

SQUARE ROOTS Newsletter



"The Church in the Square with a Circle of Love"

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FIRST UNITED PARISH WINTER 2011 BIBLE STUDY

on

The Book of Revelation

using the text and video:

Breaking the Code: Understanding the Book of Revelation by Bruce M. Metzger
as well as *The Bible*

The Book of Revelation contains passages of great beauty and comfort, as well as passages that strike the casual reader as bizarre, bewildering, and sometimes frightening. How are readers today to discern God's message in this peculiar part of The Bible? "Breaking the Code" provides a trustworthy guide to the rich symbolism of this important Biblical book. Noted biblical scholar Bruce M. Metzger presents the fruits of solid scholarship in a nonacademic style. "Breaking the Code" serves as a key for understanding this powerful and puzzling book from the first century of the Christian Era. (from the back cover of the text)

Come join us for an eight (8) week journey through "The Book of Revelation" on the following Mondays: Feb 6, 13 & 27, Mar 5, 12, 19 & 26. The cost of the book is \$9.00.

RECYCLING FUNDRAISER:

Calling all used Metal Jewelry (gold, silver, tangled or broken OK), Cell Phones, Ink Jet Cartridges, Laptop Computers, Apple iPods & MP3 Players, Digital Cameras, Digital Video Cameras, GPS Devices, Radar Detectors, Kindle & Sony Book Readers, Handheld Games Systems (damaged, non-working and non-listed models OK too!)



This is an on-going fundraiser to benefit the general budget of FUP - so don't just throw that old item away - call for pickup if needed! We now have a collection bin in the church building, **thanks to Barbara O'Brien**, so let's fill it up!

ASH WEDNESDAY

Feb. 22, 2012

at Grace Episcopal Church

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME –
PLEASE COME AND WORSHIP
WITH US!**

We will celebrate Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22nd) with Grace Episcopal Church, at Grace, beginning with a Pancake supper at 5:30PM and an Ash Wednesday Liturgy at 7:00PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend this event.



EVERETT FOOD PANTRY

Open to all
Everett residents
on the
3rd & 4th Thursday
of each month from
3:00 - 5:00 pm



1 form of identification and
1 proof of residency required.

**Our New Photo Directory is now
online**

Please stop on by our website
<http://www.firstunitedparishofeverett.com>
and take a peek. Just click on the link and enter the
following password: john3:16

PERSONAL TAX PREPARATION SERVICES

offered as a

Fundraiser for First United Parish of Everett

by

Rev. Marion C. Grant*



By Appointment Only - call 617-840-7858 to schedule an appointment

SUGGESTED DONATIONS:
1040A+MA-\$25 / 1040+MA - \$40-\$75

**Prior to becoming an Ordained Minister, Marion had her own business in Fall River, Ma - MCG Services - through which she provided personal tax preparation and small business accounting services from 1988-1999. Prior to that, she worked for H&R Block for several tax seasons. Marion has an Associate Degree in Business, majoring in Accounting, from Bristol Community College (as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from UMASS-Dartmouth and a Master's of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary in New York City).*



February 2012

Greetings,

First of all, I want to extend a most grateful and totally inadequate word of thanks to the First United Parish members and friends who contributed toward the amazing Christmas gift presented to me on Christmas Day morning. This was totally unexpected, and such a special blessing! It will certainly make my upcoming move to Everett (Yay!!!) much easier on many levels. **Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

Secondly, I want to thank you all for the many expressions of support as I and my family celebrate the passing of my Mother, Dorothy Ann (Flynn) Renn, on January 12, 2012. Mom is now safely in heaven with God, for which we give thanks and praise, and trust that she is enjoying her reunion with all our family members and friends who have made that journey before her. Mom lived with my sisters Elizabeth and Margery in Laveen, Arizona, and was 86 years of age. She was blessed to be able to live at home until she fell and broke several bones a month prior to her death, and I am grateful that my sisters were able to provide that home for her.

I also give thanks for your ongoing support which allowed me to be able to be with my sisters in AZ for two weeks as final preparations were made and carried out. I was able to meet the lovely priest, Father Jim, who officiated at the Sacrament of The Last Rites of the Roman Catholic Church for my Mom, and whom I'm told sang to her and prayed for her so lovingly during that holy ritual. And I was privileged to be able to carry her ashes back to Massachusetts, where they will be interned at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Fall River, MA, where Mom was born, grew up, married, and bore and raised her eleven children. We will have a family gathering later this year in Fall River to celebrate her life, and where we hope that most, if not all, of my brothers and sisters, as well as my Mom's grandchildren, cousins, and friends, will be able to gather although many of us are spread all around the U.S.A.

As we all move through these last weeks of the Epiphany Season toward the Season of Lent, which begins on February 22nd, may we continue to give God thanks and praise for family and friends who support and nurture us, and for the special blessing called The Church which enfolds us all together as members of God's family, and for our small but special church family called First United Parish of Everett which helps us to stay connected to God and each other in so many amazing and wonderful ways.

In Christ's Peace,

Pastor Marion

Pastor Marion's Schedule – FEBRUARY 2012

Pastor Marion will be devoting 3 1/2 days per week to First United Parish. During January, she plans to be at the church or doing church-related business on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays (though some days may change occasionally based on scheduled meetings, etc.) The best way to reach her is by calling 617-840-7858 (cell) or via email at revmcgrant@aol.com.



Thursday, Feb 2nd – 9:15 AM – Noon – Attending New England Clergy Women's gathering in Worcester, MA with Rev. Barbara Smith-Moran of Grace Episcopal

Each Tuesday - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Volunteer Tax Prep at Connolly Center

Wednesday, Feb 15th (Time TBA)- teaching Clergy Tax Class for incoming pastors

Wednesday, Feb 15th – 1:30-3:00 PM - Clergy Gathering @ Woburn UMC

Friday, Feb 17th – 7 PM – Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet at FUP

Thursday, Feb 23rd – All Day – Meeting at Oxford UMC

THE LINK Ecumenical Youth Worship will meet at First UMC, Melrose, MA on Saturdays, February 4th & 18th at 7:00 PM. Please let Pastor Marion know if you need a ride, and if you are bringing any friends (who are very welcome, but I need to be sure we have enough room in cars).

Sacred Dance rehearsals will start up again on Wednesdays, from 6:00-7:30 PM, beginning on February 1st. All Ages are welcome to become part of this new way of offering praise to God.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY, for ages 12+ will meet on Sundays, February 5th & 19th, from 2:00-3:30 PM.

PRAISE BAND practice will be held on Saturdays during February from 5:00-6:30 PM

Birthday Celebrations

Marion Grant (Pastor)	02/06
Marjorie Conrad	02/11
Michele Anderson	02/17
Matthew Damien Beck	02/21
Mal Fournier	02/25

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations



Prayers and continued prayers for the following: Mary Ellen Casiello, Rachel & Carl Johnson, Althea Bishop, Mary Perry, Molly Pearson and her son, Cyril, Sue Fontana, Pat Cirino, Walter Carrant, Peggy Monterose, Michele Beck, Elaine Berrier, Rosalyn Gray,

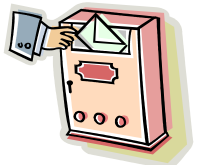
Alexx Wood and those of us with unspoken requests and concerns.

Condolences

It brings me great sadness to inform you that Pastor Marion's mom, Dorothy Ann (Flynn) Renn, passed away on January 12, 2012. The church extends its deepest sympathy for her loss. Please lift Pastor Marion and her family in your prayers of healing and comfort.

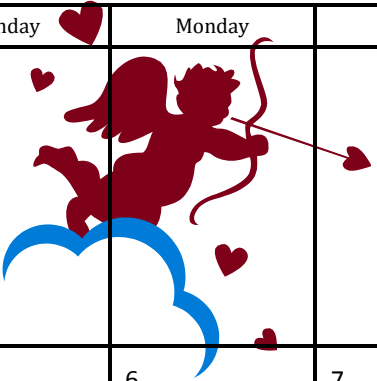
Congratulations

Congratulations to Barb and Mark O'Brien on the purchase of their very first home. After packing up some 54+ boxes the movers arrived in front of 19 Pleasant Street, Everett on Wednesday, January 17th to escort them to their new residence in West Lynn.



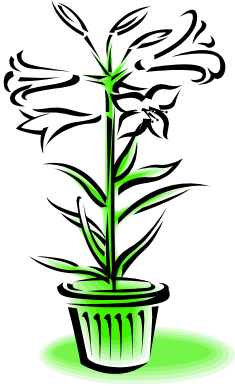
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Lynn, MA 01905
781-592-0309

February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 ESL 9-11:30p 12:00-1:00p Support Group 6p Sacred Dance	2 7-9p Boy Scouts	3	4 10a-12p Cub Scouts 5p Praise Band 7p The Link at 1 st UMC Melrose
	5 10a Worship COMMUNION SUNDAY Scout Sunday 2-3:30p Youth Bible Study	6 ESL 9-11:30p 3:30-5:30p YMMT	7 6p Planning meeting 7-8p CREW	8 ESL 9-11:30p 12:00-1:00p Support Group 6p Sacred Dance	9 7-9p Boy Scouts	10
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12 10a Worship Music Planning mtg.	13 ESL 9-11:30p	14 7-8p CREW Valentine's Day	15 ESL 9-11:30p 12:00-1:00p Support Group 6p Sacred Dance	16 7-9p Scouts 12:00-5p Everett Food Pantry	17 7 PM – Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet at FUP	18 10a-12p Cub Scouts 5p Praise Band 7p The Link at 1 st UMC Melrose
19 Transfiguration 10a Worship Parish Council meets 2-3:30p Youth Bible Study	20 President's Day	21 7-8p CREW	22 ASH WEDNESDAY At Grace 5:30p Pancake supper 7p Ash Wed Liturgy 12:00-1:00p Support Group	23 7-9p Scouts 12:00-5p Everett Food Pantry	24 DEADLINE March Newsletter	25 5p Praise Band
26 1 st Sunday of Lent 10a Worship 2pm Celebration of Yunki & Hyeoun	27 ESL 9-11:30p	28 7-8p CREW	29 ESL 9-11:30p 12:00-1:00p Support Group 6p Sacred Dance			

ESL-English as a Second Language
 YMMT-Youth Making Music Together

Easter is an especially nice time to remember your loved ones. If you are interested in making a donation to the mission and ministry of the church, please fill out the form below and mail it to the church. Your loved ones name will be lifted up during our Easter morning worship service and printed in the Square Roots Newsletter. We are no longer purchasing individual plants for each contributor, but there will be special flowers for Easter in memory or honor of those mentioned.



Name _____ Phone _____

In Memory/Honor of _____

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GoodSearch is a Yahoo powered search engine which makes a donation to us each time you do a search.

Join the rest of our community in using these sites to help us easily raise money for our mission. Get started by clicking the "Become a Supporter" button on our profile located on the church's website. <http://firstunitedparishofeverett.com/>

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