



THE STEEPLE BELL

February 2018

Dennis Union Church – United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Congregation

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

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FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

SOMETHING NEW FOR THE NEW YEAR

One of the biggest challenges I have found at Dennis Union is finding a good time for adult educational opportunities. I think we finally may have landed on something that will work, something we will call “*Second Sunday – Second Hour.*” At 11:30 A.M. on the second Sunday of each month those who are interested will gather for an hour to learn something new.

In response to a number of requests, our first four sessions will focus on “end-of-life” issues. We have invited a guest for each session to share in the leadership with me and to answer our questions. It must be noted that our invited guests will serve as resources. It is *not* their intention to solicit business.

February 11 @ 11:30 A.M. – **Legal Matters** – Attorney Emir Sehic will be our guest. He will answer your questions related to wills, estate planning, etc.

March 11 @ 11:30 A.M. – **Health Concerns** – Melissa Weidman from *Hope Hospice* will be our guest. She will be prepared to answer your questions relating to palliative care.

April 8 @ 11:30 A.M. – **Preparing the Funeral** – Faith Hallet, director of Hallet Funeral Homes, will answer all questions related to funerals, memorial services, cremation, burial, etc.

May 13 @ 11:30 – **Spiritual Issues** – The Rev. Connie Bickford will join me to answer any questions concerning life and death, eternal life, the promise of heaven, etc.

If you have questions related to this educational opportunity, please be in touch with me. I hope that you will join us!

New Year Blessings,

Terry

Join us for
WORSHIP
SUNDAYS 10:00 AM

FEBRUARY WORSHIP

Feb. 4 – Communion Sunday
Sermon: *Chasing Rainbows*
Text: Genesis 9:1-17
Music: *Women's Song*

Feb. 11 – **Bluegrass Sunday**
Sermon: **TBD**
Rev. Cal Mutti and Rev. Connie Bickford
Text: **TBD**

Feb. 18 – First Sunday in Lent
Sermon: **TBD**
Text: **TBD**
Music: *Choir*

Feb. 25 – Second Sunday in Lent
Sermon: **TBD**
Text: **TBD**
Music: *Bells*

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

ASH WEDNESDAY

You are invited to join us for worship at 7:00 P.M. on Ash Wednesday – February 14th. The service will include communion and anointing with ashes.

NEW MEMBERS

If you are interested in becoming a member of Dennis Union Church, please speak with our interim pastor. We anticipate welcoming new members on Sunday, March 4th.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Copies of *Lovers and Fools*, the 2018 Lent Devotional prepared by the UCC Stillspeaking Writers' Group, are available outside the church office. A \$5.00 donation helps to cover our cost for the books and shipping.



Kindness and Care for Animals®

TARGETED DONATIONS

In February we will collect items for the MSPCA. The MSPCA operates a shelter for animals in Hyannis. The following are needed:

FOR **DOGS**: blankets*, sheets*, training treats, hard to destruct dog toys.

FOR **CATS**: towels*, canned food, cat toys, litter boxes, grooming brushes.

FOR **SMALL ANIMALS**: pillowcases, wooden toys or houses, small animal treats, rabbit pellets.

FOR **DAILY OPERATION**: hand sanitizer, bleach, paper towels, dishwashing liquid.

**used blankets, sheets, towels, and pillowcases are acceptable.*



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

DUC E-MAIL

Are you on our church e-mail list? Every Friday we send an email with updated information about our Sunday worship service and other events at DUC. You can sign up for emails on the church website: www.duchurch.org

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

The Minister, officers and congregation of Dennis Union Church offer their sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Carol MacPherson who died on January 6, 2018.

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Memorial Scholarship applications are available for DUC members graduating from high school this year and going on to higher education. Scholarship awards will be given to students based on financial need, academic achievement, and character. Applications are available in the church office and *must be returned by April 1*. They can be left with the church secretary or put in the Memorial Committee mail slot. Thank you!

IMPORTANT! SAVE THE DATES!

Our annual **Budget Meeting** is on Saturday, February 3, at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. We will propose the 2018 budget, so it's important that a lot of you come!

Our **Annual Meeting** is on Saturday, February 10, at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. We need a quorum to vote on many things...including bringing new committee members on board. Please, please, please show up for this meeting! You won't be sorry!

WITH GRATITUDE

The family of Beth Boyd and I sincerely thank Bette Anne Crowell, Women's Song, Margaret Bossi and Rev. Martinson for the beautiful Service of Remembrance for Beth. We also thank the congregation for their love and support throughout Beth's illness. Beth always loved the church and her many, many friends at DUC.

~ Richard Burnham

TWO EXCELLENT DEVOTIONALS

There are two excellent daily devotionals that I highly recommend to our church members and friends.

#1 is the Daily Devotional from The United Church of Christ... go to UCC.ORG and click on *Still Speaking Daily Devotional*.

#2 is www.d365.org.

You can sign up to have these devotionals sent daily to your email. **d365** also has an app for your computer/iPad.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Faith Family Meal at Faith Assembly of God Church, Hyannis - February 2, 3-6:30 p.m.

On the first Friday of each month, we continue to serve our neighbors-in-need at Faith Assembly. We would LOVE new participation in this mission. We no longer cook the meal. Instead, volunteers greet guests, set up dining tables, help serve the meal, and assist in cleaning up afterwards. The comradery of the volunteers and the smiles on the guests faces make this a wonderful way to spend a hour, or two, on a Friday afternoon. Please let Cindy Fiscus, know if you are interested in helping.

cindyfiscus@hotmail.com

Day of Hospitality - March 25, 12:30 - 2:00

p.m. NEW socks, deodorant, toothbrushes, combs/hair-brushes are always needed!! We need volunteers to drive our guests from Salvation Army to church and BACK again to Hyannis. Drivers meet our guests in the parking lot of Salvation Army after their worship service at 12:00 p.m. When our lunch concludes at church at 2:00 p.m., drivers take guests back to the same parking lot. ALSO, we invite you to help host the lunch; sit down with the guests and share a meal, or volunteer for set-up or clean-up. If interested, please talk to Cindy!

ANNUAL MEETING

In accordance with the by-laws of Dennis Union Church, the date of Saturday, February 10, 2018 has been set for the 152rd Annual Meeting of the church to begin at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary for the following purposes:

1. To receive annual reports of officers, boards and committees.
2. To adopt a budget for 2018
3. To elect officers, board and committee members.
4. To make changes to the Dennis Union Church by-laws.
5. To transact any and all other business that would normally be considered.

Carlene Brown, Clerk



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Susie Remillard	Feb. 4
Edie Conti	Feb. 5
Sam Crowell	Feb. 7
Doris David	Feb. 7
Jan Smith	Feb. 8
Lois Andre	Feb. 12
Eleanor Howland	Feb. 12
Betsy Crowell	Feb. 14
Joan Buffington	Feb. 17
Bevin Muniz	Feb. 19
Andrea Vandersall	Feb. 20
Sally Bergquist	Feb. 24
Sue Martin	Feb. 25
Kim Crowell	Feb. 26
Dennis Goyette	Feb. 28
Bill Black	Feb. 28

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Skip & Nancy Walsh	Feb. 1
George & Betty Bartlett	Feb. 28



FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY

Feb. 4	Given by Dewey and Ruth Lund "In gratitude to God for our blessings."
Feb. 11	Given by Willis and Betty Boothe "In loving memory of our parents."
Feb. 18	Given by Ted Walker "In loving memory of Barbara Walker and our parents."
Feb. 25	Given by Richard and Nancy Howes "In loving memory of Esther and Anson Howes."

FLOWER COMMITTEE

We have openings for Sunday flowers on the following dates: May 20, August 5, September 23. If you are interested in purchasing altar flowers for any of these dates, please call Nancy Walsh at 508-398-4707.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH SCHEDULE

February 11

Bluegrass Sunday – PANCAKE Sunday

The older youth will host a pancake breakfast for everyone on the last Sunday before Lent begins. There will be no Sunday School so that the children may enjoy the music and merriment in the sanctuary.

March 11

Youth Worship Sunday

Throughout February our lessons during Lent will prepare us to lead worship on March 11. The youth lead the congregation during Rally Day, the Christmas Pageant, this late Winter service, and one in early Summer – traditionally known as Children's Day.

February 3

Youth Overnight Our monthly overnight begins at 6:00pm. Includes dinner.

February 18

Youth Meeting in the Loft Although it is the first weekend of February vacation, we plan on meeting!

**LET'S NOT FORGET THE FOLKS
WHO HAVE DIFFICULTY GETTING TO
CHURCH...THEY MIGHT ENJOY A
HOLIDAY GREETING!**

Eddie Conti
Richard Burnham
Doris David
Russell Gillis
Ann Johnson
Bruce MacPherson
Ann Johnson
Barbara Mabee
Laurie Soc
Elinore Zeeb



FEBRUARY 15 – MARCH 4TH

TICKETS: \$25

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Thursdays & Fridays @ 7:00 PM
Saturday & Sunday Matinee @ 2:30 PM
TICKETS \$25
No show on February 23rd • Two shows on February 24th, 2:30 PM & 7:00 PM

Gertrude Lawrence Stage
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In The Heart Of Dennis Village

Logos for various sponsors and organizations at the bottom of the poster.