



March-April 2021

Newsletter of

Second Congregational Church of Cohasset



# THE VILLAGE BEACON

## Commissioning Church Leaders

### Sunday, March 21

10:00 a.m.

in person and live-streamed

Access to SCC services anytime

[www.2ndcc.org](http://www.2ndcc.org)

## VIRTUAL PALM PROCESSION

Led by the Church School during worship

### Palm Sunday

March 28 at 10 a.m.



### Maundy Thursday Tenebrae

### Communion Service

April 1 at 7 p.m.

In-person and live-streamed

**Easter SonRise at Sandy Beach, 7:30 a.m.**

**Easter Cantata Sunday, April 4 at 10 a.m.**

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## Lent, Holy Week and Easter at SCC

10 a.m. Sunday services in-person and on-line

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| Sun   | 3/07 | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT:</b> Turning the Tables (John 2:13-22)   |
| Sun   | 3/14 | <b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT:</b> Sowing Substance<br>(Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23)   |
| Sun   | 3/21 | <b>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT:</b> The Good Shepherd<br>Also Leadership Recognition (Ps. 23 & John 10:11-18)                               |
| Sun   | 3/28 | <b>PALM SUNDAY:</b> Promise (Mark 11:1-11)  |
| Thurs | 4/01 | <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b><br>7 pm Tenebrae & Communion<br>(in-person and on-line)  |
| Fri   | 4/02 | <b>Good Friday At-Home Devotions</b><br>Devotional available at church or on<br>our website: <a href="http://www.2ndcc.org">www.2ndcc.org</a> |
| Sun   | 4/04 | <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b><br>7:30 am SonRise Service at Sandy Beach  |



- 10:00 am 2021 Angels of Music Easter Cantata  
*Director Jin Kim with Konstantinos Papadakis and members of the Atlantic Symphony Chamber Players.*

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## **Cohasset Food Pantry**

# **Food Drive**

**Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**9 am to Noon**

Please pack a bag of great food donations - coffee, juice, condiments, soups, and shelf stable items all needed. Drive through and **drop off at St. Anthony's Church**. Since our church has not been able to make in-kind donations for a year, this is an easy way to help out!

The Cohasset Food Pantry has also asked SCC to help provide Easter dinners for their families and seniors in need. The best way to support the effort is to buy a gift card to Stop & Shop or Shaw's and put it in the offering, or the mail slot, or mail to the office, or, write a check made to SCC and marked in the memo line for CFP. The cards will be given to families to purchase the meat portion of their Easter Meal.



## From the Minister's Study

*To witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ  
as best as we are able.*  
United Church of Christ

Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a commitment to serve, to grow in faith and understanding, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best as we are able. We don't talk about that much – at least not in these terms. We leave that kind of language for Confirmation and New Member Sundays. We make those pledges for our children at Baptism... and move on to more pressing concerns.

That's not to say that faith is not important – for our children or ourselves. It is simply recognition that all priorities have their place. Food, water, warmth, rest and safety all line up before relationships, social consciousness and creative expression get their turns. That's just the way things work. Isn't it?

It is... except that simple progression from basic to psychological to self-fulfillment assumes that God fits somewhere on the pyramid of Maslow's hierarchy of needs – presumably somewhere in tier two or three... and probably not first in either one. Religion becomes a want not a need. It's an option. As it should be. As it clearly is for those who choose to believe.

We come to His Table, not because we must, but because we may. Voluntary association is the foundation of Christ's ministry.

Using only the nails in his own hands and feet, a simple carpenter built us a church. The church is not the building, although our building is a precious resource. It is not our boards, committees, programs or even our music and sermons and prayers. Those are important to the quality of our common life... but they, like the needs on Maslow's pyramid, only matter once one is first called into being. That is God's work, not our own.

Yours in Faith, Pastor Karen

## **UCC Statement of Faith** *as a Doxology*

*We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior  
Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:*

*You call the worlds into being,  
create persons in your own image,  
and set before each one the ways of life and death.*

*You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness  
and sin.*

*You judge people and nations by your righteous will  
declared through prophets and apostles.*

*In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified  
and risen Savior,  
you have come to us  
and shared our common lot,  
conquering sin and death  
and reconciling the world to yourself.*

*You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,  
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,  
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues,  
and races.*

*You call us into your church  
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,  
to be your servants in the service of others,  
to proclaim the gospel to all the world  
and resist the powers of evil,  
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,  
to join him in his passion and victory.*

*You promise to all who trust you  
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,  
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,  
your presence in trial and rejoicing,  
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.*

*Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.*

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# 2021 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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Thank you to all who have stepped up to serve Second Congregational Church in the coming year. There will be a special recognition (in-person and on-line) during worship on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> to commission our church's valued leaders. Please, make a point to also add your thanks for their work on our behalf.

George Baumgarten, Moderator  
Jennifer Geoghegan, Clerk  
Jeff Nothnagle, Treasurer  
Ruth Nedrow, Asst. Treasurer

Wilma Vanderlugt,  
Financial Secretary  
Martha Horsefield,  
Asst. Financial Secretary  
Ann Pompeo, Historian

## Deacons

Connie Afshar  
George Baumgarten  
Tana Carlson  
Tina Cline<sup>S</sup>  
Jack DeLorenzo  
Jo-Ann Faust<sup>C</sup>  
Herb Marsh  
Ruth Nedrow<sup>C</sup>  
Ann Pompeo  
Doug Thompson<sup>C</sup>  
David Young

## Pastor Parish Relations

John Campbell<sup>C</sup>  
George Baumgarten  
Ruth Nedrow  
Marsha Silvia  
Natalie Young

## Worship

Paul Carlson<sup>C</sup>  
Tina Cline  
Jack Creighton  
Pam DeLorenzo  
JoAnne Lehr

## Finance

Paul Carlson<sup>C</sup>  
Jack Creighton  
Jeff Nothnagle  
Wayne Sawchuk

## Trustees

Phil Lehr<sup>C</sup>  
Bob Cunningham  
Michael Doherty  
Paul Harrison

## Christian Ed

Christina Brown<sup>C</sup>  
Susie Coley<sup>S</sup>  
Tiffany Harrison  
JoAnne Lehr  
Joanne Molloy  
Susan Pritchard  
Rick Kilmeyer<sup>VC</sup>

## Music

Gary Anderson  
Lynne Blanchard  
Judy Bucher  
Pam DeLorenzo  
Dotty Myers

## Outreach

Debbie Anderson<sup>S</sup>  
Gary Anderson  
Georgia Carroll<sup>T</sup>  
Kate Mullally  
Taffy Nothnagle<sup>C</sup>  
Steve Parnell

## Flowers

Debbie Anderson<sup>C</sup>  
Karen Kirkendall  
Susan Willette  
Natalie Young

## Nominating

Debbie Anderson  
Jack DeLorenzo  
Linda Indek  
Bruce Indek  
Kristin Voldan

<sup>C</sup> Chair(s)/Acting

<sup>S</sup> Secretary

<sup>T</sup> Treasurer

<sup>VC</sup> Volunteer Coordinator





## Let Us Pray for:

Claudia Story, whose longtime companion Bob Macek passed away in November of cancer. She would love to hear from friends at her home: 80 Westcliff Drive, Plymouth, MA 02360

All who are grieving the loss of loved ones and those with friends and family members approaching the end of life.

Those undergoing medical testing, receiving care or awaiting surgery and those convalescing following hospitalization, surgery or other medical procedures. Prayer in particular for Danny Maynard, who is in treatment for cancer.

Those who are sick, quarantined, worried and otherwise affected by the Corona Virus; those with responsibility to help keep them and all of us healthy and safe and those with the expertise to provide testing and vaccines.

Students, teachers, school administrators, parents and all who support them, as each seek to find safe and manageable ways to provide healthy and meaningful ways to teach and learn.

Our communities, region, states and nation as the effects of this pandemic, racial injustice and political tensions, strain relationships and demand our faithful attention.

*God of Solace, Clarity and of Strength,  
Grant courage for this journey and companions on the way.  
May those who long for your help, your guidance and your grace,  
be blessed by your abiding spirit and your unfailing love.  
In Jesus' name. Amen.*

Please consider a gift to support the

Angels of Music

**Instrumental Easter Cantata**

Sunday, April 4



*Thank you*





# Flower Donations



- Feb 28 Given by Martha Horsefield in loving memory of her brother Tom Horsefield
- March 7 Given by David & Natalie Young in celebration of Maggie's 17<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 8<sup>th</sup>!
- Mar 14 Given by Jen Geoghegan in celebration of family
- Mar 21 Given by Jeff & Taffy in memory of our parents
- Mar 28 Given by Ralph & Susi Coley in celebration of family and our SCC family

*Easter Sunday is April 4*

*Please see form at the back of this Beacon to order your Easter Lilies  
All orders must be in by Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> Thank you*

## Treasurer's Report



*Jeff Nothnagle*

### **We Build Sacred Community**

	<u>Jan. 2021</u>	<u>Feb. 2021</u>
<i>Income for Month</i>	17,429	27,713
<i>Income Year to Date</i>	17,429	27,513
<i>Expenses for Month</i>	15,907	21,067
<i>Expenses Year to Date</i>	15,907	36,850
<i>Operating Fund</i>	47,596	31,584
<i>Payroll Protection Loan</i>	29,255	0
<i>Restricted Funds*</i>	<u>Jan. 2021</u>	<u>Feb. 2020</u>
<i>Regular Reserve</i>	3,223	4,719
<i>Memorial Fund</i>	8,367	8,367
<i>Money Market reserve</i>	55,304	55,301
<i>Fund Raising to Date</i>	0	928
<i>Total Portfolio</i>	<i>tbd</i>	<i>tbd</i>

\*investment information for January is not available as of this printing.

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# Christian Education

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## Whirl! Kids Sunday School Schedule

07-Mar	Tiffany Harrison	The Prodigal Son
14-Mar	Susi Coley	The Parable of the Sower
21-Mar	Joanne Molloy	The Prodigal Son & Recording for Palm Sunday
28-Mar	Christina Brown	Palm Sunday (Holy Week)
04-Apr	7:30 a.m. Easter SonRise Service at Sandy Beach A safely distanced family celebration outdoors	
11-Apr	Tiffany Harrison	Thomas Believes
18-Apr	Kristin Voldan	The Great Commission

## SCC Youth Program Schedule

07-Mar	COMBINED CONFIRMATION & YOUTH GROUP
14-Mar	COMBINED CONFIRMATION & YOUTH GROUP
21-Mar	OFF
28-Mar	CONFIRMATION
04-Apr	7:30AM EASTER SONRISE SERVICE AT SANDY BEACH
11-Apr	COMBINED CONFIRMATION & YOUTH GROUP
18-Apr	OFF
24-Apr	SATURDAY EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP!



*Whirl! Kids Sunday School classes meet on Zoom at 11:15am and Youth Programs meet at 4:30pm on Sundays. Invitation links sent directly. Register at our website, [www.2ndcc.org](http://www.2ndcc.org) or contact [SCCTeachers02025@gmail.com](mailto:SCCTeachers02025@gmail.com) to be added to the distribution list. Guests are always welcome!*

Cohasset Earth Day

# ***“Restore our Earth”***

**April 24, 2021**

**Get Creative! Art Competition for K – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders**

**K - 5th Graders:** Design a poster to celebrate Cohasset Earth Day 2021 and the theme: “Restore our Earth”

Prizes for the top three entries. The overall winner will appear in shop windows across Cohasset.

**6 - 12th Graders:** Create a logo for Earth Day in Cohasset

Prizes for the top three entries. The overall winning logo will feature on all promotional materials. Logos must be square in format (ideally 8x8 inches) and include the words “Cohasset Earth Day 2021” and “Restore our Earth”

**TO ENTER:** Design your poster or logo, take a photo and email your submission to [cohassetearthday@gmail.com](mailto:cohassetearthday@gmail.com) before 15th March 2021.

Check out  
**@cohassetearthday**  
on Instagram and  
Facebook  
for more details



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## Outreach News

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*With apologies – this article was inadvertently left out of the last Beacon.*

The Outreach Committee is deeply grateful for the Congregation's extraordinary generosity during the recent holiday season. The church assisted many folks in need; from newborns to families and the elderly. Due to the same Covid protocols that keep us distant from one another, we could not participate in our "Normal" in-gathering of foodstuffs for the Cohasset Food Pantry. However, the Congregation successfully pivoted and, in lieu of foodstuffs, generously donated \$1,000 in much appreciated grocery gift cards to the CFP. Additionally, the church ordered and delivered 60 freshly baked apple and pumpkin Thanksgiving pies from #5 Main Street to Cohasset Food Pantry clients.

The beloved 'Angel Tree' was truly '*The Giving Tree*' this year! Accordingly, the Congregation gave beautiful new clothes for babies, toddlers, children and teenagers temporarily living at the Carolina Hill Family Homeless Shelter in nearby Marshfield. Gift cards equal to \$190, accompanied by cheery holiday items, curtesy of the 'Secret Santa' room', were given to seven appreciative Cohasset senior citizens, while piles of amazing toys (including a cool train set!) were purchased for needy urban children thru the Christmas in the City program. Cohasset families in need of a helping hand received \$675 in Target gift cards, along with cheery holiday gifts, again curtesy of the 'Secret Santa' room. A special thanks to ASP's Jo-Anne Lehr for sharing her joyful 'Secret Santa' holiday inventory with our Outreach beneficiaries!

In closing, Outreach acknowledges and appreciates the METCO Committee's donation of \$225, given to the general SCC budget, in thanks for the warm church vestibule, protected from the storm, during the METCO Wreath Sale on 12/5/2020. Lastly, super kudos to the Young and Willette families for growing their "You've Got Talent" seed money of \$10 ... to \$305 through an online wine sale in support of the church's Outreach work. The Outreach Committee admires and thanks the amazing Young & Willette families!

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**THIS YEAR'S LENTEN OUTREACH OFFERING IS FOR THE COHASSET FOOD PANTRY**

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## SPECIAL OLYMPICS POLAR PLUNGE - 2021

For most, our **23rd Annual POLAR PLUNGE for SPECIAL OLYMPICS Massachusetts** will take place **VIRTUALLY** this year, thanks to COVID. That means you can join us without getting “Freezin' for a Reason!” A cold shower, or “thinking about what it would be like” counts this year!!

**Jay Nothnagle** will once more lead a spirited group from SCC who are planning our own ***for real plunge***, now scheduled for **March 27<sup>th</sup>** including likely returning veterans Connie Afshar, John Dunne, 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 is Jay's 21<sup>st</sup> and Jeff's 19<sup>th</sup> Plunge!)

Last year, with the generous support of you, our fellow church members, and many others, our South Shore Mariners Team of 26 Plungers raised \$35,140, plunging at Nantasket Beach with over 500 others! 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, virtually or for real!).

You can go on-line with a credit card at [www.PolarPlungeMA.org](http://www.PolarPlungeMA.org) Our secure site will take you right to the home page of the Plunge website. At the top of that page, there's a button to JOIN a team (South Shore Mariners), or click on the DONATE button. From there, click the “fundraiser search” at the top of the page to find one of us.

Of course, if you prefer, you can mail a check (payable to “SOMA” or “Special Olympics MA”) to your favorite Plunger.

This has been a difficult year for the Special Olympics athletes with most of their in-person training and competitions canceled as well as most of the major fundraising events, and corporate donations have been greatly reduced. Special Olympics hopes by summer to have most of its sports reinstated so that the 14,000 athletes of SOMA can “RETURN TO PLAY”. Your help is appreciated more than ever this year.

Gratefully,  
Jay, Jeff, Taffy & our South Shore Mariner's Team

Second Congregational Church  
**CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
Thurs. 03/04	CE Meeting (7:30pm)	ZOOM
Sun. 03/07	Worship (10am) Whirl! Kids (11:15am) Finance Committee (Noon) Combined Youth & Confirmation (4:30)	In-person & on-line ZOOM ZOOM ZOOM
Tues. 03/09	Church Committee (7:30pm)	ZOOM
Sun. 03/14	Worship (10am – Day Light Savings!!!) Whirl! Kids (11:15am) Combined Youth & Confirmation (4:30)	In-person & on-line ZOOM ZOOM
Sun. 03/21	Worship & Leadership Recognition (10am) Whirl! Kids (11:15am)	In-person & on-line ZOOM
Wed. 03/24	Deacons (7:00pm)	ZOOM
Sun. 03/28	PALM SUNDAY Worship (10am) Whirl! Kids (11:15am) Confirmation (4:30pm)	In-person & on-line ZOOM ZOOM
Thurs. 04/01	7 pm Maundy Thursday Service	In-person & on-line
Fri. 04/02	Good Friday Home Devotions (materials at church & on website)	
Sun. 04/04	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 7:30 am SonRise Service at Sandy Beach (in-person only) 10:00am Easter Instrumental Cantata (in-person & on-line)	
Thurs. 03/08	CE Meeting (7:30pm)	ZOOM
Sun. 04/11	Worship (10am) Whirl! Kids (11:15am) Finance Committee (Noon) Combined Youth & Confirmation (4:30)	In-person & on-line ZOOM ZOOM ZOOM
Tues. 04/13	Church Committee (7:30pm)	ZOOM
Fri. 04/16	BEACON Materials Due	
Sun. 04/18	Worship (10am) Whirl! Kids (11:15am)	In-person & on-line ZOOM
Sat. 04/24	Combined Youth Earth Day Clean-up	In-person (details tbd)
Sun. 04/25	Worship (10am) Whirl! Kids (11:15am)	In-person & on-line ZOOM
Wed. 04/28	Deacons (7:00pm)	ZOOM

Second Congregational Church  
**EASTER LILY ORDER FORM**  
For 2021 Easter Service



Order placed by (your name):

\_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose one of the following to be printed in the bulletin:

"Given in celebration to the glory of God by

"

\_\_\_\_\_

"Given in memory of \_\_\_\_\_"

Other message: " \_\_\_\_\_

"

\_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

AFTER the service, I plan to:

\_\_\_\_\_ TAKE the plant with me

\_\_\_\_\_ LEAVE the plant for decoration & to be given away

**COST per plant is \$15.00.**

Please make checks payable to "Second Congregational Church," with "Easter Lily" on the memo line. Drop off or mail to the church office at 43 Highland Avenue. Thank you.

**PLEASE ORDER BY NO LATER THAN: Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

If you would like to help the Flower Committee deliver the flowers, please contact the church office at (781) 383-0345

**Second Congregational Church**

43 Highland Ave

Cohasset, MA 02025

Office: 781-383-0345

[SCC02025@gmail.com](mailto:SCC02025@gmail.com)

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