



January 2020

*Newsletter of the
Second Congregational Church of Cohasset*



THE VILLAGE BEACON



The 195th Annual Meeting is hereby called to convene
Sunday, February 2, 2020
immediately following worship

WARRANT & AGENDA

1. To receive and act upon the reports of the several church officers, committees & affiliated organizations.
2. To receive and act upon the report of the Minister;
3. To receive and act upon the proposed budget for the calendar year, January 1 through December 31, 2020;
4. To receive and act upon the report of the Nominating Committee;
5. To act upon any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

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Cohasset, Massachusetts**

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Meditation from the Minister's Study

When I look at our heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them – yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

(Psalm 8:4-5)



What are we, O God, that you are

mindful of us: of our comings, our goings, our minor disasters and our major life events? Who are we, O God, that you care for us: our joys and our sorrows, our courage and our fears, our whole-hearted endeavors and our rapid retreats? Yet you made us just a little less than wholly and fully divine – kindred to you in the incarnate Christ, saved by your unfailing faith in us, forgiven, redeemed and renewed.

What is it like to wake up every day and know that you are deeply and completely loved?

How does it feel to be so important that Jesus gave his whole self for your sake?

More often than not, we look past those simple truths as we race from feeling empty to completely overwhelmed. As we juggle the “too much” and “too little” in our lives, we lose sight of the stable center. But it is there. The solid ground on which we stand. The wind beneath our wings.

The good news for us – yesterday, tomorrow and today – is that God’s care and God’s call are completely compatible. Both are real. Both bind us to God and each other. We are individually important AND communally responsible beyond ourselves.

Who are we, O God? We are Yours.

See you in church.

Pastor Karen



Let Us Pray For:

Kindness in each other, celebrating our differences and coming together in unity.

Those undergoing medical testing and procedures.

Those suffering quietly with illness, loneliness or loss.



In loving memory of those who left us in 2019

Bless, O God, your hurting children.

Grant healing in body, mind and spirit.

Hold us closely in hope and promise.

And guide us in our daily walk with you. Amen.



FLOWER DONATIONS



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| January 5 | Joanne Winters in loving memory of Ruth & John Winters |
| January 12 | DeeDee remembering Nan with love. |
| January 19 | The Corry family in loving memory of our dear friend, Patrick Hogan |
| January 26 | Nina Steele in loving memory of Jeff Steele, her parents, Vi and Carl Tuthill, and her beloved husband, Don Steele. Their children Nina, Randy, and Laurie are grateful for the love they shared with each other, their family, and their community. |



We Build Sacred Community

Treasurer's Report -December 2019

<i>Income December</i>	45,655
<i>Income Year to Date</i>	251,108
<i>Expenses December</i>	27,305
<i>Expenses Year to Date</i>	232,900
<i>Operating Fund</i>	63,703

Restricted Funds:

<i>Regular reserve</i>	3,018
<i>Memorial Fund</i>	6,318
<i>Money Market reserve</i>	30,235
<i>Fund Raising to Date</i>	18,722
<i>Total Portfolio</i>	442,323



With a heart for giving...

Pledge Campaign 2020

If you have already made your pledge for 2020, thank you! If you have *intended* to get to it – it would be very helpful to send it in now. We are trying to wrap up the 2020 Budget and move in to this exciting new year!

Yours in faith and service,

The SCC Finance Committee

Paul Carlson, Kim Maynard, Ken Greer, Jeff Nothnagle, Ruth Nedrow

Annual Meeting is Sunday, February 2nd

We will gather after the 10:00 worship service to vote on the budget and elect church leaders for the coming year. The annual report, including the 2020 Budget, will be available at the church on Sunday, January 26th.

Christian Education



WHIRL! Volunteer teachers commit two (2) consecutive Sunday -- one as a Support Teacher (leading crafts, supporting the lesson and getting to know the children) and the next as Lead Teacher (preparing and

presenting the Bible lesson) using a kid-tested, video-supported curriculum with colorful worksheets and clearly laid out lesson plans. (K-Grade 5).

SCC YOUTH A student-driven Sunday evening gathering for youth Grades 6-12. Requested and supported by last year's Confirmands, the focus will be service, fun and faith. Meets selected Sundays from 5 – 6:15 pm.



January

- Sun, Jan 5: Sunday Morning Whirl! Kids (K-5)
- Sun, Jan 12: Sunday Morning Whirl! Kids (K-5)
- Sun, Jan 19: Family Worship (MLK, Jr. Weekend)
- Fri, Jan 24: Youth Movie Night (7pm Bates Hall)
- Sun, Jan 26: Sunday Morning Whirl! Kids (K-5)
Sunday Evening Youth Group (5-6:15pm)
For Students in Middle and High School

February

- Sun, Feb 2: Sunday Morning Whirl! Kids (K-5)
Sunday Evening Youth Group (5-6:15pm)
- Sun, Feb 9: Sunday Morning Whirl! Kids (K-5)
Sunday Evening Youth Group (5-6:15pm)
- Sun, Feb 16: Family Worship (Presidents Day Weekend)
- Fri, Feb 21: Youth Movie Night (7pm Bates Hall)
- Sun, Feb 23: Sunday Morning Whirl! Kids (K-5)
Sunday Evening Youth Group (5-6:15pm)

PLEASE JOIN SAFE HARBOR & SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FOR A

FREE MOVIE NIGHT!

FEATURE FILM: **LOVE, SIMON**

**FRIDAY
JANUARY 24TH**
6:45 PM-9:15 PM

FREE MOVIE

SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
43 HIGHLAND AVE
COHASSET

STUDENTS GRADES 7-12

FREE POPCORN

WWW.SAFEHARBORCOHASSET.ORG

Monthly Volunteers for January/February

Date	Coffee	Greeters	Readers
1/5	Jeff & Taffy Nothnagle	Deacons	Minister
1/12	George Baumgarten	Kristen & Colbie Dean & Herb Marsh	Paul Carlson
1/19	Tana Carlson	Jack DeLorenzo & Herb Marsh	Jack DeLorenzo
1/26	Pot Luck Luncheon	Herb Marsh	Open
2/2	Annual Meeting	Deacons	Minister
2/9			

Outreach News

Thank you to the congregation for your generous support of our church's 'Angel Tree'. Appreciative beneficiaries included Christmas in the City, Carolina Hill Family Homeless Shelter, Cohasset Elder Affairs and the Cohasset Food Pantry. On behalf of our church, Outreach was also happy to assist six Cohasset families in need of support over the holidays.

Thank you to Debbie & Gary Anderson who volunteered at Father Bill's on Saturday, 1/4. We prepared our traditional baked chicken and homemade mashed potatoes dinner – and a great meal was shared by many! The residents of Father Bill's Place (homeless shelter) are always grateful for our church's generosity.

Christmas in the City

Thank you to Kimberly Albanese and Abby Greer for hosting their annual group of Cohasset teenagers at 'Christmas in the City', an amazing event for Boston's homeless children. This year the Cohasset group served as official "Greeters" to the 4,000 children and 6,000 overall guests who participated in the event at Boston's Convention Center on Sunday, December 22. Over 12,000 toys were distributed to the children during the happy event!



Upcoming events:



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In celebration of MLK weekend, there will be a Gospel Concert by The Morning Star Baptist Church Gospel Choir at First Parish Unitarian Church on Sunday, January 19 at 4 p.m. The event is FREE (donations welcome).

The 18th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast will be hosted by St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Monday, January 20 from 9-11 a.m. The keynote speaker will be Adrian Walker, a columnist for the Metro section of The Boston Globe. Adrian provides commentary and opinion on local and regional news as well as society and culture.

Special Olympics Polar Plunge – Nantasket Beach on Saturday, February 29 (*see more information of following pages*)

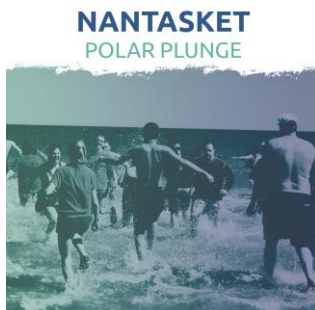
Mother's Day Walk for Peace – Sunday, May 10

Father Bill's (Doug Yeager) on Saturday, Feb. 1 from 3 – 6 p.m.



Cohasset Food Pantry Donations: Please bring your donations of hot and cold cereal for the CFP during the months of January & February.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS POLAR PLUNGE 2020



Our **22nd Annual POLAR PLUNGE for SPECIAL OLYMPICS Massachusetts** will take place at noon on **Saturday, February 29th**, appropriately, on **LEAP Year Day!!** 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 500 others! Thank you again.

Jay Nothnagle will once more lead a spirited group from SCC likely including returning veterans Connie Afshar, John Dunn, Brian Hill, Elizabeth Laas, Jody Laughlin, Steve Myers, Jeff Nothnagle, Chris Taylor and Doug Yeager, along with several others who are about to commit! This winter there will be 14 Plunges for Special Olympics MA, but ours at Nantasket will remain the largest and most exciting. (This is Jay's 20th and Jeff's 17th Plunge!) We anticipate over 500 Plungers and "Chickens" (those who raise money, but stay warm and dry in a coop).

Thank you once more for your great support in 2019: 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.polarplunge@specialolympicsma.org, click on **2020 Nantasket Polar Plunge**, then **Donate**, type in name of Plunger, and **Search**, or mail a check payable to "SOMA" or "Special Olympics MA" to your favorite Plunger.

Thanks in advance from the 13,500 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 increased 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



Cohasset Community Dinner

The next Community Dinner will be February 4th, at 5PM, at *Willcott Commons*, the Senior Center. This is a multi-generational event with a delicious dinner served by Cohasset High School students in a cozy, welcoming setting. the cost is \$5 each or \$20 max for a family. Please bring a friend and enjoy the evening. RSVP by Monday, the 3rd, at 383-9112



Safe Harbor Parent Coffees

Facilitated by Alison Bryan, LMHC

Select Wednesdays at Second Congregational Church

Wednesday, January 22 at 9:15 a.m. - Special Guest!

A conversation with Cohasset Middle School Principal John Mills

Wednesday Jan 29 at 9:30 a.m. - Regular Parent Coffee

Coffee provided by Seabird.

SHARE EXPERIENCES ~ EXCHANGE PARENTING IDEAS ~ ASK QUESTIONS



Come Together Over Comfort Food Pot Luck

WHEN: Sunday January 26th

TIME: 11:00 am

WHERE: Bates Hall

Please join the Campbells, Coleys and Nothnagles as they host our winter pot luck. The weather outside might be frightful, but good food and company will be delightful!

A-Z please bring a main dish or a side dish to share.

Beverages and dessert will be provided by the hosts.

And immediately following:

Coffee & Conservation

Join local environmental experts for a lively, entertaining and educational conversation about a wide range of conservation issues.

*Please help us
reduce waste:
Bring your own
mug!*

January 26th 1:30 pm
2nd Congregational Church
43 Highland Ave, Cohasset

Second Congregational Church's Fabulous Christmas Fair



Thank You to All who helped make this year's Village Fair such a success!!

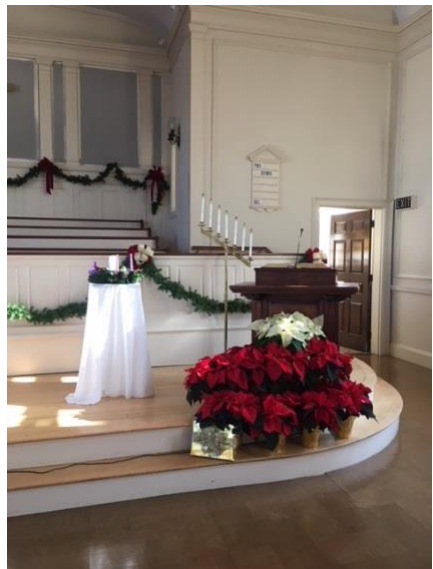


Christmas Pageant 2019



Be sure to check out our Bates Hall display boards for more seasonal photos!!

Preparing the Church for the Christmas Season:



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Happy New Year 2020!