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The Service for Betty Galbraith will be next Saturday April 1. Viewing begins at 11 am. The Service is scheduled for 12 noon.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

Dear Friends,

The “Into the Future” Workshop in February was time well spent reminding ourselves who we are as a church. The session started with the telling of the Lewis & Clark story and their mission to find the Northwest Passage. They embarked on their expedition with high hopes until they reached the Rocky Mountains. Nothing in their experience prepared them for the mighty Rockies. They were river men, not mountain men. They couldn’t canoe

over a mountain. They had to throw away their maps, let go of all their assumptions, and find some guides to lead them through uncharted territory.

Like Lewis and Clark, churches are facing an unknown terrain they have never had to navigate before. In this workshop, we told stories about the times God was most alive in this church. From those, we drew out many of the values we hold dear as a congregation.

Two Sundays later, we met our first consultant, Rev. Dr. Claire Bamberg. She joined our worship service, and then during coffee hour she shared some of her ideas of how she would help us navigate our future. She also invited us to spend some time thinking about our hopes, dreams, and concerns for the future of the church.

In the meantime, we have been forming a leadership team to help guide us forward—with the consultant’s help. We welcome Peter Allenby, Kay Clark, Nolan Clements, and Faith Duffy to the team.

A big thank you to all who have attended our “Into the Future” sessions. Your prayerful presence will be of great value as we move forward into the future. We are God’s people who believe in the power of the resurrection, new life, and transformation. As resurrection people our minds and hopeful hearts are open to new possibilities. My prayer is that you will join this process as we discern together where God is leading our church. May God’s blessings be upon us as enter uncharted territory.

In faith,

Christina
Pastor Christina

INTO THE FUTURE SESSIONS



Storytelling in the values workshop.



Meeting Rev. Dr. Claire Bamberg.

Welcome Stephanie Miles, Our New Director of Music



Stephanie Miles' first Sunday will be April 2, Palm/Passion Sunday. We look forward to her musical talent, working with the choir back, and all the energy and creativity she will bring to our church. Please give her a big welcome!

A Big Thank You to the Thrift Shop Volunteers!

In Council every month, we hear how hard the volunteers work at the Thrift Shop. Especially, now that they are selling some high-end clothing on Poshmark, an online social marketplace for buying and selling fashion. They also work with jewelry vendors to sell expensive that comes into the shop. We are grateful for the extra commitment and time they put in to bring in extra money for the church. So, the next time you visit the Thrift Shop or see someone who volunteers there, remember to say thank you for all their hard work. Thank you Thrift Shop volunteers for all you do!

UPCOMING WORSHIP – LENT & EASTER

March 26 – 10 a.m. – Can These Bones Live?

In Ezekiel’s vision, God asks “Can these bones live?” Do we believe new life can come after death? Can we find hope when things are bleak? Can we really trust in God’s resurrection? While we look to God to carry us through the valley, God looks to us to embody hope for others. As we prepare to enter Holy Week, we remember how Jesus began his final journey toward resurrection. As we walk through the valley of dry bones that leads us to Calvary Hill, let us seek out the hope that will stir in us and sustain us. **Scripture:** John 11:1-45 | Ezekiel 37:1-14

April 2 – 10 a.m. – Palm/Passion Sunday: Where Are You Headed?

Imagine you are in Jerusalem when Jesus enters on a donkey. Within the chaos and commotion of that scene, where are you and which way will you go? Will you follow Jesus all the way to the cross? Jesus’ willing surrender to his arrest should always catch us off-guard. As dismayed as the disciples, we ask, “Jesus, are you really headed this way, straight to your death?” Many of our weekly questions throughout the season so far have helped us prepare spiritually for Holy Week. Now we examine if our beliefs have changed our behaviors. Has your path changed? In the midst of opposing forces, which way will you go? **Scripture:** Matthew 21:1-11

April 6 – 5:30 p.m. Soup Supper and 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship in the Covenant Room

In his final night with his friends and followers, Jesus shows the fullness of his love by removing his robe, kneeling, and washing the disciples’ feet. As he makes his way around the room, Jesus comes to Simon Peter who protests, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” Like Peter, we may also question if God loves us and will care for us, even at the brink of death. In these final hours of accompanying Jesus to his grave, can we seek a posture of trust? Can we allow ourselves to be embraced and loved—by our neighbor and by God?

April 7 – 12 p.m. – Good Friday Service

This ecumenical, contemplative service will be held at Waquoit Congregational Church.

April 9 – 6 a.m. – Easter Sunrise Service at Megansett Beach

April 9 – 10 a.m. – Easter: Who Are You Looking For?

Jesus, mysteriously appearing to Mary as the gardener, asks her: “Why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?” In the haze of grief, Mary can only see what is right before her—or in this case, what is not before her. It is only when Jesus calls her by name that the veil is lifted, and she beholds the resurrected Christ. On this Easter morning, who—or what—are you looking for? Why have you come to the tomb? What kind of Jesus are you looking for? What veils need to be lifted so we can recognize God’s resurrection wherever it occurs? **Scripture:** John 20:1-18

April 16 – 10 a.m. – Holy Humor Sunday

Join us for some holy hilarity as we start the Easter season with celebration, joy, and laughter. Come in your wackiest outfit, come ready to sing, come ready to laugh. For centuries, the week following Easter Sunday was observed by the faithful as “days of joy and laughter” with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus’ resurrection.



Becoming a member of NFCC

“For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.”
Romans 12:4-5

In addition to finding our church family to be a warm and welcoming community, it is also a place to grow spiritually and become part of something greater than ourselves in doing Christ’s work in the world. If you would like to explore what membership means at North Falmouth Congregational Church, please join us after worship on April 23. Childcare and refreshments will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Christina at pastornfcc@gmail.com.

CWS Hygiene Kits – Still Collecting



CWS collection boxes will be located through-out the church. On Sunday, April 16 the final collection box will be placed out in front of the church. See the list below for the items needed.

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package
 - Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth
 - No pocket combs or picks
 - Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable
- One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package (either one is acceptable)
- One bath-size bar of soap in the original package
- Ten standard size Band-Aids
- [Wide-tooth Comb](#)

All items need to fit inside a one-gallon Ziploc type bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing.

Do NOT add any toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each hygiene kit just prior to its final journey.

Value: \$15.00

[Support the Shipping and Processing fund:](#) \$2.00 per kit



Thursday Soup For the Soul to Continue Through May 4th!



Many thanks to all who make the soup and many other delights.



Last Thursday we were joined by Miss Nancy & the children of the YMCA.



March Birthdays

- 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 Tatro
- 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

Thank you Outreach



COME CELEBRATE SPRING

NORTH FALMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

EASTER EGG HUNT!

SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND
FOLLOWING THE 10 am SERVICE, 11:00 am

CHILDREN & ADULTS ALL ARE WELCOME
Thank you for celebrating with us!

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NFCC THRIFT SHOP
(HELD IN THE NFCC COVENANT ROOM)

INDOOR MOTHER'S DAY

YARD SALE

Jewelry Sale

SATURDAY, MAY 6TH
9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

Handbags **Scarves**

Plus Many More Gifts For Your Mother!

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Daily Lectionary Scripture References – March 2023 (Year A)

Wed., Mar. 1

Psalm 32
Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28
Matthew 18:10-14

Thurs., Mar. 2

Psalm 121
Isaiah 51:1-3
2 Timothy 1:3-7

Fri., Mar. 3

Psalm 121
Micah 7:18-20
Romans 3:21-31

Sat., Mar. 4

Psalm 121
Isaiah 51:4-8
Luke 7:1-10

Sun., Mar. 5

Second Sunday in Lent
Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17 or Matthew
17:1-9

Mon., Mar. 6

Psalm 128
Numbers 21:4-9
Hebrews 3:1-6

Tues., Mar. 7

Psalm 128
Isaiah 65:17-25
Romans 4:6-13

Wed., Mar. 8

Psalm 128
Ezekiel 36:22-32
John 7:53-8:11

Thurs., Mar. 9

Psalm 95
Exodus 16:1-8
Colossians 1:15-23

Fri., Mar. 10

Psalm 95
Exodus 16:9-21
Ephesians 2:11-22

Sat., Mar. 11

Psalm 95
Exodus 16:27-35
John 4:1-6

Sun., Mar. 12

Third Sunday in Lent
Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

Mon., Mar. 13

Psalm 81
Genesis 24:1-27
2 John 1-13

Tues., Mar. 14

Psalm 81
Genesis 29:1-14
1 Corinthians 10:1-4

Wed., Mar. 15

Psalm 81
Jeremiah 2:4-13
John 7:14-31, 37-39

Thurs., Mar. 16

Psalm 23
1 Samuel 15:10-21
Ephesians 4:25-32

Fri., Mar. 17

Psalm 23
1 Samuel 15:22-31
Ephesians 5:1-9

Sat., Mar. 18

Psalm 23
1 Samuel 15:32-34
John 1:1-9

Sun., Mar. 19

Fourth Sunday in Lent
1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Mon., Mar. 20

Psalm 146
Isaiah 59:9-19
Acts 9:1-20

Tues., Mar. 21

Psalm 146
Isaiah 42:14-21
Colossians 1:9-14

Wed., Mar. 22

Psalm 146
Isaiah 60:17-22
Matthew 9:27-34

Thurs., Mar. 23

Psalm 130
Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2:8-3:3
Revelation 10:1-11

Fri., Mar. 24

Psalm 130
Ezekiel 33:10-16
Revelation 11:15-19

Sat., Mar. 25

Psalm 130
Ezekiel 36:8-15
Luke 24:44-53

Sun., Mar. 26

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

Mon., Mar. 27

Psalm 143
1 Kings 17:17-24
Acts 20:7-12

Tues., Mar. 28

Psalm 143
2 Kings 4:18-37
Ephesians 2:1-10

Wed., Mar. 29

Psalm 143
Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41
Matthew 22:23-33

Thurs., Mar. 30

Psalm 31:9-16
1 Samuel 16:11-13
Philippians 1:1-11

Fri., Mar. 31

Psalm 31:9-16
Job 13:13-19
Philippians 1:21-30

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