

CONGRATULATIONS TO MAIN STREET'S BARB BODE ON "LAYPERSON OF THE YEAR"

On Sunday, January 24, Barb Bode of the Main Street Congregational Church was awarded the "Layperson of the Year" recognition at a luncheon sponsored by the Union Congregational Church at Holy Family hall. The award, given by the Amesbury Council of Churches, was presented by Don St. Marie.

Barb has been a very active member of Main Street, holding leadership positions as assistant treasurer/collector and a member of the Executive Council. She also volunteers in many other ways – on the church's Vision Team, as a Sunday School teacher and hospitality coordinator. She was one of the women to create the women's spirituality group, "Women at the Well" and has participated in mission activities such as Camp Sunshine and Relay for Life.

Many in the community know her for the very difficult but highly successful task she undertook when she chaired the High School Building Committee. Amesbury students will enjoy the benefits of her hard work for years to come as they attend the newly-renovated Amesbury High School.

Barb has been with Horace Mann Insurance for the past 17 years and is currently a Senior Account Executive. She is very active in the Amesbury Rotary Club and hosted an international exchange student over the past year. She is also a member of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors.

A native of Ann Arbor, MI, Bode has lived in Amesbury for 12 years. She has a husband Steve and 2 children, Taylor and Kendall. She also has 2 awesome stepchildren, Kim and Adam.

When you see Barb, be sure to congratulate her and let her know how proud we are, and how grateful we are, for all that she gives to her church and to her community!