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Pastor's Page

The Divine Potter

It is not you who shapes God,
It is God who shapes you.
If then you are the work of God,
Await the hand of the artist
Who does all things in due season.
Offer God your heart, soft and tractable,
And keep the form in which
The artist fashioned you.
Let your clay be moist,
Lest you grow hard and lose
The imprint of God's fingers.

—*St. Irenaeus (2nd Century CE)*

Dear Friends,

When I was 17 years old, I wanted to go to art college. My parents were quick to nix the idea because it wasn't practical. Hum... they were probably right. Although, I did eventually go once I was older. But that didn't stop me from continuing to draw and paint. What I loved to do the most was sculpture. I naturally gravitated to fashioning the beauty of the human form out of a lump of clay, a block of wood, or molten metal. Probably each of you knows the joy of creating something out of nothing, whether it is a quilt, a hat, a painting, a fruitful garden, a ship model, a clay pot, a dance, a song, or even a relationship.

In the book of Isaiah, it says God is the Divine Potter and we are the clay. God fashioned each of us to be a beautiful vessel of love and goodness in the world. But God didn't stop forming us on the day we were born. Creation is an ongoing, never-ending process. When I finish a piece of artwork, it is done. I can't go back and change it—especially after the clay has been fired or the metal has cooled. But as God's creation, we are always being refashioned into something even more magnificent and significant than before—if we allow it.

The work of reshaping and refashioning is God's work, but as St. Irenaeus suggests in the poem above, we each can find ways to keep our hearts open, soft, and pliable. For it is God's ongoing prayer within us that we give space for the Divine potter to shape and reshape us so that we might bear the imprint of God's fingers on our lives.

May the imprint of God's love be a blessing in your life.

In deep faith in the One who molds us and forms us,

Pastor Christina

UPCOMING WORSHIP – SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 3

September 5 – 10 a.m. – Bread of Life – Communion Sunday

What does it mean to you when Jesus says he is the bread of life? This Sunday will be a more relaxed format for the holiday weekend as we reflect together on Jesus' claim that he is the bread of life and the bread of heaven. **Scripture:** John 6:24-35

September 12 – 10 a.m. – Worship, Word, and Watermelon – God in a Box Skit

For homecoming Sunday, we will celebrate God's amazing power with a fun, thought-provoking skit—God in a Box. After worship we will enjoy watermelon, refreshments, and fellowship. In case of rain, we will postpone until the following Sunday. **Scripture:** Job 38,39, 40 excerpts Ephesians 3:14-20

September 19 – 10 a.m. – It's Okay Not to Be Okay

Are you okay? We live in tumultuous times and the pandemic is redefining how we live—at least for the time being. With so much upheaval around us, it can be challenging to find the ground of our being in God—the place where we are okay. **Scripture:** Psalm 46, Psalm 139:1-18

September 26 – 10 a.m. – The Power of Prayer

Prayer and how it works is a mystery. Sometimes we wonder if prayer even works. Some give up because their prayers aren't answered. Others keep plugging away. How has prayer affected your life? **Scripture:** Matthew 6:5-13, 2 Corinthians 1:8-11

October 3 – 10 a.m. – Blessing of the Animals – Communion Sunday

In honor of the Feast of Saint Francis, the patron saint of animals (and ecology), we will celebrate our four-legged, furry, scaled, feathered, and winged friends. This is the perfect time to show our gratitude and bless them for all the joy, comfort, and unconditional love they give to us. You are invited to bring your pet or a picture of your pet to be blessed. In case of rain, we will postpone this service to October 10. **Scripture:** Psalm 104

October 3 – 3 p.m. – The Installation of Rev. Christina Williams

Please join us for the installation service of Pastor Christina as pastor of our church. This is an important event in the life of the church when the pastor and the congregation make promises to one another as they journey together faithfully to worship, grow, and serve one another and God. More details will be forthcoming.

Theology Thursdays is now Theology Wednesdays – Fall sessions

"And she wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger." Jesus is the central figure of the New Testament and course three in *Exploring the Bible: The Dickinson*

Series explores the figure of Jesus in three distinct ways: A man like other men, a Jewish rabbi, and the Christ of Christian faith. Then it's on to the cantankerous Paul, the other New Testament authors, and the wild and baffling book called Revelation.

Learn what Nazareth was like in the first century, see what scholars know and don't know about Jesus as a historical figure, and decide for yourself whether Paul deserves either the stature or the censure that he so often receives. And who is the Antichrist anyway? Read, think, dialogue, and learn from this third volume of the popular *Exploring the Bible* series.

Theology Wednesdays meets every Wednesday morning at 9:15 a.m. via Zoom. If you are interested in this study, please contact Pastor Christina

at pastornfcc@gmail.com and she will get you a copy of the book and put you on the email list so that you can receive the Zoom link for the sessions.

August Birthdays



08/01 Betty Cole
08/03 Ray Rowitz
08/06 Danielle Dunphy
08/07 Lynn Young
08/09 Rosemary Modic
08/10 Joyce Bock
08/17 Nicole Barrett
08/28 Adrienne Latimer
08/30 Jennifer Fenstermaker
08/30 Pamela Polloni



Happy Birthday

September Birthdays



09/01 Jean Holmes
09/09 Madison Deveau
09/11 Phil Thomas
09/16 Shirley Dunkle
09/18 Alan King
09/20 Joyce Kenneally
09/20 Hale Thomas
09/21 Kay Clark
09/26 Gregory Clements
09/27 Lisa Allen
09/29 Angelica Oshman



Happy Birthday

Thank You Letters From Our Recipients

Outreach News: Habitat for Humanity Build in East Falmouth

Can you help with a nearby Habitat for Humanity build? The local Cape Cod chapter is gearing up for the construction of six homes in East Falmouth, starting with wall-raising on Saturday, October 2. After that date, there's a need for volunteer individuals or groups to provide a snack for 35-40 people on Tuesday and Saturday mornings at 10:00. That is when the work crew will be taking a break. Bev Parke, of St. Mary's in Barnstable, is serving as coordinator of the snacks. For details of this opportunity, please get in touch with her at 774-994-2273 or via robnbevparke@verizon.net.



Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod invites you to join us for a **Community and Volunteer Kick Off Event** for 6 NEW Habitat Homes on Willett Way, Falmouth Thursday, September 23rd at 5pm **Coonamessett Farm (277 Hatchville Rd, East Falmouth)**

Event sponsored by *Hutker Architects*
Refreshments sponsored by *Frank and Denise Almeida*



Come and meet the families who will be building their homes with Habitat. Please share with anyone you know who would like to be a part of this project!

Please RSVP to ea@habitatcapecod.org



For more information contact Tara Cronin, Volunteer and Community Relations Manager, 508-362-3559 ext. 16 or email



June 21, 2021

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

Dear Friends,

The staff and the Board of Directors of the Falmouth Service Center would like to express our sincere appreciation for the very generous contribution of \$500 from the North Falmouth Congregational Church. 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 Thank you for your support!
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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Faith Family Kitchen
Hands of Hope
Homeless Ministries
Hospital Chaplaincy

June 28, 2021

North Falmouth Congregational Church, Inc. Treasurer's Account
PO Box 403
N Falmouth MA 02556

Dear North Falmouth Congregational Church, Inc. Treasurer's Account,

Thank you for your donation of \$250.00 to the Cape Cod Council of Churches. We give thanks for your partnership as together we serve the physical and spiritual needs of our neighbors on Cape Cod and the Islands. With your support, we build strength in the face of real challenges and alleviate suffering so that people may move forward with resources and hope.

Your gift offers a helping hand to individuals and families across the Cape and Islands, enabling the Council to continue our mission of Serving God by Serving Others.

Peace,

Edye

Edye NeSmith
Executive Director

Amount Received: \$250.00 Processed on: June 14, 2021
Payment made by: Check 6521 June 04, 2021
Gift designated to: PSA

Cape Cod Council of Churches is a charitable 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.
No goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution.
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Fax: 774-355-1196

July 1, 2021

North Falmouth Congregational Church, Inc.
Ms. Carolee Packard
P. O. Box 403
North Falmouth, MA 02556-0403

Dear Ms. Packard:

The Friends of Bourne Council on Aging gratefully acknowledge your generous donation to the Food Pantry of \$250.00.

Your donation will help support the more than 300 families, an average of 700 individuals, who receive food from us each month. For each dollar donated, we can provide an estimated 5 meals to those in need. We are proud that our primary source of food comes from the Greater Boston Food Bank or purchased locally at discounted prices.

Without your help, we would not be able to meet the needs of the most vulnerable which include the seniors and the disabled within our community.

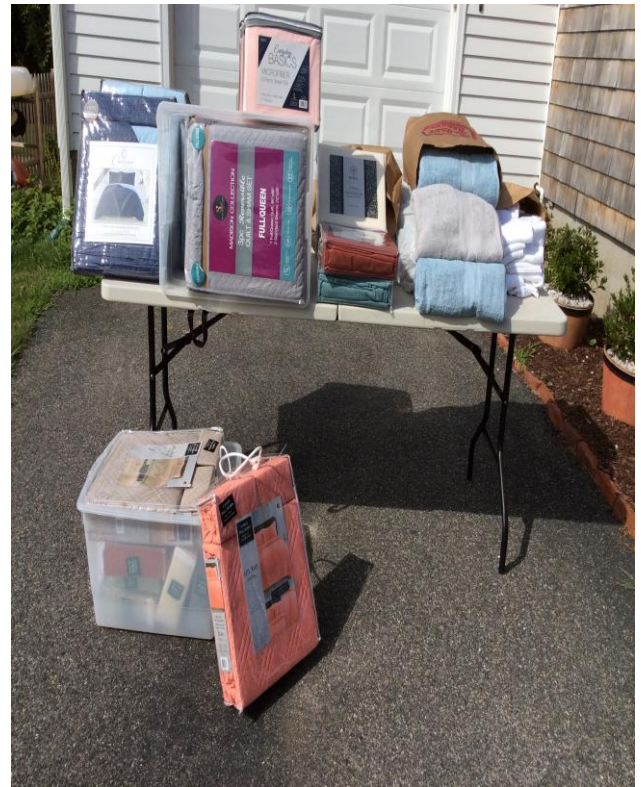
Please accept our sincere thanks for your commitment to the Friends Food Pantry.

Sincerely,

Peter Lindberg

Peter Lindberg
President

Note: In compliance with the IRS Code Section 170(f) (8), this receipt serves as verification that no goods or services were received in consideration of this gift from me or Friends of Bourne Council on Aging.



Everything Ready for the HAC van to pick up at Carolee's house.

The Village at Cataumet

Outreach continues supporting the Village at Cataumet. This is one of many transitional shelters run by the Housing Assistant Corp. More commonly known as HAC.

Our original budget included \$600 for meals. We made and served a meal once a month. At this time, meals are not allowed. Their greatest need was for linens. New linen is needed for the rooms each time a new family moves in. Each family that moves out to permanent housing must take their linen with them.

Outreach voted to reallocate the \$600, and purchased 81 pieces of linen. These included sheet sets, pillow cases, towels and washcloths.

The Village management expressed gratitude and thanksgiving to all of us here at North Falmouth Congregational Church for our generous gift.

As chairman of the Outreach Committee, I too say **THANK YOU!** Your support through financial stewardship made this possible.

Carolee Packard, on behalf of the Outreach Committee.



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



Garden Flowers from the past few months



Susan Fallavollita & Marsha Martin

Betsy Woodley's Gladiolas from Rev. Christina



Much appreciation to our Techies Sarah Bach & Hope Oliveira for making our NFCC Sunday broadcasts possible!





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Daily Lectionary Scripture References –September 2021 (Year B)

Wed., Sept. 1
Psalm 144:9-15
Song of Solomon 8:5-7
Mark 7:9-23

Thurs., Sept. 2
Psalm 125
Proverbs 1:1-19
Romans 2:1-11

Fri., Sept. 3
Psalm 125
Proverbs 4:10-27
Romans 2:12-16

Sat., Sept. 4
Psalm 125
Proverbs 8:1-31
Matthew 15:21-31

Sun., Sept. 5
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 125
James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

Mon., Sept. 6
Psalm 73:1-20
Proverbs 8:32-9:6
Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Tues., Sept. 7
Psalm 73:1-20
Proverbs 11:1-31
Hebrews 12:3-13

Wed., Sept. 8
Psalm 73:1-20
Proverbs 14:1-9
Matthew 17:14-21

Thurs., Sept. 9
Psalm 19
Proverbs 15:1-17
Hebrews 11:17-22

Fri., Sept. 10
Psalm 19
Proverbs 19:24-29
James 2:17-26

Sat., Sept. 11
Psalm 19
Proverbs 21:1-17
Matthew 21:23-32

Sun., Sept. 12
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 1:20-33
Psalm 19 or Wisdom 7:26-8:1
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

Mon., Sept. 13
Psalm 73:21-28
Proverbs 22:1-21
Romans 3:9-20

Tues., Sept. 14
Psalm 73:21-28
Proverbs 25:1-28
Colossians 3:1-11

Wed., Sept. 15
Psalm 73:21-28
Proverbs 29:1-27
John 7:25-36

Thurs., Sept. 16
Psalm 1
Proverbs 30:1-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Fri., Sept. 17
Psalm 1
Proverbs 30:18-33
Romans 11:25-32

Sat., Sept. 18
Psalm 1
Ecclesiastes 1:1-18
Matthew 23:29-39

Sun., Sept. 19
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

Mon., Sept. 20
Psalm 128
Proverbs 27:1-27
James 4:8-17

Tues., Sept. 21
Psalm 128
Ecclesiastes 4:9-16
James 5:1-6

Wed., Sept. 22
Psalm 128
Ecclesiastes 5:1-20
John 8:21-38

Thurs., Sept. 23
Psalm 124
Esther 1:1-21
Acts 4:13-31

Fri., Sept. 24
Psalm 124
Esther 2:1-23
Acts 12:20-25

Sat., Sept. 25
Psalm 124
Esther 3:1-15
Matthew 5:13-20

Sun., Sept. 26
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

Mon., Sept. 27
Psalm 140
Esther 4:1-17
1 Peter 1:3-9

Tues., Sept. 28
Psalm 140
Esther 5:1-14
1 John 2:18-25

Wed., Sept. 29
Psalm 140
Esther 8:1-17
Matthew 18:6-9

Thurs., Sept. 30
Psalm 26
Job 2:11-3:26
Galatians 3:23-29

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