



THE VILLAGE BEACON



Advent & Christmas at SCC

Sun, Dec 1 The First Sunday of Advent

9 am Pageant Casting & Rehearsal
 10am Advent Worship with Communion
 And Children's Sunday School

Sat, Dec 7 The Village Fair 10 – 3 p.m.

Sun, Dec 8

The Second Sunday of Advent



9 am Pageant Rehearsal
 10am Worship & Sunday School

Sun, Dec 15

The Third Sunday of Advent



9 am Pageant Preparation
 10am Intergenerational Nativity Pageant
 3-5pm Pastor Karen's Open House



Wed, Dec 18

Blue Christmas Service

7:00 p.m. ... because the holidays are not happy for every one



Sun, Dec 22

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9 am Second Family Bible School
 10am The Christmas Cantata



Mon, Dec 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight

Candlelight Services at 4:30 pm & 7:30 pm

Sun, Dec 29

The First Sunday of Christmas-tide

10am Worship at the Dawn of this New Year

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Cohasset, Massachusetts**

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**Please submit materials for the combined
January-February Beacon by Friday, January 10th**

Church Staff

Minister

Rev. Dr. Karen Bailey-Francois

Music Director

Jin Kim

Office Administrator

Cindy Courtney

Organist

Konstantinos Papadakis

Custodian

Bob Tuscher

Saturday Dec. 7th 10am-3pm

Cohasset Village Fair on the Common

**JOIN THE COHASSET CHURCH COMMUNITY IN JOYFUL FELLOWSHIP
& CELEBRATION AS WE KICK-OFF THE 2019 HOLIDAY SEASON!
COME STROLL THE COMMON - THERE'S SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR EVERYONE!**

Second Congregational Church

- Hand-crafted Ornaments & Decorations
- Silent Auction: Vacations, Gift Baskets, & More
- Heartwarming Handmade Hostess Gifts
- Famous New England Chowder bar
- Fresh cut Cabot Cheese & Great Baked Goods
- Children's Activities & Crafts
- METCO Wreath purchase and pickup

First Parish Unitarian Universalist

- ReUsable Treasures - Antiques! Games, Books, Toys, Sport Equipment, Kitchen and Holiday Items, Jewelry, Children's Clothing, Accessories
- Holiday craft making for children
- See's Chocolate and Peanut Brittle!

Panagia Greek Orthodox Church

(Community Center)

- Greek Christmas market "Agora"
- Decorated Holiday Wreaths and Swags
- Greek Cookies and Baklava
- Spanakopita - Greek Spinach Pie
- Gyros

Saint Stephen's Church

- Cafe: Homemade Soups & Kids Lunch, Coffee
- Christmas Boutiques & Greens: Ornaments & Boxwoods
- Country Bakery & Delights: Homemade Cookies, Toffee, Jams and more
- Silent Auction: Sports/Theatre Tickets, Art, Wine & Craft Beer Baskets

Appalachian Service Project

- Secret Room @ St Stephens
Children (1-12) escorted by ASP Elves to shop for family, friends and pets. Prices \$1-\$10.
Gifts wrapped and ready for under the tree
- Santa Pictures
On the Common from 11 am to 2 pm. ASP helpers will set up children with Santa for a photo

Second Congregational Church

Christmas Fair

Saturday December 7th

10 am - 3 pm

It's the most fabulous time of the year as Bates Hall is transformed into a dazzling shopping and dining experience for one special day. The crafters at SCC have been hard at work for months creating unique one of a kind ornaments, hostess gifts, wreaths, nautical inspired gifts, baked goods and so much more! Come and shop and bring your friends. You'll find:

- Silent auction items
- Hourly surf and turf raffles
- Gift baskets for all ages and tastes
- Cabot cheese
- Santa Claus on the Common
- Children's craft table
- Clam chowder and grilled cheese bar



Linda Indek and crew are still **seeking donations of gift certificates, gently used collectables and home-made crafts**. You can drop your gifts off in the church office or deliver to Bates Hall on Friday December 6th. *Many hands make light work... See you there!*

Sign-up sheets to work in the crafts and chowder bar areas are in Bates Hall. Please offer your support by signing up to help!



CALLING ALL COOKS!!!

One of the popular tables at the Christmas Fair is our wonderful bake table filled with delicious and delectable “goodies” for the holiday season. But it will not be a success **WITHOUT GOODS!** Please plan to donate something to the bake table this year. **SUGGESTIONS:** brownies or squares of any kind, cookies, sweet breads such as pumpkin, cranberry, banana, lemon etc., candies, coffee cakes, pies, jams/jellies, and snacks such as trail mix or Chex Mix.

Bakes goods should be dropped off in Bates Hall on Friday, December 6 any time during the day or early Saturday morning, December 1 (before 9:30 if possible). Please label what the baked item is and if it contains **NUTS**.

Questions? Please call Debbie Anderson at 781-413-6540.

**YOU CAN HELP MAKE THIS ANOTHER
DELICIOUSLY SUCCESSFUL YEAR**



Thank You to the Linda's and all our elves in every role!!



Just a little note to express a **HUGE** Thank You to our Crafty Elves who work all year to create beautiful ornaments and creations to be sold at our village Fair! You are all truly inspiring!

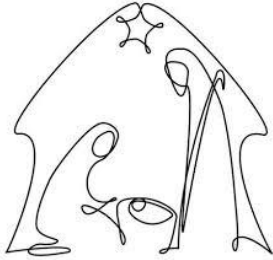
Extra Kudos go to the Chief Elf, Linda Campbell & to Linda Indek, the Head Elf, for all they do to make this event such a success year after year!!!

Well Done!

Meditation from the Minister's Study

*It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all gracious King."*

The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing. Edmund H. Sears (1849)



*O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appear'd and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night divine, O night, O night Divine.*

Translation, John Sullivan Dwight (1855)

*O little town of Bethlehem how still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight*

Philip Brooks (1865)

Themes of stillness, calm, quietness and hope speak to our longing for peace; for days that do not race by quite so swiftly and precious moments steeped in sumptuous silence. In the midst of these densely-packed, tensely-filled, oh-so-busy days, may you find small pockets of simplicity. Tea with a friend. Wonder at the night sky. Time for self- and shared-reflection. A few minutes for prayer as you light candles on an Advent wreath. The sound and the flurry have their places, too, but need not command all your attention. Watch for glimmers of grace that invite you to slide into spirit-mending mode. Accept them! Embrace the peace, hope, joy and love of this wholly holy season and receive the blessed gift that God holds for you. Always.





Please join Pastor Karen
for an
OPEN HOUSE
AT THE PARSONAGE
22 Red Gate Lane
3-5 p.m.
Sunday, December 15th



Monthly Volunteers for December

Date	Coffee	Greeters	Readers
12/1		Deacons	Minister
12/8	The Young Family		Debbie Anderson
12/15 Pageant		Werner Diekmann & Herb Marsh	Martha Horsefield
12/22 Festival Chorus	The Coley's	Tana Carlson	Doug Thompson
12/29	The DeLorenzo's	Jack DeLorenzo & Herb Marsh	Jack DeLorenzo



Let Us Pray

For the health and healing of those receiving medical care or continuing convalescence, including Rich Silvia; Ralph Coley, Susi Coley, Linda Campbell, Natalie Young, Carol Henry, Wayne Sawchuk, DeeDee Perry's sister, Nan, Tony Emanuello's brother, Albert, Tuyen Tran and Rebecca Brown.

For strength and support for caregivers and those walking with loved ones through challenging times.

For those grieving the death of a loved one. There have been so many losses this month. Please keep in prayer the family and friends of: Kim Maynard's step-father, Ralph Neal Steve Ingram's mother, Penny Ingram Kristin Voldan's father, Bernie Zilinskas Tim Bestick's father, Earle Bestick, Sr.



FLOWER DONATIONS



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| December 1 | The Adams Family in remembrance of H. William Adams Jr |
| December 8 | The Driscoll family in loving memory of their son, Kyle Driscoll
Given by Herb Marsh in honor of his late mother's 100 th birthday, Dec. 15. |
| December 15 | From a friend in memory of loved ones |
| December 23 | The Lehr family in memory of loved ones |
| December 30 | Joanne Winters in loving memory of John Winters |

*Please look for our Poinsettia order forms later in the newsletter!
Deadline for orders: **Monday December 13th***



We Build Sacred Community

Treasurer's Report -October 2019

<i>Income October</i>	<i>53,100</i>
<i>Income Year to Date</i>	<i>189,862</i>
<i>Expenses October</i>	<i>18,712</i>
<i>Expenses Year to Date</i>	<i>184,493</i>
<i>Operating Fund</i>	<i>45,318</i>

Restricted Funds:

<i>Regular reserve</i>	<i>4,663</i>
<i>Memorial Fund</i>	<i>6,316</i>
<i>Money Market reserve</i>	<i>30,225</i>
<i>Fund Raising to Date</i>	<i>8,316</i>
<i>Total Portfolio</i>	<i>434,427</i>



STEWARDSHIP 2020

With hearts for giving...



Many thanks to all who pledged to support Second Congregational Church's financial ministries in 2020. And thank you to those who plan to make a pledge soon. Pledges received and those yet to come were blessed during worship on Sunday, November 17th. Budget input is being collected from the various church committees now. The Finance Committee hopes to have a preliminary draft of the 2020 budget by our meeting on December 8th. All inputs we can have by then will be most appreciated.

Thank you!

The SCC Finance & Stewardship Team

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



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CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

An Intergenerational Live Nativity

During 10:00 a.m. Worship

Sunday, December 15th

Rehearsals Sunday 12/1 and 12/8

9-9:45 am in the SCC Chapel



You are invited to be part of Second Congregational Church's **Intergenerational Live Nativity Pageant** to be presented on **Sunday, December 15th** during our regular 10 am worship time. There are parts for everyone who wants to take part, so please come be part of this party!!!!

Very little practice can yield a truly wonderful product, but we DO need that little bit! We will gather in the chapel from 9 to 9:45 worship on Sunday, December 1st for a BRIEF but VERY IMPORTANT run-through of the Nativity. There will be a second *technical* rehearsal at the same time on Sunday, December 8th, at which we will also manage costuming. Then on Sunday, December 15th, we will gather one more time at 9 am to pull everything together in time to share our work during the 10 am worship service.

This beautiful performance holds a special place in the hearts of those who have ever witnessed the beauty of the nativity story unfold.

INTERESTED?!?!?

*See Natalie Young, JoAnne Lehr, Christina Brown, Susie Coley,
Susan Pritchard, Rick Kielmeyer or Pastor Karen
to sign-up or for more information*

All Ages Welcome
Get the Whole Family Involved

*P.S. We hope to reach neighbors and friends with this year's presentation,
so be sure to tell YOUR friends and neighbors what you're doing!*



Christian Education

Programs for Children and Youth

December

- Sun, Dec 1: 9am Pageant Rehearsal
Whirl! Kids: Angel Visits Joseph
Sunday Evening Youth Group (5-6:15pm)
- Sun, Dec 8: 9am Pageant Rehearsal
Whirl! Kids: Jesus is Born
- Sun, Dec 15: Christmas Pageant (9am Rehearsal/ 10 am Worship)
Pastor's Open House (3-5pm)
- Sun, Dec 22: Christmas Cantata (10am)
- Tues, Dec 24: Christmas Eve Services (4:30 & 7:30 pm)
- Sun, Dec. 29 Lessons & Carols – Family Worship (no class)



January

- Sun, Jan 5 Epiphany Sunday!
Whirl! (K-5): Boy in the Temple
Sunday Evening Youth Group (5-6:15pm)
- Sun, Jan 12: Whirl! Kids: Jesus Calls Disciples
Sunday Evening Youth Group (5-6:15pm)
- Sun, Jan 19: Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend
Family Worship (no class)
- Sun, Jan 26: Whirl! Kids: Jesus Walks on Water
Sunday Evening Youth Group (5-6:15pm)



OUTREACH NEWS



ANGEL TREE: Please visit our beautiful ANGEL TREE and take an Angel Tag in support of the following worthy causes: Christmas in the City (toys for homeless children), Cohasset Elders and Carolina Hill (a shelter for homeless families in Marshfield).



Christmas in the City

Sunday, Dec 22 -- 9am-12:30pm

Each year since 1989, Christmas in the City brings holiday magic to thousands of Boston-area kids and their families who are experiencing the uncertainty of homelessness and the stress of poverty. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age. Please contact Kim Albanese or Abby Greer to learn more.




Ice skating ~ Ice Sculptures ~ Ice Cream

**A Sparkling
New Year Celebration
on the Common**



Free Family Fun! See Ann Pompeo for details as they unfold!



**18th Annual
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Breakfast**

Monday, January 20, 2019
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



FOOD PANTRY

COHASSET FOOD PANTRY: *This is a note from Cohasset Food Pantry's Jane Corry. Gift cards can be brought to church. Baked items should be dropped off at CFP.*

Hello everyone,

I hope this email finds you and your families well and happy! The holiday season is quickly approaching! It's hard to believe but the Food Pantry has begun to set up the Thanksgiving Dinner bags. Our wish list for Christmas will once again be Gift Cards to Stop & Shop and Shaw's. \$25 and upward is a great amount. Larger amounts will assist larger families. The only request we once again ask is that the receipt be attached to the gift card (scotch tape works well). The stores will not honor the cards without the receipt. It validates each card.

We would kindly ask that all gift cards be dropped off by Friday December 13th. The Christmas dinner bags will be distributed on Monday December 16th and Tuesday December 17th. This is a little earlier this year because the pantry will be closed Christmas week to allow our volunteers time to travel to be with their families.

Many thanks to all of you for your continued support of Cohasset families in need. Christmas blessings to all of you and your families for a peaceful Christmas.

Gratefully,
Jane Corry

Special Outreach Offerings will be collected at our Christmas Eve Services. Please look for "Love" envelopes in the pews or mail donations to the office marked Outreach in memo line. These contributions are split between our outreach efforts and our Minister's Discretionary Fund to help neighbors in need.

MUSIC NOTES

Choir Rehearsal Schedule

Hello singers!



I would like to invite you to sing with us again for our upcoming Christmas Cantata/service on Sunday, December 22, 2018 @ 10 am at Second congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA.

The theme for this year's cantata will be "What Sweet Music" and the choir will be joined by our pianist/organist Konstatinos Papadakis along with members of the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra. The rehearsals will be held at Bates Hall (1st floor of the church) and the first rehearsal will be on Thursday, December 12th.

Sun	12/1	Service	8:48-10 am
Thurs	12/5	Rehearsal	7:00 – 9pm
Sun	12/8	Service	8:48 - 10 am
Thurs	12/12	Rehearsal	7:00 - 9 pm
	12/12	Festival Choir	7:30 – 9 pm
Sun	12/16	No Choir	Pageant
Thurs	12/19	Rehearsal	7:00 - 9 pm
	12/19	Festival Choir	7:30 – 9 pm
Sat	12/21	Rehearsal	9 am – 12 pm
		Sanctuary/Festival	
Sun	12/22	Service/ Cantata	8:48-10 am

We hope you can join us again and please feel free to spread the word to other singers as well.

Our wonderful Cantata is made possible through contributions to the Angels of Music Fund. Donations to the fund be made at the Cantata in the "music envelope" or by sending your donation directly to the office, noting "Angel of Music" in the memo line.

Thank you and Happy Holidays!

Second Congregational Church
POINSETTIA ORDER FORM
For 2019 Christmas Services



NAME of person ordering

Phone # _____

NOTATION (to whom) in bulletin to read (choose ONE):

_____ "Given in celebration to the glory of God."

"Given in memory of _____

Other message: _____

AFTER Service: check one as per your wishes for the plant following any Christmas Eve service:

I WILL:

_____ TAKE the plant with me at the conclusion of the Service: (Check which service:)

___ 4:30 p.m. Or ___ 7:30 p.m.

_____ LEAVE the plant to be taken to someone.

COST AND PAYMENT: Cost per plant is \$15.00.

Please make checks payable to "Second Congregational Church" (memo: Poinsettia) and mail (43 Highland Avenue) or drop off form to the church office.

ORDER DEADLINE: Monday, December 13th

Second Congregational Church

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