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Pastor's Page

*"And be kind to one another,
tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God
in Christ forgave you." Ephesians 4:32*

Dear Friends,

One of the things I love about living in Falmouth is seeing signs of kindness scattered around town—the red heart rocks, the kindness rocks, and the paperclip angels hanging from tree branches. This past winter, when it was difficult being isolated because of the pandemic, those little signs of kindness buoyed me as I walked along the bike path. They remind me that many small acts of kindness can really add up and that "kindness is love made visible" (H. Swanepoel).

Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-first Century is a book that documents a new kind of nomad who crisscrosses the country in their RVs, SUVs, and vans. Most are seniors living in poverty. Some of them had lived typical middle-class lives but lost everything in the 2008 housing crisis. However they come to this way of life, they travel the country seeking seasonal work in places like our national parks and Amazon.

Financial survival isn't their only goal, they also seek community to help them find companionship. But the demands of working long hours in manual-labor jobs makes it difficult to do so. When they do find a community, something amazing happens—many are eager to share their what they have. One woman cuts people's hair for free. Mechanics teach basic auto repair skills. Carpenters hammer together

bed frames and shelves in newly gutted vans. People with solar power panels give away their excess power. These many acts of kindness help them survive the grueling life on the road. These acts of kindness are little bits of God's unconditional love shining through.

We can never love as perfectly as God—but even in imperfection we can love unconditionally in short spurts through acts of kindness. God's love always finds a way at some point—no matter what we might be experiencing in our lives at the moment. Acts of kindness are offered in all times and in all places because love is greater than all the sadness, suffering, evil, violence, and destruction in this world. God promises that love always wins, even though it seems like an impossibility at times.

As I have witnessed here at NFCC, random acts of kindness abound in the generous love and care you offer to one another. It is a beautiful thing to behold as your pastor. It fills my heart to overflowing. I hope it does the same for you. May our eyes see all the kindness flowing in our world so that we might be continually touched and changed by it.

In loving kindness,

Pastor Christina

UPCOMING WORSHIP – JUNE

Stay tuned to the weekly announcements for whether worship will be inside or outside.

June 6 – 10 a.m. Second Sunday of Pentecost – Crazy Love

They called Jesus crazy, Was he? **Scripture:** Mark 3:20-35

June 13 – 10 a.m. Third Sunday of Pentecost – Flourishing

What seeds do you scatter? Where do you sow them? How do the seeds you sow flourish? **Scripture:** Mark 4:26-34 & 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

June 20 – 10 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Pentecost – Father's Day – Pushing Out the Boat

When you push your boat out to sea and get caught in an unexpected storm, how has Jesus stilled them? **Scripture:** Mark 4:35-41 & 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

June 27 – 10 a.m. Fifth Sunday of Pentecost – Healing Powers

Jesus' life is demanding as people continually seek him out for his healing powers. How do you use your power, given to you by the Holy Spirit, to heal? **Scripture:** Mark 5:21-43 & 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

June Birthdays



06/02	Don Peters
06/05	Megan Modic
06/06	Noah Peters
06/07	Joanne Breslin
06/11	Jack Murphy
06/17	Todd Oliveira
06/18	Michael Fraser
06/18	Marcia McLaughlin
06/22	Tim Deacon
06/22	George Nouaime
06/23	Tom Murphy
06/26	Sarah Deveau
06/26	Barbara Rountree
06/26	Linda Thomas
06/28	Rachel Rowitz

There will be a memorial service for Rev. Mark Strickland at First Congregational Church, Falmouth on Saturday, June 12 at 2:00 p.m.

All are welcome. The family asks that all wear masks and observe physical distancing in the sanctuary during the service.

You can view the service on line from home by going on your computer to www.firstcongfalmouth.live at 2:00 p.m.



Happy Birthday

**NFCC PLANT & THRIFT SALE
SATURDAY, MAY 15TH**

Sunday, May 16th



The lovely flowers given by the family of Don Packard

It was a perfect day for the sale!



Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd



A variety of beautiful plants to choose from

Setting up before the service



Both sales were well attended



Releasing prayers into the fire pit



May 30th indoor service with a gorgeous altar flower arrangement from Rin Morway's garden



On the last hymn, Babette played "Every Time I Feel I the Spirit" and we were invited to use our bubble wands.



Meanwhile outside the Lilacs were loving the dampness and in full bloom



From the Altar Committee

Since mid-March 2020 we have not had our traditional worship service in our sanctuary. During the time that outside worship was offered, we did have some lovely garden bouquets and seasonal arrangements during the fall. The Altar Committee did purchase a very nice silk arrangement that we have been using now that the service is performed for viewing virtually without a congregation in the sanctuary.

If anyone feels that they would like to dedicate a live plant or cut flower arrangement in memory or celebration, that option is still available. Please contact Marsha Martin to make arrangements.

willmart41@comcast.net or 508-759-0857



Congratulations to Two of Our Congregants

It's with a lot of excitement that Saramaria Allenby is starting a new position at the Universalist Unitarian Fellowship in Falmouth as the Director of whole life learning effective June 1, 2021.

This is a new position created in conjunction with the whole life learning committee and the pastor of the Universalist Unitarian Fellowship. Saramaria will be teaching, leading and practicing Spirituality for all ages.

Her position at Gosnold will come to an end, although she will still be able to consult with them and continue to lead her online business at www.spiritualityinpractice.org teaching workshops, classes, meditation and praying with the body.

It's a very exciting time!



Congratulations to Trish Oshman for becoming a Falmouth Town Meeting Member. She is filling a vacancy and will be sworn in at the end of June. She says it is an honor to be able to serve people in this way.

Upcoming events – Mark your calendars

Saint Barnabas's Church presents...

CAR TRUNK SALE

Saturday, June 12th
Gates open at 7am for cars ~ 10am to 1 pm for public

Had a good clean out during COVID?
Sell all your unwanted belongings from your car!
What you sell is what you keep!

Early Car Rate:
By June 11: \$50 per car

Day of Rate:
June 12th at the Gate:
\$75 per car



Great Lawn of Saint Barnabas's Church
91 Main Street, Falmouth
Across from the Village Green

To register your car:
508-548-3863
office@stbfalmouth.org
www.stbarnabasfalmouth.org

In MEMORY of those we've lost to COVID-19,
in GRATITUDE for those who cared,
and in HOPE for better days ahead

FALMOUTH COMMUNITY MEMORIAL

An Interfaith Memorial Service
for those lost to Covid-19
Sunday, June 27 • 6 PM
Falmouth Public Library Lawn

Sponsored by Falmouth Clergy Association, Falmouth Chamber of Commerce, Falmouth Enterprise.

If you have lost loved ones to COVID-19, please submit their names to be read at the service. They do not need to be Falmouth residents.
waquoitchurch@gmail.com






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BARNSTABLE ASSOC. YOUTH@SYNOD FOR STUDENTS 13+
JULY 11-18, 2:30 P.M. EACH DAY
FIRST CHURCH, SANDWICH
136 MAIN ST. SANDWICH



All youth— 13+ — are invited for an action-packed week at the United Church of Christ's Youth Synod in Sandwich. Everyday starts at 2:30 p.m. for some hands-on service work, listening to some amazing speakers, playing games, sharing meals, and just having fun.

- Day one, 2:30 – 5:30. Theme "God's Love." Planting Project.
- Day two, 2:30 – 7:00. Theme "God's Identity." Mental health Outreach Project.
- Day three, 2:30 – 5:30 & 9 – 11. Theme "Creativity." Trivia, Kahoot Night & Bonfire.
- Day four, 2:30 – 7:00. Theme, "Liberation." Visit to NAACP Museum
- Day five, 2:30 – 9:00. Theme "Creativity" Bike the Canal/Dinner Picnic.
- Day six, 2:30 – Theme "God's Creation." Trail Cleanup
- Day seven, 7:00 p.m. – Sunday 11:00 a.m. Theme "Showcase." Campout overnight at church. Participate in leadership of worship in the morning service.



PUBLIC LANDS TRAIL CLEANUP

Register here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FAIpQLSeQHqEuz38o8d.../viewform>
Cost: \$125 per youth

For financial assistance or for more information contact Pastor Christina: pastormcc@gmail.com



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Daily Lectionary Scripture References –June 2021 (Year B)

Tues., June 1

Psalm 99
1 Samuel 2:18-21
Acts 15:1-5, 22-35

Wed., June 2

Psalm 99
1 Samuel 2:22-36
John 5:1-18

Thurs., June 3

Psalm 138
1 Samuel 4:1-22
1 Peter 4:7-19

Fri., June 4

Psalm 138
1 Samuel 5:1-12
2 Corinthians 5:1-5

Sat., June 5

Psalm 138
1 Samuel 6:1-18
Luke 8:4-15

Sun., June 6

Second Sunday after Pentecost
1 Samuel 8:4-11 [12-15]
16-20 [11:14-15]
Psalm 138
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

Mon., June 7

Psalm 108
1 Samuel 7:3-15
Revelation 20:1-6

Tues., June 8

Psalm 108
1 Samuel 8:1-22
Revelation 20:7-15

Wed., June 9

Psalm 108
1 Samuel 9:1-14
Luke 11:14-28

Thurs., June 10

Psalm 20
1 Samuel 9:15-27
Hebrews 2:5-9

Fri., June 11

Psalm 20
1 Samuel 10:1-8
Hebrews 11:4-7

Sat., June 12

Psalm 20
1 Samuel 13:1-15a
Mark 4:1-20

Sun. June 13

Third Sunday after Pentecost
1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
Psalm 20
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

Mon., June 14

Psalm 53
1 Samuel 13:23-14:23
Galatians 6:11-18

Tues., June 15

Psalm 53
1 Samuel 15:10-23
Revelation 21:22-22:5

Wed., June 16

Psalm 53
1 Samuel 15:24-31
Luke 6:43-45

Thurs., June 17

Psalm 9:9-20
1 Samuel 16:14-23
Acts 20:1-16

Fri., June 18

Psalm 9:9-20
1 Samuel 17:55-18:5
Acts 21:1-16

Sat., June 19

Psalm 9:9-20
1 Samuel 18:1-4
Luke 21:25-28

Sun., June 20

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
1 Samuel 17:[1a, 4-11, 19-23] 32-49 and Psalm 9:9-20
OR 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16 and Psalm 133
2 Corinthians 6:1-13;
Mark 4:35-41

Mon., June 21

Psalm 119:113-128
1 Samuel 18:6-30
Acts 27:13-38

Tues., June 22

Psalm 119:113-128
1 Samuel 19:1-7
Acts 27:39-44

Wed., June 23

Psalm 119:113-128
1 Samuel 19:8-17
Mark 6:45-52

Thurs., June 24

Psalm 130
1 Samuel 19:18-24
2 Corinthians 7:2-16

Fri., June 25

Psalm 130
1 Samuel 20:1-25
2 Corinthians 8:1-7

Sat., June 26

Psalm 130
1 Samuel 20:27-42
Luke 4:31-37

Sun., June 27

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

Mon., June 28

Psalm 18:1-6, 43-50
1 Samuel 23:14-18
2 Corinthians 8:16-24

Tues., June 29

Psalm 18:1-6, 43-50
1 Samuel 31:1-13
2 Corinthians 9:1-5

Wed., June 30

Psalm 18:1-6, 43-50
1 Chronicles 10:1-14
Mark 9:14-29

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