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Pastor's Message

"Listen... to the One who created you... to the one who shaped who you are. Do not fear, for I, your - Redeemer, will rescue you. I have called you by name, and you are mine." —Isaiah 43:1

Dear Friends,

Entering the new year can be a time filled with hope and expectation. We might ask ourselves, what new adventures await us? Who will we meet along the way? What new things will we learn, in what ways will we grow? Where will life take us? Better yet, in what direction will we steer our lives? What surprises will come? What joy and delight will come our way? How will God call us forth to shine Christ's light in people's lives?

On the flip side, what worries and fears do we carry into the new year? What have we left undone? What

regrets do we have? What baggage has been sitting in the attic of our hearts weighing us down that needs to go to the dump? How long do we have to endure this pandemic?

As the new year unfolds, there will be times of joy and excitement, sorrow and frustration, rejoicing and laughter, loneliness and worry. So, I offer some blessings for the new year. May you carry your fears and worries lightly, knowing God is helping you carry the load. May you be gentle with yourself for all the things left undone and the regrets that haunt you. And for all that extra baggage you've been lugging around for so many years, may you surrender it to God who is saying, "It is time to let go of what doesn't serve you anymore".

Moreover, may you be filled with hope for all the incredible things God can and will do in your life and in this world this year. May God show you the adventures that await you. May God give you the vision to see more goodness, blessing, and the beloved community of humanity rather than the weariness, divisions, and fear in the world right now. May God write upon your heart the good news that you are God's very own, and you need not fear for God is for you, with you, and in you—for all time.

May the many blessings we received in 2021 renew our strength, hope, and faith for the coming year.

Joy always,

Pastor Christina

January Birthdays



- 01/02 Thomas Heino
- 01/06 Eleanore Scavotto
- 01/06 Patricia Peterson
- 01/08 Jan Deacon
- 01/11 Chuck Teixeira
- 01/12 Robert Bock
- 01/13 Martha Rosewell
- 01/13 Jackson Weseman
- 01/14 Marsha Martin
- 01/15 Thomas Gawarkiewicz
- 01/20 Toby Ryan
- 01/21 Caroline Scavotto
- 01/21 Candace Teixeira
- 01/24 Maia Ledwell
- 01/25 Lois Kristiansen
- 01/27 Tim Sawyer
- 01/28 Trevor Tivey

Happy Birthday



Advent & Christmas at NFCC

December 19th, the Christmas Pageant



Hope Oliveira & friend narrated while Pastor Christina led the all-volunteer cast in the story of the birth of Christ.



Fun for all as they assumed their parts.





Linda and Joyce



The wise men make their entrance bringing gold, frankincense, and myrrh for the birth of the Messiah.



Angels, Baby Jesus, Mary & Joseph and animals in the manger.



The three wise neighborhood women bring the more sensible gifts of diapers, baby bottles, take-out food, and wine, of course.

Much fun was had by all as everyone played a part in the retelling of the Nativity story.





December 21st Interfaith Memorial Service



Remembering the 63 people who lost their lives experiencing homelessness on the Cape this past year.

Many thanks to all who participated in the Scripture readings and the service.



 ***Christmas Eve***
(Next column)



O Holy Night



A big thank you to Dennis Fox who not only ran the tech for the Christmas Eve service but also handled the lights for the candle lighting.



It seems that Help Wanted signs are everywhere these days. So why should the church be any different.

We are currently looking for some folks who want to share their time and talents with the North Falmouth Congregational Church.

The pay might not be in currency, but the benefits are rewarding. You get to give to your church, meet some wonderful people, and even have some fun along the way.

At the present we have openings in both leadership and on committees.

LEADERSHIP: Moderator

BOARDS and COMMITTEES:

- **Finance:** One open spot
- **Board of Deacons:** One open spot
- **Building and Grounds:** Multiple open spots
- **Music Committee:** Two open spots
- **Christian Education:** Three open spots
- **Outreach:** Two open spots
- **Barnstable Association:** One person
- **Cape Cod Council of Churches:** One person
- **Hospitality:** Special Events planner

We also need one person to get Serv-Safe certified.

Please speak to Pastor Christina or Debbie if you have any questions or are interested. You can email them at officenfcc@gmail.com, pastornfcc@gmail.com or call 508-563-2117.

Thank you for stepping up to help make your church part of your life. We appreciate all you do!



From the Treasurer

For Year End 2022 here is a summary on our Operating Statement:

	Budget	Actual
Revenue	183,252.63	189,468.77
Expense	206,866.86	191,647.21
Net Income	(23,614.23)	(2,178.44)

Had we not received the Paycheck Protection Program Loan #2 of 25,190.00, which was used entirely to offset salary expense, our Net Income would have been (27,368.44).

No Place for Hate-Falmouth Presents Its 15th Annual
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Event
“A Musical Tribute to MLK”

Featuring Naomi Westwater

Singer/songwriter/storyteller

Cape Cod Native

2021 Boston Music Award Nominee

2020 617Session Artist

2020 Boston Opportunity Recipient

2019 Iguana Music Grant

Berklee Post Masters Graduate Fellow



Monday. Jan. 17, 2022 • 10 AM

Free on Zoom or FCTV Channel 13

Register on Zoom: npfhfalmouth.org

NPFH-Falmouth Civic Leadership Award

Dr. Sandra Faiman-Silva



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Daily Lectionary Scripture References – January 2022 (Year C)

Sat., Jan. 1
Ecclesiastes 3:1-13
Psalm 8
Revelation 21:1-6a
Matthew 25:31-46

Sun., Jan. 2
Second Sunday after Christmas
Jeremiah 31:7-14 or Sirach 24:1-12
Psalm 147:12-20 or Wisdom 10:15-21
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:[1-9] 10-18

Mon., Jan. 3
Psalm 72
Job 42:10-17
Luke 8:16-21

Tues., Jan. 4
Psalm 72
Isaiah 6:1-5
Acts 7:44-53

Wed., Jan. 5
Psalm 72
Jeremiah 31:7-14
John 1:[1-9] 10-18

Thurs., Jan. 6
Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Fri., Jan. 7
Psalm 29
Ecclesiastes 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 2:1-10

Sat., Jan. 8
Psalm 29
Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
1 Corinthians 2:11-16

Sun., Jan. 9
The Baptism of Christ
Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Mon., Jan. 10
Psalm 106:1-12
Judges 4:1-16
Ephesians 6:10-17

Tues., Jan. 11
Psalm 106:1-12
Judges 5:12-21
1 John 5:13-21

Wed., Jan. 12
Psalm 106:1-12
Numbers 27:1-11
Luke 11:33-36

Thurs., Jan. 13
Psalm 36:5-10
Jeremiah 3:1-5
Acts 8:18-24

Fri., Jan. 14
Psalm 36:5-10
Jeremiah 3:19-25
1 Corinthians 7:1-7

Sat., Jan. 15
Psalm 36:5-10
Jeremiah 4:1-4
Luke 11:14-23

Sun., Jan. 16
Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

Mon., Jan. 17
Psalm 145
Isaiah 54:1-8
Romans 12:9-21

Tues., Jan. 18
Psalm 145
Song of Solomon 4:1-8
1 Corinthians 1:3-17

Wed., Jan. 19
Psalm 145
Song of Solomon 4:9–5:1
Luke 5:33-39

Thurs., Jan. 20
Psalm 19
Isaiah 61:1-7
Romans 7:1-6

Fri., Jan. 21
Psalm 19
Nehemiah 2:1-10
Romans 12:1-8

Sat., Jan. 22
Psalm 19
Nehemiah 5:1-13
Luke 2:39-52

Sun., Jan. 23
Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

Mon., Jan. 24
Psalm 119:89-96
Jeremiah 36:1-10
1 Corinthians 14:1-12

Tues., Jan. 25
Psalm 119:89-96
Jeremiah 36:11-26
2 Corinthians 7:2-12

Wed., Jan. 26
Psalm 119:89-96
Jeremiah 36:27-32
Luke 4:38-44

Thurs., Jan. 27
Psalm 71:1-6
2 Chronicles 34:1-7
Acts 10:44-48

Fri., Jan. 28
Psalm 71:1-6
2 Chronicles 35:20-27
Acts 19:1-10

Sat., Jan. 29
Psalm 71:1-6
2 Chronicles 36:11-21
John 1:43-51

Sun., Jan. 30
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

Mon., Jan. 31
Psalm 56
1 Kings 17:8-16
1 Corinthians 2:6-16

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