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United Church of Christ

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## Pastoral Page

Dear Friends,

Covenant matters! Covenant defines us as people of faith. After all, the Bible is full of examples of covenant. There was covenant between Abraham, Sarah and God as the two answer God's call to travel to a new land equipped with new names and God's promise of presence and descendants as numerous as the stars. There was God's covenant with humanity in the Noah story, that never again would there be a flood to destroy the earth. And the sign of that covenant was a rainbow. Those of us who are married entered into covenant when we wed, a covenant with our partner and with God to love one another with our whole hearts in good times and bad. Our church is in covenant with other churches in the Barnstable Association and the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ and wider church. We are in relationship with each other. We look out for each other. We support each other in small and large ways. We experience a sense of commitment to one another. On our local level this is also true.

Church membership means entering into covenant with one another here at North Falmouth Congregational Church. Many people come regularly and participate fully in the life of the church, but don't take the next step. I would like to invite anyone in that position to

consider officially joining the church. It is something special to become a member. This is not like "joining a club or group." This is different because God is in the mix. In becoming a member, you give voice to your commitment to follow in the way of Jesus, to resist evil and oppression, to further the mission of Jesus in the world, and to show love and justice to others. You promise to participate in the life and mission of the church sharing regularly in worship and in the work of the church as it serves in the community. Lest you are getting worried about all this, remember that the congregation also promises their friendship and prayers as you join together in sharing God's love here and outside these walls.

There will be a gathering on Sunday May 6 from 4-5p.m. for anyone interested in considering becoming a member of the church. New Member joining Sunday will be May 20, Pentecost. Please contact me at [revnancyws@comcast.net](mailto:revnancyws@comcast.net) or at 508-274-4875 if you are interested.

In faith,

Pastor Nancy

Sundays April 1, 8, 15, 22

8:30 a.m. Contemporary worship, Sermon and Sermon Reflection, Holy Communion

10 a.m. Traditional Worship and Sunday School

Sunday April 29 10 a.m. **ONE SERVICE ONLY**

Church School Sunday, Intergenerational Worship

Come and worship with our children and youth as our leaders.

Church School will continue on until June 3, 2018

## *Christian Education News by Lisa Allen*

### *Children's Sunday*

This year we have some changes to the Christian Education calendar. Because the end of the school year gets to be a very busy time for many of us, we will be moving Children's Sunday to April 29. We hope this will make participation easier for our families. We will still be having our annual church carnival but it will take place on Rally Day, September 9. Attendance on Rally Day is always high so we hope this will make it possible for everyone to attend and ring in the school year.

### *Easter*

Thank you to all of the parents and students who helped with the Easter egg hunt. Easter Sunday was filled with beautiful music, good food, meaningful worship and fun and all of the help to make it possible is much appreciated.

## April Birthdays



<b>04/05</b>	<b>Cole Allenby</b>
<b>04/07</b>	<b>Richard Latimer</b>
<b>04/08</b>	<b>Hank Bertsch</b>
<b>04/11</b>	<b>Gail Bertsch</b>
<b>04/12</b>	<b>Ann Lindberg</b>
<b>04/13</b>	<b>Emily Yoerger</b>
<b>04/14</b>	<b>Susan Rowitz</b>
<b>04/15</b>	<b>Kristin Fraser</b>
<b>04/17</b>	<b>Vincent Greco</b>
<b>04/21</b>	<b>Brigid Murphy</b>
<b>04/21</b>	<b>Jan Winslow</b>
<b>04/29</b>	<b>Sarah Oshman</b>
<b>04/30</b>	<b>Bethany Ashworth</b>
<b>04/30</b>	<b>William Work</b>

Happy Birthday



Painting the Lenten drape for the Cross





**Decorating the Cross at the Easter Service**



**The Prayer Wall**



*Lent and Easter at NFCC*



**Palm Sunday**



**Easter Sunday**

## ***2018 Spring Plant Sale & Craft Fair with Lobster Roll & Chowder Luncheon, May 19<sup>th</sup> 9a.m.-2p.m.***

The Spring Fair doesn't just happen one day a year for 5 hours. There are many hours of behind the scene prep work before this whole thing can be pulled off. Crafters have been contacted by email (between power outages in March during the storms) and snail mail to see if they are interested. Letters are sent out to local businesses to see if they would be willing to donate gift certificates, baskets of goodies or gift cards for our raffle and/or Silent Auction. Some of the businesses send us the card or certificate but other's ask us to pick up their items. Crafters who answer the emails with a positive response are then emailed a crafter form which they fill out and send by snail mail with their check for their reserved space. As soon as their form and check come in they receive email instructions about what to do the day of the fair and are asked if they wish to set up late Friday afternoon, which some of them like to do very much.

There are newspaper articles to write and be sent in, things are sent via emails to Community Calendar of Events for online and newspapers, town cable TV, Falmouth Chamber of Commerce, etc. The week before the fair a display ad is called in. Last minute email questions from crafters get answered.

About 3 weeks before the fair, Carolee Packard and helpers begin trips off Cape to get the flowers. I believe they made at least 4 trips last year, maybe more and really got beautiful plants. Carolee kept them in her green houses and garage then carefully watered and tended them, putting them in the sun when needed, etc. She also did a lot more things like plant tomatoes and herbs.

Thrift Shop ladies were very helpful this year in gathering items to save for the yard sale, cleaning out the Thrift Shop basement and cleaning out things they didn't want or need anymore. The lobster and chowder gets picked up in Hyannis on Wed. morning before the fair

along with paper goods. Buns, and other food not donated like the broccoli slaw, lettuce, table cloths etc. are purchased with gift cards donated by Walmart, Shaws, Stop & Shop and Windfall Market.

Thursday after the YMCA preschool kids leave, the rooms are cleared out as much as possible and we start setting up tables for crafters. Thank you for the use of six folding tables from the North Falmouth Village Assoc. that we usually use.

Friday last minute Silent Auction Items are picked up then everything is set out with bidding papers and photo copies of gift cards and certificates are all organized. The Covenant Room gets set up with tables and chairs on Friday and all the tables are carried outside for the plants. The plants are transported from Carolee's house to inside the church Friday and placed on tarps so they can get carried out early Saturday morning. Friday late afternoon several crafters come at 4pm to set up so they wouldn't have to come so early on Saturday.

Saturday when the dawn is breaking posters & signs for the fair are put up around Bourne, and Falmouth villages. There is a beehive of activity in the cool of early Saturday morning with people setting out plants, working in the kitchen, getting out items for the yard sale, shuttling people back from the Elem. School where cars were parked to have more room for the public to park. Crafters are helped to find their spots so they can set up their areas. Signs are put up inside the church and outside the church so customers know where things were..

This year the NFCC Craft Fair - Plant Sale-Yard Sale & Lobster Roll Lunch Spring Fair will be held Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. We will be asking for people to help out in every aspect that I just described above. We can find something for everybody to do. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be in the Covenant Room starting at the end of April. Please do your part to help out in some way.

It will soon be time to thin out your plants, bushes and trees from your yards to donate to the plant sale. Remember they must be in a good container (no cardboard) and marked as to what they are. Begin saving things for the yard sale and in May they can be put in the shed at the Thrift Shop or in the church basement with a sign that says it is for Yard Sale for the fair. I am counting on the kitchen crew to work their miracles again. The baked table will need to be loaded with goodies. Hopefully, there will be wonderful Silent Auction raffle items. I heard there will be a beautiful quilt by Linda Thomas with a red, white & blue theme.

Remember this is the weekend BEFORE the three day weekend so hopefully many will volunteer to help out. WE NEED YOU !!!!! And look how good you will feel about volunteering.



## PERENNIAL PLANTS ARE NEEDED!

AS YOU ARE CLEANING OR HAVING YOUR YARD CLEANED FOR SPRING PLEASE CONSIDER DIVIDING YOUR PERENNIALS. WE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH CLEAN POTS AND LABELS. YOU MIGHT WANT TO CHECK WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS AND RELATIVES AND ASK THEM TO DO THE SAME. REMEMBER, PERENNIALS ARE LIKE RABBITS, THEY MULTIPLY.

RIN MORWAY WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THE PERENNIAL SECTION OF THE PLANT SALE AND YOU MAY CONTACT HER WITH QUESTIONS. POTS AND LABELS WILL BE AT CHURCH STARTING APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS.

## REMINDER

### The Transition Team Needs Your Help!

Transition Team is asking members and friends of NFCC to complete a survey. Developed by the [Hartford Institute for Religion Research in Connecticut](#) and recommended by the [Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ](#), the survey not only asks questions about our congregation's current ministry and your own involvement, but also seeks your input on church dynamics to help us define our vision of the future. Completing this survey ensures that your views have been heard and gives us a baseline from which to measure whether we are moving in directions that are important to all.

The survey will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. **We ask each member of your household over the age of 15 complete the survey, college students as well.** You may complete this survey online: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/northfalmouthucc>. If you prefer, the survey will be available in paper format at the church.

**No matter how you wish to respond to the survey, your responses will remain anonymous.**

Thank you for helping us complete this important task. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact any member of the Transition Team. We hope you find this process helpful in reflecting on your faith, the meaning of your church experience, and your hopes for the future.

Sincerely,

Your Transition Team: Peter Allenby, Dennis Fox (chair), Sue Long, Christel Sievert and ex officio members Pastor Nancy and Barbara Rountree

*The Starfish Ministry at North  
Falmouth  
Congregational  
Church*



*More Fun  
Happenings at  
NFCC*



Have you ever wished that you could “make a difference” in this world? The following parable adapted from an essay by the late anthropologist, poet, and writer Loren Eiseley illustrates how every kindness counts:

*“After a terrible storm, thousands of starfish were washed up on a beach, and were slowly dying as the sun baked their bodies. A young man walked along the beach, picking up the desperate creatures and tossing them back into the ocean, one by one. An older man saw his efforts and asked “why do you bother? You can’t save them all, or even a fracture of them. You can’t possibly think you are making a difference.” The young man picked up another starfish and tossed it into the ocean. He turned to the older man and said, “I made a difference to that one.”*

The Starfish Ministry is a team of folks who want to participate in the ministry of caring. Typically, card writing, flower delivery at holidays, and visits are part of the work of this group. People visit those who are home bound, those in nursing homes or rehab centers. This is not meant to replace the pastor’s visits, rather to add to them. In order to be better prepared for this ministry of caring, **Pastor Nancy will offer two training sessions on May 2 and 9 from 4-5 p.m.** Come if you are already serving in this way at church, come if you want to become involved, come if you are curious about how to be a lay caregiver. The sessions will include scriptural basis for care giving, listening skills, the difference between a social visit and a pastoral one, and how to enter the space of a visit effectively. Sign up on the sheet in the Covenant Room.

You are invited to a luncheon with women from NFCC, First Congregational Church in Falmouth, Waquoit Congregational Church, and Mashpee Congregational Church. This is the fourth time that we have all gathered together for a meal and a program, and it has been a lot of fun. Even though NFCC does not have an official Women's Club, maybe one will grow out of these gatherings.

The luncheon will be held on April 11th (Wednesday) at 12 noon at NFCC. This is a Bring-Your-Own-Lunch day, and NFCC will provide desserts and drinks. The program will be Making Stoop Baskets, with Carolee Packard showing us all how to make Springtime baskets for our front stoops. Since this is the first time that NFCC is hosting this gathering, we need to put our best foot forward (Waquoit will be a very hard act to follow!) We need those of you who are available to be hostesses, help with the setup and clean up, and especially bake desserts to wow the crowd! If you can help in any of these areas, please email [NCall91250@comcast.net](mailto:NCall91250@comcast.net) to volunteer. This is a fun event not to be missed!!!

**ALL CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY  
SATURDAY APRIL 14, 10AM -2PM  
RAIN DATE SUNDAY APRIL 15 AFTER  
CHURCH STARTING AT 11:30AM**

**PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING AN HOUR OR MORE OF YOUR TIME TO HELP SPRUCE UP THE CHURCH PROPERTIES BOTH INSIDE AND OUT.**

**THE BOY SCOUTS AND THEIR PARENTS WILL BE CLEANING UP THE SAND IN THE PARKING LOTS.**

**THERE ARE GARDENS TO RAKE, SHRUBS TO TRIM BRANCHES TO PICK UP AND MULTIPLE INSIDE CHORES TO DO. COME AND JOIN THE CLEAN UP CREW, ALL ARE WELCOME EVEN THE LITTLE ONES**



**TRI CHURCH FILM SERIES  
CONTINUES APRIL 29, 4PM  
NORTH FALMOUTH  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH**

The movie “Chocolat” featuring Juliette Binoche, Judi Dench, and Alfred Molina will be shown at 4 p.m. with a discussion and light supper to follow. “Chocolat” is set in a small village in France. Vianne and her daughter move there and open a chocolate shop, right in the middle of Lent. They find challenges in being accepted as outsiders who are different. There are many elements of the movie that will make you both smile and cry. Come and participate in lively discussion and perhaps enjoy some chocolate!

**HAM AND BEAN SUPPER**



**Annual Community  
Ham & Bean Supper  
Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>  
5PM**

**SPECIAL FUNDRAISER COMING UP**

**SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 9, 2018**

YES, CHRISTMAS IS IN DECEMBER AND IT IS ONLY APRIL. PLEASE SAVE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> FOR A VERY SPECIAL TEA AND PROGRAM. RON AND DANNA LASKO WILL BE PRESENTING A PROGRAM ON CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS WHILE SERVING THEIR FAMOUS TEA. THERE WILL ALSO BE OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS TAKING PLACE AT THE CHURCH IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS FUNDRAISER. WE PROMISE A SPECIAL AND MEMORABLE AFTERNOON STARING AT 2PM. LISA AND CAROLEE



***Altar Flowers***

There are open dates in April, May & June for dedication of Altar Flowers in memory of, in honor of or in celebration of a special person or event in our life. Please see the Flower Calendar posted outside of the office.

**Pastor Nancy is on vacation from April 9-23. If there is a Pastoral emergency please contact senior deacon Kristin Fraser at 508- 277-1522. Saramaria Allenby will be leading worship on April 15 and Lisa Allen of April 22.**



**Pastors, Nell, Jonathan & Nancy at the tri church Great Chili Cook-off Waquoit Congregational Church, March 9th**



## Daily Lectionary Scripture References April 2018 (Year B)

### Sun., Apr. 1, Easter

*Resurrection of the Lord*  
Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts  
10:34-43  
John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

### Mon., Apr. 2

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Genesis 1:1-19  
1 Corinthians 15:35-49

### Tues., Apr. 3

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Genesis 1:20-2:4a  
1 Corinthians 15:50-58

### Wed., Apr. 4

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Song of Solomon 3:1-11  
Mark 16:1-8

### Thurs., Apr. 5

Psalm 133  
Daniel 1:1-21  
Acts 2:42-47

### Fri., Apr. 6

Psalm 133  
Daniel 2:1-23  
Acts 4:23-31

### Sat., Apr. 7

Psalm 133  
Daniel 2:24-49  
John 12:44-50

### Sun., Apr. 8

*Second Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 4:32-35  
Psalm 133  
1 John 1:1-2:2  
John 20:19-31

### Mon., Apr. 9

Psalm 135  
Daniel 3:1-30  
1 John 2:3-11

### Tues., Apr. 10

Psalm 135  
Daniel 6:1-28  
1 John 2:12-17

### Wed., Apr. 11

Psalm 135  
Isaiah 26:1-15  
Mark 12:18-27

### Thurs., Apr. 12

Psalm 4  
Daniel 9:1-19  
1 John 2:18-25

### Fri., Apr. 13

Psalm 4  
Daniel 10:2-19  
1 John 2:26-28

### Sat., Apr. 14

Psalm 4  
Acts 3:1-10  
Luke 22:24-30

### Sun., Apr. 15

*Third Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 3:12-19  
Psalm 4  
1 John 3:1-7  
Luke 24:36b-48

### Mon., Apr. 16

Psalm 150  
Jeremiah 30:1-11a  
1 John 3:10-16

### Tues., Apr. 17

Psalm 150  
Hosea 5:15-6:6  
2 John 1-6

### Wed., Apr. 18

Psalm 150  
Proverbs 9:1-6  
Mark 16:9-18

### Thurs., Apr. 19

Psalm 23  
Genesis 30:25-43  
Acts 3:17-26

### Fri., Apr. 20

Psalm 23  
Genesis 46:28-47:6  
Acts 4:1-4

### Sat., Apr. 21

Psalm 23  
Genesis 48:8-19  
Mark 6:30-34

### Sun., Apr. 22

*Fourth Sunday in Easter*  
Acts 4:5-12  
Psalm 23  
1 John 3:16-24  
John 10:11-18

### Mon., Apr. 23

Psalm 95  
1 Samuel 16:1-13  
1 Peter 5:1-5

### Tues., Apr. 24

Psalm 95  
1 Chronicles 11:1-9  
Revelation 7:13-17

### Wed., Apr. 25

Psalm 95  
Micah 7:8-20  
Mark 14:26-31

### Thurs., Apr. 26

Psalm 22:25-31  
Amos 8:1-7  
Acts 8:1b-8

### Fri., Apr. 27

Psalm 22:25-31  
Amos 8:11-13  
Acts 8:9-25

### Sat., Apr. 28

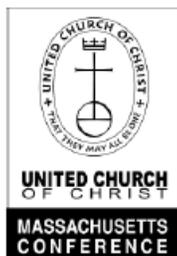
Psalm 22:25-31  
Amos 9:7-15  
Mark 4:30-32

### Sun., Apr. 29

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 22:25-31  
1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8

### Mon., Apr. 30

Psalm 80  
Isaiah 5:1-7  
Galatians 5:16-26



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