



THE STEEPLE BELL

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Dennis Union Church Dennis, Massachusetts

**WITH JESUS AS OUR ANCHOR AND COMPASS,
GOD BIDS US TO BE A BLESSING IN THE WORLD**

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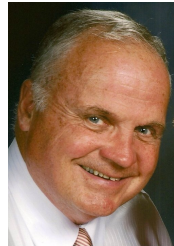
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One of the things I enjoy each summer is watching *The Tour de France* on NBCSN. I watch “*Le Tour*” for three reasons: (1) I like the British accent of Phil Liggett, the commentator who describes the action in detail; (2) I love the beautiful scenery of the French countryside – the small villages, the castles and cathedrals, the mountain terrain; (3) I learn many life lessons

by watching “*Le Tour*.” I will admit that I do not fully understand the sport of cycling, but I learn a bit more each year. I’m beginning to recognize the names of the leading riders in the three-week race through the French countryside to Paris, but it’s the riders whose names that I don’t recognize that I really admire. They are the “engines” of their teams.

Each team is very well organized and coordinated. Each team has a recognized leader, but his success and the success of the team is dependent upon the hard work of the entire team. Each rider knows his role, and each rider brings a different skill to the team. Some riders set the pace. Some riders chase down the riders in the “breakaway” in an attempt to draw them back into the pack, the “peloton.” Other riders, the “domestics,” deliver food and water to the team members as they race down the road for 6 hours each day. The stages of the race are often won by inches – imagine racing hard for 6 hours and having less than the circumference of a bicycle wheel separate the winner from second place.

As I have watched “*Le Tour*” this summer, and as I have watched our church members and friends prepare for the big auction on August 13th, I am struck by the similarities of the two. The auction has recognized co-chairs who do an awesome job, but it is the work of the entire “team” that makes the auction such a great success each year. For weeks I have been watching “The Quackers” go out each Tuesday morning and return with mountains of good stuff. More recently I have enjoyed watching “the sorters,” fueled by chocolate chip cookies, separate the \$1 stuff from the \$2 stuff, the linens from the toys, and the books from the tools. I’ve seen others running in and out of the office preparing publicity, arranging for tents, and calling those who will come to gather the unsold goodies. It’s a team! Everyone knows his or her role. Everyone works hard! Everyone works together. The efforts of the team will pay off in great dividends to the church and the community. Many thanks to the entire auction team! You work well together, and you are awesome!

With grateful appreciation, *Terry*

AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS @ 10:00 A.M.

August 7 – *Poor Man Lazarus*

Luke 16:19-31

August 14 – The Rev. Katherine Schofield,
guest Preacher*

August 21 – *When I Get To Heaven*

John 14 (selected verses)

August 28 – *Walking With God*

Genesis 5:21-24

*On August 14th Terry and Katherine will be swapping pulpits. Katherine, who was raised in The Dennis Union Church, will preach at DUC and Terry will preach at Katherine's church in Wareham.



We invite you to join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 P.M. for worship. Come in your gardening or golfing clothes, on your way home from the beach or on your way to dinner. Bring your family, your neighbors, and your friends.

HYANNIS SOUND

Hyannis Sound performs at Dennis Union Church on Thursday evenings at 7:00 P.M. through August 18th. Tickets are purchased at the door: \$15/adults and \$10/children. Join us for an enjoyable evening of song!



- Aug. 7 Given by Gerry Noble
"In loving memory of my husband, Jim."
- Aug. 14 Given by Robert & Martha Waldo
"In loving memory of Henry Patrick Waldo Jagger."
- Aug. 21 Given by Bill and Joanne Crowell
"In loving memory of our brothers, Charles Whitney and Charles Crowell."
- Aug. 28 Given by Jan Smith
"In loving memory of Lo."



HELP WANTED

On Sunday mornings, we are looking for a few more volunteers for four assignments:

- (1) We would like to add a few more names to our list of ushers. If you can volunteer, please be in touch with Earl Springer or Kent Whitcomb.
- (2) The Welcoming Committee needs a few more greeters to offer an "extravagant welcome" to our worship services. Sue Schofield would love to add your name to the list.
- (3) Cindy Fiscus and the Christian Ed. Committee need a few more volunteers to help with our lively Sunday School program. If you are willing to assist once every six weeks or so, please speak with Cindy.
- (4) It would be helpful to train a few more volunteers on our AV equipment in order to record and stream our worship services. Please speak with Sue Martin, Brad Crowell, Deb Anderson or Peter Berrien to volunteer.



We are creating a new church pictorial directory to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Dennis Union Church. We hope that all church members

and friends will be photographed. Our goal is 250 photographs. Nine days of photography have been scheduled: 3 days in July, 4 days in September, 2 days in October.

There will be a sign-up table during Fellowship Hour for you to schedule your appointment or go to the church website (www.duchurch.org) and under "schedule your portrait" click "**sign up today.**" You can also call Karen Mutti at 508-896-9780 during the week to schedule your appointment with the photographer.



AUCTION SCHEDULE

Our 62nd Annual Auction and Bazaar is Saturday, August 13th, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We need everyone to participate to make this a success!

Set Up: We will be setting up around the church and on Soldier's Field on Thursday, August 11, and Friday, August 12. Your help is particularly needed on Friday, as we will be unloading the storage trailers in front of the church beginning at 8:00 a.m. Please be there to help, and bring your visiting children and grandchildren, as we can use many hands.

Saturday: If you do not yet have an assignment for Saturday and can help, please see Lloyd Swaim or Debbie Clemence, or just show up early Saturday morning. This is a rewarding fellowship and fun-filled event for everyone.

Clean Up: At 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, we close down the auction and bazaar, and we begin the clean up. Again, we need your help to clear everything from in front of the church and Soldier's Field. Each selling table should have at least one person available to help with this effort.

Calendar Items for Auction Workers:

Tuesday, August 9, there will be coffee and doughnuts at 8:00 a.m. for all auction workers.

Thursday, August 11: Tents and tables are set up around the church and in Soldier's Field.

Friday, August 12: We will start unloading trailers at 8:00 a.m. A light lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. for all workers.

Saturday, August 13: 62nd ANNUAL AUCTION!!!



JOINING THE CHURCH

We look forward to welcoming new members into our church family on October 2nd, World Wide Communion Sunday. If you are interested in joining Dennis Union Church, please speak with Terry Martinson.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, **September 11**, is **Rally Day!** Following worship, the Christian Education Committee will sponsor a softball game and picnic for the whole church family. Please plan to join us for fun and fellowship!

DONATION WELCOME

The church would welcome the donation of a defibrillator to be placed in the hallway adjacent to Fellowship Hall and the sanctuary. The cost of the defibrillator, recommended by the Dennis Fire Department, is \$2,200. The Fire Department will provide training. If you are interested in making this donation, please speak to Paul Gray, Jane B. Wilson, or Terry Martinson. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated.



MODERATOR'S CORNER

Thank you Dennis Goyette (Property Committee Chair), Jim Van Baalen (Trustee), Dave Crocker (Custodian), Peter Berrien, (Asst. Treasurer) and Pastor Terry for your attention to details after the lightning strike on the 4th of July holiday weekend.

Following is the report to Council from the Property Committee: On July 1st the steeple was struck by lightning, which damaged the steeple and weathervane, negating the need to paint it. Fortunately there was no fire. It also damaged some electrical circuits, the alarm system, computer network, the carillon, the A/V sound panel, Eventide's lighting panel, and blew out a fuse on the clock motor. A meeting was held with the insurance adjuster. Repair costs are being collected for submission. There is a \$1,000 deductible. The steeple will be replaced with a material (Town approval will be checked) that will not require painting in the future, and a lightning arrester will be added. The organ and solar panels were not affected.

Property, and subsequently Council, approved a motion "To award a contract for the refurbishing of the kitchen for \$85,000 to Cape Associates." This does not include some demolition work to be done by DUC or new utensils, pots and pans, or interest payments. Work is scheduled to begin after the Apple Festival and to be complete before Thanksgiving.

Fund raising for the kitchen rebuild will begin in September. Scott Vandersall, Lloyd Swaim, and Jim Van Baalen are heading up this team.

It is also planned to investigate the installation of a cell phone amplifier in the steeple. This is to correct a "dead spot" in the Dennis Village area.

The Open and Affirming Team had its first meeting on July 14th. The team members are: Nancy Berquist, Judy Berrien, Sarah Carpenter, Deb Clemence, Vivien Cook, Paula Degree, Terry Martinson, Cal Mutti, and Pam Parker. We invite you to talk to any team member to express your thoughts and concerns and any ideas on how this topic can be addressed.

Judy Berrien, Moderator

Usher's Ministry

AUGUST USHERS

- August 7 Frank Corsini, Kathy Furey, Elsa Erickson
- August 14 Dewey & Ruth Lund, Bobbi Trepte
- August 21 Richard & Jane Wilson, Betsy Crowell
- August 28 Sandy Wiper, Elmer Eschenburg

BELL CHOIR

We have opportunities in our Bell Choir for interested ringers (new or experienced). Call Barbara Wells at 508-385-3168 or let Nancy know (in the office), and we'll talk!



APPLE FESTIVAL

Apple Festival News! Dennis Union Church's Eighth Annual Apple Festival is coming on Saturday, October 1, from 10 am to 4 pm. We feature fresh apples for purchase, baked apple goods, fresh and frozen apple pies, local crafters on the Green, food, children's crafts and face painting, a boutique, and live music. It's a lot of fun and promotes great outreach into the community. Bakers and Pie-Makers, start dusting off those recipes. You will be hearing more from us in September!

~ Your Apple Fest Committee: Maggie Bossi, Emily Woudenberg, Sue Schofeld, Peter and Judy Berrien



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Grace LePain	August 5
Tom Story	August 7
Linda Gillespie	August 12
Marcia Martinson	August 12
Barbara Lussier	August 13
Nathan Burgess	August 15
Heather Fiscus	August 16
Dick Norton	August 22
Midge Kuntz	August 23
Virginia Esau	August 24
Cynthia Martell	August 24
Dave Crocker	August 30
Louise Armstrong	August 30
Marilyn Mahler	August 31
Joanne Crowell	August 31

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

George & Glenna Cappola	August 3
Walt & Jerilyn Chinault	August 5
Jim & Joan Van Baalen	August 8
Tony Coccio & Jane Springer	August 9
Dick & Loretta Norton	August 10
Lyle & Joanne Ashby	August 15
Mike & Debi Rilea	August 23
Seth & Lura Crowell	August 27



During the month of July, we had a very successful collection of backpacks!

In August we will collect school supplies to go into those backpacks! Pencils, erasers, pens, etc. It's difficult to set a goal, but it would be great to collect 3 or 4 huge boxes.

All backpacks and the school supplies will be donated to the MSPCC in Hyannis. They are absolutely thrilled that we are helping the children and families on the Cape.

In September we will collect boxes of cereal to be shared with Hands of Hope Food Pantry. Our goal is 200 boxes. We can do that!!!



CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Sunday School all Summer!

We're having fun making useful gifts for the new Habitat homes in Yarmouth, and enjoying a little MINECRAFT creativity, as well!

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH!

All-hands-on-deck for our Church Fair!! We need everyone to pitch in at our food areas.

Help will be needed at:

Donuts area by Gazebo, Grill Truck, and Lower Level. BAKED GOODS requested for Lower Level area.

Please let us know if you can donate ANYTHING.

Looking ahead:

RALLY DAY! September 11 @ 10:00 a.m.

What we have to look forward to~

*Student-led Worship

*New Dedication Bibles to students

*BLESSING of YOUR backpack! (Bring it to church!)

*Introduction of new Confirmation Class

ALSO:

*Re-introduction of our DOLPHIN FUND!

Please bring in a nonperishable, single-serving breakfast or snack item for the D-Y High School "food pantry" donation dolphin

*SOFTBALL GAME and HOTDOGS after Rally Day Worship!



CONFIRMATION: 2016-2017

Planning has begun for an awesome Confirmation program for the school year ahead. Letters will soon be going out to students who we think might be interested in the program, however, there's always the chance that we could miss somebody. Students entering grade 7 and above are encouraged to send an e-mail to Cindy Fiscus (cindyfiscus@hotmail.com) to receive more information about the Confirmation program to be led by Cindy and Terry Martinson. We are looking forward to sharing this experience with the teens.

BEADS OF NOTE

Beads of Note is creating ANNIVERSARY BEADS from the church bulletins from our special and memorable service. Place your orders by calling: Ruth Lund at 508-394-1714; or Betty Boothe at 774-330-2191.

HANDS OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY A program of the Cape Cod Council of Churches

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Late Summer 2016

Thank you for your Food Collections! We appreciate all of your support.

The following food items do not come free from the State or USDA. Nor are they available at low cost to us from the Greater Boston Food Bank. But they are requested often by the families who use our Pantry.

Oatmeal, Soup, Jelly or Jam, Chef Boy R Dee products, Bisquick or Baking mix, Baked Beans, Spam, Beef Stew, Chili, Pasta, Coffee, Mustard, Ketchup, Mayo, Relish, Crackers or Granola Bars

We also welcome cold and frozen foods in code (not beyond 'best by' date), if you have extra after family and summer guests leave.

Please call if you cannot make it to our pantry, we will do our best to collect your donation.

NAMETAGS

Please remember to wear your nametags at worship. Introduce yourself to those sitting around you. Welcome visitors as you would like to be welcomed. Abundant hospitality will help the Dennis Union Church to grow!

PARKING

Parking perpendicular to the cemetery fence on Old Bass River Road is helping us to increase our parking capacity on Sunday mornings. If you are able, please leave the parking spaces closest to the church for visitors and for those who have difficulty walking.



FELLOWSHIP HOSTS FOR 2016

Aug. '16	Deacons
Sept. '16	Music
Oct. '16	Stewardship
Nov. '16	Social Concerns
Dec. '16	Trustees



If you would like a "house call" from your pastor, please call the church office. Terry enjoys visiting and getting to know the members and friends of the church. Please let us know when church members or friends are admitted to the hospital or a nursing home. Our nursing home residents at Pleasant Bay (Bill Tucker, Diana Hanford, Joan Marsh) and Epoch of Brewster (Muriel Hanger, Dot Murray) enjoy visits from our church members

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

The minister, officers and congregation of Dennis Union Church offer their sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Charles Crowell who died on June 19, 2016.