



Summer 2021
Newsletter of
Second Congregational Church of Cohasset



THE VILLAGE BEACON



THANK YOU, COHASSET!

For supporting SCC's Historic Preservation Project!

On Monday, May 24, you, your friends and neighbors voted to approve the Community Preservation Committee's recommendation to provide \$50,000 in matching funds to restore the face of our historic building. Thank you to all who helped to bring us to this point!

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JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

COMMUNION SUNDAY

10 a.m. June 6

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & BIBLE SUNDAY

10 a.m. June 13

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

10 a.m. June 20

FIRST SERVICE AT THE SAILING CLUB

9 a.m. June 27



From the Minister's Study

*Lead me Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness.
Make Thy way plain before my face.
For it is Thou Lord, Thou Lord, only,
That makes me to dwell in safety.*

Safety. Have the past many long months had any more prevalent theme? We've sought safety for ourselves, for our families, for our friends. We've wrestled with how best to ensure the safety of our homes, our schools, our work space and our church. We've wondered if our precautions have been adequate to the task. We've worried about circumstances over which we had no control.

And now we are here... apparently on the far-side of the things that we've most feared. Mandates are now suggestions that may not even apply to us. Freedom reigns as it hasn't since March of 2020.

For many of us, it feels like the doors have flown open. A new day has dawned! Just look at what you'll find in this Beacon: graduating seniors, the start of summer schedules, the wherewithal to get on with projects that have been tabled for far too long.

You'll also find remnants of that which we're leaving behind. We still need to exercise caution: masking at times for both the protection and comfort of others; continuing to modify certain practices despite what we may prefer.

But still, we're doing it together. For one another as well as ourselves. One more hybrid service so our unvaccinated children can be with us from home. One more "no touch" Communion. A few more choir-less Sundays. A few fewer verses in the hymns.

And then summer by... or at... or maybe even in the Sailing Club. These things are evolving still. We can do this. It's easy after all that we've already done.

For surely, *"God has led us safe thus far and God will lead us home."*
In safety. *Lead us, Lord. Amen.*



Let Us Pray for:

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, Pam DeLorenzo and Sherwin Goodblatt.

Graduating seniors as they enter this new stage in their lives.

All students, teachers and parents as we enter into this summer season. May the release from school bring also a release from the tensions of this past year... for them and for us all. Stay safe!!!

*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.*





Flower Donations



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| June 6 | The Young and Willette families in loving memory of their parents Margaret and Clark Young |
| June 13 | Helen Thayer Chapel and Millie Thayer in loving memory of their sister Carol Draper Thayer |
| June 20 | The Howorth family remembering Bud Howorth, Jr., and all fathers on this Father's Day |
| June 27 | Joane Winters in memory of Ruth and John Winters |
| June 27 | Karen & Rick Kirkendall in celebration of graduations, family reunions, and wedding anniversaries, as Rick and Karen celebrate #55 in July! |
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*Thank you to all whose flowers brighten our Sunday services
Flower donations will resume in September*



Summer Pop-Up Shop(s)?

With the Strawberry Festival on hold for a second year, Ralph and Susi Coley are proposing a summer sale to help off-set the lost income. We have been hand painting large clam shells and filling them with homemade lavender scented soap. We are all still washing our hands and the soap and decorative dish make a great gift!

What about a gourmet bake sale, veggies from your garden.... a lovely spring bouquet or perennial starts from your garden? We are a very talented group at SCC and the odds that you have a talent to share with us are great!!

Please contact Susi at rscoley@comcast.net if you would like to help brainstorm ideas for a "Pop-Up Shop" this summer.



Congratulations to Our Graduating Seniors!!!

Completing High School



Cameron Albanese, Cohasset Class of 2021, will be attending the University of Tampa and majoring in Finance.



Kimberly Courtney-Rourke, Weymouth Class of 2021, graduates with high honors, and will be attending Denison University in Granville, Ohio, in September.



Ava Doherty, Cohasset Class of 2021, is heading to Loyola University in Chicago this fall. She will study Marketing at their business school.



Camden Albanese ~ Ava Doherty
Victor Wellmann ~ Connor Fitzgerald
Picture: Kimberly Albanese



Connor Fitzgerald, Cohasset Class of 2021, will be attending Union College in the fall. He is excited to play football there!

Owen Geoghegan, Scituate Class of 2021, will attend Chapman University in Orange, CA, with a major in Business Administration and minor in Film Direction/Production

We honor your dedication and hard work during the past year of adjusted learning and are so proud of your accomplishments. Love, Dad & Mom

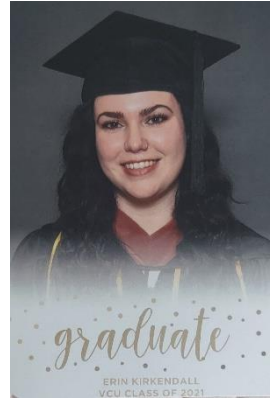


Carlton Ritz, Cohasset Class of 2021, will attend Boston College in the Fall. Proud grandmother Ann Pompeo writes, "We have another eagle!"



Completing College

Erin Kirkendall, granddaughter of Rick & Karen Kirkendall, graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond VA, with a Bachelors of Fine Arts in Painting and Printmaking with a Minor in Art History, Summa Cum Laude. And... she has a job!



Jonathan Bailey-Francois

graduated with a Masters in Architecture from Roger Williams University. His project, to design an environmental studies campus on Peddock's Island in Boston Harbor, won a Thesis Award for second in his class.



Christian Education

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & BIBLE SUNDAY



Pre-recording June 6 during 11:15 a.m. class
Presentation 10 a.m. June 13

3rd Graders Receiving Bibles

Zoey Murray & George Voldan

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

10 a.m. June 20

Receiving the Rite of Christian Confirmation

Ayla DeLorenzo ~ Hannah Nicholls

Nathaniel Palmer

William, Madeline & Henry Synnestvedt

Joshua Young



Sunday School Teachers & Support

Christina Brown ~ Susi Coley

Tiffany Harrison ~ Joanne Molloy

Susan Pritchard & Diane Dooley

JoAnne Lehr ~ Kristin Voldan

Rick Kielmeyer, Volunteer Coordinator

Pastor Karen, Tech Support

There *will* be an ASP trip this summer!

Saturday, July 3 to Sunday, July 11

Go to CohassetASP.org for details

Treasurer's Report



Jeff Nothnagle

We Build Sacred Community

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
<i>Income for Month</i>	7,502	11,269
<i>Income Year to Date*</i>	75,176	86,785
<i>Expenses for Month</i>	16,919	17,935
<i>Expenses Year to Date</i>	73,441	91,376
<i>Operating Fund</i>	43,275	36,608
<i>PPP Loan</i>	29,460	29,460
<i>Restricted Funds*</i>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
<i>Regular Reserve</i>	1,839	1,739
<i>Memorial Fund</i>	8,367	8,367
<i>Money Market reserve</i>	54,509	54,510
<i>Fund Raising to Date</i>	953	953
<i>Total Portfolio</i>	528,668	<i>Not available</i>

Gentle Reminder: Please keep your gifts and pledges current as we move toward the summer months. Thank you.

Trustees' Update

With the congregation's vote in February to release \$50,000 from reserve funds and the town's vote to match it with \$50,000 from the CPC's historic preservation funds, we now have the money to begin much-needed work on our church building. The CPC grant – and our match – must be directed to the restorations for which it was given. The Trustees are currently taking stock, getting bids and setting priorities for that project. At the same time, in conversation with the Finance Committee, we are moving forward to develop a comprehensive plan for the church's broader capital needs – both immediate and over the next several years. We ask for your patience and for your prayers as we assemble the information we need to sustain our beautiful church. Thank you.

New Church Covid Protocols

Sanctuary

What's changing?

Sanctuary

Masks. Masks are required in Sanctuary while singing or walking, including into and out of the service. Even if you are vaccinated, these precautions are out of consideration for the comfort of those youth and other attendees that may not be fully vaccinated. While sitting in pews and when not singing, masks may be lowered or removed at the discretion of the parishioner, unless otherwise directed by Pastor Karen. Our policies and individual actions should ensure that any and all attendees feel welcome and comfortable to wear masks at their discretion.

Hand Sanitizer. Available but not required. Attendees are welcome to use at their discretion.

Seating process. Managed exit and entry from Sanctuary is no longer required. No restrictions on use of north and south stairways.

Seat card identifiers. Cards and attendee tracking are no longer required.

What continues?

Social Distance. Continue to maintain every-other-pew seating through June, as capacity on Sundays has not typically been an issue.

Windows open. Continue to open windows for ventilation even during cool or inclement weather.

Communion. Continue to offer pre-packaged plastic juice & bread packets available pre-service at entrance to sanctuary.

Offering. Continue to offer Collection basket at entrance to Sanctuary.

Plexiglas screens at Organ, Piano and Pulpit. May continue at the discretion of Pastor Karen, Jin and Konstantinos.

Hymnals, bibles, envelopes. These materials will continue to be stored through June. Words to hymns will be printed in the bulletin.

Fellowship Hour. Start of Fellowship Hour will be deferred to our return to Sanctuary in September.

Choir. Start of Choir is currently anticipated to coincide with our return to Sanctuary in September.

Christian Education, Classes will continue remote via Zoom through end of June.

Live streaming via YouTube will continue

If unwell, please stay home and feel free to attend via live streaming.

Meetings at SCC

What's changing?

Committee Meetings. Meetings in-person or via Zoom are at the discretion of each committee. If a committee agrees to in-person meetings, a best practice is that committees should plan to accommodate Zoom attendees who may not be able or comfortable to attend in-person. Bates Hall is the recommended location for in person meetings, and it is also set up to accommodate Zoom attendees.

Community group meetings. Groups that have been using the church including Tai Chi and a small AA group may use the church building for meetings now and through the summer. No new groups may be accommodated at this time (this provision is expected to change in the fall.)

Use of Bates Hall & Other Rooms

What's changing?

All restrictions are lifted on the use of Bates Hall, Library, Green Chair Room, Chapel, classrooms, nursery, offices and restrooms. The kitchen is limited to SCC staff during June. Covid procedures for use of rooms will be at discretion of persons or groups using these rooms.

Outreach News

Covid Relief in India

For three Sundays in June, Outreach is offering the congregation the opportunity to donate for Covid Relief in India. The pandemic is at its height in that populous country and thousands are dying daily because they cannot get adequate care. We have chosen Care India to receive our gift. They have been an established relief organization there for many years, and are currently providing oxygen concentrators and PPE where most needed. Please make a check to SCC and mark "India Covid Relief" on the memo line. We will report on this effort at the end of June. Thank you.

COHASSET DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

In recognition of Pride Month and Juneteenth, Cohasset Diversity Committee is hosting a FREE COMMUNITY SHOWING of the film, LOVING on Saturday, June 12. BYO Lawn Chair. Snacks on sale from 7:30-8:30 p.m. The movie starts on the football field at 8:30 p.m. Safe spacing protocols in place. Register for your free ticket(s) at <https://ssunitycouncil.org/cohasset-diversity-committee> More information about the Diversity Committee's various community projects is also at this site. Donations accepted but not required.

Mother's Day Walk for Peace

Dear Congregation,

Thank you on behalf of team **Compassionate Cohasset** and the **Louis D. Brown Peace Institute** for your heartfelt and generous support of the **25th Annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace!** As the top fundraising team, Compassionate Cohasset, raised \$15, 212 in support of the good works of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute! Church members as well as the Outreach Committee gave generously, further binding the valued friendship between our Congregation and the Peace Institute. Funds from the Walk enable the Peace Institute to grow and sustain their *Services, *Advocacy and *Training.

The **Mother's Day Walk for Peace**, always a beloved Boston tradition, celebrates our potential to create more peaceful communities. This year's special event celebrated 25 years of walking; all the while honoring the **7 Principles of Peace: Love, Unity, Faith, Hope, Courage, Justice and Forgiveness!**

***Services** that are consistent and compassionate for families of murdered loved ones and families of incarcerated loved ones to prevent cycles of retaliatory violence.

***Advocacy** for policies that promote dignity and compassion for all families impacted by murder and suicide.

***Training** that instills the value of peace and equips providers, educators, faith leaders, criminal justice / public health professionals and institutional stakeholders to respond equitably and effectively to families dealing with murder, trauma, grief and loss – recently including suicide and drug overdose.

Gratefully Yours,
Connie

Connie Afshar
Board member
Louis D. Brown Peace Institute
www.ldbpeaceinstitute.org



Ann Pompeo invites you to “Dress a Girl Around the World.” Created as a way to clothe and safeguard children at risk from both poverty and predators, these dresses show that the girls who wear them are cared for and protected.

It is easy. The dresses are simple to make. Ann has made 15 kits to get us started. She is happy to help non-sewers get involved by also making kits. Each kit includes fabric, trim, elastic, a label and a very simple pattern. It all fits in a zipper sandwich bag!

Want to try your hand? Contact Ann or stop by the church to pick up a pre-made kit.

For more, go to <https://www.dressagirlaroundtheworld.com/>



Summer Services on Cohasset Harbor



Starting Sunday, June 27th

With another year’s thanks to our friends at the Sailing Club and for support from the Town of Cohasset, we will start this summer as we did last June – outside overlooking the harbor. Please BYO Lawn Chair and dress for the weather. Mask if that is your preference. Masks are not required. If you can’t (or shouldn’t) be with us in person, tune in and join us on-line!

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