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Pastor's Page

Dear friends,

What a joy it is to be with you on this interim journey! Although I officially began as your interim pastor on June 12 and am relatively new here, I feel like we already know each other. My time as your sabbatical coverage pastor in the winter of 2016 has already shown me how hospitable you are. As we go deeper, I am sure that we will learn much as we listen carefully to one another. Our summer series, "Listening for God in short story, poetry, and film" gave us a good foundation to sharpen up listening skills. In the months ahead, we will all have a chance to listen deeply to one another and to where God is leading this congregation. And now it is time to begin our visioning process to best identify who you are, where you want to go, and what kind of pastoral leadership will best serve this congregation.

On September 17 and October 1 and 15, there will be all church visioning sessions. After worship on those Sundays, instead of coffee hour, a light lunch will be served and I will lead a discussion focused on the following:

- September 17: What is our story and how do we see ourselves?
- October 1: Imagining our churches future: hopes, dreams, concerns?
- October 15: What kind of leadership do we need moving forward?

The week before each session, you will receive by email a list of questions to think about before our discussion. There will be both small table and large group discussion.

Everyone's voice is needed. To further that end, the deacons and I have agreed that on these Sundays there will be one worship service rather than two. We value the opportunity to hear everyone!

I am honored and pleased to be with you on this journey. With God's help and much patience from us all, the way will unfold before us. We may face a few road blocks, detours, traffic jams ahead. But don't worry! I believe we will stay the course guided by scripture, prayer, and community worship. We will be strengthened to forge ahead and dream new dreams for North Falmouth Congregational Church, UCC.

In Faith,

Pastor Nancy



WORSHIP SCHEDULE GOING FORWARD

The 8:30 and 10 am worship services will continue after Labor Day with a few exceptions. When it is vitally important to have the entire church body gathered together there will be one service at 10 a.m. Otherwise there will be the usual two services. Watch the newsletter and Sunday bulletin for information.

September and October schedule

- Sept. 3, Labor Day Weekend 8:30 and 10 a.m. worship.
- Sept. 10, Rally Day 10 a.m. worship only.
- Sept. 17, Interim Pastor Visioning session after church, 10 am worship only. Light Luncheon to follow hosted by the Deacons. Jean Davock Dessert Committee Chair.
- Sept. 24, Guest Preacher Brenda Swain, Falmouth Service Center, 10 a.m. worship only. Pastor Nancy leading worship.
- October 1, Interim Pastor Visioning session after church, 10 am worship only. Luncheon with various soups to follow hosted by Lisa Allen, Carolee Packard, Kay Clark & Jan King
- October 8, 8:30 and 10 am worship.
- October 15, Interim Pastor Visioning session after church, 10 am worship only. Pasta & Salad Lunch Hosted by the Choir.
- October 22, 8:30 and 10 am worship.
- October 29, 8:30 and 10 am worship.

We look forward to fall and all its opportunities to worship and begin the interim process at North Falmouth Congregational church.

THE DEACONS AND PASTOR NANCY

August Birthdays



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



Happy Birthday

September Birthdays



- 09/01 Jean Holmes**
- 09/06 Mark Strickland**
- 09/08 Peter Cook**
- 09/09 Madison Deveau**
- 09/11 Phil Thomas**
- 09/12 Nancy Callahan**
- 09/19 Cindy Cook**
- 09/20 Joyce Kenneally**
- 09/20 Hale Thomas**
- 09/21 Kay Clark**
- 09/25 Erich Roth**
- 09/26 Gregory Clements**
- 09/27 Lisa Allen**
- 09/27 Donald Packard**
- 09/29 Angelica Oshman**
- 09/29 Jackson Roth**



Happy Birthday

Christian Education News

Sunday School Teachers

Have you ever thought about teaching Sunday School? Our teachers find their experience to be rewarding and I'm sure you would, too. This program depends upon the generosity of our volunteers. No special teaching or Bible background is necessary; just a desire to demonstrate to our children that they are loved by God and by their church. For more information please speak with Lisa Allen.

Rally Day and Pancake Breakfast!

The 2017-2018 church school year will begin on Sunday, September 10, with our annual Rally Day and pancake breakfast 9:00 – 10:00 AM. Please plan to be there to enjoy the fun and fellowship. After a delicious breakfast, children will meet this year's teachers and do an activity together. Teachers will also be installed at the service. 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.

On Rally Day we will also acknowledge any children who have completed their age level of milestones and award prizes for our Flat Jesus program. There is still a little time left so join the fun!



*Congratulations to our
recent High School Graduates
Austin Gray & Vera Nouaime*



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS, SEPT 30th

*10 am -12 noon Waquoit Congregational
Church with Rev Nell and Rev Nancy*

Director of Music, Babette Bach

I can be reached at bachatwork@outlook.com or just drop by.

I realize that summer is only half over but I've already felt some Fall-like temperatures. There have been days when the temperature drops sharply as the sun starts to sink and this reminds me that I'll be seeing all of you before too long.

I'm sure the big question at least for the choir, is when! I've decided to start rehearsals on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 pm and/or Saturday, September 9 at 10:00 am. However, the first Sunday the choir will sing will be September 10th which will be Rally Sunday.

New music is being ordered as I write so come join us. We would love to have more basses, more tenors, more altos and more sopranos.

I'm hoping to activate the chimes once again. My initial plan is to start with teens to adults first and then after Christmas I'll start a children's chime choir. Watch for a sign-up sheet posted on the music room door. I'll also put a sign-up sheet there for the Choir. If I happen to be in the music room, please come in and say hello and I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding both groups. Otherwise, leave your name and phone number or email address.

I look forward to a new year with old and new faces!

Faithfully, Babette

The Deacon's Fund

The Board of Deacons has always kept a fund on hand that the Pastor is able to use on short notice to assist a church family in an emergency. Think of this as NFCC's own "Needy Fund" (like the Cape Cod Times). Pastor Nancy can use the money collected in this fund to pay for groceries, gas, heating oil, rent, etc. for someone who is in desperate need. Prepaid grocery cards or debit cards are given to the recipient - not cash. The Deacon's Fund is not part of our church budget, so in order to replenish the fund, we need your help. **On the first Sunday of each month as we share in Holy Communion, won't you consider making a donation to the Deacon's Fund?** You may use the specially marked envelopes, DEACON'S FUND, found in the pews for this purpose. It is vitally important to be able to support our neighbors when needed, so the Board of Deacons and Pastor Nancy are very appreciative of all your contributions.

From the Board of Finance

Without getting buried in the numbers, the Board of Finance is very happy to report that through July, income is running slightly ahead of budget for which we thank the congregation for its support. Also through July, expenses are running slightly below budget thanks to the diligence of our staff and committees. As a result of these two factors net income is running ahead of budget. If we continue this trend for the remainder of the year we will achieve better than budgeted results. The July financial statements and the 2nd Quarter Treasurer's Report are on the BOF bulletin board in the Covenant Room for those who desire more details.

The BOF is very happy to announce that George Cary has joined the NFCC staff as our bookkeeper. George brings a wealth of church finance experience to the position. For many years he was also the Treasurer of the Falmouth Elks Lodge.



LARGE PRINT BIBLES COMING TO A PEW NEAR YOU THIS FALL

THE WHY

The Deacons invite you to be part of doing a new thing at North Falmouth Congregational Church, UCC. During 2012, one of the results of a leadership retreat held here, identified a desire to have NRSV bibles in the pews at this church. The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible was first published in 1989. Unlike the RSV edition, published in 1946 which we currently use, the scholars who translated the NRSV edition has access to the Dead Sea Scrolls. The NRSV also replaces archaic language with more modern words. The NRSV also uses inclusive language where appropriate.

THE HOW

The cost of each bible is \$17. The Deacons have chosen to use Large Print Pew Bibles so that they are more easily read by all ages of eyes. If you would like to order a bible to two in honor of or in memory of a loved one, see the form below. Fill it out and return it to the church office.

BIBLE ORDER FORM

A Bible in honor of _____

OR

A Bible in memory of _____

Given by _____

Cost \$17 per Bible

Total Enclosed _____

*******SAVE THE DATE*******

SUPER SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 Keefe Center, Framingham, MA

Join other members of UCC churches for a full day of worship, workshops, and networking. There are many workshops to choose from. A sampling of various offerings are: Building Relationships with the Elderly, Simplifying Your Church Structure and Growing Your Church, Christian Education and Formation in the 21st century, Introduction to Racial Justice, Environmental Ministry, Your Church's Budget: we need to talk, Creative Worship. For a complete list go to www.MACUCC.org and click on Super Saturday.

The cost for the day is \$54 per person which includes a choice of many workshops, continental breakfast, and lunch. Groups of 5 who register at the same time receive a \$10 discount per person. **Registration is due by October 2.** The Deacons are ready to cover 50% of each person's cost, which means that if there are 5 people going, the cost to the individual is \$21! This is an excellent value for what you will receive!! Contact Debbie in the office to sign up.

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL UCC UP TO?

Every two years there is a national gathering of the United Church of Christ Conferences. This past June, this Synod meeting was held in Baltimore, MD. The Rev John Dorhauer brought a message to the people about a two year initiative now beginning, THREE GREAT LOVES INITIATIVE. He explains it as follows:

The United Church of Christ has a vision of a just world for all. In this world all are welcomed, everyone is loved and justice is inherent. The 3 Great Loves is the denomination's opportunity to express how our Love of Neighbor, Love of Children, and Love of Creation work together to address the inequities in our current world.

Beginning at Synod 2017 and ending at Synod 2019, through the lens of the 3 Great Loves, the United Church of Christ in its many settings of ministry will discern and lift up how we act upon these 3 Great Loves. As we do so, we will tell the story of how we are impacting and transforming the world, as covenantal partners united in common purpose and mission.

During these upcoming two years, there will be moments of special invitation to participate in this denomination-wide undertaking. One by one we will focus on each of the 3 Great Loves in service to our communities.

Watch the UCC website, www.ucc.org for updates and information in the following months.

MASS CONFERENCE United Church of Christ ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

Last June the Annual Conference of the MACUCC was like no other. The clergy and delegates of the three Southern New England Conferences of Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island gathered in Hartford, CT. After a year of discernment, over 1,000 delegates gathered to consider joining together to form a brand new conference, comprised of the three existing ones. Besides being a combined gathering, this was the annual meeting for each conference, and each state met separately to conduct their own business. As part of their annual meetings, each state voted whether to proceed with the plan to form a new conference. Each of the three states voted overwhelmingly to go forward.

Many questions remain in terms of staffing, organization, and generally how this new conference will work. But even in the midst of some uncertainty the overwhelming sentiment in the hall was that the Holy Spirit was doing a new thing among us. Not only that but we have it within ourselves to be brave and do something new and different! This new conference will bring out the best in each of us and provide more resources to our churches. We will be stronger by working together. Next June a final vote of approval will be taken before this becomes official. You can follow updates on this on the MACUCC website, www.macucc.org.

Daily Lectionary Scripture References August 2017 (Year A)

Tues., Aug. 1
Psalm 65:8-13
Genesis 30:37-43
Ephesians 6:10-18

Wed., Aug. 2
Psalm 65:8-13
Genesis 46:2—47:12
Mark 4:30-34

Thurs., Aug. 3
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Isaiah 14:1-2
Philippians 4:10-15

Fri., Aug. 4
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Isaiah 41:8-10
Romans 9:6-13

Sat., Aug. 5
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Genesis 31:1-21
Matthew 7:7-11

Sun., Aug. 6
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

Mon., Aug. 7
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Genesis 31:22-42
Romans 1:8-15

Tues., Aug. 8
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Genesis 32:3-21
Acts 2:37-47

Wed., Aug. 9
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Isaiah 43:1-7
Matthew 15:32-39

Thurs., Aug. 10
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Genesis 35:22b-29
Acts 17:10-15

Fri., Aug. 11
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Genesis 36:1-8
Acts 18:24-28

Sat., Aug. 12
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Genesis 37:5-11
Matthew 16:1-4

Sun., Aug. 13
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

Mon., Aug. 14
Psalm 28
Genesis 37:29-36
2 Peter 2:4-10

Tues., Aug. 15
Psalm 28
Genesis 39:1-23
Romans 9:14-29

Wed., Aug. 16
Psalm 28
Genesis 40:1-23
Matthew 8:23-27

Thurs., Aug. 17
Psalm 133
Genesis 41:14-36
Revelation 15:1-4

Fri., Aug. 18
Psalm 133
Genesis 41:37-57
Acts 14:19-28

Sat., Aug. 19
Psalm 133
Genesis 42:1-28
Matthew 14:34-36

Sun., Aug. 20
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

Mon., Aug. 21
Psalm 130
Genesis 43:1-34
Acts 15:1-21

Tues., Aug. 22
Psalm 130
Genesis 44:1-34
Romans 11:13-29

Wed., Aug. 23
Psalm 130
Genesis 45:16-28
Matthew 8:1-13

Thurs., Aug. 24
Psalm 124
Genesis 49:1-33
1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Fri., Aug. 25
Psalm 124
Genesis 49:29—50:14
2 Corinthians 10:12-18

Sat., Aug. 26
Psalm 124
Genesis 50:15-26
Matthew 16:5-12

Sun., Aug. 27
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Exodus 1:8—2:10
Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

Mon., Aug. 28
Psalm 8
Exodus 1:1-7
Romans 2:1-11

Tues., Aug. 29
Psalm 8
Exodus 2:11-15a
Romans 11:33-36

Wed., Aug. 30
Psalm 8
Exodus 2:15b-22
Matthew 26:6-13

Thurs., Aug. 31
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Exodus 2:23-24
Ephesians 5:1-6



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Daily Lectionary Scripture References September 2017 (Year A)

Fri., Sept. 1

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Exodus 3:16-25
2 Thessalonians 2:7-12

Sat., Sept. 2

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Exodus 4:1-9
Matthew 8:14-17

Sun., Sept. 3

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

Mon., Sept. 4

Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18
Exodus 4:10-31
Revelation 3:1-6

Tues., Sept. 5

Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18
Exodus 5:1-6:13
Revelation 3:7-13

Wed., Sept. 6

Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18
Exodus 7:14-25
Matthew 12:22-32

Thurs., Sept. 7

Psalm 149
Exodus 9:1-7
2 Corinthians 12:11-21

Fri., Sept. 8

Psalm 149
Exodus 10:21-29
Romans 10:15b-21

Sat., Sept. 9

Psalm 149
Exodus 11:1-10
Matthew 23:29-36

Sun., Sept. 10

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

Mon., Sept. 11

Psalm 121
Exodus 12:14-28
1 Peter 2:11-17

Tues., Sept. 12

Psalm 121
Exodus 12:29-42
Romans 13:1-7

Wed., Sept. 13

Psalm 121
Exodus 13:1-10
Matthew 21:18-22

Thurs., Sept. 14

Psalm 114
Exodus 13:17-22
1 John 3:11-16

Fri., Sept. 15

Psalm 114
Exodus 14:1-18
Acts 7:9-16

Sat., Sept. 16

Psalm 114
Exodus 15:19-21
Matthew 6:7-15

Sun., Sept. 17

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Exodus 14:19-31
Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

Mon., Sept. 18

Psalm 77
Joshua 3:1-17
Hebrews 11:23-29

Tues., Sept. 19

Psalm 77
Nehemiah 9:9-15
Romans 14:13-15:2

Wed., Sept. 20

Psalm 77
2 Kings 2:1-18
Mark 11:20-25

Thurs., Sept. 21

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Exodus 15:22-27
2 Corinthians 13:1-4

Fri., Sept. 22

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Exodus 16:1-21
2 Corinthians 13:5-10

Sat., Sept. 23

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Exodus 16:22-30
Matthew 19:23-30

Sun., Sept. 24

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

Mon., Sept. 25

Psalm 119:97-104
Exodus 16:31-35
Romans 16:1-16

Tues., Sept. 26

Psalm 119:97-104
Numbers 11:1-9
Romans 16:17-20

Wed., Sept. 27

Psalm 119:97-104
Numbers 11:18-23, 31-32
Matthew 18:1-5

Thurs., Sept. 28

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Isaiah 48:17-21
James 4:11-16

Fri., Sept. 29

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Numbers 20:1-13
Acts 13:32-41

Sat., Sept. 30

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Numbers 27:12-14
Mark 11:27-33



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