



November-December 2021

Newsletter of
Second Congregational Church of Cohasset



THE VILLAGE BEACON



The Village Fair
Saturday, December 4
10 am to 3 pm

CHEESE ~ CHOWDER ~ CRAFTS

THE SILENT AUCTION, METCO WREATHS AND SO MUCH MORE

We are all relieved to return to treasured traditions, even as we continue to be mindful of each other's safety and well-being. With careful planning and consideration by both town health officials and our own congregation's safety-teams, this year's fair will be joyously and carefully more like what we all remember AND gently adjusted to keep us all safe.

Hand-made ornaments and gifts, raffle baskets! Chowder! Cheese! MetCo wreathes, ASP pictures with Santa on the Common and the beloved CASP Secret Room.

There will be doings on the Common and rich happenings throughout SCC. Come! And thanks, as always, for your support!

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Can you make or contribute to a
Raffle Basket for the Village Fair Auction?

Make a themed basket or drop off items that can added to a basket pulled that Linda Indek and her team pull together. Other donations to include in this year’s silent auction are also most appreciated. Please be sure all donations arrive at the church by Tuesday, December 1, or connect with Linda directly. Thanks!



Thanksgiving In-Gathering
for the Cohasset Food Pantry
Sunday, November 21



CALLING ALL COOKS!!!

Filled with delicious and delectable “goodies” for the holiday season, one of the Fair’s most popular attractions is our wonderful bake table. But, of course, to do that, we need YOU!!!!

Will you make something wonderful for this year’s Bake Table?

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.

Baked goods should be dropped off in Bates Hall on Friday, December 3 any time during the day or early Saturday morning, December 4 (before 9:30 if possible). Please label what the baked item is and if it contains NUTS.

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

Call Debbie Anderson at 781-413-6540 if you have any questions.
Thank you!



Celebrating our Talented and Committed Crafi Ladies!!!!



Thank you!



From the Minister's Study

*A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing*

Martin Luther, based on Hymn 46

*COVID, Nor'easters and Fairs, oh my!
Windows and Ceilings and Floors, HooBoy!*

The Wizard of Oz is among my life-long favorites. I can sing every word from memory... and recite most of the dialogue! Among my most cherished memories is the scene in the forest as Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man and Toto staunchly yet with appropriate trepidation, march arm and arm along the Yellow Brick Road.

There's a bit of that same trepidation in our communal lives these days. We know where we're going. We know that we're on the right path. But the landmarks aren't fully familiar. And we're more than a little bit worried that something scary may lie ahead.

So what. Seriously. Do any of us doubt our capacity to weather the unexpected storm? Is there any reason to believe that we cannot conquer the challenges we confront?

I've only been here for a few short years (3 ½ by my count) and yet think of all we have been through... all the mountains we've already scaled. Have we figured out how to "pandemic" our way through regular worship, Confirmation and Sunday School? (Yes.) Through summer services, the Christmas pageant, SonRise and our cherished Cantata traditions? (Yes.) Through two stewardship seasons, two federal assistance applications, a community preservation grant and, of course, the current capital campaign...? Mostly. And, again, we will prevail.

The faithfulness of this congregation has carried us safe thus far. And as we enter the moments of this most holy season, we trust God and one another – by vision, grace and fortitude -- to lead us home.

With Gratitude,

Pastor Karen



Let Us Pray for:

All who will travel during the holiday season and especially our college students as they come home.

All who are grieving a loss or walking with a loved ones toward the end of life. Please pray in particular for Danny Maynard and his family as he continues in at-home hospice care.

Those convalescing following hospitalization, surgery or other medical procedures. Please pray in particular for Sherwin Goodblatt and his wife, Lois, as they continue to manage his health concerns after a serious fall last winter.

Those undergoing medical testing, receiving care or awaiting treatment.

Those seeking to find or sustain their own pace in managing an ongoing condition, with particular prayers for Ralph and Susi Coley and their family.

For those who struggle with the challenge of difficult family, work or personal situations and all who seek to safeguard their own health safety and that of those around them in these still uncertain times.

*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.*



The holidays are not always easy. They can bring up difficult memories or heighten the pain of loss. If you or someone you know would be served by a phone call or a visit, please let me know.



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Flower Donations

- Nov. 7 Kristin Voldan in loving memory of her father,
Bernard Zilinskas
- Nov. 14 With affection from an SCC friend
- Nov. 21 Debbie & Gary Anderson in loving memory of Gary's
mom, Phyllis Anderson, who would have celebrated
her 100th birthday on November 20.
- Nov. 28 Jack & Pam DeLorenzo in memory of Enico DeLorenzo
in recognition of the 27th anniversary of his passing
- Dec. 5 The Bucher family in memory of Aubert Vanderlugt's
would be "85th birthday"

From the Flower Committee:

Thank you to everyone who donated flowers this year for our church services. They are always beautiful. If you have an interest in donating flowers on a particular Sunday (or anytime during the year), please contact the church office and Cindy will be happy to let you know available dates. Should there be overlapping dates, we can certainly have two arrangements on a Sunday.

Each year the members of the flower committee divide up the months of the year and call people who have donated on a particular Sunday to see if they would like to continue. If you are contacted and wish to be removed from our list, please let a flower committee member or the church office know so that we can update the list.

If you choose to have an arrangement created by Awesome Blossom, the cost is \$50. They do a beautiful job for our church. Checks should be made out to SCC and sent to the church office and, please, sent in advance. You are certainly also welcome to bring in an arrangement of your own.

Our Christmas season is approaching very quickly. Arrangements through the holidays include beautiful poinsettias. The flyer to order a poinsettia for yourself or in honor of someone else can be found at the back of this Beacon. Thank you!





Jeff Nothnagle, Treasurer

We Build Sacred Community

*Treasurer’s Report
Sept – Oct 2021*

	<u>Sept 2021</u>	<u>Oct.2021</u>
<i>Income for Month</i>	15,817	10,525
<i>Income Year to Date</i>	134,683	120,558
<i>Expenses for Month</i>	21,692	15,231
<i>Expenses Year to Date</i>	164,527	179,758
<i>Operating Fund</i>	26,029	20,316
<i>Payroll Protection grant</i>	29,255	58,715
<i>Payroll Protection loan</i>	29,460	0

<i>Restricted Funds*</i>	<u>Sept 2021</u>	<u>Oct.2021</u>
<i>Regular Reserve</i>	41,837	108,577
<i>Memorial Fund</i>	8,367	8,440
<i>Money Market reserve</i>	54,516	54,518
<i>Fund Raising to Date</i>	928	980
<i>Total Portfolio</i>	439,068	429,248

*Investment information for Oct. is not available as of this printing.



THE END OF THE YEAR is approaching very, very fast! So is the 2022 Stewardship Appeal. Please complete your 2021 pledge before December 31 and PLEASE, be generous in anticipation of this next year’s operations.

Your generosity sustains our commitment to be the church for today and for tomorrow.

Thank You!

Second Congregational Church of Cohasset

Building for our 2nd 200 years



Thank you to all who came to the October 17 Launch Event for the Capital Campaign. Stunning performances from Soprano Chelsea Basler and Pianist Brendon Schapiro brought a joyous complement to presentations from Phil Lehr, Jeff Nothnagle and Pastor Karen, describing the projects underway and our shared efforts to fund them. Many thanks to Music Director Jin Kim for pulling that remarkable concert together.

And many thanks to so many of you for your early response to this Capital Campaign! With your encouragement and a strong response to pre-launch conversations, the Capital Campaign Steering Committee was able to announce that **Second Congregational Church is now working to raise the NEXT \$100,000 toward the critical projects already defined.** Trustees have prioritized those efforts AND hope to continue with needed next steps should we be able to exceed the campaign's original \$200,000 target.

Friends, we all know that there is a range of financial ability represented in this church. That is WHY we're reaching both into and outside of the congregation to raise the money we need. It is important that **ALL** of us support the campaign as we are able. This is our chance to get ahead of capital improvements that cannot be put off any longer. It is also a chance to rally the collaborative spirit of this congregation, to generate excitement for our shared

involvement in this good and meaningful work AND to serve as ambassadors on behalf of this congregation to the community at large.

It's time for **EVERYONE** to get involved in raising the **NEXT \$100,000** so that we can fund *not just some* and *not just parts* but **ALL of the priority projects** identified by the Trustees. Please make your thoughtful and generous pledge to the campaign in the next few weeks. What we can do depends on what we can raise... and we each have a stake in making our beautiful building stronger, safer and more sustainable FOR OUR SECOND 200 YEARS on Cohasset's Historic Common.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Your Capital Campaign Steering Committee

Jeff Nothnagle, Ruth Nedrow, Rick Kielmeyer, Paul Carlson, John Campbell and Pastor Karen

For more information and direct access to pledge materials, go to our website at 2ndcc.org



Christian Education



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT An Intergenerational On-line Nativity

To be played at 10 a.m. Worship
Sunday, December 12th

Rehearsals start Sunday, Nov. 28 during regular 11:15 Sunday School.
We will be recording on Sunday, Dec 5th.
Email SCCTeachers@gmail.com for more information.



All Ages Welcome
Get the Whole Family Involved

Whirl! Kids Sunday School Schedule

07-Nov	Kristin Voldan	Joseph & His Brothers
14-Nov	Susi Coley	Joseph in Egypt
21-Nov	Christina Brown	Advent: The Annunciation
28-Nov	Susi Coley	Pageant Casting & Rehearsal
5-Dec	Tiffany Harrison	Recording Pageant Full Costumes at 11:15
12-Dec	10 a.m. Pageant Presentation	No 11:15 class

All classes meet on Zoom at 11:15 on Sundays. Invitation links sent directly to Sunday School Families. If you have not received class materials, please contact SCCTeachers02025@gmail.com And, please, consider signing up to teach. It's easy and it's fun! Thanks.

Outreach News

Haiti Earthquake/Hurricane Relief

With generous donations from the congregation and additional funds from the Outreach budget, we sent more than \$1000 to the United Church of Christ national program operating through Wider Church Ministries and Global H.O.P.E to support efforts on the ground in Haiti. Their focus is on immediate relief with water, food and medical supplies, and then help to rebuild housing in the devastated areas. We are hopeful that our donations combined with those of many other churches in the conference, will help the mission effort already established there to serve the people who most need it.

One of Pastor Karen's fellow trustees at Hartford International University (formerly Hartford Seminary) is in Haiti, where he has family, helping with the recovery efforts. In light of the recent events putting missionaries in danger, please keep Amos Lys, his fellow workers, and all the people pf Haiti in your prayers.

Outreach Sunday November 22, 2021 Our guest speaker will be Rich Bonanno of the Rolling Wave Foundation in Scituate. Rich has been featured in the Mariner and on Chronicle for his efforts in collecting donations of everything from food, clothing, toys, and most especially bicycles to ship around the country to families in need. He does it on a very small budget and with lots of in-kind support for local citizens. This fall he is focused on collecting winter coats, hats, gloves, and boots, new or gently used. for children in grades K to 5. If you can help, donations can be left in the church office or delivered to his home 109 Hollett St, Scituate.



Thanksgiving In-Gathering

is back this year! We are so excited to again be able to collect donations of food for the Cohasset Food Pantry. The grocery bags are decorated and will be handed out in November with a list of the items most needed. Please be generous and add a few items to your own shopping list that you can slip into the bag. Outreach will also be providing Thanksgiving pies to the CFP - purchased locally, as we are not allowed by the Board of Health to bake them ourselves. We will welcome cash donations towards that purchase as well as grocery gift cards if you do not wish to donate a bag of food that day. **In-Gathering will be collected on Outreach Sunday, November 21.**



Pastor Karen hopes you can join her for an

Open House at the Parsonage

22 Red Gate Lane

3-5 p.m.

Sunday, December 12th

Second Congregational Church
CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Date	Activity	Place / Time
Sun. 11/14	Whirl! Kids Sunday School Confirmation	10am in-person & on-line 11:15am on-line
Tues 11/16	Outreach	7:00 pm (Zoom)
Wed. 11/17	Deacons	7:00 pm (Bates Hall)
Sun. 11/21	Outreach Sunday Whirl! Kids Sunday School	10am in-person & on-line 11:15am on-line
Sun. 11/28	1 st Advent Sunday Worship Pageant Casting & Rehearsal	10am in-person & on-line 11:15am on-line
Thurs. 12/2	Crafty Ladies Christian Education Committee	9:30 am 7:30 pm on-line
Sat. 12/4	Village Fair	10am to 3pm
Sun 12/6	2 nd Advent~ Communion Sunday With Stewardship Kick-Off Pageant Rehearsal / Recording	10am in-person & on-line 11:15am on-line
Tues. 12/7	Church Committee	7:30pm on-line
Sun. 12/12	3 rd Advent ~ Pageant Sunday Finance Committee Parsonage Open House	10am in-person & on-line 11:15 am in-person 3 to 5 pm 22 Red Gate Ln.
Tues. 12/14	Church Committee	7:30 pm (Bates Hall)
Sun. 12/19	4th Advent ~ Christmas Cantata Pledge Consecration Sunday	10am in-person & on-line During worship
Wed. 12/22	Deacons	7:00pm (Bates Hall)
Fri. 12/24	4:30 pm Candlelight Service 7:00 pm Candlelight Service	In-Person & On-line In-Person & On-line
Sun. 12/26	First Sunday of Christmas	10am in-person & on-line



Second Congregational Church
POINSETTIA ORDER FORM
For 2021 Christmas Services



Order placed by (your name):

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: " _____

"

AFTER the service, I plan to:

_____ TAKE the plant with me (*please indicate which service*)

___ 4:30 p.m. or ___ 7:00 p.m.

_____ LEAVE the plant for decoration & to be given away

COST per plant is \$15.00.

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

PLEASE ORDER BY NO LATER THAN: Monday, December 10th

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