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## Pastor's Page

Dear Friends,

This summer Mark and I had the pleasure of having all of our grandchildren visit, all 6 of them! They came from Oak Park, Illinois and from Westford, MA. While their names were the same, their birthdays the same, we noticed how much they had changed. One of the 9 year olds is almost as tall as I am! One of the 7 year olds can ride a bike as fast as the wind, leaving me in the dust on the bike path. And you have to love the energy of a 5-year-old at the beach. Last year he wouldn't even go in the water and this year he was gleefully jumping waves in a way that simply embodied joy. With kids, change is the operative word. After all, they are growing constantly and it is a joy to behold!

It is interesting to consider our own attitudes towards change. Most of us are not sure we like it! After all we are comfortable in our routines and like things to stay the same. However, the truth is that change is built right into our very beings. While changes in adults are not as dramatic as those in growing children, we do constantly change bodily. Our skin, hair, fingernails, bodies all grow and change regularly after all! Change in our physical selves is how new growth appears and how we stay vital. Embracing change can bring new opportunities, new ways of doing things that are both challenging and enhancing to our ways of living.

We are in a time of great change for this church as the work of calling a new pastor will be completed within this year. There have been surveys, visioning sessions, and the transition team has written a

church profile. I am excited to let you know that the search committee is now well in place and will soon be receiving profiles from potential candidates. In the next year, you will be able to welcome new pastoral leadership here.

When I was in Vermont last June while browsing in a bookstore, a title caught my eye. It was CHANGE HAPPENS: A Compendium of Wisdom." Not sure what a compendium was, I nonetheless knew this book was for me! It is full of little sayings about change. For example:

"You can't stop the waves, but you can learn to surf" By Osel Tendzin

"We must always change, renew, rejuvenate ourselves; otherwise we harden."  
By Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

"A ship in harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are made for."  
By John Aufgustua Shedd

Change is a constant in all our lives. No matter one's age, we are constantly in the process of change in our own lives. Some of us have children going to new schools this year, some kindergarten, some college! Some are now empty nesters and others are experiencing young adults returning to live at home. Some of us just retired, others started their first jobs. Some have family members now living in skilled nursing facilities. Change is a constant.

And along with the constant of change, is another constant to count on along the way. The love of God made known to us in Jesus Christ is our constant guiding point, our place of return when we are weary or uncertain or simply challenged by life's ups and downs. This love is strong, sure, and always present. That is something to count on and live by, something to give thanks for!

In faith,



Pastor Nancy

### ***Communion Practices***

It is our practice here and in many UCC churches to receive Holy Communion by sitting in the pew and being served by the Deacons. This is a contemplative prayerful time in our worship service. Many other Protestant churches ask parishioners to come forward for Holy Communion (Methodist, Lutheran, Episcopal for example). There is something meaningful about embodying the choice to take Holy Communion by physically moving forward to receive it. At the 8:30 contemporary worship service here, this is the practice. It is good to experience different ways of doing things and with that in mind, on Labor Day weekend, September 2 we will offer Communion by asking people to come forward at the 10 am service. For those who are unable to do so, a deacon will serve them in their pews.

### **Worship in September Theme is Gratitude**

- September 2** 10 a.m. Intergenerational Worship and Holy Communion, Blessing of the Backpacks
- September 9** 10 a.m. Rally Day, Worship and Church School, Carnival after church, Gratitude for the Beauty of the Earth
- September 16** 10 a.m. Worship and Church School, Living Gratefully in the ups and downs of life
- September 23** 10 a.m. Worship and Church School, Gratitude for our gifts and talents to build up the body of Christ

**September 30** 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship and Holy Communion  
10 a.m. Worship and Church School, Gratitude for the faith we share

### ***Confirmation Class***

There will be an introductory Confirmation Class meeting after church on Sunday, September 16 at 11:15 in Room 3 for incoming 8th and 9th graders and their parents. This year's class will meet twice a month from September to May. The objectives of the class are to continue to explore and deepen Christian faith, do a service project, and when possible participate in the worship services of the church. The class will be led by Pastor Nancy and Lisa Allen. Mentors for the students will give opportunity for intergenerational connections.

### ***Super Saturday October 20, 2018***

Keefe Regional School, Framingham, MA  
Mark your calendar for this exiting day of intergenerational worship and many workshops to choose from. The Keynote address and major workshop leader is Dr. David M. Csinos, Assistant Professor at Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax Nova Scotia. He writes widely about faith formation, children and youth ministry and intergenerational ministry.

There are 46 different workshops to choose from, and one led by our own Rev. Saramaria Allenby entitled "Honoring Your Body." Other workshop topics include care and wellness, church leadership and administration, church vitality, faith formation/Christian education, justice and witness, LGBTQ, racial justice training, spirituality, stewardship and finance, and welcoming.

If we have a group of 5 our registration fee is \$44, for individuals the rate is \$54 per person. Registration deadline is October 6. A complete list of workshops can be found at [www.macuc.org//SS-Oct 2018](http://www.macuc.org//SS-Oct 2018). To register fill out the registration form found by the office and give it to Debbie Pinkney, office manager. Pastor Nancy and Lisa Allen are planning to attend. We just need three more to get the group rate.

# August Birthdays



**08/01** Betty Cole  
**08/03** Ray Rowitz  
**08/06** Danielle Dunphy  
**08/07** Lynn Young  
**08/09** Rosemary Modic  
**08/10** Joyce Bock  
**08/17** Nicole Barrett  
**08/28** Adrienne Latimer  
**08/30** Jennifer Fenstermaker  
**08/30** Pamela Polloni

# September Birthdays



**09/01** Jean Holmes  
**09/06** Mark Strickland  
**09/09** Madison Deveau  
**09/11** Phil Thomas  
**09/20** Joyce Kenneally  
**09/20** Hale Thomas  
**09/21** Kay Clark  
**09/26** Gregory Clements  
**09/27** Lisa Allen  
**09/27** Donald Packard  
**09/29** Angelica Oshman



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## **Christian Education News**

### **Rally Day – Welcome Back Celebration and Carnival!!**



The 2018-2019 church school year will begin on Sunday, September 9, with our annual Rally Day but this year we will have a fun new twist. Our annual church carnival has been moved to Rally Day! Please plan to be there to enjoy the fun and fellowship. Children will meet this year's teachers and do an activity together. Teachers will also be installed at the service and incoming 4<sup>th</sup> graders will receive their Bibles. Then everyone is invited to step out the back door for a barbeque lunch and lots of fun and games. It is an important and exciting day in the life of our church and we hope to see everyone come together to usher in the new year.

### **Church Read**

Hope everyone is enjoying our Summer church read. There is still plenty of time to join in reading the book *Gratitude* by Diana Butler Bass: "The author of the multiple award-winning *Grounded* and leading trend spotter in contemporary Christianity explores why gratitude is missing as a modern spiritual practice, offers practical suggestions for reclaiming it, and illuminates how the shared practice of gratitude can lead to greater connection with God, our world, and our own souls."

Lisa will lead a discussion with a light supper on Wednesday, September 12, at 5:30.



### **Blessing of the Backpacks**

On Sunday, September 2, at the 10:00 service we will be blessing our kids' backpacks in preparation for the new school year. Please be sure your children bring their backpacks to church so that they may be reminded that along with all of their books and projects they will also be carrying the love of their congregation with them every day.

## **Kids Cook! Cooking Ministry**



Our kids and families have been participating in the cooking ministry which feeds residents of the Village at Cataumet for some time now. The Village at Cataumet is a family shelter that offers education and employment services, as well as assistance in finding permanent housing. A group from our church brings a meal to them on the last Monday of every month. Our youth and their families prepare the dessert to go with this meal.

In addition, this same family group is also preparing a snack and delivering it to the Habitat for Humanity build in Marston's Mills once a month.

What began with some kids who like to cook has turned into a full-fledged ministry of our church and who knows, maybe there are even some budding chefs in our midst!

Here are our upcoming cooking dates. We begin at 4:30:

Sunday, August 19  
Sunday, September 16  
Sunday, October 21  
Sunday, November 18

Thank you to Linda Thomas who worked on the Habitat build in July and delivered our snacks for us. Be on the lookout – we will be planning on a group from NFCC to work on an upcoming Saturday.



**Director of Music,**  
**Babette Bach**

It's that time of the year again when we welcome back the Choir.



**SANDPIPER NEWS  
STARTING IN SEPTEMBER**

As most of you know, we have two rehearsal times each week but choir members are only required to attend one. Rehearsal times are:

WEDNESDAYS 7:00 - 8:30 PM

SATURDAYS 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday evening, 7:00 pm on September 5th. New members are welcome at both rehearsals. If you have any questions please speak to me after church on Sunday or call me.

I would also like to activate the choir chimes so let me know if you are interested in participating in a Chime Choir. I would like to demonstrate them to the congregation so if you've had experience with either choir chimes or hand bells please let us borrow your talent/experience for a short time.

It will be good to see you all back from your vacations!

Faithfully yours,

Babette, Director of Music/Organist/Pianist



**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

**SEPTEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>**, WELCOME BACK SUNDAY/CARNIVAL, GREEN SUNDAY

ALSO:

**SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> FRIDAY**, MANDOLIN CONCERT (BENEFIT FRIENDS OF BOURNE FOOD PANTRY)

**OCTOBER TBA** HARVEST SUPPER

**NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>**, HOLIDAY FAIR

**DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>**, VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS TEA WITH RON/DONNA LASKO 2PM

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- 1/ It saves on paper use and ink.
- 2/ It saves on the cost of mailing (for every two mailed it is over \$1.00).
- 3/ It was noticed that most folks read it on line and do not pick up their copy after church. This has resulted in unnecessary mailings.

For easy online access: Google: North Falmouth Congregational Church. On the top line choose News & Events then choose SANDPIPER. Choose the issue you would like to read. **You do not need a password.**

***Transition Team Update***

The Church Profile has been posted on the Transition Team Updates space on the church web site in the News and Events section. The document is password protected (same as the Church Directory.)

A hard copy of the Profile is also available at the church office during business hours as well. The Team wishes to thank all in the congregation who offered their prayers and input into this process and wish the Search Committee the best of luck during their important task.

***Search Committee Update***

The Search committee has convened several times this summer.

On Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, the church sent the profile to the UCC for publication. When applications are

received and reviewed by their committee, they will be forwarded to us. Each of our members will read, discuss and decide the applications which best reflect our church.

This is a lengthy process; however, we will update the congregation of our progress in the coming months.

A copy of the profile will be kept on the office administrator's desk. Debbie's hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. In addition, you may access it on NFCC website. [www.northfalmouthucc.com](http://www.northfalmouthucc.com) under News and Events.

Everyone is invited to ask a member about any aspect during this time. The Search Committee

### *From the Treasurer*

Without burying the readers with numbers, through July we are running slightly behind or under budget on Net Income. Actual Net Income through July was -17,273.71 versus budgeted Net Income of -16,000.79. Expenses were slightly higher than budget and income was slightly below budget.

Thrift Shop Sales, which were severely impacted by the bad weather earlier in the year, have rebounded nicely. We are optimistic that with the ability to now be able to accept credit card transactions sales will continue to improve.

Fundraising has done better than budget primarily because the Plant Sale revenue exceeded budget and the Plant Sale expense was less than budget.

Total expenses through July were over budget by approximately \$900.00. The most significant reason was the Snow Removal expense earlier in the year. We spent \$2,700.00 on Snow Removal or slightly more than double what we have averaged in recent years.

The July financial statements and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Treasurer's Report are posted on the Board of Finance board in the Covenant Room and also on the bulletin board outside the church office.



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

### Wed., Aug. 1

Psalm 37:12-22  
2 Chronicles 9:29-31  
Mark 6:35-44

### Thurs., Aug. 2

Psalm 51:1-12  
Exodus 32:19-26a  
1 Corinthians 11:17-22

### Fri., Aug. 3

Psalm 51:1-12  
Joshua 23:1-16  
1 Corinthians 11:27-34

### Sat., Aug. 4

Psalm 51:1-12  
Judges 6:1-10  
Matthew 16:5-12

### Sun., Aug. 5

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
2 Samuel 11:26—12:13a  
Psalm 51:1-12  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35

### Mon., Aug. 6

Psalm 50:16-23  
2 Samuel 12:15-25  
Ephesians 4:17-24

### Tues., Aug. 7

Psalm 50:16-23  
2 Samuel 13:1-19  
1 Corinthians 12:27-31

### Wed., Aug. 8

Psalm 50:16-23  
2 Samuel 13:20-36  
Mark 8:1-10

### Thurs., Aug. 9

Psalm 130  
2 Samuel 13:37—14:24  
Romans 15:1-6

### Fri., Aug. 10

Psalm 130  
2 Samuel 14:25-33  
Galatians 6:1-10

### Sat., Aug. 11

Psalm 130  
2 Samuel 15:1-13  
Matthew 7:7-11

### Sun., Aug. 12

*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33  
Psalm 130  
Ephesians 4:25—5:2  
John 6:35, 41-51

### Mon., Aug. 13

Psalm 57  
2 Samuel 15:13-31  
Ephesians 5:1-14

### Tues., Aug. 14

Psalm 57  
2 Samuel 18:19-33  
2 Peter 3:14-18

### Wed., Aug. 15

Psalm 57  
2 Samuel 19:1-18  
John 6:35-40

### Thurs., Aug. 16

Psalm 111  
1 Kings 1:1-30  
Acts 6:8-15

### Fri., Aug. 17

Psalm 111  
1 Kings 1:28-48  
Romans 16:17-20

### Sat., Aug. 18

Psalm 111  
1 Kings 2:1-11  
John 4:7-26

### Sun., Aug. 19

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14  
Psalm 111  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

### Mon., Aug. 20

Psalm 101  
1 Kings 3:16-28  
Acts 6:1-7

### Tues., Aug. 21

Psalm 101  
1 Kings 7:1-12  
Acts 7:9-16

### Wed., Aug. 22

Psalm 101  
1 Kings 8:1-21  
Mark 8:14-21

### Thurs., Aug. 23

Psalm 84  
1 Kings 4:20-28  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

### Fri., Aug. 24

Psalm 84  
1 Kings 4:29-34  
Romans 13:11-14

### Sat., Aug. 25

Psalm 84  
1 Kings 5:1-12  
Luke 11:5-13

### Sun., Aug. 26

*Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
1 Kings 8:[1, 6, 10-11] 22-30, 41-43  
Psalm 84  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

### Mon., Aug. 27

Psalm 11  
1 Kings 5:13-18  
Ephesians 5:21—6:9

### Tues., Aug. 28

Psalm 11  
1 Kings 6:1-14  
Ephesians 6:21-24

### Wed., Aug. 29

Psalm 11  
1 Kings 6:15-38  
John 15:16-25

### Thurs., Aug. 30

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9  
Song of Solomon 1:1-17  
James 1:1-8

### Fri., Aug. 31

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9  
Song of Solomon 2:1-7  
James 1:9-16



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**Sat., Sept. 1**  
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9  
Hosea 3:1-5  
John 18:28-32

**Sun., Sept. 2**  
Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**Mon., Sept. 3**  
Psalm 144:9-15  
Song of Solomon 3:6-11  
1 Timothy 4:6-16

**Tues., Sept. 4**  
Psalm 144:9-15  
Song of Solomon 5:2-6:3  
1 Peter 2:19-25

**Wed., Sept. 5**  
Psalm 144:9-15  
Song of Solomon 8:5-7  
Mark 7:9-23

**Thurs., Sept. 6**  
Psalm 125  
Proverbs 1:1-19  
Romans 2:1-11

**Fri., Sept. 7**  
Psalm 125  
Proverbs 4:10-27  
Romans 2:12-16

**Sat., Sept. 8**  
Psalm 125  
Proverbs 8:1-31  
Matthew 15:21-31

**Sun., Sept. 9**  
Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23  
Psalm 125  
James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17  
Mark 7:24-37

**Mon., Sept. 10**  
Psalm 73:1-20  
Proverbs 8:32-9:6  
Hebrews 11:29-12:2

**Tues., Sept. 11**  
Psalm 73:1-20  
Proverbs 11:1-31  
Hebrews 12:3-13

**Wed., Sept. 12**  
Psalm 73:1-20  
Proverbs 14:1-9  
Matthew 17:14-21

**Thurs., Sept. 13**  
Psalm 19  
Proverbs 15:1-17  
Hebrews 11:17-22

**Fri., Sept. 14**  
Psalm 19  
Proverbs 19:24-29  
James 2:17-26

**Sat., Sept. 15**  
Psalm 19  
Proverbs 21:1-17  
Matthew 21:23-32

**Sun., Sept. 16**  
Proverbs 1:20-33  
Psalm 19 *or* Wisdom 7:26-8:1  
James 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-38

**Mon., Sept. 17**  
Psalm 73:21-28  
Proverbs 22:1-21  
Romans 3:9-20

**Tues., Sept. 18**  
Psalm 73:21-28  
Proverbs 25:1-28  
Colossians 3:1-11

**Wed., Sept. 19**  
Psalm 73:21-28  
Proverbs 29:1-27  
John 7:25-36

**Thurs., Sept. 20**  
Psalm 1  
Proverbs 30:1-10  
1 Corinthians 2:1-5

**Fri., Sept. 21**  
Psalm 1  
Proverbs 30:18-33  
Romans 11:25-32

**Sat., Sept. 22**  
Psalm 1  
Ecclesiastes 1:1-18  
Matthew 23:29-39

**Sun., Sept. 23**  
Proverbs 31:10-31  
Psalm 1  
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a  
Mark 9:30-37

**Mon., Sept. 24**  
Psalm 128  
Proverbs 27:1-27  
James 4:8-17

**Tues., Sept. 25**  
Psalm 128  
Ecclesiastes 4:9-16  
James 5:1-6

**Wed., Sept. 26**  
Psalm 128  
Ecclesiastes 5:1-20  
John 8:21-38

**Thurs., Sept. 27**  
Psalm 124  
Esther 1:1-21  
Acts 4:13-31

**Fri., Sept. 28**  
Psalm 124  
Esther 2:1-23  
Acts 12:20-25

**Sat., Sept. 29**  
Psalm 124  
Esther 3:1-15  
Matthew 5:13-20

**Sun., Sept. 30**  
Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22  
Psalm 124  
James 5:13-20  
Mark 9:38-50



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