



THE STEEPLE BELL

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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

“Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.” (Hebrews 13:2)

Since arriving at Dennis Union Church I have urged the members of the church to welcome one another with *radical* hospitality. The word *radical* has touched a nerve with some folks, so I'm going to suggest a new term – *abundant* hospitality. Let us welcome one another with *abundant* hospitality and offer *abundant* hospitality to our summer visitors.

Hospitality is welcoming others as you would like to be welcomed. Gracious hospitality makes others at home in your home and makes the outsider a part of your family. The opposite of hospitality is acting like you just don't care. Churches grow in direct proportion to the hospitality that they offer. *“Hospitality is not just an admirable social skill; it's essential for anyone who follows Christ. When we show kindness to outsiders, we reflect the character of God.”* (Alan Perkins)

Hospitality streams through scripture. A wonderful example of biblical hospitality is found in Genesis 18:1-8. Abraham opened his home and set his table for three complete strangers because it was the right thing to do.

Abraham offered abundant hospitality by:

- Making his guests feel welcome (verses 2-3)
- Refreshing them by washing their feet (vs. 4)
- Offering them rest (vs. 4)
- Giving them the best seat (vs. 4)
- Energizing them for the road ahead (verses 5-8)
- Standing ready and waiting for any opportunity to serve his guests (vs. 8)

What are some of the little things that you can do to make “outsiders” feel like part of our church family?

I challenge you to do all that you can do to make Dennis Union a place where abundant hospitality flows freely and naturally. If you do your part, DUC will grow!

Terry

JULY – 2018

July 1 @ 10:00 A.M.

Sermon – *What Faith Can Do*

Text: Mark 5:21-43

July 8 @ 10:00 A.M.

Sermon – *Forgiveness From The Heart*

Text: Matthew 18:21-35

July 15 @ 10:00 A.M.

Sermon – *God Inspired Joy*

Text: Mark 6:14-29

July 22 @ 10:00 A.M.

Sermon - *Alone With God* (Jonah Series)

Text: Jonah 1:1-17

July 29 @ 10:00 A.M. **Jazz Sunday**

Sermon – *Second Chances* (Jonah Series)

Text: Jonah 2:10-35

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



BOAT TRIP RESCHEDULED!

Your Activities Committee had to cancel the May cruise on Plymouth Bay because we did not have the minimum of 20 cruisers. However, we have rescheduled the trip for Thursday, September 20th, so watch for further details. Plan ahead for a FUN trip! -Betty Boothe: 774-330-2191

AFTER THE AUCTION

New organizations are welcome to be added to our "pick up groups" after the church auction... If you know of a group that would like to be added to the 2018 list, please contact:
Bette Anne Crowell: 508-385-3769 or
email: bacrowell@comcast.net

ELEVATOR

Yes! We have an elevator!! For anyone who finds the stairs daunting, we do have an elevator...to the left of the stage in Fellowship Hall.

NEWSLETTER

It's easy to sign up to receive our monthly newsletter and our weekly updates. Go to the church website – **duchurch.org** – on the right side of the home page you will locate the place to sign up. Our newsletter and our weekly updates keep members informed of the happenings at DUC.



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

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD

Many thanks to our faithful church members who made a pledge toward the building of a new Habitat for Humanity home in Dennis. We ask that all pledges be fulfilled by September 30th. Checks should be made payable to: Dennis Union Church. Write "Habitat" on the memo line.

It's not too late to pledge your support to the Habitat build. Pledge cards are available in the church office.

THANKS FROM HEIFER

At Heifer, we're grateful for your efforts to end hunger and poverty. Here is an example of what your giving has done:

Maria Xol Xi lives in rural Guatemala with her family. Prior to partnering with Heifer, the family lived in extreme poverty and had very little to survive: not enough food, hardly any money, and no way to voice their needs. Luckily, they partnered with Heifer last year and joined our BIOFORESA II Project. The training they received in this project taught them how to handle and breed Creole birds, and allowed them to build a chicken coop for their newly acquired livestock. Maria and her family quickly increased their flock to 70 birds, which allows them to include poultry and eggs in their diet. They now receive the vitamins, proteins, fats and minerals needed for good nutrition. They profit from sales of eggs and poultry and are now generating a decent income! They have also passed on the gift to others in need and have earned interest and respect from local leaders in their community.

Your support has allowed women like Maria Xol Xi to live a life free from hunger and poverty. We appreciate your help in making that happen.

Yours for a better world,
Kate, Heifer International



BRUNCH BUNCH!

It's time to plan a wonderful brunch for our members. They're always great fun! We're looking for a host this summer...the host can pick the date and how many guests he/she/they would like. The guests will bring the food! Anyone willing to offer their home for a summer brunch bunch, please call Ruth Lund at 508-362-0180. Thank you!



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Bill Boothe	July 2
Jean Hilton	July 4
Judy Black	July 6
Nancy Beimler	July 8
Elaine Hill	July 8
Carol Michel	July 9
Gregory Roughan	July 12
Ellen Clancy	July 13
Mary Crowell	July 13
Constance Rosenberger	July 14
Jerilyn Chinault	July 15
Mark Roughan	July 16
Betty White	July 21
Phyllis Horton	July 22
Barbara Mabee	July 23
Loretta Norton	July 25
Marjory Gillis	July 25
Eileen LePain	July 26
Mike Cerbone	July 27
Carol Bohn	July 29
Betty Bartlett	July 31

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Allan & Darlene Fisk	July 8
Bill & Betty Boothe	July 11
Jeff & Julie Drake	July 30

PASTORAL CANDIDATE HAS WITHDRAWN

With enormous disappointment we have learned our candidate for pastor has withdrawn. To say the least we are shocked and disheartened, but in fact believe God has other plans for us. The committee's plans for July 7th and 8th have been cancelled.



JULY ALTAR FLOWERS

- July 1 Given by Katie Clancy
 "In honor of my superstar parents,
 Dave and Dolores Ahern."
- July 8 Given by Gary and Debbie
 Anderson "In loving memory of
 James and Kathleen Meade."
- July 15 Given by Liz Cross
 "In loving memory of my dear
 friend, Anne Seeley."
- July 22 Given by Gail Stern
 "In loving memory of Mary and
 Hans Stern."
- July 29 Given by Patti and Dennis
 Goyette "In loving memory of our
 parents, Anita and Victor Goyette,
 and Dorothy and Sonny Lewis."

Usher's Ministry

JULY USHERS

- July 1 Shep & Bev Williams, Earl
 Springer
- July 8 Betsy Crowell, Emma Crowell,
 Peggy McAloon
- July 15 Ralph & Nancy Aceti
 Barbara Lussier
- July 22 John & Sue Schofield,
 Jane B. Wilson, Lois Andre
- July 29 Earl Springer, Midge Kuntz,
 Elaine Simoneau

Attention all 3rd graders!

I am ready to order NEW bibles for our 3rd grade students! If you have this person residing in your house, please let me know. Attendance in class is NOT a prerequisite for a bible! I will need the full name of your child for the embossing process. Call me!

Summer Sunday School

There is a marvelous resource - picturebooktheology.com – that I peruse quite a lot! This summer, I am borrowing her outline for Theological Statements for Young Children. Statements such as, "You are a one-of-a-kind, precious child of God", "Together, we can do even more wonderful things", or "God/Jesus loves you ,and wants you to love yourself, and others" are examples of the dozen themes we are exploring this summer. I have expanded her outline to include a prayer, bible passage, art activities and/or games. There is something for all ages to engage in.

As we do year-round, we begin in the Sanctuary for Worship and then exit for class after A Word for the Young. The exception is Communion, which we have on the first Sunday of every month, when the children go to class right away and then join their families after the sermon.

Jazz Sunday, July 29

There will not be a Sunday School class this Sunday, so that we might all enjoy the worship and festivities.

Youth Fellowship

We have a summer break from meetings and overnights in July and August. BUT, I am available Sunday mornings for brunch/lunch after worship. I was assured by all the kids attending the last overnight that they would accept the offer! Just ask!

Auction involvement for the Youth!

There are lots of areas for involvement in the August 11th Auction.

We need CE adults and youth to help with all our food venues.

The GRILL truck requires a cashier, servers and “runners” (kids able to run food to people under the tent.) The Baked Goods and Chowder area in the Lower Hall needs servers and helpers. The Donut table will need help, as well. ADULTS are needed to help supervise and guide the areas.

Remember – the money we earn at these venues helps us a great deal during the year with our service projects and activities. Be there to help fill our account for 2018/2019!



Tuesday, July 10, 7 pm CONCERT by Gabriel V, a local brass quintet based at the Church of the Transfiguration in Orleans. This music should sound magnificent in our splendid sanctuary. Free-will offering.

Sunday, July 29, 10 am JAZZ IN JULY, our traditional Dixieland worship service.

And remember that **HYANNIS SOUND** is back on Thursday nights throughout the summer. The series runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Tickets are sold at the door, **\$15 for adults** and **\$10 for children** under 10 years of age, and **seniors** over 65 years of age.

All of this music brings DUC closer to the wider community. Please support these events yourself! ~ *Maggie*

AUCTION SORTING!

Auction sorting continues every Tuesday, from 9 to 11. Please join us as we enjoy fellowship and hard work toward the success of our 64th DUC Auction. Also, if you have not signed up to help on Auction day, Sat., August 11, we have a spot for you! We especially need many hands to help with clean up after the Auction. For more information, contact Joanne Ashby at jcacorp@comcast.net.



SOCIAL CONCERNS

Faith Family Meal – the next Faith Meal is on Friday, July 6th. We volunteer for the mission on the FIRST Friday of each month. The duties are very easy – from setting tables to scooping food onto plates. There is a super duper 'core' group of volunteers that are willing and able to guide you through the process. Please check with Cindy (cindyfiscus@hotmail.com) if you are curious!

Day of Hospitality – the next lunch at church for our guests from Salvation Army is on July 22nd – the fourth Sunday in July (NOT the 29th). If you have tees, shorts, lightweight pants, light jackets, light dresses to donate – bring them to church any time this month. NEW socks, deorderant, and laundry soap (please purchase PODS, not liquid) is appreciated!! DRIVERS are needed to carry the guests from Hyannis at 12:00 p.m. and return the guests at 2:00pm.

I'd like to add that any person from our congregation who would like to share our meal is always welcome. It is not an “us and them” situation, by any means! All our helpers and guests sit down to lunch. You are invited!



If you live alone or come to worship alone, you are encouraged to give your emergency contact information to the church. Our Deacons safeguard the information. Emergency Contact Forms are available by the guest books or in the church office. Completed forms are added to a loose leaf notebook which is locked in the Deacons' closet.

FELLOWSHIP DUES

The Dennis Union Church is one of the 370 churches in the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ. As a member of the Conference, we pay an annual "Fellowship Dues" of \$20 per church member. We invite you to make a donation to the church to cover the "Fellowship Dues" for the members of your family who are active church members. You can forward your donation to the church with "MACUCC DUES" on the memo line. Thank you for your consideration.

The United Church of Christ is the largest Protestant denomination in Massachusetts. We are also the Commonwealth's oldest denomination, with roots going back to the Puritans and Pilgrims.

We follow a "still speaking" God whose revelation continues in our time. We seek to listen to God's voice as we engage with the pressing challenges of today. We offer an extravagant welcome, proclaiming, "No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here." We believe the church's mission is to change lives – a mission we express by saying, "Never place a period where God has placed a comma."



LET'S NOT FORGET THOSE WHO HAVE DIFFICULTY GETTING TO CHURCH

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



TARGETED CHURCH DONATION for JULY: *Dream Day on Cape Cod* serves families that have children with life-threatening illnesses and/or serious conditions by "bringing a ray of sunshine" into their lives. Dream Day helps these children by giving them respite from the world of hospitals and treatments, where they enjoy the peace and tranquility of nature, the camaraderie of family and new friends, and the joy of being a child. And Dream Day seeks to support the family unit and give them the chance to create loving lasting family memories and enhance the child's overall quality of life. **All of their programs are at no cost to the family.** If you visit www.dreamdayoncapecod.org, you will see a large wish list of needed camp items.

We have chosen items that no camper should be without – **a flashlight and batteries!** We all know how quickly you can run through a stock of batteries, so let's help them out in this simple way. Bring a new flashlight and a package of batteries all throughout July.

In August we will collect backpacks and school supplies for MSPCC.



SILENT AUCTION

Hello everyone,

As you may know, the Dennis Union Church will be celebrating its **64th Auction year!** Last year we, once again, held the Silent Auction, and thanks to all of YOU, it was a huge success!

In order to continue this great event, we kindly ask our members for help. Your donation of sporting tickets, cottage rentals, gift cards, boating trips and any type of service would be very helpful. Any donation that you can make or acquire would be greatly appreciated! If there is a local business that you know or patronize, please visit them and ask for a donation!

Silent auction items do not have to be limited to gift cards or retail items. Some other ideas include asking a business that performs a service like a landscaper, carpenter or hairdresser, to donate a few hours of their time, these services would also make wonderful auction items.

The Auction Committee is again asking that each church committee or board donate a gift card or small item that can be offered at the silent auction. Last year these committees did a wonderful job, and the items were a big hit!

I have a list of businesses that we have solicited in the past that could be called or visited as well. Any gift, donation or ideas are welcome! As they say "Many hands make light work"!

If you could please contact me by email, phone, text or come see me at church by **August 1st**, it would be much appreciated!

Thanks, Luke Furey
774-212-3459
Lhfurey@yahoo.com

ANNUAL MEETING

The 219th annual meeting of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ was held on June 15 & 16 at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield. The theme was "**Hope on the Way.**" Joining the delegates and pastors from all the member congregations of the UCC covenant in Massachusetts, were the delegates and pastors from the Connecticut Conference and the Rhode Island Conference. The three Southern New England conferences have been in close conversation through the 3 boards of directors for several years. Those discussions have focused on sharing resources and developing a more effective ministry to strengthen local congregations facing challenges unique to the 21st century church. Inspiring worship, dynamic preaching, conversations with friends, old and new, and skillfully-led business meetings made the time pass with lightening speed. In so many ways, the gathering is like a church family reunion. You get a real sense that we are part of something much larger than our local church.

Highlights of the weekend meeting included:



- Recognizing and honoring Rev. Joshua Crowell on the 50th anniversary of his ordination, 1968.
- Retirement after 12 wonderful years of leadership by our Conference Minister, Rev. Jim Antal.
- Installation of Rev. Don Remick, formerly minister of the Southeast Area associations, that's us, as the Massachusetts Conference Minister until 2020.

- An overwhelming vote by Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island Conferences to continue developing ways—organizational structure and staffing-- which will lead to the meeting in 2020 when the 3 conferences will vote whether or not to become 1.

In effect, last year we were an item, this meeting we got engaged, and in 2020 we could be married. The informal theme of the parallel meetings was **“TA1”—together as one.**

Our Dennis Union Interim Pastor served on the Annual Meeting Planning Committee.

It was an honor to serve as your delegates.

-Karen and Cal Mutti

