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Dear Friends,

As Church we are in a liminal time—an in-between time of what was and what is to come. We know the past but cannot see the future. Even though the Church has been going through a liminal time for a while, the pandemic has hastened change—we see it, we feel it.

The Bible is full of stories of people living in liminal times. When Adam and Eve were banished from the Garden, it was a liminal time. When Noah, Noah's family, and all those animals were adrift in the ark for 40 days, it was a liminal time. When Moses and the Israelites were freed from slavery and wandered the desert for 40 years looking for the Promised Land, it was a liminal time. When the disciples experienced Jesus' death, burial, resurrection, and ascension, it was a liminal time too. In fact, as Christians, we are currently living in a liminal time waiting for Christ's return!

When we step back and reflect on liminal times in the Bible, it is clear God showed up visibly and powerfully during transitional times despite the confusion and anxiety of entering the unknown.

A number of reactions arise in liminal times. One is the desire to return to the past, the familiar, the good 'ole days. Another is wondering about what went wrong, how we failed, and whom or what can be blamed. Another is being filled with anxiety about what is next. Those are all natural reactions that are part of the grief process.

Yet, if we step out in faith, we can view liminal time as sacred time filled with opportunity, creativity, experimentation, and Godly adventure. It is a time to prayerfully discern where God is leading and asking questions together in community. It is a time to pray about what God's dream is for us. (You're probably like me hoping God will fill the pews. But I can't find any scriptural backing on that one.) It is a time to wonder what we realistically have energy for. It is a time to hope and have faith that if we are open to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit—God will show up—visibly and powerfully.

Do not lose hope, my friends. As God leads us into the future, may we open ourselves to wonder and curiosity. May we discover the mind of Christ for the heart of the Church in whatever way that unfolds for us.

Joy always,

Pastor Christina

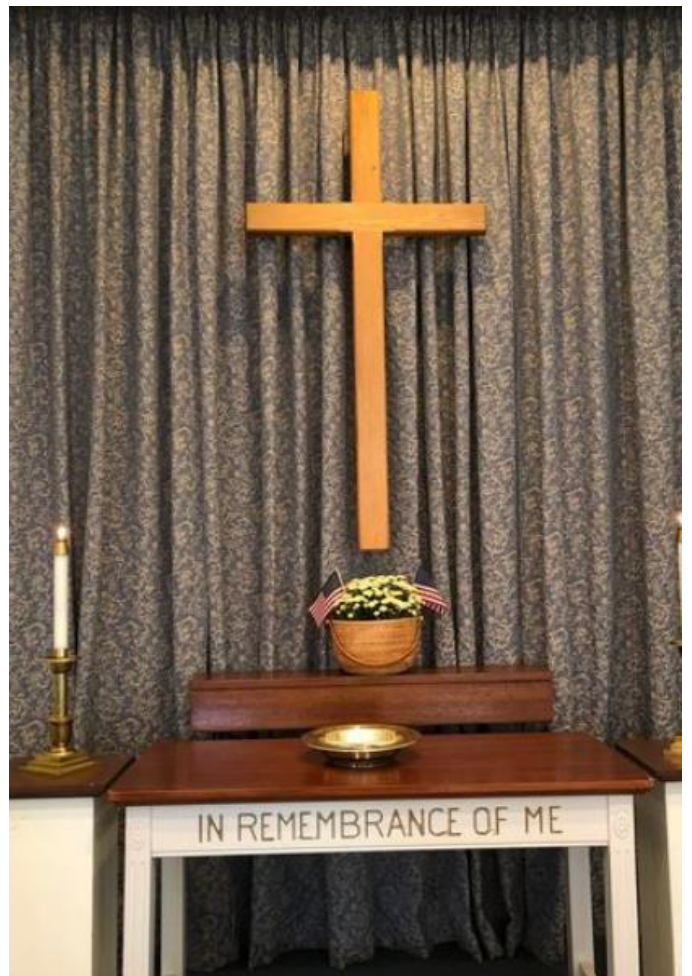
WELCOME BACK SUNDAY



Sunday, September 11 8:30 a.m. a “Welcome Back” scrambled eggs & pancake breakfast before the 10 o’clock service.



The service was well attended and Lisa and Amelia played the Offertory Anthem.



Marsha Martin dedicated the chrysanthemums in remembrance of 9/11.

September Birthdays



- 09/01 Jean Holmes
- 09/09 Madison Deveau
- 09/11 Phil Thomas
- 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



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**HALLOWEEN & XMAS
HOLIDAY BLITZ**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 9-12
NORTH FALMOUTH
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

- FALL HOLIDAY DECORATIONS
- JEWELRY
- CRAFT SUPPLIES
- FABRIC & YARN FOR YOUR HOLIDAY CRAFT PROJECTS

BAKE TABLE & SOUP TO GO!

This will be an outside event if the weather is bad, it will be inside
(masks will then be required)

NORTH FALMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
55 OLD MAIN RD. NORTH FALMOUTH 508-563-2127

Pancake Breakfast

TO SUPPORT FOOD RELIEF TO UKRAINE
and communities in need worldwide
through World Central Kitchen

Sat. Oct 1

7 to 11 a.m.

Pancakes with syrup, sausage, fruit,
coffee, tea, juice, and milk

Suggested donation:
Adult - \$10, Under 16 yrs- \$5, Family - \$25

First Congregational Church
Falmouth Village Green

www.FirstCongFalmouth.org

An Evening with Diana Butler Bass

discover the new and unfolding biblical scholarship about Mary Magdalene

12 OCTOBER 2022
8:00-8:45pm
 followed by 30 min. Q&A

On Zoom

Co-sponsored by Barnstable, Old Colony, Pilgrim & Rhode Island Assoc.

Diana will unpack texts that are familiar to all of us and open the door to interpretations and scholarship that have just recently been discovered.

Opportunities:

The Cataumet Shelter for transitional housing is up and running once again. They are accepting outside groups' assistance. The monthly supper cooked by our church and served each month will start on Monday, October 17. Please contact Carolee Packard for details. Sunday night cooking by the young folks and their parents will resume also.

With the shelter being open again there is a need for new linens. By State law, every family entering the shelter must be given NEW linens upon entering. See the needs list.

- Towels: bath size & hand size.
- Bed Linen: Full or twin sheet sets, pillows and pillow cases.
- Blankets and coverlets for beds.

Watch for Linen Weekend! We will be doing a drive by in late October as well as purchasing some of these items out of budget. If you cannot shop but would like to make a monetary donation someone will purchase the items for you.

Please make your check payable to the church and note on it linen project.

IN NOVEMBER: Once again the church will be doing a drive by collecting food for the Falmouth Service Center. Details will be coming.

IN DECEMBER: The Giving Tree will once again be in place.

In the name of Outreach Committee, **THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US.**

Carolee Packard, Outreach Chairman

From the Altar Committee

Altar Flowers....A warm thank you to all the individuals who have supplied flowers from their gardens throughout the summer. The fall calendar does have some available Sundays. Please consult the calendar if you wish to donate flowers as many dates are taken. If you have concerns, please contact Marsha Martin, willmart41@comcast.net or 508-759-0857.



OUTREACH REPORT AND OPPORTUNITIES

I would like to say THANK YOU to all of you for supporting the Outreach Budget. This year we have supported local organizations making the Cape a better place for all to live.

The first installment of payments went out in June and the second will be going out in the first part of December to the following groups. Bourne Food Pantry, Falmouth Service Center, Belonging to Each Other, Cape Cod Council of Churches, Upper Cape Chaplaincy, No Place for Hate, and to the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ.

I also would like to say THANK YOU to all the volunteers who have been providing mid-morning snacks for the Willet Way Habitat build. These snacks are very much appreciated by the work crew. Please take the time to go and visit the wonderful new neighborhood. It is off Barrows Road in East Falmouth. It will warm your heart. Bakers are still needed for Saturday November 12 and Saturday, December 10.



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Daily Lectionary Scripture References – September 2022 (Year C)

Thurs., Sept. 1

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Jeremiah 15:10-21
Philippians 2:25-30

Fri., Sept. 2

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Jeremiah 16:14–17:4
Colossians 4:7-17

Sat., Sept. 3

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Jeremiah 17:14-27
Matthew 10:34-42

Sun., Sept. 4

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 18:1-11
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

Mon., Sept. 5

Psalm 2
Jeremiah 18:12-23
1 Timothy 3:14–4:5

Tues., Sept. 6

Psalm 2
Jeremiah 19:1-15
1 Timothy 4:6-16

Wed., Sept. 7

Psalm 2
Jeremiah 20:1-18
Luke 18:18-30

Thurs., Sept. 8

Psalm 14
Jeremiah 13:20-27
1 Timothy 1:1-11

Fri., Sept. 9

Psalm 14
Jeremiah 4:1-10
2 Peter 2:1-10a

Sat., Sept. 10

Psalm 14
Jeremiah 4:13-21, 29-31
John 10:11-21

Sun., Sept. 11

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

Mon., Sept. 12

Psalm 94
Jeremiah 5:1-17
1 Timothy 1:18-20

Tues., Sept. 13

Psalm 94
Jeremiah 5:18-31
2 Peter 3:8-13

Wed., Sept. 14

Psalm 79:1-9
Jeremiah 14:1-10, 17-22
Luke 22:31-33, 54-62

Thurs., Sept. 15

Psalm 79:1-9
Jeremiah 12:14–13:11
Romans 3:1-8

Fri., Sept. 16

Psalm 79:1-9
Jeremiah 8:1-13
Romans 8:31-39

Sat., Sept. 17

Psalm 74
Jeremiah 8:14-17; 9:2-11
Mark 12:41-44

Sun., Sept. 18

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 8:18–9:1
Psalm 79:1-9
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

Mon., Sept. 19

Psalm 106:40-48
Jeremiah 9:12-26
Acts 4:1-12

Tues., Sept. 20

Psalm 106:40-48
Jeremiah 10:1-16
1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Wed., Sept. 21

Psalm 106:40-48
Jeremiah 10:17-25
Luke 20:45–21:4

Thurs., Sept. 22

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
Jeremiah 23:9-22
2 Corinthians 8:8-15

Fri., Sept. 23

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
Jeremiah 23:23-32
Ephesians 2:1-10

Sat., Sept. 24

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
Jeremiah 24:1-10
Luke 9:43b-48

Sun., Sept. 25

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

Mon., Sept. 26

Psalm 119:49-56
Jeremiah 32:16-35
Revelation 3:14-22

Tues., Sept. 27

Psalm 119:49-56
Jeremiah 32:36-44
James 5:1-6

Wed., Sept. 28

Psalm 119:49-56
Jeremiah 33:1-13
Matthew 19:16-22

Thurs., Sept. 29

Lamentations 3:19-26
Jeremiah 52:1-11
Revelation 2:8-11

Fri., Sept. 30

Lamentations 3:19-26
Jeremiah 52:12-30
Revelation 2:12-29