



THE SOUTH END SOURCE

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.

Sunday Morning
Worship
10:30 a.m.

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**SOUTH END
PRESCHOOL**

DIRECTOR
KAMELA BATTLE

**ASST. DIRECTOR &
NURSERY COORD.**

ROBERT DODD

Senseless Violence and Destruction – Again!

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it. If one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are all the body of Christ, and all members of it.
(1 Corinthians 12: 26-27)

No man is an island.... Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind; and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls. It tolls for thee.
(John Donne, Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, 1624)

On Monday, April 15th the people of Boston began the day celebrating the 125th anniversary of the **Boston marathon**. It has become a premier race and a **symbol of diversity and unity**: accepting runners from around the country and throughout the world united by their extraordinary strength, commitment and endurance.

By evening, not only the people of Boston, but our entire nation has had to confront the reality of senseless violence, carnage and terror at the site (mile 26) where families and supporters were gathered to rejoice with those who accomplished this marathon race. As a people, we realize that such a scene is not rare in other places around the world, but we still feel the full weight of such unnecessary destruction and suffering here and now.

We weep with those who mourn. We give thanks for the people risked their own safety as first responders (professionals and bystanders).

In a broader sense, I assume that I share the same questions with millions of other people: How could this be? Why?

I share the **sense of vulnerability and fear** that we all know exists just under the surface of our daily lives when we live in a society that is in many regards – open and free.

I pray that those of us who profess to be part of the body of Christ (Easter people) can be a portion of the larger society who respond to all of these needs and fears --- not out of revenge and retaliation (for judgment belongs to God) but from the assurance that divine love is stronger than evil. Thus, I share this prayer.

In Times of Great Distress Due to Humanly Devised Evil or Natural Disaster

God, our help and our hope in every time of life:

we bow before you in distress and confusion.

Devastation and death seem to rule your world today.

Assure us that you know our thoughts before we think them,
that you accept

petitions that have no words, prayers that are inarticulate anguish,
even anger in the face of events we do not understand.

Remind us of your presence with Jesus in his hours of agony and even in death itself.

Enable us to know that you do not desert us, but in times of need stand closer than before.

Comfort those who mourn. Give hope to those who seem to have lost all hope.

With your healing power, touch any who are injured.

To all medical and rescue workers and to those who just gave of their energy to help, we give you thanks for their compassion, wisdom and skill.

If today our words of praise are mute,

if today we find it easier to curse than to bless,

point us to the empty tomb which lies beyond the cross.

Remind us that your love will see us through
every darkness, every doubt, every desolation.

For you, O God, are our hope and our strength, an ever present help in time of trouble.
This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Laurence Hull Stookey in *This Day: A Wesleyan Way of Prayer*, 2004, pp.136-37, adapted)

Yours in Christ, Ann Cover

MANY REASONS TO GIVE THANKS!

Community Garden

Thanks to everyone who brought newspaper for our garden. People are already in the process of planting and the newspapers have been very helpful.

We appreciate your help!



Note of Thanks to

Carolyn Sweeny and Jim Kirby

While our Church Secretary/Housekeeper, was away for two weeks, Carolyn Sweeney volunteered, once again, to cover the desk in her absence. Thank you, Carolyn, for giving your time to help out in the office!

Thank you to Jim Kirby, who took over the housekeeping responsibilities during these two weeks as well.

IMPORTANT ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING ~ April 21, 2013

If you are on the Administrative Council, please plan on attending this important meeting Sunday, following our worship service.

FLEA MARKET FUNDRAISER

At South End United Methodist Church
Saturday, May 4 ~ 8am to 2 pm

Mark your calendar to attend!

(If you would like to sell your wares, there is still time to reserve a booth.)



WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Please take note!

There will be no Wednesday night church activities or meals during the month of May. Our regular Wednesday nights will resume on June 5, 2013 with a musical program.

Good Neighbor Update March

Combined March donations were \$511. Distributions in the amount of \$592 (with a surplus from last month) given to 9 families for assistance with gas, utilities & food.

Additional families were helped by our food pantry.



**Spirituality ~ Love ~ Hospitality
Respect ~ Hope
Community ~ Non-violence**

**Thank You
to our
Winter 2012-2013
Room In The Inn Volunteers!**

Drivers:

Erica Allen, Bill Burnett, JoAnn Dawson, Jimmy Dunbar, Gene Eason, John Harris, Joe Jackson, Don Marshall, Tommy McIver, Laurel Rapp, Gail Sanders, Jud Scott, Brian Wilson

Spent the Night and Served Breakfast:

Erica & Chris Allen, Ann Cover, Paul Davis, Robert & Jenny Dodd, Abby Dodd, Spencer Dodd, Mark Hinds, Joe Jackson, Laurel Rapp, Jud Scott, Catie Schwartzwelder, Lee Tomlin

Prepared and Served Dinner:

Erica Allen, Kay Bixler, Janna Chiasson, Lydia Chiasson, Ann Cover, Linda Carter, Cathy Donaldson, Peggy & Jerry Duke, Linda Dunbar, Carol Ferris, Jonathan Ferris, Andrew Ferris, Josh Ferris, Gayle Gadsey, Rebecca Lassiter, Brenda Nance, Gail Sanders, Mary Scott, Amy Seiner, Kitty Shadbolt, Liz Shadbolt, Jill Todd, Debbie Walden,
MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH...
Abby, Andrew, Bryce, Catie, Eli, Elliott, Landon, Lydia
& **GIRL SCOUT TROOP #824**

Prepared Snack Lunches:

Kay Bixler, Cathy Donaldson, Peggy Duke, Gayle Gadsey, Peggy Jones, Rebecca Lassiter, Ruth Ann Looney, Allison Marshall, Irene Marshall, Polly Maxfield, Mary Murphy, Brenda Nance, Ruth Padilla, Gail Sanders, Amy Seiner, Dean Stevens, Jill Todd

Laundry:

Kay Bixler, Linda Dunbar, Brenda Nance, Mary Scott, Amy Seiner, Katie Smithson, Carolyn Swinney, Jill Todd, Angie Walker, Phillip Wallace