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Dear Friends

The Sojourners Faith Formation group has been journeying through the story of David in 1 Samuel. Saul is still the king of Israel, but David has already been anointed as the next king. After David defeated Goliath and became one of Saul's military leaders, the people admired him greatly. Saul grew jealous, and more than once he tried to kill David.

What amazes me is not Saul's jealousy but David's response. Twice David had the opportunity to take Saul's life. Twice he refused. David would not seize what belonged to God. Instead of returning hatred for hatred, he chose mercy. Somehow, he was able to see beyond Saul's fear and anger to the person God still loved. That is no small thing.

I think of the saints through the centuries who speak of the same spiritual practice: learning to see others as God sees them. It doesn't happen overnight. It takes prayer, patience, and the willingness to look beneath the surface of another person's words or actions. So, I offer this poem by Derek Tasker.

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*I wonder what would happen if
I treated everyone like I was in love
with them, whether I liked them or not
and whether they respond or not
and no matter
what they say or do to me and even if I see
things in them which are ugly, twisted,
petty
and turn my attention to some small
weak tender hidden part
and keep my eyes on
that until it shines like a beam of light
like a bonfire I can warm my hands by
and trust
it to burn away all the waste which is not
and never was my business to meddle
with.*

During my sabbatical, I will carry these words with me to remind me that every person bears a spark of God's image, even when it is hidden beneath fear, hurt, or anger. Our calling is not to fix one another, but to notice that spark and nurture it with love.

As you sojourn through the rest of this summer, may you find moments of rest and renewal. May you notice the quiet beauty that surrounds you. And may God give you eyes to see the hidden light in others—and perhaps, just as importantly, the hidden light within yourself.

Grace and peace,

Christina
Pastor Christina

Greetings from the Music Director! 🎵

Our music ministry is thriving, and I am deeply grateful to our dedicated musicians. Thank you to everyone who shares such wonderful feedback with us each Sunday—your support means the world to our choirs!

Here is our current schedule and what is coming up:

- **Vocal Choir:** We are on a much-deserved break for the month of August and will resume in September. Regular rehearsals are Wednesdays (7:00–8:00 p.m.) and Saturdays (10:00–11:00 a.m.), plus a brief warm-up on Sundays. *Scheduling is flexible so—just come to when you can!*
- **Bell Choir:** Our ringers are taking July and August off and will resume in September, meeting on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. As one member notes, this is a beautiful way to practice mindfulness while making music.
- **Cherub Choir:** Our youngest singers are doing a fantastic job! They continue to meet throughout the summer on Sundays after worship (11:15–11:45 a.m.). A special thanks to Paul Smith for his faithful help during rehearsals each week.

We would absolutely love to have you join us for any of these musical offerings. I am so blessed to be a part of our wonderful church and to serve as your Music Director.

Peace,
Stephanie Miles



Guest Flutist Evelyn Shertzer



More Than Just a Dollar Store

The Thrift Shop is off to a great summer! Regular customers continue to shop and we see new faces all the time. Some recent daily sales have been among the highest ever recorded. In addition, the shop has recently received many donations of valuable items worth much more than a dollar. We are blessed to have such generous donors supporting our efforts. The Thrift shop is thriving.

After much planning and logistical maneuvering, the shop has a new Facebook page, North Falmouth Thrift Shop: New & Improved. This became necessary when it was impossible to delete the old page to which we no longer had access. The new page is allowing us to “advertise” some of our “Special Finds.” Many of these items can be seen displayed in the shop directly across from the checkout desk. We are already seeing results as a Le Creuset skillet just sold for \$100. Be sure to stop in to see more collectible and vintage items. Add



visit the new Facebook page!

And of course great bargains are still to be had with most clothing starting at just \$4.00. Best prices in town! Need a good beach

read? Gotcha covered. Always a great selection of books to browse. And don't forget puzzles for a rainy day.

The Thrift Shop has something for everyone!

Sunday, June 14 New Member Picnic



A Beautiful Day.



Take Two

This Summer our Take Two program will be using the book *Imaging the Word*. This book uses a combination of art, poetry, music, inspirational readings and Bible verses to explore a variety of topics.

We will meet after the Sunday Service on the following dates: July 26, August 9, August 23.

The following is a very special meditation written by the children in Sunday School:

God cares about nature because it makes us happy and helps our feelings turn around.

God cares about ALL of us, even people who do bad things.

God cares about us and nature and God cares about our hearts.

God never fails to love all of us.

Thank you Letters for our Outreach Donations



June 2, 2026

Pastor Christina Williams
North Falmouth Congregational Church, Inc.
PO Box 403
North Falmouth, MA 02556-0403

Dear Pastor,

The staff and the Board of Directors of the Falmouth Service Center would like to express our sincere appreciation for your very generous contribution of \$500. This donation will help us continue to support our clients by providing them with healthy nutritious food as well as helping them as they struggle to meet their other basic needs. We are particularly grateful for your donation at this unprecedented time as it helps us to meet growing demand for our services.

Our mission is to ease stress, reduce hunger and improve the quality of life for our neighbors in need. The Falmouth Service Center works to increase self-sufficiency by helping to build networks among clients, neighbors and agencies. Thank you for partnering with us to assist those who struggle in our community. We are grateful for your gift and hope that our efforts will continue to merit your support.

Sincerely,

Kerin Delaney
Executive Director

The Falmouth Service Center welcomes your consideration regarding bequests. Please contact the director or any board member for a confidential discussion.

In accordance with IRS regulations, the Falmouth Service Center declares that it has not provided any goods or services in exchange for this contribution. Please retain this statement for your tax records.

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North Falmouth Congregational Church
Rev. Christina Williams
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Dear Christina,

Thank you and the North Falmouth Congregational Church your generous donation to Belonging to Each Other, Inc. (BTEO). Your support is especially meaningful as we anticipate continued growth in the number of our neighbors experiencing homelessness in Falmouth. With your help, we are preparing to meet this growing need by offering no-cost transformational housing, consistent personalized assistance, and emergency nutrition for the most vulnerable members of our community. Please extend our gratitude to the entire congregation.

On 06/03/2026, you contributed \$200.00 to Belonging to Each Other. This letter serves as your official acknowledgment of that gift. Your generosity strengthens our efforts and makes a real impact. Please retain this letter for your records, as it may serve as documentation for tax purposes. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your donation.

Thank you again for your dedication to ending homelessness in Falmouth. Your compassion helps create a community where every neighbor has the opportunity to find safety, stability, and a path toward home.

Sincerely,

Gina Torielli
Executive Director

Belonging to Each Other is a Massachusetts nonprofit, federal tax ID number 81-3692267. All donations are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.



Upper Cape Chaplaincy
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North Falmouth Congregational Church

PO Box 403

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June 6, 2026

Dear Congregation

Thank you very much for your very generous donation of \$425.00 to the Upper Cape Chaplaincy in May of 2026.

For over twenty-five years the mission of the Upper Cape Chaplaincy has been able to provide high quality professional chaplaincy services to healthcare institutions on Upper Cape Cod. The Chaplaincy provides and monitors pastoral care services for the patients, families and staff of these healthcare facilities in an ecumenical and interfaith manner.

We very much appreciate your support of the vital work of our chaplains.

Blessings,

Ann Stone
Ann Stone, President

For the Board of the Upper Cape Chaplaincy

To the people at NFCC
Thank you so much for your ongoing support
over the years. So appreciated!
Ann

Note: The Upper Cape Chaplaincy is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. Contributions are tax deductible. Please visit our website at www.uppercapechaplaincy.org



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June 8, 2026

North Falmouth Congregational Church, Inc.
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Dear Friends:

Thank you for your donation of \$125.00 to the No Place for Hate Falmouth Fund, administered by The Cape Cod Foundation. Your gift is deeply appreciated and will certainly have a positive impact in the community.

The Foundation was established in 1989 with a single fund. Today, we administer more than 300. Each one was created by an individual or a group who wanted one thing: to make a difference. Individually, our funds have accomplished great things. Collectively, we have distributed more than \$105 million in grants and scholarships back into the community since inception.

When you support a single fund, you support an entire philanthropic network. Working together works!

Once again, thank you for your gift.

Sincerely,

Kristin O'Malley
President and CEO

Payment Method: Check 7228
Date: 05/26/2026
Amount: \$125.00



Under the requirements of the Internal Revenue Service, we must inform you that we have provided no goods or services to you in return for your gift. In addition, you have not received any direct benefit from your contribution to The Cape Cod Foundation except the satisfaction of knowing that through your gift you have helped us to carry out our mission. The Cape Cod Foundation has exclusive legal control over the assets contributed.



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Daily Lectionary Scripture References – July 2026 (Year A)

Wed., July 1

Psalm 47
Isaiah 51:1-3
Matthew 11:20-24

Thurs., July 2

Psalm 45:10-17
Genesis 25:19-27
Romans 7:1-6

Fri., July 3

Psalm 45:10-17
Genesis 27:1-17
Romans 7:7-20

Sat., July 4

Psalm 45:10-17
Genesis 27:18-29
Luke 10:21-24

Sun., July 5

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Mon., July 6

Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Genesis 27:30-46
Romans 1:18-25

Tues., July 7

Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Genesis 29:1-14
Romans 3:1-8

Wed., July 8

Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Genesis 29:31-35
John 13:1-17

Thurs., July 9

Psalm 119:105-112
Exodus 3:1-6
Romans 2:12-16

Fri., July 10

Psalm 119:105-112
Deuteronomy 32:1-10
Romans 15:14-21

Sat., July 11

Psalm 119:105-112
Isaiah 2:1-4
John 12:44-50

Sun., July 12

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-112
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Mon., July 13

Psalm 142
Micah 1:1-5
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Tues., July 14

Psalm 142
Jeremiah 49:7-11
Ephesians 4:17—5:2

Wed., July 15

Psalm 142
Obadiah 15-21
Matthew 13:10-17

Thurs., July 16

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Isaiah 44:1-5
Hebrews 2:1-9

Fri., July 17

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Ezekiel 39:21-29
Hebrews 6:13-20

Sat., July 18

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Exodus 14:9-25
Matthew 7:15-20

Sun., July 19

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Mon., July 20

Psalm 139:13-18
Genesis 32:3-21
Revelation 14:12-20

Tues., July 21

Psalm 139:13-18
Genesis 33:1-17
Galatians 4:21—5:1

Wed., July 22

Psalm 139:13-18
Genesis 35:16-29
Matthew 12:15-21

Thurs., July 23

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Genesis 29:1-8
1 Corinthians 4:14-20

Fri., July 24

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Genesis 29:9-14
Acts 7:44-53

Sat., July 25

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Genesis 29:31—30:24
Matthew 12:38-42

Sun., July 26

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Mon., July 27

Psalm 65:8-13
Genesis 30:25-36
James 3:13-18

Tues., July 28

Psalm 65:8-13
Genesis 30:37-43
Ephesians 6:10-18

Wed., July 29

Psalm 65:8-13
Genesis 46:2—47:12
Mark 4:30-34

Thurs., July 30

Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Isaiah 14:1-2
Philippians 4:10-15

Fri., July 31

Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Isaiah 41:8-10
Romans 9:6-13