August 4, 2011

Dear Members and Friends of CUC.

With August upon us, the new church year is fast approaching. It has been a summer of change for CUC, as we said goodbye to Rev. Carol and Hollis and get ready to welcome Rev. Benjamin Maucere as our interim minister for the next two years. Ted Kuczinski and Carol Selinske are leading the efforts to get the parsonage ready and spruced up for Benjamin and his wife, the Rev. Dr. Holly Horn, to move in the week of August 15<sup>th</sup>. Benjamin's first Sunday in the pulpit will be September 11, which will obviously carry special import on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11.

In order to welcome Rev. Benjamin to CUC, we will be having three social gatherings in late August, giving congregants the chance to meet him. These will be:

Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7-9pm open house at Nicky Klemens' house, 3 Elmwood Avenue, Rye (with very limited parking, please carpool if possible)

Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm garden party at the Hunt-Maguire house, 191 Longview Ave., White Plains (parking on Longview and in the Highlands Middle School lot)

Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> - 11:15am-12:30pm bagels and coffee after service in Fellowship Hall at CUC

Please RSVP "yes" to a specific gathering to Liliana Keith in the church office, especially for the evening events, which are limited in space. She can be reached at <a href="mailto:cucwp@juno.com">cucwp@juno.com</a> or leave a message in the Special Events voice mailbox at 914 946-1660 Ext. 8 specifying which event you will attend.

We are in the process of forming an Interim Committee to assist Benjamin in getting to know our congregation and implementing the interim process. Janet Bear and Mary Cavallero are the first two members of the committee, and Benjamin will help select three more.

I hope you will join us for one of the social gatherings; but not too worry if you cannot. If you are lucky enough to still be at the beach, mountains, or sleepaway camp in late August, there will be plenty of opportunities to welcome Benjamin and Holly in September. Please also mark your calendar for our Ingathering Service on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, which will include an enhanced coffee hour following the service. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

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