



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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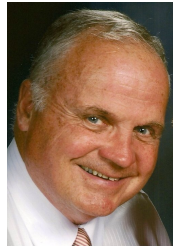
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With my encouragement, the Board of Deacons voted unanimously to continue with just one service of worship at 10:00A.M. through the end of 2017. This change has been affirmed by the Church Council and is fully supported by the church staff.

Two surveys of the congregation indicated that one service was favored. The decision might have been made a year ago if I had not encouraged the Deacons to do some "watchful waiting."

Coming together as one for worship will strengthen the church and offer additional opportunities to grow the church. Together we can be stronger, bolder, more faithful, and more joyful. We will be able to offer a consistent welcome to visitors and guests. Coming together as one for worship will benefit both our music ministry and our ministry to children and youth.

To make things a bit more welcoming for our older members who may have difficulty walking, if you are able, please find a parking spot a bit further away from the church. The Heatherwood bus will continue to provide transportation for their residents. Special arrangements will be made for Thirwood residents who wish to come to church.

We will continue to live stream our worship service for those who are unable to attend.

Blessings,

Terry



10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP IN AUGUST

August 6 – *And God Created Laughter*

Text: Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

August 13 – *The Good Samaritan/Steward*

Text: Luke 20:25-37

August 20 – “BROADWAY SUNDAY”

August 27 - *Wake Up Your God!*

Text: I Kings 18:17-24

***WE INVITE YOU TO COME AS YOU ARE...
AND DISCOVER WHO YOU CAN BE.***



“Broadway Sunday” is August 20th

Though still in the planning stages, Broadway Sunday will be a lively worship experience! Please join us on August 20th for some Broadway Musical Favorites and a Broadway themed sermon. You might even have a chance to sing and dance!

BEING PREPARED

The Deacons have found that it is helpful to have emergency contact information for those who worship and/or live alone. If you wish, you may forward your emergency contact information to the church office (office@duchurch.org) Your emergency contact information will not be used or shared unless necessary. Thank you for giving this your consideration.



MEMBERS!

As many of you know, our church is a member of the Massachusetts Conference, UCC, and the Barnstable Association. We budget \$6,100 for our membership dues. We are asking you to consider a gift to our church of \$20.00 per person to offset the amount we have to send to them! Thank you for your consideration! Envelopes will be provided. Checks may be made payable to Dennis Union Church with “conference dues” on the memo line.



TARGETED DONATIONS

During the month of August we will be gathering school supplies and backpacks for students in need at the MSPCC.

In September we will be collecting school snacks for the Dolphin Fund at the high school.

In October we will be amassing a mountain of Jello and pudding mix with a goal of **500 boxes** for the Food Pantry.

TARGETED DONATIONS – PART 2

Cindy Fiscus reported the following on June 28th:

Jillsters and I drove all the super duper toys over to MSPCC (Breed's Hill, Hyannis). EXCITED is not even good enough to describe their reaction. "Dennis Union"! they exclaimed, "You bring us such great things!!" After oo-ing and aw-ing over the toys, the staff started reminiscing about the backpacks of last Autumn. I said that Terry and I were just talking about that - would they like to receive them this year? "YES!", in unison. Then, they began to tell me how one child reacted when he received the Star Wars backpack, and the stories flowed. Wish you all had been there to hear. Just know that these monthly collections - for ALL our different recipients- put a lot of smiles on many people. ❤️



- August 6 Given by Flower Committee
- August 13 Given by Robert & Martha Waldo
"In loving memory of Henry Patrick Waldo Jagger."
- August 20 Given by Bill & Joanne Crowell
"In loving memory of Whitney Berthum and Charles Caswell."
- August 27 Given by Jan Smith
"In loving memory of Lo."

WE HAVE A WINNER!

The June *Steeple Bell* announced an essay contest. The theme for the essay was: *Life's Single Greatest Lesson*. Cheryl Cerbone submitted the winning essay titled: **I Am Worthy**. Cheryl wrote:

I am worthy of love. And when I am loved, I am able to love in return. I know what it feels like.

I am worthy of respect. When I give respect to others, I open a dialogue. We might not agree, but we can respect each other enough to disagree.

I am worthy of kindness. And this is another act that boomerangs back. When I am kind – to family, friends, and strangers – it not only makes them feel good, it makes me feel good as well.

I am worthy of second chances. My father taught me that if something is really difficult, you're probably going about it the wrong way. So if you are patient, the right answer, way, feeling, opportunity comes back your way.

There can be a special blessing in second chances. And you are worthy of them if you love, respect, and show kindness.



The 63rd Annual Auction and Bazaar takes place on Saturday, August 12 on the Dennis Village Green.

We have fewer than 30 days before the annual Auction. I will be posting a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board hoping to draw a handful of additional volunteers.

Your help in getting the word out would be greatly appreciated. I've attached a word doc with the following information on it.

Volunteers are needed for Auction/Bazaar work. Even two hours would be a great help. No special skills are necessary. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. Or contact Ralph Aceti at raceti@gmail.com or Joanne Ashby at jcacorp@comcast.net

Also: Join our promotional campaign. Pick up an Auction poster or two and put them on bulletin boards around the Cape. Most markets have bulletin boards as do other shopping locations. Also, be sure to send the Auction web site url DUChurch.org/auction to all your contacts. Invite them to tell their friends about what is arguably the largest and oldest Church Auction & Bazaar on the Cape. –
Ralph Aceti

PARKING

Before parking along Old Bass River Road on Sundays, please be sure that all the spaces are filled around Carlton Hall. Please fill in the lot first!



When in worship, please consider "checking in" with Facebook.



HYANNIS SOUND

Hyannis Sound only has two more concerts in August, 8/3 & 8/17 - Thursday night at 7:00 P.M. Tickets are always available at the door. Adults @ \$15. Seniors and children @ \$10.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Service opportunities!

Faith Family Meals served at the Faith Assembly of God Church on the FIRST Friday of every month! You can be a part of this vital mission in Hyannis by assisting in the set-up, serving, and clean-up of this meal. Very easy and fulfilling work. Please contact Cindy at cindyfiscus@hotmail.com for more information.

Day of Hospitality luncheons are served every-other-month at Dennis Union. We require Drivers to transport guests from Salvation Army (corner of North and Winter Streets) to DUC and back again to Hyannis. The lunches begin as soon as guests arrive at approximately 12:30 p.m. and conclude at 2:00 p.m. Also, we always need desserts, drinks, and HOSTS. Our next lunch is this month!



BALL GAME AND PICNIC

BALL GAME and PICNIC at Seaside Ball Field (near Corporation Beach) on September 10th, 12:30-3:30.

D-YECH SUPERMARKET GIFT CARDS

Have you tried our easy way to do your part in homelessness prevention? Using our gift cards helps to provide necessary funds to the Housing Assistance Corporation in their effort to minimize family homelessness. Five percent of card sales go directly to this much needed program. Cards can be purchased during our Fellowship Hour or in the church office. In addition to supermarket gift cards, we can order gift cards for many other stores.



10:00 am

- 8/6/17 Sue Day, Ruth & Dewey Lund
- 8/13/17 Ken Mills, Bill & Joanne Crowell
- 8/20/17 Betsy Crowell, Mike & Cheryl Cerbone
- 8/27/17 Jane B. Wilson, Alan & Darlene Fisk

USHERS

Are you willing to usher occasionally for Sunday morning worship? Please be in touch with Earl Springer or Cheryl Cerbone to volunteer.

THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S

Our Judeo-Christian heritage teaches that the earth and its web of life are precious in God's sight (Genesis 1 – 2:3), that the earth belongs not to us but to God (Psalm 24), and that we are entrusted with loving the earth as God loves it (Genesis 2:15). As followers of Jesus, we are committed to God's mission of reconciling people with each other and with the whole of creation. This historic moment provides Christian communities with a powerful opportunity to bear witness to the sacredness of God's creation and the urgent call to preserve it. <from a joint statement by the United Church of Christ and the Episcopal Church.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Grace LePain	August 5
Linda Gillespie	August 12
Marcia Martinson	August 12
Barbara Lussier	August 13
Nathan Burgess	August 15
Heather Fiscus	August 16
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
Lyle & Joanne Ashby	August 15
Mike & Deb Rilea	August 23

HANDS OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

A program of the Cape Cod Council of Churches

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Summer 2017

Thank you for your Food Collections!

We appreciate all of your support.

Please help us with any of the following:

Cereal, juice, granola bars, baked beans, spaghetti sauce, Chef-Boy-R-Dee, canned corn, canned fruit, Hamburger Helper, toilet paper, tooth paste, boxed mac 'n cheese.

Donations brought to the church will be delivered to the Food Pantry.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH SCHEDULE

Sunday School ALL Summer
at 10:00 am!

This summer, we are enjoying a mishmash of celebrations, service, and PEEP. Come check us out. We always begin in the Sanctuary.

Broadway Sunday, August 20

OK, Sunday school all summer ***except this Sunday.*** I am a HUGE fan of musicals!

AUCTION DAY, August 12, 9-2:00

We can use lots of youth fellowship kids to help with the food areas. Remember: if you are going into 5th grade, you're a member now!!

RALLY DAY, September 10

LOTS happening on this day~

Kids lead worship

New Presentation Bibles

Cake

Amazing Animal Ambassadors after worship – woohoo!

BALL GAME and PICNIC at Seaside Ball Field (near Corporation Beach), 12:30-3:30. Double woohoo!

RALLY DAY CREATIVITY CHALLENGE

Calling all student essayists, poets, and artists: Write your thoughts, a poem, create a drawing, or painting for~

“What does it mean to me that our God is an AWESOME GOD?”

Your contribution will be included in the worship in print, spoken, or displayed on Rally Day, September 10.



APPLE FESTIVAL 2017 NEWS!

As part of DUC's Apple Festival on **October 7**, we plan to offer fresh-frozen apple pies so that people can stock their freezers ahead for meals and visitors. Maggie Bossi will hold a pie-making session in the downstairs kitchen at DUC on **Thursday, August 24**, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All pie materials will be supplied for our assembly line, and we will need helpers to peel, mix, roll out, and crimp! (Please bring your peelers and rolling pins if you have them.) Join us for a fun time of fellowship and baking. Sign-up sheets will be available in the DUC foyer on Sunday, August 6.

There will also be a "Quilt Display" in our sanctuary.



As part of our Apple Festival – October 7 – we will have a Quilt Show in the sanctuary. Please call Enid Guilmartin at 774-934-8053 or Betty Boothe at 774-330-2191 if you would like to share your quilt with us! (Old or new!)



E-MAIL LIST

Are you on the church email list? If not, please sign up for emails on our church website (duchurch.org) Each Friday the latest church news is sent by email.

PASTORAL VISITS

If you would like a visit from our interim pastor, please do not hesitate to call the church office to make your request.

Please keep the office up to date on nursing home and hospital admission. Thank you!



COUNTRY STORE

August 11: Flower Arranging - 10:00 to 1:00
(In the Board Room)

Our bouquets are some of our best sellers. If you want to donate cut flowers...GREAT!

We will, of course, want many individuals to bake fresh pies, cookies, cakes and breads, and to make big batches of homemade baked beans.

Also, this year, we are trying to introduce some handcrafts. Do you make something cute and appealing? Do you sew something irresistible? Do you knit? We would love to sell your treasures!

Maggie Bossi, Chair Country Store