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## From the Minister's Study

*God of Grace and God of Glory  
On Thy people pour Thy power;  
Crown Thine ancient Church's story,  
Bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.*

Harry Emerson Fosdick

How, exactly, do we find ourselves in the Fall of 2022? And not just barely arriving, but well into the season?!? Our return to worship in the sanctuary on Sunday, September 11, was a week earlier than planned... focused more on honoring the day than on jubilation at our regathering because, well, it was September 11th. But it was also a celebration. Our bell rang to welcome us back and, again, a few hours later, for the 21st Annual 9/11 Memorial Observance on the Common. It was right and it was good.

The next week, September 18, our worship included a retrospective slide show of this full and inspiring last year. It showed pictures of the window, roof and painting work – including the amazing day when the Palladium window was replaced and staging in the sanctuary. Highlights from the Easter Cantata, Children & Youth Sunday, the Strawberry Festival, summer at the Sailing Club and preparation for the Village Fair. Magical moments from our high school seniors' pre-prom event, with our beautiful building as a backdrop, and the send-off for ASP. Excerpts are included in this newsletter and the full slideshow will be on our website soon.

On the heels of the pandemic and all that entailed, 2022 has been a surprisingly rich and busy year... And we are now poised to move into this next program year. The choir is back! Jin and Konstantinos

fill our Sundays with beautiful music. Coffee and refreshments once-again enliven our fellowship time after worship.

We hosted the Norwell Visiting Nurse Association's Hospice Volunteer event on September 15, where Tom Carroll interviewed Chaplain and Volunteer Coordinator Jonathan Pierce as part of their on-going "Legacy Chat" series. SCC Kids Connect!, a new bible-based intergenerational Sunday School program launched over pizza at 5 pm on September 25. Families gathered a few hours later with Cohasset Appalachia Service Project to learn about this year's CASP trip (July 1-9). Confirmation kicks-off mid-October (10/16) and we're already planning this year's Village Fair and Christmas Cantata.

And, of course, our boards and committees are getting back into the swing of things for the Fall. Among them is the Capital Campaign Committee, which is excited to join with our treasured Trustees to share the good news of our progress with a celebratory Potluck after church on November 13!

It is a new season at Second Congregational Church, full of wonder and grace. May God grant us the vision, wisdom and courage to embrace the fullness of these days... and the strength to make the most of it – for ourselves and for our neighbors!



## **See you in Church!**

*Pastor Karen*

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Please join in congratulating Emily Baumgarten and Zachary Antonio and their families. Emily and Zachary were married on Saturday, August 27 in Boston.



Thank you to all who made this past Summer's Services at the Sailing Club such a wonderful experience. A note of thanks and a donation was sent to express our appreciation for allowing us to use that beautiful space.



The Pilgrim Association of the Southern New England Conference  
United Church of Christ

Invites to a Service of Installation for

**The Rev. William Ketchum**

Sunday, November 6 at 2:00 p.m.

**United Church of Carver**

115 Main Street / Route 58



**All Church Potluck Lunch**

Sunday, November 13 following Worship





## Let Us Pray for:

All who are grieving a loss or walking with loved ones toward the end of life. Please pray in particular for Barbara Dillon at the loss of her daughter, Sandra, and for Joanne Molloy, whose mother Beverly Rose Winders, also died in August.

Those convalescing following hospitalization, surgery or other medical procedures and for those undergoing medical testing, receiving care or awaiting treatment. Please include in your prayers Jo-Ann Faust, Dee Perry, John Campbell, Tina's student, Michael, Penny Murray's friend, Emma, and John Bailey.

Those seeking to find or sustain their own pace in managing an on-going 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.

Those who have moved or prepare to move, including David and Jill Zimmerman, Christina, Sam and Hollie Brown, and Michael and Joanne Molloy.

Those impacted by human and natural devastation around the world including those impacted by Hurricanes Fiona and Ian. Please pray, in particular, for Jack DeLorenzo's brother and his family of Fort Myers whose home was lost to Ian's storm surge.

Our continuing and first-year college students, including Will Molloy, Maggie Young, Julia Willette, Connor Nichols, Kimberly Courtney-Rourke, Brandon and Lauren Bellafontaine, Finn and Owen Geoghegan, Ava and Zoe Doherty and others among our church family's grandchildren.

*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.*



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# Flower Donations

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- Sept 11      Diane Dooley & Susan Pritchard in memory of their Mom, Eileen Howorth
- Sept 18      Helen Thayer Chapell & Millie Thayer in loving memory of their parents, Caroline Blanton Thayer and Sherman Rand Thayer
- Sept 25      Joanne Winters in memory of Mary Glines
- Oct 2        Debbie & Gary Anderson in loving memory of Gary's parents, Larry & Phyllis Anderson
- Oct 9        Steve & Sandy Parnell in memory of Sandy's father, Jacob Ensins & Steve's parents, Arthur & Roseann Parnell
- Oct 16      *OPEN*
- Oct 23      The Young & Willette families in memory of grandparents Jim & Jessie Gibson and Clark & Gertrude Young
- Oct 30      *OPEN*

Each Sunday we strive to have a beautiful floral arrangement to decorate our Sanctuary for worship. Members of our congregation have been very generous in donating in memory or celebration of loved ones. In the next few weeks, a member of the flower committee will be calling those that have donated in the past to see if they would like to continue.

In light of the ever-rising costs of both flowers and delivery, we have decided to keep the cost of our arrangements at \$50.00. However, due to the rising costs, the arrangements will be smaller in scale. As always, members are welcome to bring their own flowers or if you wish a more elaborate arrangement, please contact Cindy at the church office and she will investigate cost and order the arrangement.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Your Flower Committee



# Treasurer's Report



*Jeff Nothnagle, Treasurer*

## **We Build Sacred Community**

*July-August 2022*

	<u>July 2022</u>	<u>August 2022</u>
<i>Income for Month</i>	15,786	9,416
<i>Income Year to Date</i>	138,023	147,693
<i>Expenses for Month</i>	13,258	12,560
<i>Expenses Year to Date</i>	132,280	144,841
<i>Operating Fund</i>	29,703	24,400

<i>Restricted Funds</i>	<u>July 2022</u>	<u>August 2022</u>
<i>Regular Reserve</i>	184,660	190,910
<i>Memorial Fund</i>	7,845	7,845
<i>Money Market Reserve</i>	29,532	29,541
<i>Fund Raising to Date</i>	9,740	9,684
<i>Total Portfolio</i>	428,510	416,911



Thank you to all who have kept your giving current through the summer months – both through your regular contributions and for the capital campaign.

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

**Thank You!**

Second Congregational Church of Cohasset

# Building for our **2<sup>nd</sup>** **200** years

The past year has taught us many good things...

- about the **power** of building a vision for the future,
- the **commitment** of this congregation to take on the renovations our building so badly needed and the fundraising those projects required,
- the **courage** to entrust that work to our Trustees and this Capital Campaign Committee,
- the **wisdom** to align the right work with the right workers and the right funding and, of course,
- the **generosity** of spirit and support we have seen from our members and friends.

Beginning with the \$50,000 grant from the Town of Cohasset, and supplemented by gifts and pledges to the Campaign, we have raised \$410,000 toward a total Capital Improvement budget of \$450,000!

Pending projects include structural repairs to the bell tower roof, new flooring for the sanctuary, painting the rest of the building's exterior and installing an efficient and more historically appropriate door on the side access ramp!



The Trustees have identified additional work and will set priorities in line with available funding. Among those projects are an upgrade to the sprinkler system, new storm windows for the chapel and education wing, replacing the bulkhead and reconfiguring access to the old basement. As promised, we will also establish a regular reserve for future capital projects.

This has been a remarkable effort on the part of all involved. Thank you to all who have given of their time, talent and treasure to move these projects forward.

Please plan to come to a special

## **CHURCH WIDE POTLUCK LUNCH**

**Sunday, November 13**

To celebrate the success of the capital campaign and unveil plans for the Recognition Wall.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

(P.S. The Patriots aren't playing that day)

(P.P.S. It's not too late to get on the Wall... or even to shift your space)

### Capital Campaign Steering Committee

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

### The Board of Trustees

Bob Cunningham, Michael Doherty, Paul Harrison, Phil Lehr (Chair)



# SCC Kids CONNECT



**5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, Sept. 25**  
Jesus' Parables

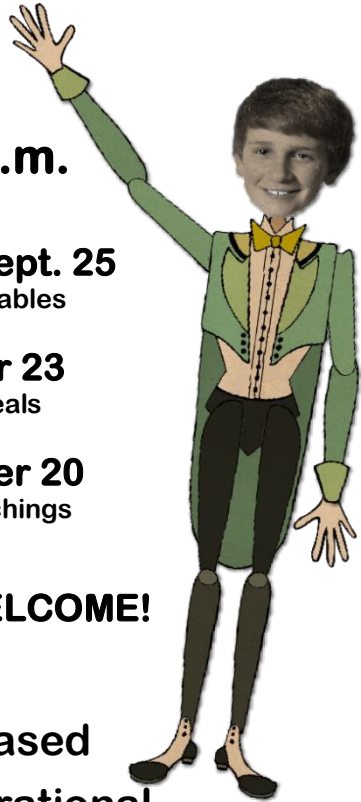
**October 23**  
Jesus Heals

**November 20**  
Jesus Teachings

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Bible-based**  
**Intergenerational**

appropriate for younger & older siblings, parents,  
grandparents and friends



**Geared toward Students in Grades 2 to 8**

**Come explore and help to shape this new model for  
shared faith formation!**



## CONSIDERING CONFIRMATION?

**Orientation & Information Session**  
**Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**7 pm**

Students in Grade 9 or above who are interested in learning more about Confirmation at Second Congregational Church are invited with their parents to an information session at 7 pm on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> in Bates Hall. For more information, contact [PastorKaren02025@gmail.com](mailto:PastorKaren02025@gmail.com)

## Christian Education Calendar Fall 2022

Date	SCC Kids Connect	Confirmation	Youth Group	CASP
	5 pm	7 pm	7 pm	7 pm
09/22	<b>Jesus' Parables</b>			Info Session
10/09	Holiday Weekend			Pumpkin Patch opens Sat. 10/8
10/16		Orientation		Stock Mtg
10/23	<b>Jesus Heals</b>			Pumpkin Patch 10pm-7pm Oct 8 to 31
10/30		Confirmation	Combined	
11/06	Field Trip: Rev. Bill Ketchum Installation in Carver (2pm service, carpool 1pm)			
11/13	All Church Potluck after Worship			
11/20	<b>Jesus Teaches</b>			
11/27	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (5 pm)			
12/04	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (5 pm)			Sat 12/3 Village Fair Secret Room
12/11	Family Field Trip – Black Nativity (Boston)			
12/18	Family Field Trip – Black Nativity (alt. date)			

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## Outreach News

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### **Phil Lehr is OVER THE EDGE for Special Olympics**

Please note, this summer also marked Phil's 30<sup>th</sup> year with the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project.

**CONGRATULATIONS, Phil!!!!**

**With thanks to Compassionate Cohasset Walk Team**  
and all who sponsored them:



Thank you for contributing to the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute's 26th Annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace fundraising campaign. YOUR commitment to Peace and investment in Generation Peace made a difference and ensured that we exceeded our goal of \$600,000.

You are foundational to the success of this Walk and the work that we do daily. With your support we raised \$605,599 to help support and serve families and communities impacted.

We are proud to have you as partners in our peace-making work. Thank you for walking with us!

In gratitude, unity and love, Chaplain Clementina Chéry

**FALL OFFICE HOURS  
WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY  
9 AM - 2 PM**

For pastoral concerns or if the office is not open, Pastor Karen may be reached at: 781-923-0486 or PastorKaren02025@gmail.com

### **FLU CLINIC SCHEDULE**

#### **Willcutt Commons by appointment only**

*Please go to [www.Cohassetma.org](http://www.Cohassetma.org) to sign up for an appointment*

<b>10/03/22</b>	<b>10:00 am – 12:00 noon</b>
<b>10/25/22</b>	<b>4:00 pm – 6:00 pm</b>
<b>10/29/22</b>	<b>10:00 am – 12:00 noon</b>

Flu clinics are for any Cohasset resident over the age of 9 years.

**Questions: Contact Mary Goodwin RN**

email: [mgoodwin@cohassetma.org](mailto:mgoodwin@cohassetma.org)



**Cohasset Appalachia Service Project**

# **PUMPKIN PATCH**

**at Wheelwright Park**

**Opens Saturday, October 8**

**10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through Halloween**

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Volunteers needed to unload truck – Wed, Oct. 5 and Wed, Oct. 19 – and for all sales shifts. Sign up at [www.cohassetasp.org/pumpkin-patch/](http://www.cohassetasp.org/pumpkin-patch/)

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