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A Letter from Pastor Christina & Rev Dr. Claire Bamberg

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in times of trouble, and continue steadfastly in prayer.” –Romans 12:12

*Just remember in the winter
Far beneath the bitter snows
Lies the seed that with the sun’s love
In the spring becomes the rose.
Lyrics “The Rose”*

Dear Friends,

What is God calling and gifting us to do now? This is one of the questions that is before us as we stand on the threshold of discerning together what God is calling our church to do and be in this hurting world. Rev. Dr. Claire Bamberg joined us earlier this month to support us in taking the first steps to reflect on our hopes, dreams, and vision for our church.

This process is much like gardening, we decide on what seeds we want to plant, then we till the soil

and add what is needed to nurture growth. After sowing our seeds, we wait. This is an active waiting of tending, weeding, watering, and praying for the sunlight (and the rain). When the time is right, we reap the harvest and enjoy the fruits of our labors. Because we do not get to plan the “rightness” of the timing, the wait can seem impossibly long. In the rest that follows the harvest, we contemplate what grew well, what did not, and what new seeds we want to plant next.

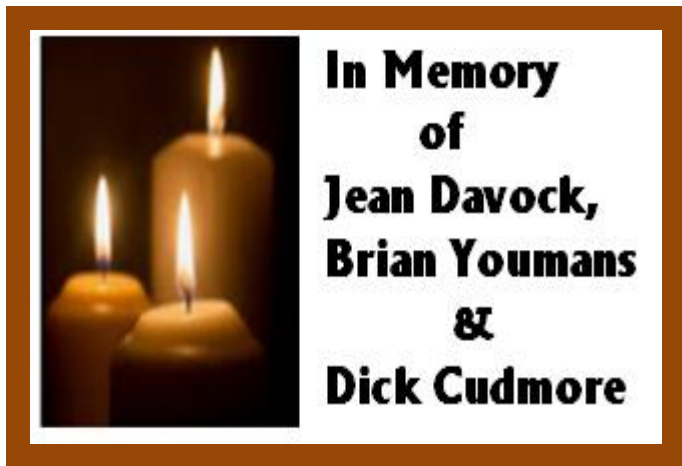
Gardening is an act of faith. Knowing that God is working through us to learn, grow, and ultimately be what is needed for those hungry for hope, connection, and community is also an act of faith. Part of this gardening project means bringing together some devoted gardeners: Peter Allenby, Kay Clark, and Faith Duffy. With Claire’s guidance they are listening, being thoughtful, discerning what seeds need to be planted and nurtured now, and acting prayerfully on those ideas.

One way for us to nurture and tend to their leadership is to have a commissioning service to recognize their ministry to the church. On November 12, we will gather during worship to affirm their gifts and passions, anoint and lay hands on them, and ask that God’s blessing to be upon them as they lead us in this holy work.

Be watchful—the seeds are being planted! And remember, no change is too small to build momentum under and with God.

In faith,

Pastor Christina & Claire Bamberg



From the Music Director

Greetings! The choir has been working hard and we are preparing for the fall, Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

We would LOVE more choir members to join us. Rehearsals are as follows: Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., Saturdays from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., and Sundays from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m.

In the future, we may have the pleasure of performing in a combined concert with the First Congregational Church of Falmouth Choir, which is under the direction of John Dulina.

Additionally, I would love to begin a handbell practice. Three members of our congregation have already shown an interest. Reading music helps but is not necessary. Please know how fun and rewarding the handbell choir is! Rehearsals will probably take place on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. or Saturdays before or after the choir rehearsal. The scheduled time will be based on a consensus of your needs. Please join!

If you play an instrument and would like to participate in the service on a particular Sunday, there are several descants and additional parts you could learn and perform with us. We will welcome it!

I am always available by email: smilespianoforte@gmail.com

Please reach out with any questions, feedback, and/or needs.

Much love and peace.

Stephanie



"Other seed landed on good soil. When it grew, it produced one hundred times more grain than was scattered." Luke 8:8



October Birthdays



- 10/04 James Modic
- 10/05 Christel Sievert
- 10/08 Leila Elguessab
- 10/08 Lindsey Oliveira
- 10/08 Ashley Ladner
- 10/11 Kaitlin Cook
- 10/12 Kathryn Teixeira
- 10/17 John Scavotto
- 10/19 Erin Murphy

November Birthdays



- 11/03 Elaine Coe
- 11/05 Stefan Sievert
- 11/06 Lyla Malcolm
- 11/08 David Dunphy
- 11/10 Lillian Kazanis
- 11/12 Bill Martin
- 11/16 Ward Fraser
- 11/18 Peter Allenby
- 11/21 Robert Young
- 11/22 Kathryn Greco
- 11/23 Kristen Tivey
- 11/25 Vera Nouaime
- 11/27 Rosemary Scavotto



From the Altar Committee

Sanctuary Decorating for Advent

We will be decorating the sanctuary for Advent on Saturday, November 25th @ 9:30 AM. If we have lots of Christmas Elves, the transformation will take less than 2 hours. There are tasks for all ages as demonstrated by the intergenerational decorating of the tree last year. The live outside tree will be going up as well on Friday morning to be lighted on Sunday evening for the start of Advent. If you have questions, please contact Marsha Martin.

Live Outdoor Christmas Tree

Once again, this year we are going to light up the outside front of our beautiful church with a special Christmas tree which will be decorated with scallop shells bearing the names of loved ones. **There is a \$5.00 donation each year to have a shell placed on the tree.** Many people from the community commented positively on lighted tree in past years including the children in the “Y”day care program. Also, forms can be downloaded from the church website and are available on the table outside the office and page 8 of this newsletter.

In past years, a live tree has been generously donated in memory of a loved one. If you would like to contribute the live Christmas tree this year or have questions about the shell decorations, please contact Marsha Martin.

willmart41@comcast.net

(508) 759-0857



Holiday Programs 2023

**TURKEY
DROP OFF DAY**
Sunday
Nov. 19
11 am-2 pm

We need
10-18 lb.
FROZEN TURKEYS
(no fresh, please)
for our
Thanksgiving baskets

Community Donation Mondays: 10 am-1 pm
We are gratefully accepting:

- NEW children's winter coats (Ages 0-10)
- NEW weatherproof gloves & hats (Ages 0-10)
- Monetary donations

Monday
**Oct.
30**

Monday
**Nov.
6**

Monday
**Nov.
13**

Monday
**Nov.
27**

Monday
**Dec.
4**



Thanksgiving
distribution for
client families:
November 20 & 21



Children's Holiday
Program distribution
for client families:
December 11, 12 & 13


Your financial support and donations make a difference in our community.
For questions about donations, please call 508-548-2794

Thank You!

Holiday Grocery Donations 2023

Donations accepted at the Falmouth Service Center

HOLIDAY 2023
GROCERY DONATIONS



Apple Juice
Quick Bread Mixes
Canned Corn
Canned Green Beans
Spaghetti
Tomato Sauce

Monday - Friday, 10 - 1 pm

611 Gifford Street, Falmouth
(Come around back and
ring warehouse doorbell)

Please contact us at
508-548-2794
with questions

We are grateful for your generosity this holiday season!



GROCERY BILL OF THE MONTH

Join our Grocery Bill of the Month Program by donating the equivalent of one bag (or more) of groceries for a household each month. Just \$35 a month makes a big difference.

Visit our website, click on Donate to FSC to sign up.
<https://www.falmouthservicecenter.org/donate>

Thank you for helping our neighbors in need




Give the world a gift of hope . . .

Shop for family and friends,
Donate to a worthy cause!

2023 ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET

Saturday, Nov. 11, 10a-3p
Sunday, Nov. 12, 11a-3p
Saint Barnabas Church Hall
91 Main Street, Falmouth

*Browse at Fair Trade tables and 20 local,
national & global charitable organizations*

ONLINE shopping Nov.13-19

VISIT www.alternativegiftmarketcapecod.org

Sponsored by: Church of the Messiah of Woods Hole, Falmouth Jewish Congregation, First Congregational Church of Falmouth, John Wesley United Methodist Church, Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Falmouth, Waquoit Congregational Church

Visiting Our Church Friends in Assisted Living

Several of our beloved church members are in assisted living and they would love a visit from you! You might not think you are qualified to go, but being a caring church friend is more than enough.

Visiting a friend in assisted living means more than you can imagine. Getting a visitor improves their overall sense of well-being: they are happier, and they feel seen, heard, and cared about. And it helps them to feel connected to the world they once lived in.

So, you are invited to go visit one or all four of our church friends in assisted living. If you do, they will be over the moon to see your smiling faces. And you will leave feeling a little happier too.

Can't visit them? Then a phone call is the next best thing!

Our Friends in Assisted Living:

- Ken Evans – Atria Woodbriar
- Marge Marshall – Atria Heritage
- Lois Kristiansen – Royal Megansett

patients and residents each year. During the COVID pandemic and continuing today, the chaplains also provide emotional support to the hospital and care center staff who work tirelessly to provide good medical care.

The organization employs five part-time clergy, one of which is Rev. Saramaria Allenby. They divide up the hours needed to meet the spiritual and emotional needs of patients, families, and staff.

As Cape Cod Health Care has found it necessary to decrease funding for the much-needed services of our chaplains to patients, families and staff, the Upper Cape Chaplaincy has had to backfill the void left by the hospital system. Each church, as a member of the Upper Cape Chaplaincy, provides funding through its Outreach program which is appreciated. However, it is not enough to cover the pastoral support needed. The board works tirelessly on applying for grants, fundraising and other projects to meet the yearly budget.

On Thursday, October 5th we sponsored a "Dining for a Cause!" event at the Stir Crazy Cambodian restaurant on MacArthur Blvd, in Pocasset from 3 PM to 8:30 PM with 20% of each meal being donated to Upper Cape Chaplaincy. The owner is a generous young man, and Joyce, Kristin and I thank all who participated in this worthy cause.

Submitted by Marsha Martin

Take 2 - The Books that Didn't Make the Cut

We had an interesting and enlightening conversation about the Gospel of Thomas at our first Take 2 program. We will continue our "Books that Didn't Make the Cut" series on Sunday, November 12, with a study of the Gospel of Mary Magdalene. Please enjoy some coffee and fellowship after the service and then at about 11:15 we will gather in the classroom.

As opposed to Thomas' gospel which is a collection of the wisdom of the sayings of Jesus, Mary's book contains four dialogues. It includes new revelations on the nature of Jesus' teachings, Mary's position among the disciples and the processes already at work in the early church that would eventually lead to her marginalization.

Gaining new insights and sharing them with others is a wonderful way to keep our faith vibrant and alive. Why not consider joining us for what is sure to be a great conversation.

College Care Packages

This year, once again, we will be sending care packages to our college students for the holidays. Boxes will be available to fill in the Covenant Room beginning Sunday, November 5, through the November 26. Students look forward to all of the little gifts we send. Bring in some snacks, homemade treats, gift cards, post-its or other homework supplies, ornaments, etc. We will also accept cash donations to help defray the cost of postage. Help brighten the end of the first semester by reminding our college students how important they are to us.

Giving Tree

Our Giving Tree tags will be available beginning on Sunday, November 26 and our collection will continue through Sunday, December 17. As always, our gifts will help local families in our community have a brighter Christmas. When you choose a tag please remember to **attach it to the wrapped gift** and place it under the tree in the Covenant Room. If we have extra, unclaimed tags, a digital option to receive them will be available. The generosity of our congregation in support of this program is always inspiring

Coming Soon - Intergenerational Christmas Pageant!

Please stay on the lookout for further information.



August 27th, blessing of the last flowers of the summer at the 10a.m. service.



September 27th Homcoming Sunday



Breakfast before the Sunday service. Following the service, lunch complete with ice cream making!

Outreach Donations



Executive Director
Gina Torrelli 10/16/2023

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Dear Christina,

On behalf of all of us at Belonging to Each Other, Inc. (BTEO) please accept our thanks for your generous donation of \$200.00 received 10/16/2023. It will be used during our ninth season of providing temporary housing and loving support to our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness.


Your support is more valued than ever as we continue to face the dual challenges of extraordinary increases in rent and heating, as well as an increase in applications for our program. You have joined hands with us as we provide housing and case management services to those who are so vulnerable in our community. Never before has our organization's name carried such meaning. We are separate, but together, and we all truly belong to each other.

Again, our sincerest thanks for your donation and kind support.

With gratitude,
Gina Torrelli
Executive Director

Contact
P.O. Box 343
Falmouth, MA 02541
508-444-0360
info@bteo.org
www.bteo.org

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P.O. Box 144
121 Main Street
Buzzards Bay MA 02532
Tel: 508-759-3316
Fax: 508-759-7896
www.friendsofbournecca.org



FRIENDS OF BOURNE
COUNCIL ON AGING
FOOD PANTRY

Friends Food Pantry:
P.O. Box 144
121 Main Street
Buzards Bay, MA 02532
Tel: 508-759-3351
Fax 774-955-1196

October 18, 2023

North Falmouth Congregational Church, Inc.
Ms. Carolee Packard
P. O. Box 403
North Falmouth, MA 02556-0403

Dear Ms. Packard:

The Friends of Bourne Council on Aging gratefully acknowledge your generous donation to the Food Pantry of \$250.00.

Your donation will help support the more than 300 families, an average of 700 individuals, who receive food from us each month. For each dollar donated, we can provide an estimated 5 meals to those in need. We are proud that our primary source of food comes from the Greater Boston Food Bank or purchased locally at discounted prices.

Without your help, we would not be able to meet the needs of the most vulnerable which include the seniors and the disabled within our community.

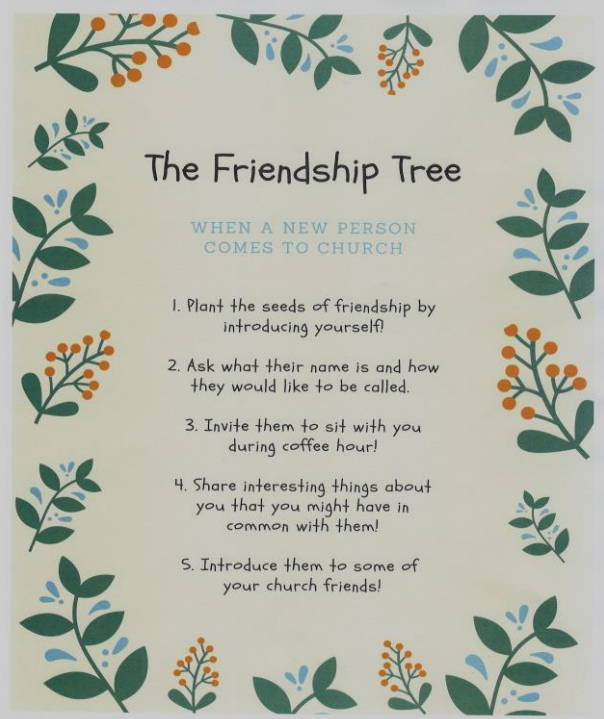
Please accept our sincere thanks for your commitment to the Friends Food Pantry.

Sincerely,
Peter Lindberg
Peter Lindberg
President

no face
\$250.00
from Packard

Note: In compliance with the IRS Code Section 170(e) (E), this receipt serves as verification that no goods or services were received in consideration of this gift from me or Friends of Bourne Council on Aging.





The Friendship Tree

WHEN A NEW PERSON COMES TO CHURCH

1. Plant the seeds of friendship by introducing yourself!
2. Ask what their name is and how they would like to be called.
3. Invite them to sit with you during coffee hour!
4. Share interesting things about you that you might have in common with them!
5. Introduce them to some of your church friends!



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT ORDER FORM

Due in Church Secretary's Office

By Sunday, November 19th, 2023



**Payment must accompany order. Please mail, attention Church Secretary,
or place in Secretary's mailbox or on her desk. The Christmas Tree will be lighted
on Sunday, November 26th, the beginning of Advent and continue until Epiphany.**

I wish to give _____ scallop shells @ \$5.00 each

In loving memory / in honor / in celebration (Circle One).

Given by

Phone #

Payment must be in with your order by Sunday, November 19th, 2023

Please make checks payable to Flower Committee, NFCC

(PO Box 403, North Falmouth, MA 02556)

Questions: 508-563-2177

THANK YOU!



Daily Lectionary Scripture References – November 2023 (Years A&B)

Wed., Nov. 1
Psalm 119:41-48
Deuteronomy 26:16—27:7
Matthew 19:16-22

Thurs., Nov. 2
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
Joshua 1:1-11
Romans 2:17-29

Fri., Nov. 3
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
Joshua 2:1-14
2 Peter 2:1-3

Sat., Nov. 4
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
Joshua 2:15-24
Matthew 23:13-28

Sun., Nov. 5
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

Mon., Nov. 6
Psalm 128
Joshua 4:1-24
1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

Tues., Nov. 7
Psalm 128
Joshua 6:1-16, 20
Acts 13:1-12

Wed., Nov. 8
Psalm 128
Joshua 10:12-14
Matthew 15:1-9

Thurs., Nov. 9
Psalm 78:1-7
Joshua 5:10-12
Revelation 8:6—9:12

Fri., Nov. 10
Psalm 78:1-7
Joshua 8:30-35
Revelation 9:13-21

Sat., Nov. 11
Psalm 78:1-7
Joshua 20:1-9
Matthew 24:1-14

Sun., Nov. 12
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Mon., Nov. 13
Psalm 78
Joshua 24:25-33
1 Corinthians 14:20-25

Tues., Nov. 14
Psalm 78
Nehemiah 8:1-12
1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Wed., Nov. 15
Psalm 78
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Matthew 24:29-35

Thurs., Nov. 16
Psalm 123
Judges 2:6-15
Revelation 16:1-7

Fri., Nov. 17
Psalm 123
Judges 2:16-23
Revelation 16:8-21

Sat., Nov. 18
Psalm 123
Judges 5:1-12
Matthew 12:43-45

Sun., Nov. 19
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Mon., Nov. 20
Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18
Judges 4:8-24
Romans 2:1-11

Tues., Nov. 21
Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18
Exodus 2:1-10
1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

Wed., Nov. 22
Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18
Esther 7:1-10
Matthew 24:45-51

Thurs., Nov. 23
Thanksgiving
Psalm 100
Genesis 48:15-22
Revelation 14:1-11 *OR*
Deuteronomy 8:7-18 and
Psalm 65
2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Luke 17:11-19

Fri., Nov. 24
Psalm 100
Isaiah 40:1-11
Revelation 22:1-9

Sat., Nov. 25
Psalm 100
Ezekiel 34:25-31
Matthew 12:46-50

Sun., Nov. 26
Reign of Christ
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

Mon., Nov. 27
Psalm 28
Numbers 27:15-23
2 Timothy 2:8-13

Tues., Nov. 28
Psalm 28
Zechariah 11:4-17
Revelation 19:1-9

Wed., Nov. 29
Psalm 28
Jeremiah 31:10-14
John 5:19-40

Thurs., Nov. 30
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Zechariah 13:1-9
Revelation 14:6-13