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REMEMBER TO:



“I go to church as an expression of my need for God and God’s family.” –Phillip Yancy

Dear Friends,

These past few days of March have brought warmer temperatures, the singing of birds, and crocuses pushing up their blooms through dark soil. We pine for longer days and warmer weather so that we can start digging around in our gardens again and enjoy God’s outdoor sanctuary. Signs of spring are always life-giving and life-supporting.

Church, in whatever season, is life-giving and life-supporting too. I have been reflecting a lot on church lately and trying to name all the incredible things it offers to people of all generations. Sadly,

so many people are turning away from “the Church” because it isn’t relevant anymore or they mistrust those who call themselves religious. I get it, church can be messy when a bunch of people decide to live in community. They are bound to have disagreements, make mistakes, and hurt other’s feelings. But church can be beautiful too.

Church is like being home—a great, big one with lots of loving relatives looking out for you. Church is sitting around big tables laden with comfort food for the body and soul. Church is when a five-year-old can push an 80-year-old in her wheelchair around the church hall just for the sheer fun of it. Church is standing side-by-side building homes for those in need and feeding those experiencing homelessness. Church is bringing meals to someone who just had major surgery. Church is being able to sing loud and proud even if you’re out of tune. Church is a multigenerational place where we learn to nurture one another to grow in love, hope, trust, joy, forgiveness, and serving others.

Being part of a faith community has so many benefits and blessings that I can’t imagine life without it or without all of you. If someone were to ask you, why do you bother going to church, what would you tell them?

Whatever season of life you find yourself in, it is a blessing to be church together. Thanks be to God for this place we call North Falmouth Congregational Church and all of you!

Happy spring,

Pastor Christina

March Birthdays



UPCOMING WORSHIP – FOR LENT

For indoor worship, please remember to wear your mask. You can also view our services on Facebook live and Zoom.

March 13 – 10 a.m. – **What Love Looks Like**

Rev. Lin Grace Rohr will be joining us this Sunday as our guest preacher. Rev. Rohr is the Director of Community Engagement and Donor Stewardship with Housing Assistance Corporation (HAC). She has a passion for her work, and she will be sharing with us more about how HAC helps in the community.

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-40, 1 John 4:7-12.

March 20 – 10 a.m. – **Hens and Foxes**

Jesus got frustrated when people didn't behave as he would have liked. In what ways do you rebuff God's invitation to fully rely on God? In what ways do you allow God to take you under God's protective wing?

Scripture: Psalm 27, Luke 13:31-35.

March 27 – 10 a.m. – **The Extravagant Life**

The extravagant life is two sides of the same coin. The Prodigal Son lives high on the hog, but when the famine strikes in the land of his dream vacation, he returns home with his tail between his legs. To his surprise, his extravagant failure is met with extravagant love and grace.

Scripture: Psalm 27, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32.

April 3 – 10 a.m. – **Guest Preacher**

Rev. Nancy Strickland will be leading worship this Sunday while Pastor Christina enjoys a week off in Florida with family.

03/01	Mrytis Chatfield
03/02	Rev. Christina Williams
03/02	Priscilla Fuller
03/05	Melessa Fox
03/05	Pam Fernsebner
03/10	Laura Murphy
03/12	Ellen Gawarkiewicz
03/12	Hope Oliveira
03/13	Sarah Bach
03/15	Nicole Ashworth
03/15	Virginia Nielsen
03/16	Brenda Clements
03/18	Myrna O'Hara
03/20	Rosanne Amaru
03/20	Alden Thomas
03/20	Maurice Tivey
03/20	Ed Winslow
03/21	William Sanders
03/24	Meg Tivey
03/25	Sally Rountree
03/29	Christopher Polloni
03/30	Winthrop Frame
03/30	Carolee Packard

✝ *Ash Wednesday, March 2nd*



The season of Lent began with a moving service.



Seven Pastors from area churches led worship:
The Rev. Saramaria Allenby; Rev. Jonathan Drury;
Rev. Nell Fields; Rev. Sally Norris; Rev. Mary
Hansen-Joyce; Rev. Nancy Strickland & Rev.
Christina Williams.



Sat. March 5th Solidarity for  Ukraine




NFCC gathered at noon to toll our church bell 107 times. We were part of a whole community of churches across Cape Cod to show our support for the people of Ukraine. Thanks to Chris, Hope, and Faith for tolling our bell. We stand in solidarity with Ukraine.



Each person gathered took a pebble to remind them that the good deeds they do like praying and helping others ripples out into the world affecting others.

July 17 – July 22

Summer Youth Trip



YOUTHWORKS @ HARRISBURG, PA

A WEEK OF SERVICE: Assisting children's programs, community gardens, small home repairs, community beautification, and cleanup projects.

A WEEK OF FUN: Going to Hershey's Chocolate World, attending a youth worship service, games, and enjoying the friends you make during the week.

COST: \$4.00 per individual Includes pre- and post-trip tools, lodging, 14 meals, service project materials, evening activities, and gas. Extra spending money is needed for lunches on travel days.	PAYMENT DUE DATES: \$50 – due now \$200 – April 6 \$250 – TBD
WHO CAN GO: Youth who have finished 6 th grade through 12 th grade.	MEALS: Three meals per day plus an evening snack

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Rev. Christina Williams: pastorfcc@gmail.com
Rev. Christina and Rev. Jennie Valentine are the leaders coordinating this trip with YouthWorks.

Outreach News



CWS BUCKET BRIGADE NFCC Again Partnering with First Congregational Church

The Bucket Brigade will resurrect once again. We will be holding this drive during the month of April. Specific items to be included are (please do not deviate from these specifications):

- **One five-gallon bucket with re-sealable lid.** If bucket has been used, clean well. Do not donate any bucket that has held chemicals of any kind.
- **Four scouring pads**
- **Seven sponges, including one large**
- **One scrub brush**
- **Eighteen reusable cleaning towels** (ex. Handi Wipes or Easy Wipes)
- **One 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent**
- **One 16-28 oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap**
- **One 12-16 oz. bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water** (no spray bottles)
- **One package of 48-50 clothespins**
- **Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.**
- **Five dust masks**
- **Two pairs heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves** (latex-free, non-surgical)
- **One pair work gloves** (cotton with leather palms or all leather)
- **24-28 heavy-duty or contractor-type 30-45-gallon trash bags on a roll and removed from carton**
- **One 6-9 oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent**

All items must be new. Please note that only items in specified size and quantity can be accepted. This is the only way that all required items fit in the bucket. Please google Church World Service, then go to Clean up Buckets. These buckets are vital to those responding to help at natural disasters both in the United States and around the world. If you have questions, please contact Carolee Packard or Rin Morway. Watch for more information.



North Falmouth Congregational Church Thrift Shop Sale

The North Falmouth Congregational Church Thrift Shop's \$1 sale will be Thursday March 10th, Friday March 11th, & Saturday March 12th from 9 a.m. until 12 noon each day. All items in the Thrift Shop marked \$5 and up will be half price. Items marked \$4 and under will be \$1. Come early for the best selection of men's, women's and children's clothing, jewelry, linens, home decor, kitchen items, puzzles, books, games, fabric, yarn, and much more. Check out our St. Patrick's Day items.

The North Falmouth Congregational Church Thrift Shop is located next to the church at 155 Old Main Rd. in North Falmouth. Ample parking is available. We will be accepting donations of spring and summer clothing and other items during our regular hours. Please wear a mask indoors.

Outreach News (continued)



On April 22nd Earth Day will be celebrated with tree planting.

We are also in the works to partner with the Extension Service and Cape Abilities. Watch for exciting news on this project.



April Clean-Up Day

On Sunday April 24 (rain date, May 1), we will gather as a church community to share breakfast, have a brief worship service, do some spring cleaning, and help with our

mission project.

This means that after worship we will do some spring cleaning inside and outside the church, assemble the buckets with all the supplies everyone donated, and just enjoy being with each other in a way we haven't been able to since the pandemic began. All ages are welcome, and there will be something for everyone to do.

Of course, we will continue to be mindful of all the safety precautions necessary for the lingering Covid virus.

Outreach has a lot of projects coming in the next couple of months, and I know this leaves a lot of "what" and "tell me more" out there, but stay tuned, these projects are still in the planning stages.

From the Altar Committee



The 2022 Flower Calendar is up on the door near the church office. Please take a look and select any dates that are special to you for dedicating flowers. Please contact Marsha Martin to make arrangements. willmart41@comcast.net

Offerings from Whole Life Learning, United Unitarian Fellowship with Saramaria Allenby

For a full description of each activity please go to www.northfalmouthucc.com

Any questions? Contact Saramaria Allenby sallenby48@gmail.com

GROUP PRAYING WITH THE BODY

Tuesdays March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 from 12-12:45 PM
at Wellstrong, 180 Teaticket Highway, Falmouth

WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMPASSIONATE COFFEE HOUSE CONTINUES

Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 from 7 to 8:30 PM via Zoom

WALKING THE LABYRINTH

Thursdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 4 PM
Waquoit Congregational Church Hall, 15 Parsons Lane, East Falmouth

CREATE YOUR OWN PRAYER BEADS

Monday, March 7 at 10 AM at the Falmouth Public Library, 300 Main Street

BOOK DISCUSSION: *HELP, THANKS, WOW* by Ann Lamott via Zoom

Mondays, March 7, 21, 28 at 5:00 PM via Zoom

GROUP PRAYING IN COLOR

Wednesday, March 9 at 4 PM
Waquoit Congregational Church Hall, 15 Parsons Lane, East Falmouth

MINDFULNESS WALKS

Thursdays, March 10, 24, & 31 at 10:30 AM
Sundays, February 6 & 20 at 12:30 PM

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE GROUP ON PRAYER

Monday, March 21 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

MAKING PRAYER FLAGS

Wednesday, March 23 at 4:00 PM
Waquoit Congregational Church Hall, 15 Parsons Lane, East Falmouth



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Daily Lectionary Scripture References – March 2022 (Year C)

Tues., Mar. 1
Psalm 35:11-28
Ezekiel 1:1–2:1
Acts 10:23b-33

Wed., Mar. 2
Ash Wednesday
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah
58:1-12
Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Thurs., Mar. 3
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Exodus 5:10-23
Acts 7:30-34

Fri., Mar. 4
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Exodus 6:1-13
Acts 7:35-42

Sat., Mar. 5
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
John 12:27-36

Sun., Mar. 6
First Sunday in Lent
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

Mon., Mar. 7
Psalm 17
1 Chronicles 21:1-17
1 John 2:1-6

Tues., Mar. 8
Psalm 17
Zechariah 3:1-10
2 Peter 2:4-21

Wed., Mar. 9
Psalm 17
Job 1:1-22
Luke 21:34–22:6

Thurs., Mar. 10
Psalm 27
Genesis 13:1-7, 14-18
Philippians 3:2-12

Fri., Mar. 11
Psalm 27
Genesis 14:17-24
Philippians 3:17-20

Sat., Mar. 12
Psalm 27
Psalm 118:26-29
Matthew 23:37-39

Sun., Mar. 13
Second Sunday in Lent
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17–4:1
Luke 13:31-35 or Luke
9:28-36

Mon., Mar. 14
Psalm 105:1-15 [16-41] 42
Exodus 33:1-6
Romans 4:1-12

Tues., Mar. 15
Psalm 105:1-15 [16-41] 42
Numbers 14:10b-24
1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Wed., Mar. 16
Psalm 105:1-15 [16-41] 42
2 Chronicles 20:1-22
Luke 13:22-31

Thurs., Mar. 17
Psalm 63:1-8
Daniel 3:19-30
Revelation 2:8-11

Fri., Mar. 18
Psalm 63:1-8
Daniel 12:1-4
Revelation 3:1-6

Sat., Mar. 19
Psalm 63:1-8
Isaiah 5:1-7
Luke 6:43-45

Sun., Mar. 20
Third Sunday in Lent
Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

Mon., Mar. 21
Psalm 39
Jeremiah 11:1-17
Romans 2:1-11

Tues., Mar. 22
Psalm 39
Ezekiel 17:1-10
Romans 2:12-16

Wed., Mar. 23
Psalm 39
Numbers 13:17-27
Luke 13:18-21

Thurs., Mar. 24
Psalm 32
Joshua 4:1-13
2 Corinthians 4:16–5:5

Fri., Mar. 25
Psalm 32
Joshua 4:14-24
2 Corinthians 5:6-15

Sat., Mar. 26
Psalm 32
Exodus 32:7-14
Luke 15:1-10

Sun., Mar. 27
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Mon., Mar. 28
Psalm 53
Leviticus 23:26-41
Revelation 19:1-8

Tues., Mar. 29
Psalm 53
Leviticus 25:1-19
Revelation 19:9-10

Wed., Mar. 30
Psalm 53
2 Kings 4:1-7
Luke 9:10-17

Thurs., Mar. 31
Psalm 126
Isaiah 43:1-7
Philippians 2:19-24

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