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Newsletter of Second Congregational Church of Cohasset

THE VILLAGE BEACON

From the Minister's Study

For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies, for the love which from our birth, over and around us lies, God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.



Folliott S. Pierpont

That beautiful and familiar hymn was penned in Bath, England, on a late spring

day in 1864. It might just as easily have been written to celebrate the beauty of Fall in Cohasset – then or now. The beauty and bounty of God's creation is not constrained by time or place. It is ever-changing and yet constant; an in-the-moment experience we return to again and again. Always different yet somehow the same. Familiar. Inspiring. Joy-giving. Worthy of care and celebration.

Have you ever played the game in which a statement is made and then repeated with a simple substitution? Try this: The beauty and bounty of Christ's church is not constrained by time or place. It is ever-changing and yet constant; an in-the-moment experience we return to again and again. Always different yet somehow the same. Familiar. Inspiring. Joy-giving. Worthy of care and celebration.

Think about it.

see you in church! Pastor Karen



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Please submit materials for the NOVEMBER Beacon by no later than October 25th



Church Staff

Minister Music Director Office Administrator Organist Custodian Rev. Dr. Karen Bailey-Francois Jin Kim Cindy Courtney Konstantinos Papadakis Bob Tuscher

From Your Deacons

As your Deacons, we invite you to speak with us should you have ideas, thoughts, opinions, or other concerns about items in our control. Come speak with a member of the committee (names below), or even better use our new email address!!

Simply send us a note at

Deacons02025@gmail.com

We would love to hear from you. By the nature of our church, we all have a 'hand' on whatever issue we face, and together we can certainly make Second Congregational Church what we want it to be.

SCC Deacons

Michael Doherty (Chair), David Young (Vice Chair), Tina Cline (Secretary), Herb Marsh, Ann Pompeo, Ruth Nedrow, Doug Thompson, Tana Carlson, George Baumgarten, Wilma Vanderlugt, Joanne Faust



PILGRIM ASSOCIATION

Pastor Parish Relations Committee Training

Thursday, October 17th, 2019

7:00 PM

Old South Union Church,

Columbian Square ~ South Weymouth, MA

This workshop will cover purpose and practices for this vital link in fulfilling a church's mission and vision. Led by Associate Conference Minister Wendy Vander Hart.

If you are interested in going or want to learn more, talk with Michael Doherty or Pastor Karen.





Let Us Pray

For the health and healing of those receiving medical care or continuing convalescence, including Rich Silvia; DeeDee's sister, Nan; Natalie Young; Wayne Sawchuk, Tuyen Tran and Rebecca Brown.

For those who have lost loved ones, including the family and friends of Louise Flint.

For those who are facing major life transitions like moving, or starting a new job...

For those managing the simultaneous needs of children and parents.

For any who are burdened in body, mind or spirit.





- 10/6 Gary & Debbie Anderson in loving memory of Gary's parents, Larry & Phyllis Anderson and Debbie's father, David Knowles
- 10/13 Given by Steve and Sandy Parnell, in celebration of Sandy's mother's 90th birthday.
- 10/20 Given by Phil & Judy Tedeschi with prayers for peace
- 10/27 The Willette & Young families in memory of their grandparents Jim & Jesse Gibson and Clark & Gertrude Young



⁵ Take from among you an offering to the LORD; let whoever is of a generous heart bring the Lord's offering... Exodus 35.6

⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. Acts of the Apostles 2.46

In a few weeks, this year's Stewardship material will arrive in the mail. Some of you will put it aside to consider when you get a chance. Others will be curious to see what "the pitch" might be this year.

Spoiler alert – this year's focus is YOU: the music, the worship, the programs you value; the fellowship and friendships you treasure; the rites of passage and special occasions you and your family have shared with this church; the impact you've made because of your part in the projects we take on together.

YOU make a difference here. Your involvement is important. Your perspective matters. Your participation changes lives – your own and those whose lives you touch by being part of this church.

When you get this year's mailing, you'll find information designed to show you what it takes to sustain the ministries this church family supports. We hope that is helpful. Even more, we hope that *behindthe-scenes* look at what you help make happen will inspire you, encourage you and warm your heart for giving.

With faith and gratitude,

Your Finance and Stewardship Team Paul Carlson, Jeff Nothnagle, Michael Hubley, Ken Greer, Kim Maynard, Ruth Nedrow, Cindy Courtney and Pastor Karen



We Build Sacred Community

Treasurer Report August 2019

	Income August	8,531	
All	Income Year to Date	125,075	
X	Expenses August	12,392	
	Expenses Year to Date	145,804	
	Operating Fund	13,924	
Fund Account Balances:			
	Regular Reserves	6,280	
	Memorial Fund	6,314	
	Money Market	30,211	
	Fund Raising to Date	8,316	
	Total Portfolio	458,456	



Please know how important each dollar is to sustaining the good work of this church. Keeping your pledge current helps a lot.

Thank you for all you do to support our ministries together.





Automatic, on-line giving through your bank or through the church saves you time and effort and ensures that your giving is always up to date. Need help? Contact the office for more information.

Christian Education



Programs for Children and Youth Worship & Sunday School

- Sun, Oct 6: Sunday Morning Whirl! Kids (K-5)
 Sun, Oct 6: Sunday Evening Youth Group (5-6:15pm) For Students in Middle and High School
 Sun, Oct 13: Holiday Weekend – Family Worship
 Sun, Oct 20: Sunday Morning Whirl! Kids (K-5) Sunday Evening Youth Group (5-6:15pm) Cohasset Appalachia Service Project (7pm)
 Fri, Oct 25 Youth Movie Night (see below)
- Sun, Oct 27: Sunday Morning Whirl! Kids (κ-5)



More about our Sunday Morning WHIRL! Kid's Program

- Meets 10:20 to 11:05 am
 - Children leave worship after the Choir Anthem
- Best for Kindergarten -5th Grade
- Two Volunteer Teachers per week
- Opportunities for Youth Aides
- Curriculum and resources provided

Lead Teacher's Role

- Prepare lesson using curriculum provided
 - On-line materials include Whirl! Kids video discussion-starter, lesson guide and activity pages.
- Coordinate plans with Support Teacher
- Lead students out of worship following Anthem
- Teach the lesson and lead class discussion
- Help orient Support Teacher to take Lead next week!

Support Teacher's Role

- Connect with Lead Teacher to clarify plans
- Prepare and lead crafts / activities
 - o On-line materials include lesson plan and activity pages
 - Curriculum-related craft materials can be pre-purchased & provided
- Prepare to take Lead next week!



Volunteers Needed!

This works when everyone helps!!!

Pick your weeks to TEACH KIDS (K-5) Sign-up at the CE Table in Bates' Hall –OR-Go to volunteersignup.org/KY37P

SCC Christian Education Committee

Natalie Young, Christina Brown, Susi Coley, JoAnne Lehr, Susan Pritchard Rick Kielmeyer, Teacher Coordinator





Calling all SCC Elves

Well it's that time of year when the Village Fair craft workshops begin. We will meet every first and third Wednesday mornings, (9:30 am), in the Green Chair room until December 1.

This month we'll meet on Wednesdays, **October 16 & 30**th. Please Note, we will NOT meet October 2.

As you can see this is not a big commitment just 2 mornings a month. If you have other commitments on those mornings then you can work on something at home.

For example, if your talent is knitting then a pair of mittens or a hat would be fine. I know we have many talented men in our congregation. Those of you that are good with your hands and tools then make something for the Village Fair.

Any contribution big or small is greatly appreciated. For those of you that can give up a Wednesday morning not to worry we have projects for you to work on. Come join us I guarantee you will have a fun filled morning.

Elf Liñda

OUTREACH NEWS

Father Bill's Place

Outreach members will be preparing and serving dinner at Father Bill's on the first Saturday, **October 5th.** Volunteers are needed to help with this endeavor from 3-6 p.m. Please contact Connie at <u>c.afshar@comcast.net</u>

Hurricane Dorian Disaster Relief

The Outreach Committee has responded to the UCC's (United Church of Christ) Funding Appeal on behalf of the victims of Hurricane Dorian. Outreach has given \$500 towards these relief efforts and we encourage the Congregation to match our efforts. Checks can be made out to SCC with "Hurricane Dorian Relief" in the memo line. A team of individuals will be accessing damages with intent to determine steps needed to support recovery and rehabilitation. The team will be focusing on long term recovery - meaning its work may only begin several months from now and last for several years. This only occurs after emergency needs are met, assessments can be completed and community planning has happened. At that time, UCC Disaster Ministries will help fund and support the work of its partners who are engaged in recovery efforts which may include but are not limited to reconstruction, livelihood restoration, psychosocial support, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) projects, community preparedness and disaster risk reduction initiatives.

Be the Change

Outreach and Christian Education are coordinating our efforts for relief to the people of the Bahamas, so devastated by Hurricane Dorian. The children are challenging us all to 'Be the Change' by donating our loose change to their collection at church each week. Thank you for your generous contributions in supporting our children's efforts!

MUSIC NOTES

Greetings to all returning Choir members and anyone interested in joining our amazing chior!



Fall Chior rehearsals Thursdays, @ 7:30 pm COME JOIN THE FUN!

Thank you to our October Volunteers!

Date	Coffee	Greeters	Readers
10/6	Tina Cline	Deacons	Minister
10/13	The Geoghegans	Ann Pompeo Herb Marsh	Herb Marsh
10/20	Joanne & Dick Faust	Herb Marsh Jack DeLorenzo	Tina Cline
10/27	Tana & Paul Carlson	Ruth Nedrow Herb Marsh	Paul Carlson

Cohasset Food Pantry

Thank you for please donating peanut butter and crackers along with your regulation contributions to the CFP this month.





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