



THE STEEPLE BELL

OCTOBER 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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Dear Church Members and Friends –

Marcia and I have so much to be grateful for.

We are truly grateful for the 32 months we shared with you. I am grateful that I had the opportunity to minister with you and to you. I'm also grateful for the opportunity to work closely with Cindy, Maggie, Bette Anne, and Barbara. Marcia enjoyed singing with the choirs. Music is a key element of worship for both of us.

Young people have always been an important part of my ministry. I am grateful that DUC has such a solid core of children and teens. I really enjoyed the Confirmation Class. The classmembers and their dedicated mentors were awesome!

We are truly grateful for the fun and fellowship we enjoyed while working on the annual auctions and the Apple Festivals. DUC folks know how to roll up their sleeves and work together with great results!

We are truly grateful for the new friendships we formed and for the old friendships we renewed (Carlene Brown, Ted Walker, Connie Bickford, Cal Mutti, Ken Landall.)

We are truly grateful for the beautiful cards and notes, and the generosity of the gift you shared with us on our final Sunday at DUC. Thank you to all who contributed to the gift. We have set your gift aside for a trip in 2019. The opportunity to do more traveling is one of the reasons I retired.

As I said in my final sermon, your future is very bright! I look forward to hearing exciting things from DUC as your ministry and mission continue to grow.

May God bless you always and in all ways

Terry and Marcia

OCTOBER – 2018

Oct. 7 @ 10:00 A.M.

Rev. Nelson Murphy, preaching, communion

Oct. 14 @ 10:00 A.M.

Rev. Nelson Murphy, preaching

Oct. 21 @ 10:00 A.M. – Blessing of Animals

Rev. Nelson Murphy, preaching

Oct. 28 @ 10:00 A.M.

Rev. Nelson Murphy, preaching

***Sunday School classes every Sunday in
October!***

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

NEWSLETTER

Are you on our church e-mail list? 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.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Effort Launches in October

We are excited that our Bridge Pastor, the Rev. Nelson Murphy, with his wealth of experience will be helping us as we look ahead to Stewardship month. (And we are grateful to the Rev. Terry Martinson, whose guidance has been so important over the past couple of years.) Our theme this year is Dennis Union Church –

Changing Lives Here and Beyond, a theme that reflects both our ministry and our mission, and what we are about here at DUC – changing our lives as we live together in the fellowship of this congregation and changing the lives of others through our generous outreach and the many missions we support. Each Sunday in October, we will hear from a representative of one of the missions we help with financial assistance as it works to change the lives of those it serves. On Stewardship Sunday, October 28, we will also have a special Fellowship Hour with extra special yummy food and more! And, of course, on the minds of all of us will be the new pastoral ministry we will be a part of when our new settled pastor arrives in January.

Stewardship is much more than helping a church meet its budget (in fact, in our church, the budget is not even prepared until after our Stewardship pledging is completed). Rather, stewardship is a biblical concept that begins with the reality that everything we have comes from our loving God, an acknowledgement that we are richly blessed in so many ways, and that grateful for our blessings, we are invited by God to respond by accepting our responsibility as "stewards" and sharing from our abundance with others and caring for the world God has entrusted to us. We are blessed...to be a blessing. Through our generosity, our church can indeed change lives – our lives here and even beyond. So may it be.

Blessings,

Your Stewardship Team: Gary Forrister/Ken Landall, Co-Chairs; Bill Boothe, Dave Corbett, Barbara Gray, Rev. Nelson Murphy, Marcy Stanton, and Skip Walsh



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Ken Mills	October 1
Dewey Lund	October 2
Sarah Carpenter	October 3
Kevin Peirce	October 3
Paul Knell	October 4
Gayle Williams	October 5
Leslie Prouty	October 6
Dada Springer	October 8
Sue Day	October 11
Terry Martinson	October 12
Rita Farup	October 13
Ralph Conrad	October 14
Linny Clancy	October 16
Peggy McAloon	October 19
Russell Gillis	October 19
Andrew Herwig	October 19
Claudia Landall	October 20
Elaine Simoneau	October 21
Bob Michel	October 24
Laura & Wesley Kasar	October 25
Nate McCarthy	October 29
Dave Corbett	October 30
Emily Woudenberg	October 31

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Doug & Elaine Hill	October 4
Frank & Beverly Larson	October 5
Carole Bohn & Rob't Furman	October 10
Terry & Marcia Martinson	October 16
Lloyd & Ann Swaim	October 18
Ralph & Judy Conrad	October 22
Sue & Jack Martin	October 23
Scott & Amy Vandersall	October 29
Seth & Enid Crowell	October 29

OCTOBER TARGETED DONATIONS

Throughout the month of October, we will be accepting donations of diapers, PullUps, and baby wipes for A Baby Center and Angel House in Hyannis.



OCTOBER ALTAR FLOWERS

- Oct. 7 Given by Connie Bickford
"In loving memory of Arthur."
- Oct. 14 Given by Dick Powell
"In loving memory of Gayle Powell
And Dwight Calkins."
- Oct. 21 Given by Peter and Judy Berrien
"In loving memory of Edith &
Edward Derby, and Helen &
Gordon Berrien."
- Oct. 28 Given by Peter and Elaine
Simoneau
"In loving memory of Our
Parents."

Usher's Ministry

- October 7 – Earl Springer, Judy Chesley,
Carlene Brown
- October 14 – Betsy Crowell, Emma Crowell,
Peggy McAloon
- October 21 - Ralph & Nancy Aceti, Barbara
Lussier
- October 28 - Dennis & Patti Goyette,
Jane B. Wilson

OCTOBER DEACONS

October 7	Bob Michel
October 14	Earl Springer
October 21	Luke Furey
October 28	Bob Waldo

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

The minister, officers and congregation of Dennis Union Church offer their sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Anne Springer, the mother of Earl Springer, who died on September 17, 2018. She was 101. A funeral mass will take place on September 29, in Maine, and a graveside service will be held the following week in Plympton, MA.

FAITH FAMILY MEAL

Our monthly service project (thanks to the Cape Cod Council of Churches) at the Faith Assembly Church of God, Bearses Way, Hyannis, is on **OCTOBER 5**. Yes, this is the day before the Apple Festival, but I am CONFIDENT we will acquire the necessary number of volunteers for this extremely worthy endeavor. TWO meals are served for the food-needy in Hyannis. One meal is served at 5:00 p.m., and the other at 5:45 p.m. Volunteers to help set up the dining area and to help Chef in the kitchen are at 3:00 p.m. If you can assist with the 3:00 p.m. tasks, or one of the meal seatings, please let Cindy know.

WE ARE THE MEN

We Are the Men is a male voice choir on Cape Cod. We have been rehearsing at Dennis Union Church on Saturday mornings for many months in preparation to perform in an international event with 800 other men at Royal Albert Hall in London. The concert is mid October, and We Are the Men is the only American group to be invited to the event. As a thank you to DUC for the use of rehearsal space, they will perform at DUC on November 18, at 4:00 p.m. in the afternoon. Proceeds will be donated to Dennis Union Church.

CHILDREN & YOUTH CALENDAR

APPLE Festival, October 6

Come to the festival with friends and family! I will have face painters and loads of crafts - mostly Halloween - for everyone to enjoy!

YOUTH OVERNIGHT, October 13

Once-a-month Overnights kicks off on Saturday, the 13th. Going forward, our Overnights are on the FIRST Saturday of each month. Begins at 6:00 pm.

TALENT SHOW and LUNCH, October 21, after worship til 12:30 p.m.

Our second annual Talent Show is on Sunday, the 21st. Some really fine **talents** have already signed up! Voice, instruments, magic, dance, etc. If you have something to offer, just let me know! Free Will offering.

HALLOWEEN PARTY! October 27 12:00-2:00pm

Pizza, crafts, games, and TREVOR the JUGGLER! Fun for all age children.



WELCOME – REV. NELSON MURPHY

Dennis Union Church is pleased to welcome Rev. Nelson Murphy as our Bridge Pastor to lead us forward as we continue our time of transition. Nelson and his family are not brand new to DUC. They have been summer worshippers for more than a dozen years.

Most recently Nelson served as the Interim Pastor of First & St. Stephens United Church of Christ in Baltimore, MD. Prior to that, he served as the Director of Investor Development for United Church Funds in New York City. He has also been an interim pastor in Mahwah, NJ and Harwich, MA. From 1992 – 2000 he was the Director of Information Technology for the National Council of Churches. Earlier in his career Nelson served as the pastor of Redeemer United Church of Christ in Sussex, WI. He was also the organizing pastor of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, a new church start in Rio Rancho, NM.

Nelson is a graduate of Hope College in Holland, Michigan and McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. He was ordained by the Southeast Association, Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ in 1973.

Nelson is married to Sandra. They have 3 adult children and 5 grandchildren. Nelson and Sandra will live in Brewster, where they have truly enjoyed their summer vacations.

HELP WANTED

We are looking for a few more people to help us videotape the weekly Sunday service. This is an important ministry for people that are unable to get to church. It's easy and fun! If you are interested, please speak to a Deacon.

HAVE SOME NEWS?

If you have any news you would like to have mentioned in the weekly e-newsletter, please contact Jane B. Wilson at media@duchurch.org.