

# THE STEEPLE BELL

MAY - 2016

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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One of the cornerstones of our life together as The Dennis Union Church is worship, but it has to be good worship, worship that gives glory to God and makes the word of God clear to the worshippers in the pews and the choir loft. Slowly but surely, working with the Worship Planning Team and the Deacons, I have been tweaking the Sunday morning worship services.

Have you noticed that all the elements of the worship service fit nicely together like the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle? There is a theme to each service, and that theme is captured in the scriptures, the sermon, the Word for the Young, the hymns, the anthems, the pastoral prayer, and the call to worship. Margaret Bossi, Bette Anne Crowell, Barbara Wells, and Cindy Fiscus help me to develop the theme. Sermons are planned well in advance so that they can be thinking about the anthems, the hymns, and the children's sermon for several weeks. Sometimes my preaching follows the lectionary, a prescribed list of scriptures used by many churches, but I also preach on timely topics that I hope will speak to the congregation. **Caution:** As we get to know each other better, I will begin to include a "congregation participation" sermon into the mix every now and then.

I consider the prelude and the postlude to be very much a part of the worship service. Both are an offering to God. They are not "traveling music" or entertainment. I understand that some folks feel they cannot sit through the postlude. You may, if you wish, leave quietly during the postlude, though that seems a bit awkward to me. Would you leave in the middle of a sermon or during the pastoral prayer? The postlude does not need to be applauded. It is worship, not a recital. After the postlude, feel free to speak with friends as you leave the worship service.

From my view in the pulpit, I see a few folks checking their watches during worship. Nobody keeps an eye on the clock more than I do. I try very hard to make sure that worship only lasts an hour, even if it means having to put my sermon into "overdrive." On communion Sundays, it is not easy to keep the service within an hour, but we will try. I am making some subtle changes to the communion service in the hopes of making it run more smoothly. The retired pastors, who are very much a part of our church family, are helping me to review these changes.

Please know that worship is very, very important to me. I welcome your suggestions, concerns, and criticisms.

Blessings,  
Terry



## MAY SERMONS, TEXTS, AND MUSIC

### May 1 – WALK

John 5:1-9

Choir

### May 8 (Mother's Day) 12 WORDS TO STRENGTHEN THE FAMILY

I Corinthians 13

Women's Song

### May 15 (Pentecost\*) TURN FLESRUOY AROUND

Mark 1:4-11 and Acts 2:1-13

Choir

### May 22 – GUEST PREACHER

Rev. Bette Anne Crowell

Bells

### May 29 (Memorial Day) HELP ME TO REMEMBER

Psalm 89:1-8

Choir

\*You are encouraged to wear the color **red** on Pentecost Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. The sermon title is not a misprint: *Turn Flesruoy Around*.



**May 1** – Given by Jim & Sally Bergquist “In celebration of our wedding anniversary.”

**May 8** – Given by George and Joan Buffington “In memory of loved ones.”

**May 15** – Given by Marjorie Beyler “In loving memory of my husband, Arthur.”

**May 22** – Given by Tony Coccio and Jane Springer “In loving memory of Jane’s sisters, Judy Sossel and Linda Sturges, and Tony’s brother, Domenic Coccio.”

**May 29** – Given by Midge Kuntz “In loving memory of my parents, Hilda and Richard Marcy.”

## COMMUNION

We share Communion on the first Sunday of every month. All are welcome at the Lord’s Table. You do not have to be a member of the Dennis Union Church or of the United Church of Christ to partake of the sacrament. All children, regardless of age, are also welcome at the Lord’s Table.



The United Church of Christ was founded in 1957 as the union of four different Christian traditions. From the beginning of our history, we have been a church that believes that Christians do not always have to agree to be able to live together in communion. More information about the history and beliefs of the U.C.C. can be found at: [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org)



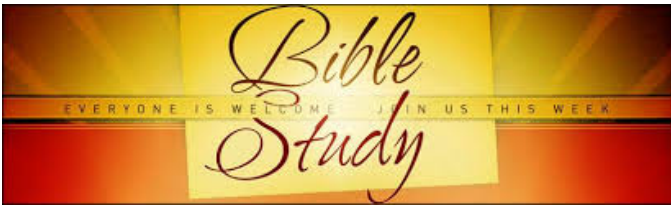
If you would like to be more involved on Sunday mornings we have three opportunities for you:

- (1) Volunteer to usher once each month or to fill in as needed (speak with Earl Springer)
- (2) Volunteer to work with the Welcoming Committee as a Sunday Morning greeter (speak with Sue Schofield)
- (3) Volunteer to work with the AV Committee recording and streaming our Sunday Morning worship service (speak with Jane B. Wilson)



## PARKING

Reminder: Sunday morning parking is available on Hope Lane – across Rte. 6A from the church. Also, the handicapped spots by the office entrance are often unused on Sunday mornings



### Deeper Into John's Gospel

Five Wednesdays at 11:00 A.M. beginning on May 4<sup>th</sup> led by Terry Martinson, Cindy Fiscus and Dan Roberts. This is not a cumulative study. Each week stands alone. You do not need to be a biblical scholar to participate. Please join us!

May 4 – John 1:1-3                      May 25 – John 1:4-5  
 May 11 – John 3:1-21                  June 1 – John 15:1-17  
 May 18 – John 11:1-44



**EVENTIDE PRESENTS:** "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum": This Broadway farce is light, fast paced, witty, irreverent, and one of the funniest musicals ever written. A non-stop, laugh fest in which the plot twists and turns with cases of mistaken identity, slamming doors, and a showgirl or two. Shows run from May 5 through May 29. Go to [www.EventideArts.org](http://www.EventideArts.org) to reserve tickets, or call 508-398-8588 for reservations! This one is going to sell out fast!! Shows are on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., and on Sundays at 2:30 p.m. 10% of net proceeds from first weekend of the show will be donated to [Cape Abilities](http://CapeAbilities.org). First Friday (May 6th) is a "pay what you want" performance.

### VACATION

Rev. Martinson will be on vacation from May 21-28. Please call the church office (508-385-3543) if there is a pastoral emergency.

### HOLIDAY

In observance of Memorial Day, the church offices will be closed on Monday, May 30.



### FELLOWSHIP HOSTS FOR 2016

January '16	Music
Feb. '16	Deacons
March '16	Property
April '16	Missions
May '16	Finance/Flowers
June '16	Welcome
July '16	Christian Ed.
Aug. '16	Deacons
Sept. '16	Music
Oct. '16	Stewardship
Nov. '16	Social Concerns
Dec. '16	Trustees



The Auction Pick-Up Crew is in the final months of collecting for this year's auction. We are looking for worthy items, and we can use your help! Please call Nancy, in the church office, to schedule a pick up. We collect on Tuesday mornings from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. We also collect on certain Saturdays if needed. Just a word of thanks to those members helping us with storage: Ken Mills, Midge Kuntz, Rita Farup, Barbara Wells, Jane Parish and Carole Bohn. Led by Kent Whitcomb, the Pick-Up Crew added 24 saw horses to this year's auction. They should be a tremendous help!



### PASTORAL VISITS

If you would like the pastor to call upon you, or if you would like to meet with the pastor in the church office, please call the church office with your request. Terry will be happy to meet with you. Please keep the church office informed about our church members and friends who go into the hospital or are admitted to a nursing home



**MODERATOR'S CORNER**

Some highlights from the April Council meeting:

Plans for our kitchen rebuild are progressing and will be going out for bid soon.

Renovations on the Faith Neighborhood Kitchen will start in mid-April. A chef will be hired to oversee meal planning and preparation. Our volunteers will help prepare and serve meals at the newly renovated facility. No more schlepping of large pots of food from DUC to Faith Neighborhood Kitchen in Hyannis, where in the past 4 years, 96,000 meals have been served!!

Council agreed it is time to replace our 5-year-old DUC photo directory. Karen and Cal Mutti have volunteered to head up this effort in honor of our 150th Anniversary, and as a gift for a new settled pastor. The Search Committee has been hard at work preparing our church profile. Our MACUCC Associate Pastor, Don Remick, will review this profile before advertising the Settled Senior Pastor position.

The Visioning Team is hosting "cottage meetings" where we get to know one another better and talk about the future of God's church.

As I write (in mid-April) we are looking forward to an All-Cape Bell Ringers concert, a Celebration Tea, the 150th Celebration Concert, publication of an updated history of Dennis Union Church, and a new Bible study on the Gospel of John. We are blessed to have so many people that are willing to share their talents to make DUC the wonderful, exciting place that it is. Thank you, everyone.

Peace,  
Judy Berrien

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY**

The minister, officers and congregation of Dennis Union Church offer their sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Frank Whelden who died on April 16, 2016.

*Usher's Ministry*

**MAY USHERS**

	<u>9:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>
May 1	Jim & Joan Van Baalen Kathy Furey	Wilfred & Adele Diaz Sue Day
May 8	Nancy Aceti Priscilla Hutchinson	Jane B. Wilson Bobbi Trepte
May 15	Francis Sellers Gary Forrister Barbara Lussier	Bob & Doris David
May 22	Earl Springer Lois Andre Linda Gillespie	Sandy Wiper Elmer Eschenburg Jan Gardner
May 29	Carlene Brown	Midge Kuntz Elmer Eschenburg



A new church pictorial directory is being planned in conjunction with the 150th anniversary celebration of the church. Cal and Karen Mutti have agreed to coordinate the production of the directory. Photos of church members and friends will be taken at the end of the summer and early in the fall. The new directory should be ready by Christmas.

**JOINING THE CHURCH**

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Dennis Union Church, please speak with the pastor. If there is interest, we will plan to have new members join on a Sunday in June.





### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Ed Whelden	May 2
Michael Knell	May 3
Paul Gray	May 5
Mary Ann Agresti	May 7
Bev Brink	May 10
Judy Livingstone	May 19
Jared Jasie	May 23
Nancy Walsh	May 23
Shannon Goheen	May 26
Joan Stout	May 28
Dick Powell	May 28
Lois D'Avolio	May 28
Joan Marsh	May 30
Vivien Cook	May 31
Elsa Erickson	May 31
Jeffrey Peirce	May 31

### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Paul & Emily Woudenber	May 5
Jim & Sally Bergquist	May 5
Jeff & Barbara Peirce	May 12
Bill & Nancy Beimler	May 18
Marc & Linda Hildebrant	May 19
Henry & Nancy Fuller	May 22
Strat & Ginnie Haskell	May 26



### Faith Neighborhood Meal May 6

Please let Cindy know if you can donate a food item, help prepare, or serve.

### DAY OF HOSPITALITY, May 22 12-2:30pm

DRIVERS needed to pick up guests at SALVATION ARMY at 12:00pm. We leave church at 2:30.

Chips, sodas, pickles, hamburger and hotdog buns, desserts needed!



## Children and Youth

### Mother's Day Tea

"between services" in lower Hall  
The Sunday School will host this annual Mother's Day party!  
Carnations will also be offered before the worship service.

### Skit Sunday!

May 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am  
This is one of our "5<sup>th</sup> Sunday" skits. We begin in class at 9:00am to prepare.

Throughout May, we also preparing for our **Youth Sunday, on June 12<sup>th</sup>**  
All prayers, sermon, and music led by our students.

### Youth Fellowship

**Saturday, May 7, Cape Cod Community College,  
Multicultural Fair**



An appreciation for multicultural arts and culture!  
Fair is 10am-4pm – we meet at DUC at 10:00am.  
We will leave Barnstable by noon.

**Saturday, May 14, Yarmouth Town Hall  
Habitat for Humanity Carwash Fundraiser**



Car wash is 10am-2pm. We meet at church at 9:30am and wash 'til noon.

**Youth Meetings  
May 15, May 22**