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North Falmouth Congregational Church,
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November 2018

Pastoral Page

Dear Friends,

This fall we have experienced warm weather well into October, and then the chill of winter started to be more and more of a reality. But that is the cycle of things here in New England, something we expect, something we are ready for! We have winter hats, coats, gloves, boots. And even though I expect the trees to turn colors of amazing reds, yellows, oranges; when they do I am once again filled with wonder at the beauty of it all!

And now it is November, month full of celebration, of remembrance, of anticipation for the coming advent season. May we take time to pause and savor the day, don't rush it, be present to what is. And, in the season of Thanksgiving, find gratitude in every day, in tasks big and small, in things that are fun and things that are hard to do. This is possible when we remember the foundation of our faith: God is with us, God loves us, we are Gods beloved....and we are called as followers of Jesus to share that love with one another here at church and in the community and world around us.

On Nov 4, All Saints Sunday we will remember those members and friends in the church who have died in the last year. On Veterans Day, November 11, there will be recognition and gratitude for all who have served in the armed forces in our country. November 18 is our Thanksgiving Sunday worship and we gather together in gratitude and send out gifts to the Falmouth Service Center. On November 25, the last Sunday before Advent begins, after church all ages are invited to gather in

the Covenant room for a time of fellowship and Christmas crafts. There is something for everyone no matter your age or level of artistic skill. On Sunday, November 25, I will take my allotted fall Family Sunday to be away. Mark and I will travel to Oak Park, Illinois to be with our son and family for the Thanksgiving holiday. Rev. Saramaria Allenby will lead worship on that day.

I share with you parts of a Thanksgiving prayer written by Diana Butler bass in her book, Grateful.

“God, this Thanksgiving, we do not give thanks, we choose it. And we will make thanks, with strong hands and courageous hearts. When we see your sacred generosity, we become aware that we live in an infinite circle of gratitude. That we all are guests at a hospitable table around which gifts are passed and received. We will not let anything opposed to love take over this table. Instead, we choose to see grace, free and unmerited love, the giftedness of life everywhere, as the tender web of all creation. In this choosing, and in the making, we will pass gratitude on to the world. Amen.”

May we too “choose thanks” and keep gratitude at the center of our lives. Wishing you all God's peace and blessings.

In faith,

Pastor Nancy

NOVEMBER WORSHIP

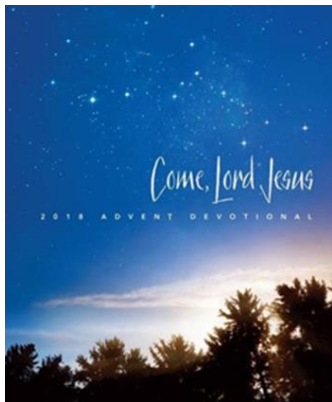
Nov 4 All Saints Sunday
10a.m. Worship, Church School and Holy Communion
Revelation 21:1-6a, John 11:32-44,
"From Death to Life"

Nov 11 Veterans Day
10 a.m. Worship and Church School
Psalm 146, Mark 12:38-44,
"The Widow's Mite"

Nov 18 Thanksgiving Sunday
10 a.m. Worship and Church School
Psalm 126, Matthew 6:25-33
"Nothing can Trouble"

November 18 6 p.m. Service of Support for Survivors of Sexual Assault and Their Allies,
Led by the clergy of the three UCC Churches in Falmouth

Nov 25 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion
10 a.m. Worship and Church School
Rev. Saramaria Allenby officiating



"OASIS IN THE OVERWHELM"

Thursdays after
Winter Soup
beginning
November 29,
12:30-1:15

After winter soup,
enjoy a time of
spiritual nurture

and community. We will frame our time with Reflections from the 2018 UCC Advent booklet. Each week there will be a time of quiet centering, scripture and commentary for our discussion.

November Birthdays



11/03	Elaine Coe
11/05	Stefan Sievert
11/08	David Dunphy
11/10	Lillian Kazanis
11/12	Bill Martin
11/16	Eleanor Bronson-Hodge
11/16	Ward Fraser
11/18	Peter Allenby
11/21	Robert Young
11/22	Kathryn Greco
11/23	Mary Jane Thomas
11/23	Kristen Tivey
11/25	Vera Nouaime
11/27	Rosemary Scavotto



Happy Birthday



Christian Education News



Thanksgiving Food Drive

College Care Packages

This year, once again, we will be sending care packages to all of our college students for the holidays. Boxes will be available to fill in the Covenant Room beginning Sunday, November 4, through the Nov. 25. Students look forward to all of the little gifts we send. Bring in some snacks, homemade treats, post-its or other homework supplies, ornaments, etc. We will also accept cash donations to help defray the cost of postage. Help to brighten the end of this first semester.

Advent Workshop and Holiday Lunch, Activities for all ages!

Join us on Sunday, November 25, 11:15am for our annual Advent Workshop and pot luck lunch. Please remember that this event is not just for children and families but for the whole congregation to come together to celebrate the season.

Family Pajama Party/Movie Night

Friday, November 16, 6:00-8:00 pm

We will gather for a game or two at six, have dinner and then watch VeggieTales Pistachio - a family adventure featuring a helpful lesson in listening to your parents and the importance of family. Everyone is invited to wear their PJ's and bring a pillow and blanket to relax on. Pizza will be served. Please RSVP to lisamallen27@aol.com or sign up in the Covenant Room. Bring a Friend!

Save the Dates



Giving Tree - Nov. 25- Dec. 16

Christmas Pageant rehearsals – Sunday, Dec. 16 and 23 (if needed) after the 10:00am service and Saturday, Dec. 22 at 10:00am.

We will be collecting food items for the Falmouth Service Center's annual Thanksgiving collection. Donations may be placed in the box in the Covenant Room Nov. 4 – Nov, 18. Needed items are:

- Cranberry Sauce, Gravy, Canned Vegetables, & Canned pumpkin
- Quick Bread Mixes, Stuffing, Canned or Fresh Hams
- Frozen Turkeys & Whole Chickens
- Fresh Vegetables
- Home Baked Breads and Pies

Kids Cooking Ministry

Kids and families will be cooking on Sunday, Nov 18 at 4:30. We will be making treats to include in the College Care Packages.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

HOLIDAY FAIR at NFCC Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018

Where can you get Thanksgiving & Christmas items galore, gorgeous jewelry, special Attic Treasures, the Best Homemade Baked Goods on Cape Cod, Handcrafted item, home décor, Humel figurines, antique dolls, Silent Auction & Raffle Items, and a yummy Lobster Roll & Chowder Luncheon too??? Why at our Holiday church fair of course!! There is something for everybody to volunteer for, donate to AND/OR to buy at this year's Holiday Fair here at NFCC Saturday November 10th from 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Won't you help? You might even be able to get some of your Christmas shopping done early this year!!! Wouldn't THAT be nice!!!! Who wants to shop on line anyway..... You could have your presents all wrapped by Thanksgiving. Who needs the Christmas rush!!!!

As most of you know we are having our Annual Holiday Fair Saturday Nov 10, 2018 from 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. We hope that this early date will be a

good one for everyone to attend, help, pitch in just come and have fun during our largest fundraiser of the year. Want to help make this a gigantic success? Sign up after church in the Cov. Rm. to help set up, take down, donate items or work during the day of the sale. We need tons of helpers to make this major church fundraiser work!! We need people to be “in charge” of things, like room captains you might say, to get each area organized. Those people need to have worker bees help them set the rooms up and work there on the day of the fair, and clean up the rooms. We have Thursday evening Nov. 8th, and all day and evening Friday Nov. 9th to set up the rooms.

Are you new to our church? You haven't helped out before? Could you step forward this year and help out? Might we see some new faces coming forward to offer their time, talents and energy?? Might we see some old faces coming back to help? Do you have any Attic Treasures or Jewelry that you aren't sure what you should do with that is just sitting around your house? We could use them at the fair. Want to donate? Bring in any jewelry, attic treasures, baked goods, baskets with a theme for the raffle, gift certificates or really nice things for the Silent Auction. Attic Treasures need clean items that will sell so we won't have to take them to the dump at the end of the day. Items should not be too big for one person to carry. **(If you bring items in please put them in the basement of the church marked HOLIDAY FAIR.)**

Lobster Roll Luncheon helpers: Volunteer to make and/or serve lobster rolls at the luncheon. Buy a dozen to take home or just eat one for lunch at the fair. Bake something and bring it wrapped to sell Friday evening or early Sat. morning the day of the bake sale. Think pies, breads, cookies, etc. Please label what it is.

If you aren't a baker maybe you might make fudge or jam or whatever your specialty is. We are counting on people to help us out. We would like enough baked goods so we don't run out before people come in for the luncheon. Wouldn't it be wonderful if EVERYBODY baked something, or two or three things!! The more we have, the more

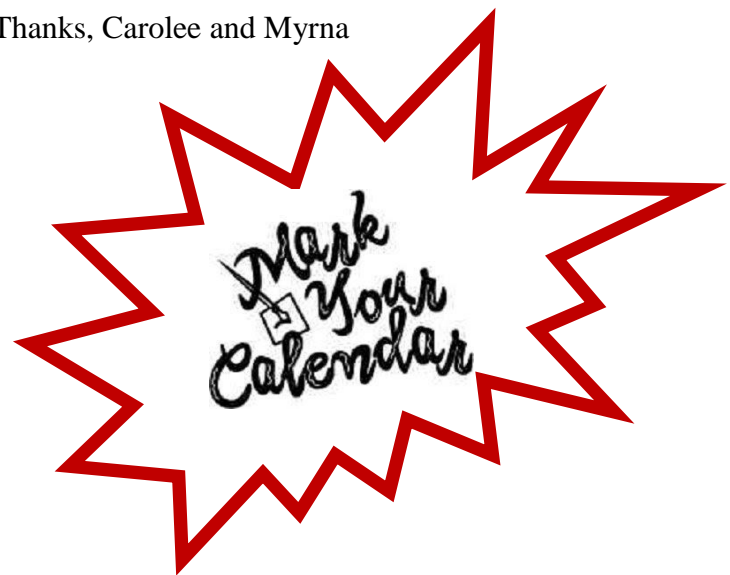
we can sell!!! The more we sell..... well you can finish that sentence.

Please put up fair posters around town, post offices, bulletin boards at work, grocery stores, etc. and tell all of your friends and relatives. Maybe you could fill a basket that we could use in the Silent Auction or Raffle. Try something new and different. Please put a list of what is in the basket on it and have them in by Thursday Nov. 8th. You can get empty baskets to fill at the Thrift Shop.

Could you send our fair poster and info out to everyone on your email lists ? We need as many people as possible to attend this fair. This is one of the largest events that help out the finances at NFCC. A church family needs to work together to make anything happen. We hope you will sign up for something after church in the Cov. Room or email Carolee or Myrna. Be watching the bulletin notes on line and emails for more information as the date gets closer. Carolee will be asking her sorting group to help out with going through the Christmas stuff for the Christmas Room again this year. Maybe some more of you could help sort. Remember, we can't get into the rooms that the YMCA uses until the Thursday evening before the fair. Many hands make for light work carrying and setting up the rooms.

If you have any other suggestions or ideas don't hesitate to contact us.

Thanks, Carolee and Myrna



Outreach News

In this season of Thanksgiving and the NORTH FALMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH wishes to say **THANK YOU** to all the local communities for your support. We are grateful for the community support of the towns of Falmouth and Bourne when we fundraise for a cause.

In February we joined forces with the First Congregational Church of Falmouth, and Waquoit Congregational Church of Falmouth along with the L'ESPERANCE MANDOLIN ORCHESTRA under the Directorship of Josh Bell and raised \$1500 for the Falmouth Service Center. Recently the orchestra joined North Falmouth Congregational Church in raising \$1000.00 for the Friends of Bourne Food Pantry.

This is all made possible with community support. So, again, we are thankful to the citizens of both Falmouth and Bourne.



Arnie Carr of the Bourne Food Pantry, with Carolee, Pastor Nancy and CE Children



WINTER SOUP BEGINS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH!

If you are willing to make a pot of soup for about 25 please sign up. (2 people may share the same date) You are invited to turn your expenses into outreach if you are so inclined.

This is a very popular outreach of North Falmouth Congregational Church. The meal is for all people, providing a shared meal for those living alone as well as those who enjoy company. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy getting to know not only NFCC church folks but those in the greater community.

A sign-up sheet is on the hospitality board in the covenant room.



The Altar Committee

The yearly organizational meeting of the committee will be on Sunday, November 11th following the 10 AM service. We welcome new members to share in the hallway flower arranging and caring for the altar area (filling candles and changing paraments).

On Friday, November 30th we will meet at 9:30 AM to decorate the sanctuary for Advent. All are welcome.....especially a few strong men to carry boxes up from the basement.

The flower calendar for 2019 will be posted outside the office after November 11th.

Christmas Poinsettia forms are included in the Sandpiper and will be available on the counter outside the office and in your Order of Worship for a couple of Sundays before the deadline of Sunday, Nov 11th.

From Pastoral Relations

What we do and why we are here.....The Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC) was formed to “promote a healthy, constructive and satisfying faithful relationship between the Pastor and the congregation and enhance the effectiveness of the Church’s mission”.

This committee is always available to anyone in our church who may have a concern about the pastor’s performance, duties, or relationship with any one of our congregants. The committee will be a valuable tool for our new pastor when he or she is determined and becomes a part of our faith community.

Our church has adopted a Covenant For Christian Communication. You may read or download this document from the NFCC website. Put your cursor on the About heading, move the cursor down to Who We Are UCC and click on it. Scroll to the bottom and click on Bylaws and Covenant for Christian Communication.

If you have questions concerning our worship, or any of our other committees, you may contact our head deacon, Kristin Frasier, or the Moderator, Carolee Packard.

Members of the PRC include Barbara Rountree, Bill Martin, Sally Eldridge, and myself.

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From the Treasurer

Through September we are running slightly ahead of budget on Net Income. Actual Net Income through September was -8,363.69 versus budgeted Net Income of -15,237.40. Expenses were slightly lower than budget and income was slightly higher than budget, a nice situation.

Thrift Shop Sales, which were severely impacted by the bad weather earlier in the year, continue to improve and are now ahead of budget.

The Treasurer’s Checking Account balance on September 30, 2018 was \$15,717.80 compared to \$18,078.96 on September 30, 2017. This means we have spent more in expense than generated in income over the past 12 months.

Our endowment funds have grown over the past 12 months due primarily to a strong stock market.

For those who would like more detail than listed above the September financial statements and 3rd 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.

Super Saturday October 20th



Lisa Allen participating in a workshop for Intergenerational Worship



Saramaria Allenby demonstrating “Praying With the Body”

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HOLIDAY FAIR

Thanksgiving & Christmas

Jewelry – Hand Crafts

Attic Treasures – Raffles

Baked Goods – Silent Auction

SAT. November 10th

9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Snacks and coffee served all morning.

LOBSTER ROLL LUNCH

11:00a.m. – 1:00 PM

Take outs available.

More info call 508-563-2177

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for survivors of sexual assault and their allies



Sunday, Nov. 18 • 6 PM

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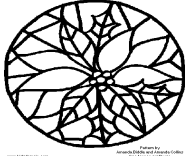
Singing • Candle Lighting



Let's transform #MeToo into #WeCan

You are not alone.

Hosted by the **United Church of Christ** Churches of Falmouth:
First Congregational Church, North Falmouth Congregational Church
and Waquoit Congregational Church



Poinsettia Order Form

Due by Sunday, November 11, 2018

(Poinsettias will be delivered and used for the Sunday Service on December 16th.)

I wish to give _____ poinsettia(s) @ \$12.00.
(Choose one from the wording below.)

In loving memory of/

In honor of/

In celebration of/

Given by:

(Name)

(Phone Number)

COLORS: (please indicate number of each color)

_____ Red
_____ White
_____ Pink

_____ I will pick my poinsettia(s) up after service December 16th.
_____ Please deliver to a shut-in after service on December 16th.

Payment of \$12.00 each is due with your order by November 11th

Please make check payable to **Flower Committee, NFCC,**

PO Box 403, North Falmouth, MA 02556.

Questions: 508-563-2177. **Thank you!**

Daily Lectionary Scripture References November 2018 (Year B)

Thurs., Nov. 1 **All Saint's Day**

Solomon 3:1-9 or Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24
Rev 21:1-6a
Jn 11:32-44

Fri., Nov. 2

Psalm 146
Ruth 2:1-9
Romans 3:21-31

Sat., Nov. 3

Psalm 146
Ruth 2:10-14
Luke 10:25-37

Sun., Nov. 4

Ruth 1:1-18
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

Mon., Nov. 5

Psalm 18:20-30
Ruth 2:15-23
Romans 12:17-21; 13:8-10

Tues., Nov. 6

Psalm 18:20-30
Ruth 3:1-7
Acts 7:17-29

Wed., Nov. 7

Psalm 18:20-30
Ruth 3:8-18
John 13:31-35

Thurs., Nov. 8

Psalm 127
Ruth 4:1-10
Romans 5:6-11

Fri., Nov. 9

Psalm 127
Ruth 4:11-17
Hebrews 9:15-24

Sat., Nov. 10

Psalm 127
Ruth 4:18-22
Mark 11:12-14, 20-24

Sun., Nov. 11

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
Psalm 127
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

Mon., Nov. 12

Psalm 113
Genesis 24:1-10
1 Timothy 5:1-8

Tues., Nov. 13

Psalm 113
Genesis 24:11-27
1 Timothy 5:9-16

Wed., Nov. 14

Psalm 113
Genesis 24:28-42
Luke 4:16-30

Thurs., Nov. 15

1 Samuel 2:1-10
1 Samuel 1:21-28
1 Timothy 6:11-21

Fri., Nov. 16

1 Samuel 2:1-10
1 Samuel 2:18-21
Colossians 2:6-15

Sat., Nov. 17

1 Samuel 2:1-10
1 Samuel 3:1-18
Mark 12:1-12

Sun., Nov. 18

1 Samuel 1:4-20
1 Samuel 2:1-10
Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18]
19-25
Mark 13:1-8

Mon., Nov. 19

Psalm 3
1 Samuel 3:19-4:2
Hebrews 10:26-31

Tues., Nov. 20

Psalm 3
Deuteronomy 26:5-10
Hebrews 10:32-39

Wed., Nov. 21

Psalm 3
1 Kings 8:22-30
Mark 13:9-23

Thurs., Nov. 22 **Thanksgiving**

Joel 2:21-27
Psalm 126
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Matthew 6:25-33

Fri., Nov. 23

Psalm 132:1-12 [13-18]
2 Kings 22:11-20
1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Sat., Nov. 24

Psalm 132:1-12 [13-18]
2 Kings 23:1-14
John 3:31-36

Sun., Nov. 25

2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12 [13-18]
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

Mon., Nov. 26

Psalm 63
2 Kings 23:15-25
Revelation 11:1-14

Tues., Nov. 27

Psalm 63
1 Samuel 17:55-18:5
Revelation 11:15-19

Wed., Nov. 28

Psalm 63
2 Samuel 2:1-7
John 16:25-33

Thurs., Nov. 29

Psalm 25:1-10
Nehemiah 9:6-15
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Fri., Nov. 30

Psalm 25:1-10
Nehemiah 9:16-25
1 Thessalonians 5:12-22



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