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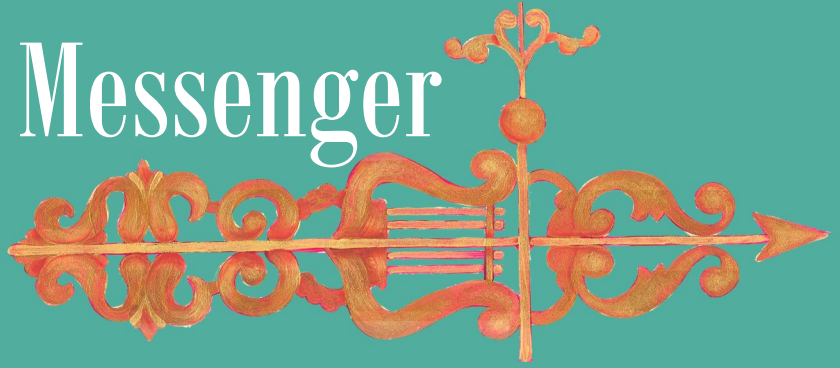
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How do you do God's work in the world? Well, first you have faith. First, you believe in God! That's a good place to start. "For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." Where do you find God's bread? Where is the source of your life? Jesus says, start with me. "Anyone who comes to me won't ever be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." What a wonderful promise to make to the world! God provides for us what we need, and the blessings we receive are magnified through the good work we do in God's name.



This summer has been a season filled with good work! The dedication and labor of many hard working folks can be seen throughout our grounds and church building. And the contribution of each person is felt throughout our community.

It is important for us to take some time to celebrate where we have been and to thank some of the people who helped lead us to where we are. Your fellow church leaders and committees have put forward their best efforts this summer coming up with new ideas for ways to welcome our friends and neighbors into our church community. Along with the exceptional efforts of our members, your church staff has been remarkably flexible, patient, and helpful as they continued to dedicate themselves to the day to day needs of our community and making our church go. And lastly, we should thank God for the fortitude and resolve of all who labor to do the finest work possible for our church. Our church has never looked better, and honestly, the best expression of gratitude will be for us to open our doors and invite our neighbors to come visit and be part of Falmouth's community church (since 1708)!

As our days begin to grow ever so slightly shorter, and as we bid farewell to our summer friends and residents, I find myself enthusiastically anticipating the many wonderful opportunities that are coming with the fall start of our programming year. In the midst of anticipating another wonderful year together, I am reminded of how blessed we are to be able to work side by side to help bring God's Kingdom to the world. I believe our God goes before us and leads us in righteous paths, and I believe we are all moving forward toward great things. Thank you for being a companion on this life's journey, and thank you for working in God's field to make the First Congregational Church a place where we can all be our best selves.

Go now and live,
Jonathan

Sundays in September...

Sunday, September 5 — Labor Day Weekend

10:00 a.m. Morning service of worship — Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday, September 12 — Homecoming Sunday

Join us at 10:00 a.m. as we gather to begin our regular program year.

Sunday, September 19

10:00 a.m. Morning service of worship

Sunday, September 26 — Christian Outreach Sunday

Nicholas Dreyer will be our guest speaker this year and we're very excited to hear him speak. Our church helped to sponsor Nicholas on his recent mission trip. After worship, representatives of organizations supported by your Outreach pledges will be in Fellowship Hall to speak about their organization.

Mahjong begins...

Starting on **September 14**, Mahjong continues with a new day and time: **Tuesdays, 10:30 - 12:30**. If there is sufficient interest, we will play in person. Otherwise we will play online with "zoom on the side" in order to see and talk with each other. If you are interested in playing on Tuesday mornings, either in person or online, please contact either Ann Stone, annstone121@gmail.com, or Carol Mills, carol.jc.mills@gmail.com.



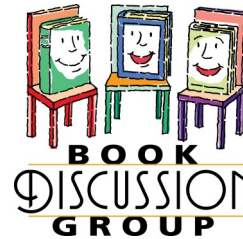
The FCC Men's Club provides an opportunity to gather and discuss issues that affect us all. They meet twice a month, on the first and third Tuesdays, at 1:00 a.m. either in the meeting room or via Zoom. We will resume our meetings after our summer break on **Tuesday, September 21** via Zoom. Ben Carnevale will lead a discussion of his new book on Nobska Lighthouse. Please contact John Honey at jahoney@msn.com if you would like to join us and be added to the email notification list for each meeting.



Christmas Crafts to begin again!

Once again, our Christmas Elves will meet on Mondays from 1-3 p.m. at the church. We'll start on Monday, September 13.

Everyone is invited to join — the more the merrier! No experience is needed. Also, if you can't come to the group and are interested in working on crafts at home, supplies will be provided. Sonya Wargo is our "head elf," so give her a call at 508-596-9439!



The group meets on the fourth Monday of the month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and have the following plans for the next few months. They meet at church in either the parlor or the hall. Please extend an invitation to others to join for one meeting or on a regular basis, and they're always open to suggestions for books. Keep in mind that the books should not only be interesting, but also have plots, characters, situations, etc. which promote discussion.

September 27 1:00 "Have You Seen Luis Valez?" by Catherine Ryan Hyde. A friendship develops between a young boy who feels lonely and outcast and a 91 year old blind neighbor from Germany. Her caretaker has disappeared.

October 25 1:00 Book not yet chosen.

November 22 1:00 "Skipping Christmas" by John Grissom

Possible future books: "Midnight Library" by Matt Haig; "Painting the Light" by Sally Cabot Gunning; "Lost Roses" by Martha Hall Kelly; "Band of Sisters" by Laura Willig. Please email Bette West at: peterbettewest@gmail.com to let her know if you are bringing a guest or if you will NOT be attending.

Women's Union

As we welcome the Autumn season, we look forward to our Annual Meeting Wednesday, October 13, at 10 a.m. We encourage all women of the church to come to participate in the longest standing organization in the church (122 years and counting!)



The purpose of the Women's Union is: to support home and foreign missions, to work on philanthropic and community projects, and to work together to build up the religious, ecumenical, and social life of the church.

The Wednesday Morning Circle meets at 11:00 a.m. on the second Wednesday of the month from October through May.

The Friendly Circle meets in the church every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. to prepare items for the church Christmas Fair. Members bring a sandwich. Dessert, tea, and coffee are provided.

The Prayer Group meets every Tuesday morning, 9:00 a.m., in the church parlor.

We hope to have a full year of meetings!! Until then, best wishes to all.



First Congregational Church
of Falmouth
on the Village Green

68 Main Street
Falmouth, MA



Theatre Party!

Join us on Opening Night and enjoy the marvelous music and story of "CAROUSEL" on Friday, October 22, at 7:30 p.m. Couples' Club invites all members of the church

to hear memorable familiar songs such as "You'll Never Walk Alone", "If I Loved You", "This Was a Real Nice Clambake" and "June Is Bustin' Out All Over" presented by the Falmouth Theater Guild at Highfield Theater. Tickets are only \$21.00 per person. Sign up on the Couples' Club clipboard (on the Opportunity Wall), so we know how many seats to reserve and send a check made out to the Falmouth Theater Guild to Bette West at 42 East Harbor Drive, East Falmouth MA 02536 by October 8. Call if you have questions: 508-457-9860.



Yes, Virginia, we're planning for the 2021 Fair...

While we may have to step back later, depending on how the virus behaves, we're making plans to go forward with the 2021 Christmas Fair. This year's date will be **Saturday, December 4, 9:00 a.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.** We're looking at alternatives for just about everything in order to keep EVERYONE safe, so stay tuned for updates!

In the meantime, think about where you could be of help. There will be need for new booth shepherds as well as workers during the week before the fair. This is an all-church event is a major item in the church's general fund budget, so we need all-hands-on-deck!

We hope to see just about everyone signing on to enjoy the fun and fellowship of the fair. Keep checking future issues of *The Messenger* as well as Sunday bulletins and emails.

As we head into the fall, the church will host a series of fun events that allow us all to re-connect with our church family. This series—as shown on the adjoining list—also provides opportunities for you to invite your local friends to join you at an event and thus become better acquainted with the life of our church. Our workgroup has planned six different events spanning the fall season. Several of these celebrate the history of our church and our nation, another highlights our commitment to creation care through renewable energy, and still others focus on the special joys of our daily lives—food and pets! As we approach the date of each event, you'll receive reminders and further event details through the weekly Care & Connection newsletters from Laura Cole, the FCC Calendar updates each Friday from Martha Evans, and the Sunday bulletins.

Here's what we want you to do now. First, if you'd like to help our workgroup implement one or more of these events on its scheduled date (as a greeter or usher, in preparing or serving food, or in helping with setup or cleanup), please email Greg Mills at millsgregoryb@gmail.com by September 12 (Rally Sunday). Second, in scanning the event schedule, think of a friend or two from outside the church who might enjoy coming to an event, and invite them now to come with you on that day. That's what the Inviting & Welcoming Initiative is all about. Thanks in advance for joining in the fun—and for sharing the experience with others!

Greg Mills, Inviting & Welcoming Chair

Inviting and Welcoming

You're Invited!

All events are open to the community

PAUL REVERE DAY

Sep 25 (Sat), 2-4pm

Celebrate the 225th anniversary of our Paul Revere bell

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Oct 3 (Sun), 2-3pm

Bring your pet for a special gathering at our Noah's Ark playground

CHOWDER FEST

Oct 10 (Sun), 11am-1pm

Enjoy a tasty "chowdah" lunch and learn about Nobska Lighthouse

SOLAR ENERGY CELEBRATION

Nov 6 (Sat), 2-3pm

Join us in dedicating our newly-installed solar panels

CHILI FEST

Nov 21 (Sun), 11am-1pm

Treat yourself to some down-home chili and line-dancing fun

AUTHOR: NATHANIEL PHILBRICK

Nov 29 (Mon), 4-5pm

Hear this best-selling author describe his latest book, "Travels with George"



Milestones

In Memoriam

Richard McElvein
Marisa Fraser
Clark Neill

Board of Christian Outreach

The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed and/or participated in the **HAC Walk for Hope** on June 26th. We had an impressive number of FCC members participate in the walk and our church donated \$1,245. to the **Housing Assistance Corporation**. The mission of this nonprofit organization is to help our neighbors who need access to safe, stable housing on Cape Cod and the Islands. It was a great event!

Over the summer, the Outreach Committee met and voted to make the following donations. A donation of \$500. was made to **Habitat for Humanity**, an organization which brings people together to build homes, communities and hope. A donation of \$600 was made to **Neighborhood Falmouth**. This community-based membership organization's mission is to provide information and services that will help members live independently, safely, and comfortably in their own homes for as long as possible. A donation of \$500 was made to **WE CAN**, an organization which serves more than 2,400 women across Cape Cod with free and confidential legal services, employment and business support, financial empowerment, mentoring and personal development programs. A donation of \$350 (or 12 backpacks) was made to the **Falmouth Service Center** in support of their Fresh Start Back to School Program. A donation of \$1,000. was made to the **AIDS (ASGCC Services)**. This nonprofit organization operates an AIDS support program out of a van at the Falmouth Service Center. A donation of \$200. was made to **Celebrations**, an organization which provides funding for the Falmouth High School After Prom Event. A donation of \$500. was made to **No Place For Hate (Falmouth)**. The mission of this community organization is to build bridges, combat bias based on race, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, and religion and to promote respect for all people through advocacy and education. Finally, a donation of \$1,680. was made to the **Southern New England UCC Conference**. This Conference elects delegates to the General Synod which oversees the mission and ministry of the **United Church of Christ** nationally and worldwide.

Looking to the fall, we want to encourage and promote your support in the upcoming **Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod** home being constructed in East Falmouth. We need bakers and snack volunteers to drop off snacks on Tuesday and Saturday mornings during the month of October and possibly beyond. Registration volunteers to welcome the construction folks on the designated mornings are also needed. Finally, anyone interested in helping with the construction in any way would be greatly appreciated. We'd love to have a team of volunteers from our church committing to work one or more Saturdays in October. Please contact Laura Cole or John Bowers if you are able to help in any way. As they say, "Many hands make light work.."

Lastly, September the 26th is our designated Outreach Sunday. We've invited all of our grantees to join us and share their organization's mission during the Coffee Hour. Tables will be set up in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us. This is your opportunity to learn more about the organizations we support and ask questions. Nicholas Dryer will be our guest speaker.



HAC Walk for Hope ~ Team FCC!

From Our Moderator...

A subcommittee of the Board of Deacons is preparing to lead a conversation with the congregation on Open and Affirming. I believe that before we start that process we should be aware of our present position on welcoming. The Board of Deacons developed a Welcoming Statement in 2014 that was approved by the Church Council. That statement is provided below:

The First Congregational Church of Falmouth, Mass is open to all persons who accept the obligations of membership in the Church of Jesus Christ, without any restriction as to race, class, ethnic background or sexual orientation.

We re-affirm the Mission Statement adopted by our congregation at its Fall Budget Meeting on October 20, 1996, which states: "Believing that God calls us into the Church of Jesus Christ, we invite everyone to join us in worshipping God and in ministering to one another and the world."

It is the policy of the First Congregational Church of Falmouth that our Ministers and Honorary Ministers have the authority to officiate, at their discretion, at all marriage services deemed legal in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This includes marriage services held in our sanctuary.

In keeping with this policy, future Ministerial Search Committees should consider all candidates and present the best candidate to the congregation for a vote in accordance with the existing by-laws."

We recently developed a new mission statement that needs to be included in any new positions on this subject.

John Honey, Moderator

Church Council

The Church Council met on August 18 via Zoom. Reverend Drury opened the meeting with prayer. Jonathan said the church will continue to follow state guidelines relative to COVID. John Honey has an article elsewhere in the Messenger regarding wearing masks in the church. Rally Day is being planned for September 12.

Greg Mills reviewed a schedule of fall events developed by the Inviting and Welcoming Initiative. The first event, Paul Revere Day on Saturday, September 25 from 1-4 p.m., will celebrate the 225th anniversary of the purchase of our Paul Revere bell and include a program in the sanctuary with a guest speaker and brief guided walks of the Village Green highlighting church and town history. This event has been planned in collaboration with the Museums on the Green. Other events throughout the fall include a Blessing of the Animals; an After-Church Chowder Fest at which Ben Carnevale will speak on his newly-published book Nobska; a Solar Energy Celebration; an After-Church Chili Fest; and a talk by author Nathaniel Philbrick on his latest book Travels with George.

A subcommittee of the Deacons has been meeting to develop a plan to move our church toward a vote on becoming an Open and Affirming church. A letter will go out to the congregation in the middle of September.

The Treasurer's report showed that we are on target with member support and expenses. We are also again receiving income from rentals of our space. The Fall Budget Meeting will be on October 24.

Council then heard reports from the church boards and committees. The Cape Cod Council of Churches has an opening for a chef at its Faith Family Kitchen and a program director for its Covenant to Care for Foster Families. The annual assembly will be held on September 30 via Zoom. In September, Jonathan will begin a two-year term as president of the CCCC Board of Directors. The Board of Christian Education has convened a committee to hire a Director of Christian Education. This fall, FCC Kids will be in church for the children's message and then outside for activities. The Outreach Committee is working with Habitat for Humanity to set up volunteer opportunities at its work site in Falmouth. The Deacons will serve Communion in the traditional way, but kits will continue to be available. Offering plates will be at each entrance to the sanctuary. The choir will sing on August 29 for the first time in many months. The Bell Choir will perform at the Paul Revere Day event. Plans are being made for a Messiah Sing on December 19. The Reception Committee will continue serving punch outside through September. The Stewardship Committee has chosen the theme "Becoming Church Together in New Ways" for this year's campaign, which will emphasize gifts of time and talent as well as treasure. The campaign will begin on October 17 and culminate on Loyalty Sunday, November 7. The Trustees approved a request from the Museums on the Green to plant shrubs along our joint property line. In a separate project, the holly trees that are not in good condition in the area near the shed will be removed, and the area cleaned up. Audio/visual additions will be made to the meeting room making it a mini-conference room. The heating system project is now complete. The UCC has issued an appeal for \$100,000 to help the people of Haiti, following the massive earthquake on August 14. Funds can be sent directly to Haiti Appeal, United Church of Christ, 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115. The Women's Union will hold its annual meeting in October.

Marcia Young, Clerk



Cape Cod Council of Churches

Lee Campbell and Carole Lyons (representing the Outreach Committee) are the Delegates from our church to the Cape Cod Council of Churches. They would like you to know that the Council's Annual Assembly is scheduled for Thursday, September 30, and will be a virtual meeting via Zoom. The Council assists more than 7,500 low-income individuals and families in the mid-Cape area each year through its many ministries, including A Baby Center, Covenant to Care For Foster Families, Faith Family Kitchen, and several others. Our church makes regular contributions to the Council through our Outreach Committee and Women's Union. As the new board of directors is voted upon, our own Jonathan Drury will begin his two-year term as President. While only Delegates can vote, all are invited to attend the Annual Assembly; just ask Lee or Carol to arrange for you to receive the Zoom link when it becomes available.

An appeal for Haiti assistance

The United Church of Christ is issuing a call to action to help the people of Haiti. A massive 7.2 earthquake on Saturday, August 14 has killed more than 1300 people. Search and rescue efforts have been hampered by Tropical Depression Grace which came ashore only two days later. The UCC has issued a \$100,000 appeal to help the people of Haiti. Funds can be sent directly to Haiti Appeal, United Church of Christ, 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115.



Covid Precautions...

We have decided to follow the guidance from the State of Massachusetts regarding protection from Covid. There is not a mask mandate from the State and therefore we do not have a mandate on the wearing of masks in our church. However, the State has provided the following guidance which is consistent with the CDC and neighboring states of Connecticut and Rhode Island which we all should be aware of.

"Effective July 30: The Department of Public Health has issued a new mask advisory in light of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's updated guidance. Fully vaccinated individuals are advised to wear a mask or face covering when indoors (and not in your own home) if you have a weakened immune system, or if you are at increased risk for severe disease because of your age or an underlying medical condition, or if someone in your household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease, or is an unvaccinated adult.

If you're wanting to know more...

If you're new to First Congregational – or even if you're not – you may not be aware of the many groups within our church who meet for pastoral, spiritual, and social activities. Here are little “thumbnail” sketches of our groups not listed elsewhere in this issue. Should you have interest, please contact the person listed for each. If a contact is not listed, please feel free to contact the church office.

Care & Connection Team – Supported by Laura Cole, our Coordinator of Care & Connection, this team reaches out to our church family through regular visits, phone calls, resources, listening, and offering prayers when needed, as well as helping to deliver poinsettia plants at Christmas and Easter lilies at Easter. This team provides an integral opportunity to support others as needs arise within our church community. They can be seen offering support to our members and friends at JML Care Center, Heritage at Falmouth, Atria Woodbriar Place, Atria Woodbriar Park, Royal Main, Royal Megansett, Cape Cod Apartments, Cape Regency, as well as other area care facilities and individual homes when members and friends can no longer attend church. The group meets quarterly. Contact: Laura Cole – caring@firstcongfalmouth.org

Loss Support Group – This very important group meets regularly to discuss loss and to work to support one another in a non-clinical way. Loss comes in many forms and this group welcomes new members as we continue to walk in a journey of healing from loss. Contact: Laura Cole

Good Shepherd Project – The Good Shepherd Program continues in the memory of Bruce Haslun, a member of our church who encouraged us to care for one another through the cooking of meals. They continue to cook monthly to assist in preparing meals for caregivers, those who are homebound, and struggling community members who enter our church. Meals are prepared under Serve-safe supervision to ensure safe and healthful meals. This group is kept to about six people in order to work within the physical space in our kitchen. Contact: Laura Cole

Outreach Singers – This group continues to make a significant impact on others within our church and community with their visits to the homes of members & friends as well as rehabilitation and residential facilities. Due to public health concerns, this group currently is “on hold.” Contact: Bobbie Miner bobbiminer@aol.com

Bible Study/Adult Education – Typically offered on a seasonal basis, groups are led by both clergy and lay volunteers. Topics in the past have included a group reading of *Our Town* and an extensive examination of *Paradise Lost*. Contact: Rev. Jonathan Drury – minister@firstcongfalmouth.org

Youth Group – Currently structured for grades 4 - 8, youth meet monthly on a Sunday to engage in fellowship and fun activities while exploring expression of their faith.

Bell Choir – Utilizing our four-octave set of White Chapel Bells, members ring on special occasions as well as select Sunday services. Youth learning to ring are occasionally included using a set of hand chimes matched to the bells. Contact: John Dulina – musicmas@firstcongfalmouth.org

Adult Choir – A cornerstone of our Sunday worship, the adult choir sings twice each Sunday from September through June. Contact – John Dulina Rehearsals are on Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

Couples' Club – Couples and Singles in the church gather occasionally for a pot luck supper and a program. Popular excursions include attendance at productions of the Falmouth Theatre Guild. Contact: Bette West – peter-bettewest@gmail.com

Book Discussion Group – Join us on the 4th Monday of the month from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. for a lively discussion on the book of the month. You are welcome to come every month or for the discussion of a specific book. Contact: Bette West

Annual Christmas Fair – What's better than an old-fashioned New England Christmas Fair? Ours is held on the first Saturday of December from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. While some groups work year-round, the “heavy lifting” occurs the two weeks before the fair. Booths include: Friendly Circle, Christmas Greenery, Christmas Decorations, The Country Store, Silent Auction and an amazing “bargain basement” with Elegant Junque, Jewelry, Books, and Linens.

Rummage Sale – The Women's Union annual fund raiser, this is truly an all-church event. It occurs on the first Saturday in May from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Again, the preparation is primarily done the two weeks prior to the sale. You never know what “treasure” you'll find. Contact: Carol Andersen – casa459@verizon.net

Playtime— Playtime is a community playgroup that meets in the Preschool/Nursery classrooms at the church on Wednesday mornings from 10 am until noon. This is a free (no fee), drop-in playgroup (no registration required) for parents/guardians and their children age infant through 4 years. We have two large sunny playrooms filled with lots of toys! Parents chat and support each other while kids interact and play together. PLAYTIME runs from September through June. The group does not meet during public school vacations or on snow cancellation days.

Due to Covid concerns, a start date has not yet been established for the PLAYTIME group.

UCC Leaders remembered in the news...

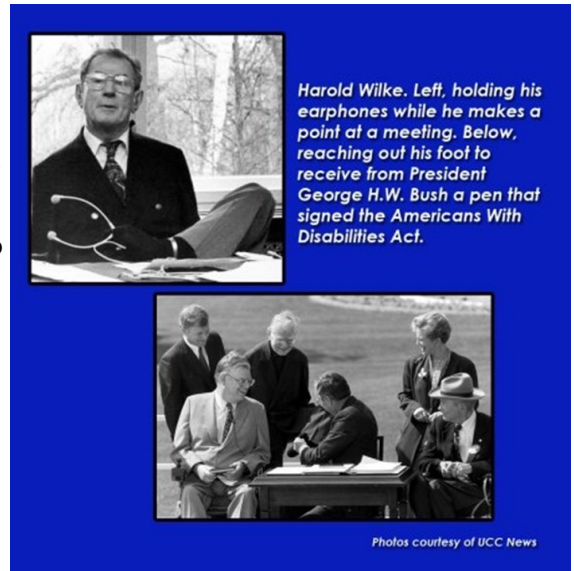
These items were brought to our attention by Olivia White who asked that they be included.

Rev. Herold Wilke, a pioneer for American Disability Act:

July 26, 2021 was the 31st anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The ADA was created as a civil rights law to prohibit discrimination based on disability. It also required the employers to provide reasonable accommodation and accessibility in the workplace.

Today we take ADA for granted forgetting the work of many who made this possible. One of those at the forefront of this movement was the late Reverend Harold Wilke, an ordained minister and national leader of the United Church of Christ. Born without arms in 1915 on a farm in Washington MO, Wilke learned to use his feet like most people use their hands to wash himself, feed himself and even write holding his pen with his foot. Rev. Wilky worked, along with others, to insure that people with disabilities like his would have the same rights as other people. His efforts started back in 1986 with the National Council on Disability where he was instrumental in drafting the language of the bill presented to the House and Senate in 1988 that later became law.

On July 26, 1990 when President George H. W. Bush signed ADA into law, Rev. Herold Wilke was invited to the White House for the official signing ceremony. President Bush gave him one of the pens he used to sign the law. Herold held out his foot to receive the pen. The United Church Christ celebrates the life and dedication of our former pastor, leader and a champion of justice for all people with disabilities.



Juanita Helphrey, a pioneer for racial justice for Native Americans, protested the name of the “Cleveland Indians”

Juanita Helphrey was a member of the Executive Council of United Church of Christ in 1990's. She was Native American and affiliated with three tribes: Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara. Juanita lived most of her life on the Fort Berthold reservation in North Dakota. She moved to Cleveland, Ohio when she began working for the Justice and Witness Ministries of the United Church of Christ.

Juanita was instrumental in getting the UCC staff and friends to fight for justice by picketing at the Cleveland Browns stadium at the start of every baseball season demanding a change to the team's name and the Chief Wahoo logo. The Cleveland Browns' stadium is located next to the national office of the United Church of Christ in downtown Cleveland. She was joined by many people with banners and picket signs at the gate of the stadium. A visionary and champion for racial justice and the dignity of Native Americans, her decade-long fight came to an end on July 23, 2021 when the team announced its new name, “Cleveland Guardians”, a reference to a Cleveland landmark. Juanita passed away January 9, 2018 and could not share the good news of the fruits of her labor. Rest in Peace Juanita, a true pioneer for racial justice.



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...

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

Coffeehouse
1st & 3rd Thursdays
6:30 p.m.—set up
Singing begins at 7:00

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

- 2nd Sunday—Music Committee (11:00 a.m.)
- 2nd Tuesday—Board of Trustees (3:00 p.m.)
- 2nd Wednesday—Board of Deacons, Board of Christian Outreach, Nominating Committee; Board of Christian Education (6:00)
- 3rd Monday—Stewardship Committee
- 3rd Wednesday—Church Council
- 4th Sunday—Good Shepherd Project (11:30 a.m.)

We gather as children & youth...

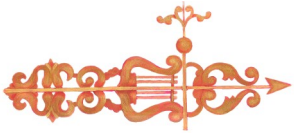
Youth Group
for grades 4-8
Schedule TBA

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 Club — 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.
- Couples' Club — dates & times vary according to activity planned
- Soup & Bread Luncheons — selected Sundays following worship

We gather to listen for God...

- Prayer Group — Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.
- Loss Support 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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Stewardship—Dennis McGillicuddy

Trustees—Bob Johnson