



THE STEEPLE BELL

MAY 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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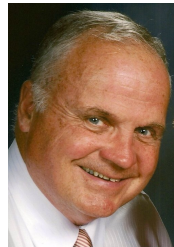
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FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

I don't know how you feel about dandelions, but I like them. I know they're weeds, but I like them anyway. Yes, they are a nuisance, but they add a splash of color to the green lawn.

One man, for whom dandelions were “the enemy,” wrote to the Department of Agriculture: “*Dear Sirs – My lawn is infested with dandelions... I have pulled, poked, prodded and pried... I have sprayed them... I have used every chemical and device on the market, but they keep multiplying... They're everywhere and I'm at my wits end... What can I do?*” The Department of Agriculture wrote back, “*Dear Sir – since you cannot get rid of your dandelions, we suggest that you learn to love them.*”

There are “dandelions” in everyone's life. We may never learn to love them, but the least we can do is learn to accept them. “Dandelions” are the things we cannot change or get rid of no matter how hard we try. “Dandelions” are our challenges – the “crosses we must bear.” Life without “dandelions” would be dull and colorless.

What are the “dandelions” in your life?

Perhaps your “dandelions” are very personal things: your age, a physical handicap, an incurable illness, a difficult marriage or a challenging relationship, or not enough time to do the things you want to do. Perhaps your “dandelions” are the people around you: a stubborn spouse, a rebellious child, an aging parent, a difficult co-worker, a nosy neighbor, or maybe even the person who sits behind you in church. Perhaps your “dandelions” are your past: the mistakes you made, the sins you committed, the opportunities you missed, or the choices you made.

You don't have to be an expert to recognize a dandelion in your lawn or in your life. There are things in life that can be changed – work to change them. There are other things, like dandelions, that simply must be accepted and loved.

“God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.”

Blessings,
Terry

Join us for
WORSHIP
SUNDAYS 10:00 AM

MAY WORSHIP

May 6 – *Healing, Holding, Letting Go*
Text: Luke 13:10-17

May 13 – *Does Grandpa Still Live Here?*
Text: John 14:1-6, 25-27

May 20 – **PENTECOST SUNDAY****
Youth and Cindy will lead worship
Text: Acts 2:1-20

May 27 – The Rev. Ken Landall, preaching

May 20th is Pentecost Sunday, “the birthday of the church.” The appropriate color for Pentecost is **red**. You are encouraged to wear red to worship!

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

PASTOR'S VACATION

Before I knew that I would still be serving as your interim pastor in 2018, Marcia and I made plans for a grand vacation. I'll tell you more about it when we return. I will be away from the church from May 21 through June 13. In my absence emergency pastoral care will be provided by our retired pastors. Please call the church office if you have a need. Rev. Ken Landall, Rev. Josh Crowell, and Rev. Lyle Ashby will preach on May 27, June 3 and June 10 respectively.

SUNDAY MORNING PARKING

If you are an able walker, it would be helpful to make the parking spaces close to the church available for those who have difficulty walking. Please remember that parking is available at Carlton Hall, the library, on Old Bass River Rd. and on Hope Lane. Thank you for your cooperation.

SECOND SUNDAY, SECOND HOUR

The fourth session of *Second Sunday, Second Hour* will be held at 11:30 A.M. on May 13th. Connie Bickford and Terry Martinson will serve as the discussion leaders for this session focusing on spiritual concerns related to the end of life. What is your understanding about death? What does the Bible say about life, death and eternal life?

NOTE: The sermons on May 6 and May 13 have been planned to lead into our discussion.

TARGETED DONATIONS FOR MAY

Our Crib Room teacher, Laurette Webster, is a Site Director for two different Head Start preschool locations – one in Hyannis and one on Nantucket. Boy, is she busy! The two sites are recent start-ups and could really use some help with supplies, most that can be found at a Dollar Store near you:

PUZZLES – up to 20 piece puzzles

MINI DRY ERASE BOARDS – for individual use
DRY ERASE MARKERS
WASHABLE MARKERS
GLUE STICKS
MULTI-CULTURAL PICTURE BOOKS



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

CHURCH HOLIDAY

In observance of Memorial Day, the church offices will be closed on Monday, May 28.

ON VACATION

Nancy (in the office) will be on vacation from April 30 through May 4. Barbara Cahoon will, once again, replace her. Be sure to say hi to Barbara when you visit the church!

DRIVERS NEEDED

We are creating two lists to be coordinated by the Deacons: (1) A list of "friendly visitors" willing to make maybe one visit to a homebound church member. (2) A list of volunteers to drive church members to medical appointments on occasion. Rides are also available through the Senior Centers in both Dennis and Yarmouth. Our list would simply supplement their lists. *Please contact Nancy in the church office to be added to either list.*



A fun way to get to know your Dennis Union Church friends is to share a meal with them. Your Activities Committee is making this possible in two ways – one for those who prefer a noon-time brunch, and one for those who are available for an evening dinner and fellowship.

The Brunch Bunch is looking for hosts/hostesses for the upcoming months of April through October. If interested, please call Ruth Lund at: 508-362-0180.



To request an at home visit or an office appointment with the pastor, please call the church office. It's that easy! Terry enjoys visiting!

Please keep the office informed of members and friends admitted to the hospital or a nursing home. Patients and nursing home residents receive regular visits.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Faith Family Meal – the next Faith Meal is on Friday, May 4th. 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 May 27th. If you have tees, shorts, lightweight pants, light jackets, light dresses to donate – bring them to church any time during May. NEW socks, deoderant, and laundry soap (please purchase PODS, not liquid) is appreciated!! DRIVERS are needed to carry the guests from Hyannis at 12:00pm and return the guests at 2:00pm.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| Ed Whelden | May 2 |
| Michael Knell | May 3 |
| Paul Gray | May 5 |
| Mary Ann Agresti | May 7 |
| Allan Fisk | May 9 |
| Bev Brink | May 10 |
| Rachel Simons | May 16 |
| Paul Kummer | May 17 |
| Judy Livingstone | May 19 |
| Martha Waldo | May 21 |
| Abigail Bishop | May 22 |
| Rick Bishop | May 22 |
| 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 |
| Vivien Cook | May 31 |
| Elsa Erickson | May 31 |
| Jeffrey Peirce | May 31 |

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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| 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 |
| Stratton & Ginnie Haskell | May 26 |
| Mike & Cheryl Cerbone | May 29 |



FLOWERS FOR MAY

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| May 6 | Open |
| May 13 | Given by Joan Buffington "In memory of Rhoda Mealy." |
| May 20 | Given by Midge Kuntz "In gratitude for blessings received." |
| May 27 | Given by Tony Coccio and Jane Springer "In memory of our loved ones." |

Usher's Ministry

MAY USHERS

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| May 6 | Abby Bishop, Rick Bishop, Mary Ann Agresti |
| May 13 | Dennis & Patti Goyette, and Carlene Brown |
| May 20 | Gary Forrister, Francis Sellers, Kathy Furey |
| May 27 | Betty White, Louise Armstrong, Peggy McAloon |



CHILDREN AND YOUTH SCHEDULE

May 5, Youth Overnight
beginning at 6:00pm!
Dinner included
A service Project
Worship
Activities and a Movie
Bring a friend

Don't forget your sleeping bag and pillow!!

May 13, Mother's Day Tea

This seasonal celebration is for all at Dennis Union on May 13th. The Sunday School hosts this event in the Lower Hall. If you can contribute a baked good or fruit, please let me know.

May 20, PENTECOST Sunday and Youth Sunday!!

Wear traditional **RED** for our annual celebration of the Holy Spirit and the Birthday of the Church! This will be a busy and lively service. All students that are actors, singers, ringers, or readers should be at church by 9:00am, please.

May 20th, Youth Fellowship Meeting at 12:00-2:00pm!!

May 27, DAY of Hospitality, 12-2:00pm
Older youth are encouraged to assist with the lunch for our guests from Salvation Army.

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.



SOCIAL CONCERNS

Faith Family Meal at Faith Assembly of God Church, Hyannis - April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, 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.



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.



WE ARE GOING ON A CRUISE!

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Last May, your DUC Activities Committee scheduled a trip on the Pilgrim Belle in Plymouth Harbor. Because of bad weather, 52 of us were disappointed when we had to cancel the trip. So, your Activities Committee has made arrangements to try again!

We are making the following arrangements for Thursday, May 24, 2018.

1:45 – carpool leaves from church parking lot or drive on your own to Plymouth Harbor.

2:30 – Meet at Pilgrim Belle Ticket office on dock in Harbor (maps available).

3:00 – Cruise leaves dock. (Cost is \$13.00 – group rate) payable at dock.

4:30 – Supper at Lobster Hut (adjacent to dock) – order from large menu.

Guests are invited. Trip goes in inclement weather but will be cancelled by boat company if stormy. A sign-up poster will be in the church lobby for three weeks prior to the trip. Call Betty Boothe (774-330-2191) if you have any questions.

COLOMBIA MISSION UPDATE



Thank you, Dennis Union Church, for your donations to the Colombia Mission trip. We returned on March 24 after spending a week visiting and shopping for our little school in Ararca, Baru Island, Colombia. It was an exciting, fulfilling and inspiring trip! We returned with renewed enthusiasm to continue our mission because we saw, firsthand, what a difference we are making! Your donations covered ALL of our shopping expenses, thus leaving us more money to continue supporting the library and its incredible librarian.

We were able to fulfill the wish lists of so many teachers. One of the elementary school teachers is trying to pilot an English language program. We provided him with a CD player, copy paper, and colored pencils to begin implementation. We bought books and educational games for the Pre-K and kindergarten classes. We replaced some very aging first grade readers (remember Dick and Jane? They have Nacho!) A Pictionary game and art supplies were added to the secondary classrooms. Clay, markers, and pencils rounded out our general classroom supply buying! The library really needed a vacuum and dust cloths (the librarian had NEVER used a vacuum!) We were even able to leave money to be used for shoes, uniforms, and making sure all the children can afford lunch. One of the teachers fosters 3 high school boys. He is changing their lives and we were happy to contribute to some of their expenses. The dance team instructor had to sell his music system to pay for a doctor visit for his son. As he uses this system for his dancers we gave him money in order to replace this much needed item.

Amazing, right? And all due to the generosity of DUC members and friends.
THANK YOU!!! -Your Colombia Mission Team

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Food 4 Kids



NOTE: One of the organizations supported by our “Change for Children” campaign in March was Food 4 Kids... summer volunteer opportunities are available for their program...

Food 4 Kids’ mission is to feed the children of the lower and outer Cape during the summer months, but it also brings together volunteers of all ages and faiths as we work together to further God’s Kingdom in our communities. While we have a few paid staff, we rely on the time and talents of over 100 volunteers. Our program will run 9 weeks June 25 – August 24. We will be conducting our Volunteer Drive during the month of May. We will utilize Signup Genius, an online program, which will be available to you through a link on our website, www.food4kidscapecod.org. The online program will even send email reminders each week.

Tasks that you might volunteer to perform include:

Kitchen help – Volunteers will work in the kitchen from 7:30 – 9:30 am preparing and wrapping sandwiches each day.

Packing line – Volunteers work in assembly line fashion to pack the lunches—milk, juice, sandwich, fruit or vegetable, cookie, chips, etc.—and load them into coolers from 9:30 – 11 am each morning.

Drivers—Volunteers pick up coolers at Church of the Holy Spirit and deliver them to a site. Some drivers drive to a particular site everyday for the entire summer; others drive to a particular site one day each week. Whenever possible, drivers return empty coolers from the previous day back to the church. Drivers would be needed from 11 – 1, except for Provincetown and Truro which require an earlier start.

Miscellaneous – Volunteers can assist drivers with loading coolers, breaking down cardboard boxes for recycling, bagging cookies, cutting and packing fresh vegetables, washing fruit, etc.—most of these tasks would be accomplished from 11- 12:30 each day and would depend on what was needed for the week’s menus.

We can be contacted at info@food4kidscapecod.org

Brenda Ridgeway & Reverend Anne Koehler

Co-Directors Food 4 Kids

FRIENDLY VISITORS

To expand the ministry of the church, we are developing a list of volunteers who would be willing to make one visit a month to a homebound church member. If you would like to volunteer, or if you know a homebound church member who would welcome a visit, please call the church office.

The pastor calls regularly on homebound church members, on nursing home residents, and on church members who are in the hospital.

If you would welcome a home visit from the pastor, please call the church office.



LET’S NOT FORGET THE FOLKS WHO HAVE DIFFICULTY GETTING TO CHURCH

Eddie Conti
Richard Burnham
Doris David
Russell Gillis
Ann Johnson
Bruce MacPherson
Ann Johnson

Barbara Mabee
Laurie Soc
Elinore Zeeb

March “loose change” collection

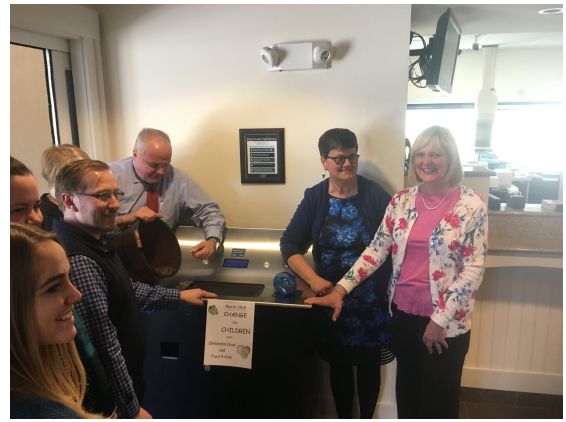


Photo identification- left to right: Jaclyn Gonsalves, Melanie Sachs and Jacob Stapledon from Children’s Cove, Marita Ducharme, Cape Cod Five Bank, Rev. Terry Martinson and Cindy Fiscus, Dennis Union Church, and Brenda Ridgeway, Food 4 Kids

Don’t miss May’s Eventide performance!
Musical Direction by Maggie Bossi!
TWO WEEKS ONLY!

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by **GILBERT & SULLIVAN**

MAY 3 - MAY 13, 2018
Thursday through Saturday @ 7:30 pm • Sunday Matinee @ 2:30 pm
TWO WEEKS ONLY! TICKETS \$25

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Eventidearts.org Musical Director: Maggie Bossi
Accompanist: Lucy Banner
Gertrude Lawrence Stage Judge: Bud Ferris
inside the Historic Dennis Union Church Plaintiff, Angelina: Kristin Howard
713 Rte. 6A, in the heart of Dennis Village Defendant: James O'Neill
Usher: James Batzer
Counsel: Stephen Stein

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