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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. –Margaret Mead

Dear Friends,

I've been thinking a lot about our church lately and what came to mind was the size of our church. There is no getting around the fact that we are a small church (and I don't mean the size of the building). We often think being small is a deficit. If we were bigger that would be the measure of our success, right? But by whose measuring stick are we defining success—society's or God's?

This all made me think of the children's book, *The Little Engine That Could*. This story in various forms has been circulating for over 100 years. The story's signature phrase, "I think I can" appeared in a Swedish journal in 1902. An early version, "Story of the Engine That Thought It Could", appeared in the *New York Tribune* in 1906 as part of a sermon

by Rev. Charles S. Wing. The 1930 version, by Watty Piper, was updated in 1954 with illustrations.

The enduring message of *The Little Engine That Could*, "I think I can, I think I can, I think I can" says, "Yeah, there may be bigger trains out there, but I can do this. I don't have to give up or lose hope just because I am small." And the train wasn't doing something for itself—it was doing something for others. The train's selflessness powered it over the mountain. Obviously, Rev. Wing thought the message of determination powered by selflessness was important enough to preach to his congregation.

This is what it really comes down to for any church, large or small, doing God's work with determination powered by selflessness. God doesn't care about size. God knows small churches can do the mighty work of Christ. Just because we are small doesn't mean we can't make a difference in each other's lives, our neighbor's lives, and our own lives. It doesn't mean we can't celebrate God's grace, goodness, and joy in our lives in big ways and share that abundance with others.

My friends, you offer so much—this is an amazing church with a huge heart filled with Christ-like love. We may be small, but we can make a big difference in the world. We may be small, but we can share God's love in big ways. I know you can because you do already!

Joy always,

Pastor Christina

**BLESSING AND ANOINTING THE
CARETAKERS**

**Special Worship Service – Sunday, November 20
10am**

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest,” (Mt. 11:28).

Please join Pastors Saramaria Allenby and Christina Williams in a moving service of gratitude to bless and anoint all those who are and have been caretakers. All of us have been caregivers at some point—maybe in big ways, maybe only in small ways. But each act of caregiving makes a difference in someone’s life—whether it be a child, parent, spouse, or friend. This service will be a humble gesture of thanks for all that you do and have done as a caretaker.

Blessings,
Christina



**Stewardship 2022
“Re-membering Community”**

Save the date for Stewardship Sunday which will be held on November 13th.

Our Stewardship theme for this year is “Re-membering Community”. We all share and participate in community; Communities which we support as well as communities which provide support to us. Recognizing these communities and supporting them, especially our church community is an important factor in our daily lives. We each have a place in our church community as members of our congregation. We share hopes and dreams for the future of our church and congregation, and we all can best meet these hopes and dreams with our active participation with our time, with our talents and with our financial commitment.

We look forward to further exploring with you how best we can serve the community we live in, the broader community we serve and the community we worship with.

October Birthdays



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



Live Outdoor Christmas Tree



Once again, this year we are going to light up the outside front of our beautiful church that will include 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 the lighted tree in past years. An order form is included on page 4 in this Sandpiper. Also, forms can be downloaded from the church web site and are available on the table in front of the office.

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

Outreach Committee

GREEN Envelopes are available in the pews or in the church office to contribute to either the Falmouth Service Center food program or the Bourne Food Pantry. By contributing even one dollar, it will buy twice as much food as can be purchased at a local supermarket. It is a terrific way to ensure that those who are food insecure in our community will not go hungry. In the past we have purchased groceries and brought them to church. The food pantries actually prefer contributions as they are able to purchase what they really need and get twice as much for each dollar donated. Please consider placing a few dollars in the GREEN envelope to help a neighbor in need of a meal.



Keira Murphy & Bea Hatch prepared a delicious dessert for the families of the Village at Cataumet.

Autumn is here, the leaves are falling, the air is crisper, and our gardens are being put to rest for the winter. We have entered the season of hearty soups, the clacking of knitting needles, and the push and pull of crochet hooks.

Knitting and crocheting slows down time to the pace of our needles and hooks. After all, there is nothing rushed about knitting or crocheting.

Whatever we are creating can only be done one stitch at a time. There is no way to rush a hand knit hat or a crocheted prayer shawl. Each is made slowly—as only things can be made with two sticks, or one hook, and a skein of yarn—giving us time to imbue our creations with prayer.

Fall is the perfect time to gather once again and rekindle the Knitting/Crochet Ministry. If you would like to join, please contact Pastor Christina at pastornfcc@gmail.com, or Deb in the office at officenfcc@gmail.com. We are hoping to meet one Wednesday afternoon a month. There will also be a signup sheet at coffee hour after worship.

Community Event

Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod **DECK YOUR HALLS™**

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Dec. 17

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*Rekindling the Knitting/Crochet Ministry
(aka prayer shawl ministry)*

REMEMBER, NOV. 6th

Change Your
Clocks Back &
Smoke Alarm
Batteries



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT ORDER FORM

Due in Church Secretary's Office

By Sunday, November 27, 2022



**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 27th, 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 27, 2022

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

Questions: 508-563-2177

THANK YOU!



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Daily Lectionary Scripture References – October 2022 (Year C)

Sat., Oct. 1

Lamentations 3:19-26
Lamentations 1:7-15
Matthew 20:29-34

Sun., Oct. 25

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Lamentations 1:1-6
Lamentations 3:19-26 or
Psalm 137
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

Mon., Oct. 3

Psalm 137
Lamentations 1:16-22
James 1:2-11

Tues., Oct. 4

Psalm 137
Lamentations 2:13-22
1 John 5:1-5, 13-21

Wed., Oct. 5

Psalm 137
Lamentations 5:1-22
Mark 11:12-14, 20-24

Thurs., Oct. 6

Psalm 66:1-12
Jeremiah 25:1-14
2 Timothy 1:13-18

Fri., Oct. 7

Psalm 66:1-12
Jeremiah 27:1-22
2 Timothy 2:1-7

Sat., Oct. 8

Psalm 66:1-12
Jeremiah 28:1-17
Luke 5:12-16

Sun., Oct. 9

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Psalm 66:1-12
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

Mon., Oct. 10

Psalm 102:1-17
Jeremiah 29:8-23
Acts 26:24-29

Tues., Oct. 11

Psalm 102:1-17
Jeremiah 29:24-32
Ephesians 6:10-20

Wed., Oct. 12

Psalm 102:1-17
Jeremiah 25:15-32
Matthew 10:5-15

Thurs., Oct. 13

Psalm 119:97-104
Jeremiah 26:1-15
Acts 17:22-34

Fri., Oct. 14

Psalm 119:97-104
Jeremiah 26:16-24
2 Timothy 2:14-26

Sat., Oct. 15

Psalm 119:97-104
Jeremiah 31:15-26
Mark 10:46-52

Sun., Oct. 16

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 31:27-34
Psalm 119:97-104
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

Mon., Oct. 17

Psalm 129
Jeremiah 8:14-17; 9:2-11
Mark 12:41-44

Tues., Oct. 18

Psalm 129
Jeremiah 39:1-18
James 5:7-12

Wed., Oct. 19

Psalm 129
Jeremiah 50:1-7, 17-20
Luke 22:39-46

Thurs., Oct. 20

Psalm 65
Joel 1:1-20
2 Timothy 3:1-9

Fri., Oct. 21

Psalm 65
Joel 2:1-11
2 Timothy 3:10-15

Sat., Oct. 22

Psalm 65
Joel 2:12-22
Luke 1:46-55

Sun., Oct. 23

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Joel 2:23-32
Psalm 65
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Mon., Oct. 24

Psalm 87
Joel 3:1-8
1 Peter 4:12-19

Tues., Oct. 25

Psalm 87
Joel 3:9-16
1 Peter 5:1-11

Wed., Oct. 26

Psalm 87
Joel 3:17-20
Matthew 21:28-32

Thurs., Oct. 27

Psalm 119:137-144
Jeremiah 33:14-26
2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Fri., Oct. 28

Psalm 119:137-144
Habakkuk 1:5-17
2 Peter 1:1-11

Sat., Oct. 29

Psalm 119:137-144
Habakkuk 2:5-11
John 8:39-47

Sun., Oct. 30

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

Mon., Oct. 31

Psalm 142
Habakkuk 2:12-20
1 Corinthians 5:9-13

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