



THE STEEPLE BELL

October - 2017

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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The church's stewardship campaign begins in earnest during the month of October and culminates with the presentation of our commitments on "Ingathering Sunday" – November 19th. The stewardship letter and pledge card will be mailed at the beginning of November. During the month of October, I hope you will prayerfully consider what your commitment to the church will be for the year ahead.

As a church, we have many things to celebrate. Our church is growing in a variety of ways. Our mission and ministry continue to grow. I celebrate the fact that in 2017 we voted to become an Open & Affirming Congregation. I also celebrate the fact that the decision has been made to switch to one service (10:00 A.M.) on Sunday mornings through the rest of the year. Though some have doubts, I think we will grow by having just one service.

One of the things we don't celebrate enough is our *generosity*. We are a very generous church thanks to the generosity of our church members. **Generosity changes everything.** The church's generous giving through the Missions Budget changes things for the variety of organizations we support. Our monthly targeted donations change things for the individuals who receive the items you donate: backpacks, cereal, beans, school supplies, pasta and pasta sauce, etc. Our annual auction made a big difference this year to the *Hands of Hope Food Pantry*. As a result of the successful auction and bazaar we donated \$5,000 to the pantry. Through the generosity of the church, I am able to offer emergency assistance to those folks who are truly in need.

During our October worship services we will hear from the representatives of some of the organizations that our growing generosity makes a difference to.

Our stewardship theme for this fall is *OUR JOURNEY TO GENEROSITY*. My prayer is that as individuals and as a church we will continue to grow in generosity and in our relationship to Jesus Christ. Generosity changes everything!

Blessings,
Terry



WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

Oct. 1 – **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

Reception of New Members

Sermon: Remember – Restore – Renew

Text: Exodus 12:1-14

Chancel Choir

Oct. 8 - Sermon: Talking A Good Game

Text: Matthew 21:23-32

DUC Men's Choir

Oct. 15 – Sermon: The Wedding Banquet

Text: Matthew 22:1-14

Bells

Oct. 22 – Sermon: God and Country – In That Order

Text: Matthew 22:15-22

Chancel Choir

Oct. 29 – **REFORMATION SUNDAY**

Sermon: Stand Up! Be Counted!

Text: TBD

Chancel Choir

Nov. 5 – **STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**

Sermon: Growing in Generosity

Chancel Choir

**Please remember that all worship services
are at 10:00 A.M. for the remainder of 2017**

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

TARGETED DONATIONS

In October we will collect healthy snacks for the *Dolphin Fund* D-Y High School. A surprising number of high school students are hungry, especially on the weekend when breakfast and lunch are not served at the high school. The Guidance Department has established the Dolphin Fund to offer needy students something to eat. Especially needed are: cereal bars, granola bars, fruit cups, pudding cups, apple sauce, crackers, ramen noodles, instant soup, etc. The Dolphin Fund also accepts DY-ECH gift cards for super markets and local fast food restaurants. Please keep all donations *nut-free*. Thank you for your continued generosity towards others. (**NOTE:** Originally we scheduled September for the month to support the Dolphin Fund. To allow us to respond generously to Hurricane Harvey, we moved The Dolphin Fund Collection to October.)

ADD YOUR VOICE TO ONE OF OUR CHOIRS

If you enjoy singing, we invite you to add your voice to one of our fine choirs.

The Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 P.M. and on Sunday mornings at 9:00 A.M.

Women's Song and the **DUC Singers** rehearse usually one Thursday each month at 5:00 P.M. and at 9:00 A.M. on the Sundays they are scheduled to sing.

Bell Choir rehearses weekly on Wednesdays at 5:15 P.M. and at 9:00 A.M. on the Sundays they are scheduled to ring.

Please speak with Maggie Bossi, Bette Anne Crowell, or Barbara Wells if you have questions.



FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER

- Oct. 1 Given by Paul and Barbara Gray
"In loving memory of our grandson,
Michael Grimm."
- Oct. 8 Given by Connie Bickford
"In loving memory of Arthur."
- Oct. 15 Given by Dick Powell
"In loving memory of Gayle Powell and
Dwight Calkins."
- Oct. 22 Given by Peter and Judy Berrien
"In loving memory of Edith and Edward
Derby, and Helen and Gordon Berrien."
- Oct. 29 Given by Peter and Elaine Simoneau
"In loving memory of our parents."

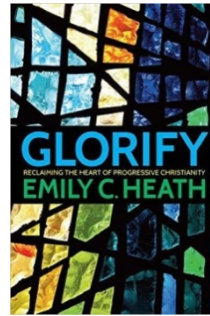
NEW MEMBERS

New members will be welcomed on the first Sunday of October. We anticipate having 8 new members. Please welcome our new members in the weeks ahead. The church continues to grow as we practice "radical hospitality." Please continue to greet others as you would like to be greeted.

CHURCH FINANCES

Many thanks to all who made pledges for the church's kitchen renovation. Please remember to pay your pledges so that we can repay our bank loan. We still owe the bank about \$10,000.

The Church pays \$20 per member as dues to the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ. Our bill is \$6,000. It would be helpful if you would send your membership dues (\$20) to the church. Please write "MACUCC" on the memo line.



BOOK DISCUSSION

I highly recommend Emily Heath's new book: GLORIFY – Reclaiming The Heart of Progressive Christianity. It is a great book for churches and a great book for individuals.

Emily Heath, a member of the U.C.C. Writers' Group, writes clearly about the foundation of the Gospel and about what God expects from us who would be followers of Jesus.

In November – probably on the first 3 Sundays of the month – at 11:30 A.M. we will have a discussion group based on the book. I urge you to purchase Glorify. It is available on Amazon in both paperback and Kindle editions. If you are serious about the church and your faith, this might be the most important discussion group you have participated in.

PARKING

- If you are able, please park a short distance from the church to allow those who have difficulty walking to park closer to the church.
- Please fill the Carlton Hall parking lot before parking along Old Bass River Road.



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

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

For those of you who remember Frank and Cara Watson, Cara called the church to let us know that Frank died peacefully at home on August 19. A service has not yet been planned. Frank and Cara were members of our church until they both lost their eyesight. They, then, had to find a church they could walk to.

2017 EDITION OF CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY IS COMPLETE!

We are happy, beyond words, to announce that our new 150th membership directory is finished and almost distributed. By the time you read this, we hope everyone has received their copy. Check with us on Sunday morning, or stop by the church office to get your copy. We hope this directory will help us be an even better church community by enabling us to know one another by name and to recognize the children and youth of our church. It is a good portrait of our life and ministry at 150! (It's particularly helpful for folks like us, who forget names.)

It will assist committees and boards in the church to do their work, like Nominating, Stewardship, Pastoral Search, and Welcome. What a great gift it will be for our next pastor when he or she is called. A copy will be given to new members joining the church in the future. An effort like this involves many talents and a ton of time and a lot of moving parts. Some folks who were particularly helpful with their generous leadership were:

Dawn Dinnan--graphic design and layout
Barbara Wells--proof reading, again and again
Ralph Aceti--processing/preparing photos
Gail Jamison--coordinator of phone committee
Sue Martin--website designer and director

All of the hosts and hostesses who greeted, recorded information, and kept the photography sessions moving along.

All our amateur photographers including Peter Berrien, Betsy Brink, Ralph Aceti, Cindy Fiscus, and others.

Our pastoral and administrative staff, Terry and Nancy, were so supportive and helpful, along with Dave, our sexton.

Thanks to you all, and do let us know if you would like to be part of the team for our next edition in 2023.

Incidentally, we have a limited number of copies in the office available for purchase at \$5, or from either of us. It was a joyful task we gladly did for our beloved church family.

-Karen and Cal Mutti

D-YECH SUPERMARKET GIFT CARDS

Have you tried our easy way to do your part in homelessness prevention? Using our gift cards helps to provide necessary funds to the Housing Assistance Corporation in their effort to minimize family homelessness. Five percent of card sales go directly to this much needed program. Cards can be purchased during our Fellowship Hour or in the church office. In addition to supermarket gift cards, we can order gift cards for many other stores.

Usher's Ministry

Oct. 1	Dewey & Ruth Lund, Elsa Erickson
Oct. 8	Carlene Brown, Howard & Judy Chesley
Oct. 15	Mike & Cheryl Cerbone, Betsy Crowell
Oct. 22	Alan & Darlene Fisk, Jane B. Wilson
Oct. 29	Peggy McAloon, Jan Gardner Midge Kuntz

USHERS

Are you willing to usher once every six weeks or so? Please contact one of the deacons or the church office to be added to our roster of ushers.

PASTORAL VISITS

Please call the church office if you would like our interim pastor to visit with you at home or if you would like to receive communion at home.

You can also request a conversation with the pastor at the church office.

Regular visits are made to nursing homes and the hospital. Please keep the church office informed about new admissions.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Doug & Elaine Hill	Oct. 4
Frank & Beverly Larson	Oct. 5
Carol Bohn & Robert Furman	Oct. 10
Terry & Marcia Martinson	Oct. 16
Lloyd & Ann Swaim	Oct. 18
Ralph & Judy Conrad	Oct. 22
Sue & Jack Martin	Oct. 23
Scott & Amy Vandersall	Oct. 29

COME TO OUR WEDDING!

Seth Crowell and Enid Guilmartin extend an open invitation to all of you to attend our wedding here at DUC on Saturday, October 28, at 2:00 p.m. A light reception will be held in the Lower Hall following the ceremony. Please no gifts! Your presence at our wedding is your present to us.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH SCHEDULE

October classes: A People on the Move! Moses, the Exodus, 10 Commandments.

I invite students of all ages to join us in class where we explore scripture, pray, and enjoy a variety of learning centers this month.

Apple Fest! I will have my usual huge array of Fall craft activities in the Lower Hall. As an added bonus, we will have the Girl Scouts arriving to do the face painting!

Halloween Party! Our annual costume party is on **October 21, at 12:00pm**. A pizza lunch, fruit, and baked goodies for everyone. MAD SCIENCE is returning to amaze us!

Please bring in a bag of diapers and/or baby wipes for our guests from Angel House.

Youth Fellowship Meeting on **October 15 begins at 5:00pm instead of 12:30pm**, this month. That is so we can go on our Scary Hayride at Tobey Farm after our meeting and a light dinner.

Talent Event Lunch and Fundraiser **October 29, 11:30.**

This lunch is both a fundraising event to support our own Linny Clancy as she travels to Costa Rica with classmates in 2018 and for our Mission Committee. The lunch is a bargain at \$5.00 per person and \$15.00 for families of three or more.

We are looking for talent of all sorts from our friends at DUC! Do you tell a good joke? Card tricks? Sing or play an instrument? Juggle? This is a light-hearted event for all ages and talent abilities. Thank you for your support of our youth and mission!

Looking ahead: members of the Youth Fellowship will be assisting in the YOUTH STREETREACH BREAKFAST event in Hyannis on **November 18**. Please bring in new socks, tee shirts, and underwear for men and women. This is a homeless outreach an awareness event where a hot breakfast, clothing, and fellowship are offered.



If you would like to receive the weekly blast, from our webmaster, about the Sunday service and what's going on in the church, please go to the first page of our website at: duchurch.org and click on the "sign up" in the right hand column. It will then ask for your name and e-mail address. Enter them. If it asks you whether you're a robot...definitely say no!

Nancy would be happy to do it for you, but they then send confirmation information to the e-mail address entered (yours). Since Nancy can't see what they send, she can't answer! Sign up and enjoy!!

CHURCH SIGNAGE

The Church Council discussed the church signage at their September meeting. The following has been proposed:

Step One: The current sign at the edge of the green on Route 6A will be replaced by a sign in the same location, using the same posts, and the same design – white sign with black lettering. Where the current sign reads "*All Are Welcome*," the new sign will read "*An Open & Affirming Congregation*." The only graphic will be the U.C.C. logo just as it appears on the current sign. This sign has the approval of the Town of Dennis and the Village Improvement Society, on whose property the sign is located.

Step Two: The current sign at the edge of the green on Route 6A will be moved to a location at

the top of the circular driveway on church property. It will be edited and will include the words "*An Open & Affirming Congregation*" with a small rainbow ribbon in place of the wording "*All Are Welcome*."

Relocating this sign to the top of the circular driveway will require new posts because it is slightly larger than the current sign that stands near the front entrance of the church.

If you have questions, concerns, or any input, please speak with the Moderator, John Schofield, or the Vice- Moderator, Connie Bickford prior to the November meeting of the Church Council, November 14, 2017.

CONCERT

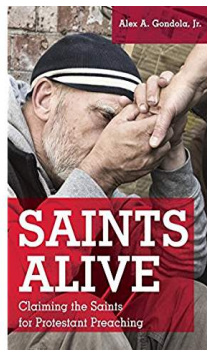
Although we are aware that personal conflicts may preclude your attendance, we want you to know that our daughter, Lisa, violinist, is giving a concert at the new Eastham Library on Samoset Rd., in Eastham, MA, on Thursday, October 19 at 4:00 p.m. She will be accompanied by pianist Adrienne Kim and cellist Tomoko Fujita, Admission is free.

-Noel & Elizabeth Tipton

NEW BOOK FROM ALEX GONDOLA

Over 20,000 visit the unincorporated farming community of Maria Stein, Ohio every year to visit the National Shrine of the Holy Relics, which displays around a thousand relics of Roman Catholic saints. Rev. Dr. Alex A. Gondola, Jr. would often visit this peaceful setting and, as he watched devotees come to honor these figures and pray, he realized he didn't quite "get it." Could there be spiritual enrichment for him, a Protestant, in a place like this?

Discover the answer for yourself in *Saints Alive: Claiming the Saints for Protestant Preaching*, sermons from a year Rev. Gondola devoted to preaching on one saint per month.



He offers this volume as a companion for pastors and group leaders prepared to take a deep dive into matters of faith, calling and the hope Christ offers the world through his humblest of servants, from St. Augustine to Mother Teresa.

Seasonal sermons include:

St. Patrick: "Christ in All Things" for Lent;
 Nicholas of Myra: "An Advent Saint" for Advent;
 You and I: "Called to Be Saints" for Year End/New Year's Day

Copies can be ordered from the publisher, CSS Publishing Company of Lima, Ohio at [1-800-537-1030](tel:1-800-537-1030), or from major booksellers like Barnes & Noble or amazon.com.

EVENTIDE PRESENTS!

Be sure to get tickets for Eventide's presentation of "The Waverly Gallery" by Kenneth Longergan. From the director and writer of "Manchester by the Sea" and the screen writer of "Analyze This,"

Gladys, the elderly matriarch of the Green family, has run an art gallery in a small Greenwich Village hotel for many years. The management wants to replace her less than thriving gallery with a coffee shop. Always irascible but now increasingly erratic, Gladys is a cause of concern to her daughter, her son-in-law and her grandson, from whose point of view this poignant memory play is told.

A wacky and heartrending look at the effect of aging on a family. The show runs from Oct. 12 through Nov. 5. **10% of The First Weekend Ticket Sales Will be Donated to Alzheimer's Family Support Center of Cape Cod.**

Go to www.eventidearts.org for more information.



APPLE FESTIVAL & QUILT SHOW!

Saturday, October 7th from 10-3

RAIN OR SHINE

Tell all your friends and neighbors!

Apples, Baked Goods, Dessert Café, Local Crafters on the Green, Quilt Show in Sanctuary, Children's Crafts and Face Painting.

FREE ADMISSION!

