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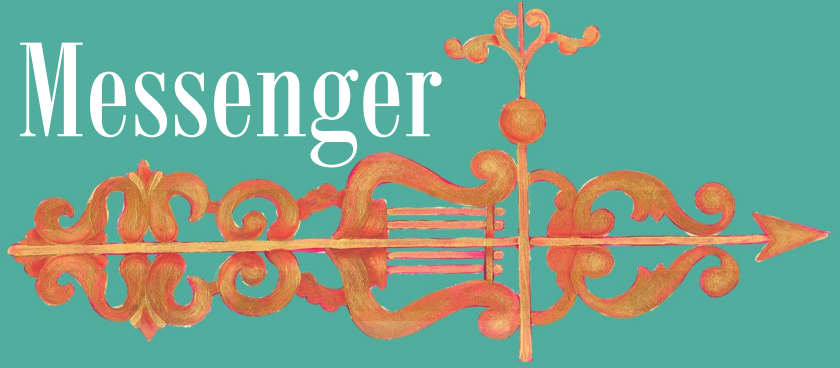
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Just about every day we welcome people who come to the First Congregational Church in Falmouth with their needs before them. People like you and me who are having a hard time. People who sometimes feel they are right on the edge of all they have left, and they come here and we try to find ways to give them a little more. A little more resources, a little more dignity, a little more empathy, listening, and acceptance... a little more love.



And God knows we could all use a little more love, because love is the light that pushes back the darkness! Love is the antithesis of fear. When we are frightened, we often feel isolated, alone, and our confusion and uncertainty can very quickly become anxiety. But when we feel loved and connected to other people our uncertainty is lessened simply because we are not alone.

I hope you know at the First Congregational Church there are people who will listen to you. We are here to listen to your shouts of triumph, and we are here to share your tears of frustration and pain. And if and when you ask to pray, we will be here to reach out through the Holy Spirit, take your hand, and together with you, offer a sympathetic ear and perhaps a little advice, sharing always in the promise of God's love and grace.

Go Now and Live,

Jonathan

I want to share some of the things I have learned about the people of the First Congregational Church this past season.

- We support and empower one another through all of the circumstances of our lives.
- We share our trust with one another,
- We believe our compassionate response to the needs of our world and community is central to our identity as Christians.
- We celebrate one another.
- You are welcome here!

Sundays...

Sunday, January 1

10:00 a.m. — Morning service of worship

Sunday, January 8

10:00 a.m. — Morning service of worship and FCC Kids

Sunday, January 15

10:00 a.m. — Morning service of worship and FCC Kids

2:00 p.m. — Hyannis Sound Winter Concert

Sunday, January 22

10:00 a.m. — Morning service of worship and FCC Kids

Sunday, January 29

10:00 a.m. — Morning service of worship and FCC Kids

11:15 a.m. — 314th Annual Meeting of the church

Sunday, February 5

10:00 a.m. — Morning service of worship and FCC Kids

Sunday, February 12

10:00 a.m. — Morning service of worship and FCC Kids

Sunday, February 19

10:00 a.m. — Morning service of worship and FCC Kids

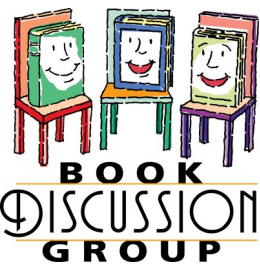
Sunday, February 26

10:00 a.m. — Morning service of worship and FCC Kids

Theater trip...

Members of the church and friends are invited to attend a trip to see the Falmouth Theatre Guild's production of the award-winning comedy *Harvey* on Friday, January 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Highfield Theater. Tickets are \$28 per person. Sign-ups are due by January 6.

Mail a check for \$28 per person, payable to "Falmouth Theatre Guild" by **January 6**, to Bette West, 42 East Harbor Drive, E. Falmouth, MA 02536



The book discussion group is open to all members of the church and meets the fourth Monday of each month from 1—3 p.m. at the church. We use discussion questions and members select the books to be read. January 23 we will be discussing *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict. This is

historical fiction about the life of Hedy Lamarr, who left her Nazi husband and came to America and became a movie queen in the 40's. She was also a brilliant scientist and had many patented discoveries including one which helped develop modern communications. For more information, call Bette West at 508-457-9860 or sign up on the clipboard in the Fellowship Hall lobby.

On February 27 we will discuss *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave — a mystery. Hannah thinks she's found the love of her life, until he disappears.



Women's Union

Have you ever received one of Martine Bindler-Desbien's beautiful cards? Well, here is your chance to see her talent in the making! The Women's Union is inviting all women of the church to our January 11, 2023, meeting at 10:00 a.m. Martine will instruct us in making Valentine cards. Since we need about 800 cards, please bring any Valentine cards that you may have purchased so they can be delivered to our shut-ins, all hospital patients, and nursing home facilities.

Remember, this is our "Eat In" luncheon, so please sign up to bring either a salad or a dessert. See you on the 11th!

Socks for the Homeless...

The Women's Union would like to thank everyone who supported the "Socks for the Homeless" program. All socks will be given out in Falmouth and then beyond. If you haven't had time to purchase socks or contribution, you still have time! We will be collecting them through the month of January. Thank you — Barba Kirsch



New Members 12/11/22
Debra O'Neil and Diana Lee



Milestones

In Memoriam

Dorothy Davison
Ed Carter

Christian Outreach

The Outreach Committee met in December and voted to make the following donations. A donation of \$500 was made to No Place for Hate for their Martin Luther King breakfast, promoting equity and inclusion. The mission of this Falmouth community organization is to build bridges, combat violence based on race, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression and religion. Their aim is to promote respect for all people through advocacy and education. A donation of \$500 was made to HAC (Housing Assistance Corporation) to purchase gift cards for the homeless. HAC's mission is to deliver housing and services that meets the needs of the community and to engage in responsible economic development that generates jobs, stabilizes housing and strengthens the community. HAC operates homeless shelters for adults and families, administers rental subsidies, offers education and training and develops new affordable housing. Finally, a donation of \$680 was made to SNEUCC. This regional Association of the Massachusetts UCC Conference provides counsel, programs and support to its local churches.

We are happy to report that the Alternative Gift Market made approximately \$36,000 this year! After two years of running the market virtually due to COVID, this year both options of shopping in person or online were offered. Thank you for your support of this important ministry during the holidays.

Stay tuned for a special announcement in January for The Children's Clothing Project, by the Church Women United. Of course we'll have a cake to celebrate the occasion. As mentioned in previous articles, the FCC's Clothing Project run by Anne Dyer and Jan Goodell is now celebrating its 30th year. Hats off to these ladies for all their years of service!!

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS IN NEED OF MENTORS

Can you help? Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cape Cod & the Islands is in need of volunteers, especially male identifying volunteers, to serve as mentors to youth across the region. This month, the agency is highlighting Kobe, an 8-year-old boy from Falmouth who has waited much longer than BBBS would like to find the right Big Brother. To read more about Kobe's story please visit: <https://emassbig.org/meet-kobe/>. To learn more about volunteering with BBBS, visit www.CapeBigs.org or reach out to Deb Martin: dmartin@capebigs.org.

We wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year! Thank you for your continued support of these important ministries.

Church Women United of Cape Cod's Honoree of 2023 Human Rights Award

The Children's Clothing Project at the First Congregational Church Falmouth was started in 1992 by the women of the church. This year they are celebrating its 30th year. The Church Women United of Cape Cod will be presenting the award on January 17, 2023. The award is given to individuals or organizations who have made a difference through supporting cause of Human Rights, particularly in maintaining a high regard for the dignity of others.

The Human Rights Celebration of CWU will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at Our Lady of Victory Parish Hall, 230 S Main Street, Centerville, at 10 AM. Receiving the award for our church will be Anne Dyer and Janice Goodell, who are original members of the project. Members of our congregation are invited to attend the celebration.

We gather to worship

Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Holy Communion celebrated
1st Sunday of the month

FCC Kids!
10:00 a.m.
September ~ June
when school is in session



★ This page replaces the previous church calendar. For ★
★ a detailed listing of all events at the church, please ★
★ visit our website: www.firstcongfalmouth.org. For ★
★ those without internet access, please contact the ★
★ church office for a more traditional, printed calendar. ★
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We reach out to the Community...

Outside Playtime
Wednesdays
10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
When school is in session

Children's Clothing Project
2nd & 4th Saturdays
10:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 noon

Falmouth Eats Together
We host this mission of The Falmouth Service Center on occasional Thursdays during the year

We gather to make music...

Adult Choir
Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.

Bell Choir
Thursdays, 6:00 p.m.

We gather to plan...

Unless stated, all meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

2nd Sunday—Music Committee (11:00 a.m.)
2nd Wednesday—Board of Trustees (3:30 p.m.)
Board of Deacons, Board of Christian Outreach
2nd Thursday — Board of Christian Ed (8:00 p.m.)
3rd Monday—Stewardship Committee
3rd Wednesday—Church Council
4th Sunday—Good Shepherd Project (11:30 a.m.)

We gather as children & youth...

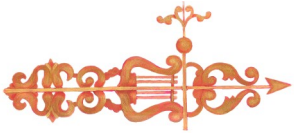
Youth Group
for grades 4-8
1st Sunday of the month
4:30—6:00 p.m.

We gather to socialize...

Book Discussion Group — 4th Monday — 1:00 p.m.
Friendly Circle — Every Tuesday — 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Men's Group — 1st & 3rd Tuesdays — 9:00 a.m.
Mahjong — Every Tuesday — 10:30 a.m.—12:30 a.m.
Wednesday Morning Circle — 2nd Wednesday — 11:00 a.m.
Theater trips to Falmouth Theatre Guild — dates & times vary

We gather to listen for God...

Bible Study — Mondays, 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Group — Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.
Healing Group — Speak with Laura Cole, Co-Ordinator of Care & Connection, for more information
Coffee & Conversation — TBA — an informal time to gather to learn more about the our church



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