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Cohasset*



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FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

A Place Just Right

Do you ever dream that you can't find your place? A friend tells of dreaming a version of this same dream night after night. In his dream, he is the official representative at an important gathering. But as he arrives the ceremonies are already in progress. He looks for his seat, which was reserved for him, but cannot find it. No one seems to know where it is and he searches in vain. Each time he has the dream, he can't find his place. He looks desperately and always awakens unfulfilled.

Swiss psychologist Paul Tournier says, "The place we are all looking for is the Paradise we have lost. The whole of humanity suffers from what we might call the 'Paradise Lost' complex. What is this paradise? It is a place of security, a place of perfection, a place where the "ideal" community lives out its life in happiness. We all search for a place like that....all of us."

But I wonder if Tournier is right. This longing we feel, is it really for paradise – for perfection? If it is, we'll need to wait for the next life for that kind of place. But I believe that our longing for a place in this life is a longing for acceptance, and a longing for authentic community.

That kind of acceptance and community is a gift from God. Remember the Gospel story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well? She was a sad woman who had been married five times and who was now living with a sixth man. When Jesus asked her for a drink of water, she was shocked! Wasn't he afraid of being contaminated by her? Then Jesus says, "Woman, you are troubled, I can tell. I think you are searching for acceptance and peace, but I don't think you have found it. It is like drawing water from this well; you

have to come back again and again because you can never get enough. But there is living water which wells up inside you. And you will never have to search for acceptance again, because you will carry it within you. And there's nothing you have to do to get this living water except to accept it as a gift from God."

Ultimately, we can find our lost sense of place only in God. God is the foundation of peace that enables us to build a life of hope. The church is called to embrace and proclaim God's acceptance by being a community of acceptance. We at the Church take our calling as God's agent of acceptance seriously. At the top of some of our Sunday worship bulletins, we state: "No matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here." I hope that you will take this as a personal invitation to you – join us- no matter where you are on your journey.

Do you remember that when Jacob awoke from his dream, he exclaimed, "Surely, the Lord is in this place and I did not know it!" I believe that the Lord is in this place - - among this warm and welcoming congregation. I am confident that you, too, will find it to be a place just right!

Peace, Joy, Hope and Love,
Pastor David





Let Us Pray For:

For Tom Myers

For Tom Horsefield

For Nancy Armstrong

For Patrice Vogelmann

For Linda Campbell's grandson

For those suffering alone

For peace and acceptance of those
different from ourselves

For members of our armed forces both
home and abroad.



FLOWER DONATIONS



Jan 21 The Corry Family, In celebration of family and friends

Jan 28 Taffy & Jeff Nothnagle, With thanksgiving for Pastor David's transition ministry and with anticipation of exciting new beginnings in 2018.

Feb 4 Linda Indek in loving memory of her mom, Ruth Walker

Feb 11 OPEN

Feb 18 Given by Phil & Joan Shockman, in loving memory of their parents.

Feb 25 OPEN



Introducing Dr. Reverend Karen Bailey-Francois

New Beginnings at Second Congregational Church!

The members of the SCC Search Team are pleased to introduce the Rev. Karen Bailey-Francois

as our unanimous choice to be our next settled minister. As a committee we met for over a year, reviewed almost 50 applications, interviewed 6 candidates by video conferencing and met with 5 candidates in person prior to prayerfully making our selection. During our period of discernment, we continually asked God for guidance as we sought to see our candidates through a wider lens, keeping our congregation's needs in the forefront of our minds. Our search led us to interview many worthy men and women from across the US (including California) and we are filled with joy and anticipation at the prospect of joining in ministry with Karen both at SCC and beyond our walls into our community and indeed, world-wide.

Ministries

Our Search Team sought a minister strong in faith-based leadership skills, who valued tradition while embracing new and alternative ways of worship and community building, was comfortable with musical leadership from the pulpit, demonstrated significant experience with children and youth leadership as well as being adept at conducting multigenerational worship services.

Karen believes that the gift that she brings to ministry in a local congregation is, *"Faith. I believe in the Good News that is the Living Word of God. Spoken in Jesus, conveyed by the Bible, preserved by tradition and interpreted in the experience of Christians as we seek to live out our faith, we have a powerful story to tell. Practically, that translates into a*

passion for teaching and learning; a comfortable, invitational reverence for worship, spiritual nurture and prayer; a delight in the sacraments and in the many other opportunities to extend the hospitality and welcome of the church; and, finally, an understanding of church structure and administration as both integral to and representative of the ministry they seek to support. More personally, that translates into my commitment to the people God calls me to serve - their lives, their joys, their concerns, their dreams."

Experience

Masters of Business Administration, University of Vermont, 1990

Masters of Divinity, Andover Newton Theological School, 1994

Doctor of Ministry Hartford Seminary, 2005

Ordained, United Church of Christ, 1995

Serving congregations in Rockville, Hartford, Storrs and Ellington, CT

Chair, Board of Directors, Hands On Hartford, 2012-2017

Trustee, Hartford Seminary, 2012-present

Yours in Christ,

Steve Parnell, Ross Rosano, Susi Coley, Doug Thompson,

Abby Greer, Pam Delorenzo,

Kim Maynard, Judy Neer, Bob Cunningham

Come and meet Karen on candidate
weekend

Saturday, Jan. 27,

5:30 pm potluck dinner

BRING YOUR FAVORITE MAIN DISH

Sunday Worship and Congregational

Voting Sunday,

Jan 28, 10:00 am

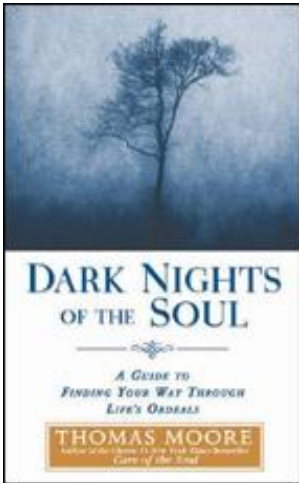
Lenten Studies

The season of Lent begins early this year, Ash Wednesday, February 14. Lent, of course, is the season before Easter, a time to prepare for the joy of resurrection. Tradition holds that Lent offers us time for introspection. That in order to look ahead to Easter, we should begin by looking inward, by examining ourselves. I think this is great advice. If we are going to truly absorb the impact of what Christ's crucifixion and resurrection can do for us, we need to take stock of who we are. It isn't until we become aware of our own needs that we can accept the balm Christ offers.

Here is an inadequate analogy. Have you ever gone directly from work to the grocery store without first stopping at home to look in your cupboards? Your workday ends, you're hungry, you know you need groceries, so you head straight to the store. I do this all too frequently. And when I get to the store, I am completely overwhelmed. I know I need something, a few things, but I'm not sure what they are. Is it honey that I'm out of, or was it jelly? Chicken, or carrots? The grocery store has everything I could possibly need. So, I make a few guesses, spend too much money, and drive home only to discover that I bought a gallon of milk when we had a fresh one in the refrigerator. Picked up a head of broccoli when there was already one slowly turning yellow in the crisper.

If we use the forty days purposefully, Lent can help us avoid a much more profound mistake. If during Lent, we can learn who we are, we can then discover what it is we need. And, then, when Easter arrives, and Christ rises up from the grave, we can place ourselves before him. And, rather than squandering love on unnecessary requests or ignoring God's presence because we're not quite sure what sort of help we need, we can let Christ fill our emptiness, energize our exhaustion, stir our faith, and heal our wounds.

**Mid-week 7:30 pm Lenten Meditations
will take place Wednesdays,
February 14, 28, March 4 & 11.**



A focus book for discussion on each of these nights will be on Dark Nights of The Soul: A Guide to Finding Your Way Through Life's Ordeals. By Thomas Moore, author of the classic #1 New York Times Bestseller "Care of the Soul".

Please join us for these sessions, as we contemplate our own journey and mortality as we have the opportunity to begin the season on a profound contemplative note.

Candidate Weekend

The Search Team is pleased to announce that our unanimous candidate for SCC's next settled minister has accepted our call to the pulpit. During the weekend of January 27 - 28 there will be two opportunities to meet Reverend Dr. Karen Bailey-Francois. In addition, we have created a question and answer pamphlet with pictures for the purpose of providing further insight into our candidate prior to voting Sunday January 28th.

Saturday Jan. 27th - Meet & Greet potluck dinner at 5:30pm
Please bring a main dish!

Sunday Jan. 28th - 10am Pastor Karen will lead worship followed immediately by congregational voting.

The Q&A pamphlet will be available in the office Mon - Fri 9 - 2pm, Sunday Jan 21st during worship, and January 27th and 28th.

Please stop by the church office or request that one be sent to you if you cannot make any of these opportunities.

Second Congregational Church needs your input as we prepare to vote on our 18th settled minister and we pray that you will make every effort to come and meet our candidate and lend your support!



Publication Deadlines Spring 2018.

Beacon:

**Feb 12; March 5; April 9;
May 7; June 4**

EBlast: Thursdays weekly 10:00 AM

Office Hours: M – F 9 – 2

***Announcing the launch of our new
website!!!***

January 22, 2018

www.2ndcc.org

“same old address, all new look and feel!”

We hope you will enjoy all the new features that our new website provides. You will find a church calendar to keep current on what’s going on, great news feeds for current members including our newsletter in easy to read format, committee information, Updated Sunday School information, and info for folks who want to get to know us better!!



Monthly Volunteers for January/February

Date	Coffee	Greeters	Readers
1/21	Murray & Kielmyer	Jack DeLorenzo & Ayla Duncanson	Jack DeLorenzo
1/28	Pam & Jack DeLorenzo	Kim Maynard & Herb Marsh	Kim Maynard
2/4	OPEN	Deacons	Minister
2/11	OPEN	OPEN	Tina CLine
2/18	The Carlsons		Paul Carlson
2/25	OPEN	Debbie & Gary Anderson	Jack DeLorenzo



Village Fair Updates:

Many thanks to Linda Indek, Linda Campbell and all their helpful elves who put together another highly successful Village Fair,

raising over \$12,000 for our church!



Christian Education and Youth Corner



Exciting News!

Effective immediately, Pastor Bill Ketchum will serve as our Youth Director! This is in addition to his role as CE Director. He will be planning and teaching lessons for all grade levels, as well as dividing his time between the two classes from week to week. Volunteers are still needed to aid and assist on Sundays during class.

For those interested- simply come to Sunday School!

On a recent cold Sunday morning the children of Second Congregational went on a quest. The reason for the search was to help the kids learn about Epiphany. I was attempting to explain the story of the three wise men following a star for twelve days which led them to Baby Jesus by going on our own journey.

We went room to room searching for something and you may have heard the giggles when we were, at times, close to the sanctuary. The kids noticed, for example, that all the pictures of former ministers were male. "No girls, but one is coming." They found a missing bracelet of a classmate and Penny explained the story of Noah's Arc on the wall in the library. They were also

surprised to see a TV in the nursery of what was going on in the sanctuary.

My belief that Christian Education is like a bridge in the church came when we went to see Phil Lehr working the camera for the filming of the worship service. Zoey said “Mr. Lehr, I know Ms. Lehr she is my teacher at school she must be your wife.” “No” Phil replied, “she is my daughter.” Zoey paused, nodded her head and they talked about Ms. Lehr the teacher/daughter. Nelson was later able to give Diane Dooley the bracelet her grand-daughter Sophia lost.

I believe these seemingly minor connections are threads that connect the generations of the church together. What more is Christian Education than connecting the stories and lives of the different generations of the church? So, you may see the youth of the church searching for a guiding star and don’t be surprised if that star is you.

Beginning the first of February, if you are not able to attend Sunday School in person, you may stay current on lessons by going to our website: www.2ndcc.org ; Children’s Program page, and click on notes and resources area to download current lesson!!

Reminder for families with young children, our Nursery room is available during Service, with *live Sanctuary, Service video streaming!!*



Meet the Candidate Pot Luck Dinner



Winter Family Pot Luck!

What: Meet & Greet Minister Candidate,
Karen Bailey- Francois

When: Saturday: Jan. 27, 2018

Where: Bates Hall

Time: 5:30 PM

Members: A – Z *bring Main Dish*

This is our opportunity to meet our Ministerial Candidate!! Come join us for a warm welcome!

Bring Friends Young & Old!

OUTREACH NEWS

The Outreach Committee thanks the Congregation for its generous support of the 2017 Angel Tree! The beneficiaries included Cohasset Veteran Affairs, Christmas in the City, Carolina Hill (family homeless in Marshfield) and the Cohasset Food Pantry. Several members of our Congregation participated in the amazing annual "Christmas in the City" spectacle where we experienced first-hand the deep gratitude felt by homeless families for our church's generosity!

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, February 24 is the Special Olympics Polar Plunge on Nantasket Beach: Join our 'South Shore Mariners' team led by Jay Nothnagle! Both "Plungers" and supporters are welcome!

Sunday, May 6 is the Mother's Day Walk for Peace in Dorchester. Join our 'Compassionate Cohasset' team in this important annual march!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS POLAR PLUNGE - 2018

The 20th Annual **POLAR PLUNGE** for **SPECIAL OLYMPICS Massachusetts** will take place at noon on **Saturday, February 24th**. Last year, with the generous support of you, our fellow church members, and many others, our South Shore Mariners Team of 26 Plungers raised \$43,578, plunging at Nantasket Beach with over 750 others! Thank you again.



Jay Nothnagle will once more lead a spirited group from SCC including returning veterans Connie Afshar, John Dunn, Chris Taylor, Elizabeth Laas, Jody Laughlin, Steve Myers, Jeff Nothnagle, and Doug Yeager, along with several others who are about to commit! This winter there will be 9 Plunges for Massachusetts

Special Olympics, but ours at Nantasket will be the largest and most exciting. The women and men of our Team (including two brave men over age 80!) will again be plunging at Nantasket Beach - this is Jay's 18th and Jeff's 17^h Plunge! We anticipate over 500 Plungers and "Chickens" (those who raise money, but stay warm and dry in a coop) at this event.

Thank you once more for your great support in 2017: we all would appreciate your help again this year. You can pledge for any of us (or better yet, sign up to Plunge with us!) after Church.

You can also go online with a credit card: type in our secure site www.polarplungema.org, click on 2018 Nantasket Polar Plunge, then Register/Information, or Sponsor a Participant, type in name of a Plunger, and then search, or mail a check payable to "SOMA" or "Special Olympics MA" to your favorite Plunger.

Thanks in advance from the 13,000 Special Olympics athletes in Massachusetts. Because of your support, there is never a fee for their participation! Their physical fitness from the year-round training and competition in 23 sports is very significant, as is the impact of our Healthy Athletes Program (our athletes' life expectancy has grown by 30 years in the past 3 decades!). . . . but, the self-confidence and self-esteem the athletes gain from their accomplishments: "that's priceless!" . . . and that confidence, in turn, leads to their success in school, at work and in life . . . far beyond the expectations of others.

Thank you all for your generosity that helps make it happen.
Gratefully,
Jay, Taffy, Jeff & Our South Shore Mariners Team

ATLANTIC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



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JIN KIM, MUSIC DIRECTOR

2017/2018 SEASON

SYMPHONIC

OPENING NIGHT

Saturday, October 14, 2017 @ 7:30 pm

JOYFUL NOISE!

Saturday, December 2, 2017 @ 7:30 pm

MASTERWORKS AFTER HOURS

Saturday, January 27, 2018 @ 7:30 pm

MASTERWORKS CLASSICAL

Saturday, March 10, 2018 @ 7:30 pm

SEASON FINALE: POPS!

Saturday, April 28, 2018 @ 7:30 pm

CHAMBER & UP CLOSE

SUNSET AT THE ABBEY

Sunday, August 27, 2017 @ 4:30 pm

CLASSICAL UNCORKED

Sunday, November 5, 2017 @ 5:00 pm

ASO CHAMBER

Sunday, February 18, 2018 @ 4:30 pm

CLASSICAL ON TAP


Sunday, April 8, 2018 @ 5:00 pm

TAKE A BOW GALA
Saturday, November 18, 2017 @ 6:00 pm

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SCC CALENDAR

January - February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		7:30 Deacons		7:30 Choir		Candidate Pot Luck 5:30 ASO 7:30
28	29	30	31	February 1	2	3
Candidate Preaching & VOTE				7:30 Choir		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Annual Mtg. 11:00			Trustees 7:30 Outreach 7:30	7:30 Choir		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Confirmation 11 Finance 11:15	Beacon Deadline 	7:30 Church Committee	ASH Wednesday Lenten Study 7:30	Beacon published 7:30 Choir		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Inter- Generational Service Bill Ketchum	OFFICE CLOSED			7:30 Choir		Polar Plunge
25	26	27	28	March 1	2	3
Guest Minister: Amanda Howland		7:30 Deacons		7:30 Choir		

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