, or dessert to share.

RSVP to Sarah Kuli at 781-674-2123 or sarahkuli@comcast.net by 10/13.

An evening of fellowship sponsored by the Children's Christian Education Program.

The Notice Board



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*See page 5 for the Capital Campaign's
Fall Schedule.*

Remember Worship @ the Well is back in Clark Hall every Sunday at 6:15 p.m. We invite you to join us for:

- Intimate, modern and participant-directed
- Relevant sermons
- Music by the River Rock Band

Check us out at least once this fall—and bring a friend!

**Remember the Oct. 2 Linger Lunch
for Feeding 5000**

Come celebrate as Feeding 5000 concludes after three years.

The event will be held in the Dining Room after worship. All are invited.

Adult Education Fall 2011

We have made our new Adult Education program available on the web. We invite you to explore our new program offerings, including Drawing from the Well, which is held Sunday evenings after Worship @ the Well.

<http://www.hancockchurch.org/ministries/adults>

Women in Faith Series

Sept. 21—October 12

7:30 pm Wednesdays in the Pearson Room

Led by the Rev. Dana Allen Walsh

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Hancock Calendar

The following is a list of October services. To see a full list of services and events at Hancock United Church of Christ, pick up a church bulletin or visit **www.hancockchurch.org/events/event-calendar**.

Sunday, Oct. 2: 10 am Morning Worship, Holy Communion. The Rev. Paul Shupe preaching.

Sunday, Oct. 2: 6:15 pm Worship @ the Well in Clark Hall.

Sunday, Oct. 9: 10 am Morning Worship. The Rev. Paul Shupe preaching.

Sunday, Oct. 9: 6:15 pm Worship @ the Well in Clark Hall.

Sunday, Oct. 16: 10 am Morning Worship. The Rev. Dana Allen Walsh preaching.

Sunday, Oct. 16: 10 am Worship @ the Well in Clark Hall.

Sunday, Oct. 23: 10 am Morning Worship. The Rev. Paul Shupe preaching.

Sunday, Oct. 23: 6:15 pm Worship @ the Well in Clark Hall.

Sunday, Oct. 30: 10 am Morning Worship. The Rev. Paul Shupe preaching.

Sunday, Oct. 30: 6:15 pm Worship @ the Well in Clark Hall.