



Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Serving Christ and Community since
1754 Third Parish Church;
1833 The Brick Church

The Reverend Amelia Edson



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*“Prayer, and justice, and faith;
what Jesus has joined together, let no one tear asunder.”*
-Rev. Dr. Barbara Lundblad

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*WELCOME AND THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRELUDE

“There is a Happy Land”

Traditional/
George Shearing

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: How sweet is the wisdom of God!

All: Let us meditate on God’s words, so that we may gain new understanding.

One: How sweet is the wisdom of God!

All: God’s commandments hold our feet from evil, they show the falsehood of the ways of the world.

One: How sweet is the wisdom of God!.

All: God’s law leads us in paths of righteousness.

One: How sweet is the wisdom of God!

All: Sweeter than honey to the taste!

One: Let us worship!

All: Amen.

*HYMN

“Marching to Zion”

No. 707

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

¹ Based on Psalm 119:97-104

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Gentle and holy God, we come here to worship You.

All: And yet we come knowing that we spend much of our time worshipping other things.

One: We are controlled by our anxiety, apathy, anger, and acquisitiveness.

All: We come and admit this to You, our neighbors, and ourselves.

One: In the sure knowledge that we were created for better things, and trusting that you are not done working within us.

All: Have mercy on us, forgive us, and help us to live differently.

One: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who overcomes all things, even death.

All: Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Let us remember: God has loved us, loves us now, and will love us always.

All: The mercy of God is endless, God's love is eternal.

One: Let us believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:31-34

(NRSV p. 696; RSV p.692[†])

Luke 18:1-8

(NRSV p. 70; RSV p.77[†])

THE SERMON

Pray without Ceasing

Rev. Edson

*HYMN

“What Does the Lord Require of You?”

No. 661

During this hymn, Ushers will collect prayer cards for the Pastoral Prayer.

THE OFFERTORY

“Amazing Grace”

Early American Melody/
John Coates, Jr.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessing flow:

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER DEDICATION

One: We offer these gifts to God

All: In the hope that we might be used to bring heaven ever closer to this earth. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts.

All: Christ is our peace, our light, and our hope.

One: Let us pray.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN "O Mary Don't You Weep"**

Well if I could I surely would
Stand on the rock where Moses stood
Pharaoh's army got drowned, O Mary don't you weep

Chorus:

O Mary don't you weep, don't mourn
O Mary don't you weep, don't mourn
Pharaoh's army got drowned,
O Mary don't you weep

Well Mary wore 3 links of chain,
On every link was Jesus' name
Pharaoh's army got drowned
O Mary don't you weep

Chorus:

O Mary don't you weep, don't mourn
O Mary don't weep, don't mourn
Pharaoh's army got drowned
O Mary don't weep

Well one of these nights 'bout 12 o'clock
This old world is gonna rock
Pharaoh's army got drowned
O Mary don't weep
Well Moses stood on the Red Sea shore
And smote' the water with a two by four
Pharaoh's army got drowned
O Mary don't weep

Chorus:

O Mary don't weep, don't mourn
O Mary don't weep, don't mourn
Pharaoh's army got drowned
O Mary don't weep

Well old Mr. Satan he got mad
Missed that soul that he thought he had
Pharaoh's army got drowned
O Mary don't you weep
Brothers and sisters, don't you cry
They'll be good times by and by
Pharaoh's army got drowned

Chorus:

O Mary don't weep
O Mary don't weep, don't mourn
O Mary don't weep, don't mourn
Pharaoh's army got drowned
O Mary don't weep
O Mary don't you weep, don't mourn
O Mary don't you weep, don't mourn
Pharaoh's army got drowned
O Mary don't you weep

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Go in Peace”**

No.445

POSTLUDE “When the Roll is Called Up Yonder”

Traditional/
Wilbur Held

* During the postlude, you may be seated to listen, or you may leave.

Throughout the order of worship, if print is in **bold**, words may be spoken in unison.

(*)Please rise in body or spirit.

† NRSV Bibles are on the pulpit side and the RSV Bibles are on the lectern side of the sanctuary.

Visiting Falmouth Congregational this morning? Please fill out a blue visitor card and put it in the offering plate so that we can send you a (personal, non-spam) welcome email!

*The chancel flowers are given in memory
of Catherine Stakel by her family.*

Worship Participants

Greeters: Louise & Jerry Caruso
Liturgist: Nancy Lightbody
Ushers: Nancy Lightbody, Pam Carroll, Judy Nilsen,
Lorraine Bergen
Bus Driver: Ann Sanborn

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE
IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

**John Graustein
Maureen Grubb
Ginny Hamilton
Ted Coffey & Family
Elvine & Marcello Kaluba**



**Mark Horton
Bee O'Brien
Myron Krueger
Maytha Southard
Helen Tupper-Southard**

Family & Friends of Nancy Snow

Please let the church office know if we have missed someone and please update us so that we may better pray for them. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We **welcome** you to worship and invite you to join us after the service in Fellowship Hall for refreshments. If you are visiting us today, please pick up a **Welcome Bag** in Fellowship Hall or in the Narthex and fill out a blue Welcome card.

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**Barista Training or Review:** We are looking for volunteers to serve as our barista during our monthly Coffee House. Training will be October 20<sup>th</sup> after Worship.

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Please join us at the **TWELFTH annual Harvest Community Supper!** This supper has become popular as a community get-together and a way to support the Falmouth Food Pantry, which provides food for almost 100,000 meals a year. The **FREE** delicious roast turkey supper with all the fixings will be held in Beinema Hall on October 24, between 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. FMI: Please contact Nancy Lightbody at 781-4670. Thank you!

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**Holly Days Fair: It's never too early to think about our Annual Holly Days Fair! This year's Holly Days Fair will be held on Saturday, November 23.** We hope everyone will be a part of this important and FUN event. Feel free to contact us with your ideas and any questions:

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Have a good joke, theological question, or just low on caffeine? Drop by for **Coffee with the Pastor**, every **second and fourth Tuesday from 12:30-2:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall. Next Coffee with the Pastor will be October 22.

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**FCC BUS DRIVERS Please call if you need to cancel your ride. Thank you.**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Jack Davis, 233-1707 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Paul Davis, 332-7268 | 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Phil Pierce, 781-3769 | 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Ann Sanborn, 318-6906 | 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Mark Horton, 838-1544

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The Falmouth Food Pantry is open on the following days in October:

Mondays,	October 28:	9:00 - 11:00 AM,
Tuesdays,	October 29:	9:30 - 11:30 AM
Thursdays,	October 31:	4:30 - 6:30 PM

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**Nursery News:** We are excited to announce that the Personnel Committee has hired a Nursery Care Provider named Elena Parr. She will be a great addition to our church staff and church family. **We need volunteers to become on-call nursery helpers.** This means that you can stay in church unless there are too many children for Elena to handle or if there is a special need. You can sign up on the volunteer sheet on the CE bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.



# Holly Days Fair Notes

*Holly Days Fair planning is well underway  
Here's the latest news and updates along with ways  
everyone can be a part of this fun and important annual fundraiser.*

## INTRODUCING THE HOLLY DAYS FAIR TABLE

Please stop by the Holly Days Fair table in Fellowship Hall after worship each week between now and fair day. There, you will find:



- Sign-up Sheets for the Cookie Walk, Baked Goods and Sweet Tables.
- Easy Recipes to make for the Sweets Table.
- A box to safely donate items for the Jewelry Table.
- Fabric, patterns and instructions to make baby items for the Handcrafts Table
- And more!

## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

(In Beinema Hall)

All are welcome! No experience necessary!

- Monday, November 4, 1pm, **Handcrafts Quilt Tie-Off and Ornament Making** - Supplies and instructions will be provided! Come for fun and fellowship.
- Sunday, November 17, 2pm to 4pm, **Wreath Decorating** - Bring willing hands (and wire cutters if you have them). Everything else is provided. Come enjoy the scent of the boughs!

## YOUR DONATIONS ARE NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!



See the reverse side of this insert to learn more! PLEASE clearly label all donations. \*\*\*Drop off donated items in the choir hallway until November 3 after which items can be left on the Beinema Hall stage.\*\*\* THANK YOU!





**PLEASE CONSIDER WHAT YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE!**



**WHITE ELEPHANT:** Consider this booth as you begin fall clean-out of cabinets and closets throughout your home. Items must be clean, in good working condition and lightly used. Of special interest are kids' toys and games. Please tag and label items: "Ruth - White Elephant". Please text or call Ruth Smith at 239-0482 with questions.

**THE BOOK NOOK:** Drop off your donations of books and puzzles. (No reference or text books, please). Or, contact Jim Smith at 899-2146 to arrange for pick-up.

**SWEETS:** A sign-up and easy-to-make recipes will be available on the Holly Days Fair Table in Fellowship Hall on October 20. Contact Kathleen Henderson at 878-3384 or [wkhend10@maine.rr.com](mailto:wkhend10@maine.rr.com) to learn more or to help sell these sweets at the fair.

**JAMS, JELLIES, PICKLES and MIXES:** Please can and/or package a few of these from your fall kitchens. All soup and baking mixes should also include a list of ingredients.

**JEWELRY:** Do you have any jewelry that you no longer need or wear? The jewelry table is in great need of your donations and appreciates receiving them as soon as possible for sorting and pricing purposes. Please call Edie Boothby (797-8054) or Kristen Boothby Toronto (917-340-0876) for pick-up or drop-off of your items.

**BOUTIQUE FASHIONS:** Needs are for "like new" accessory items like scarves, shawls, purses, clutches, wallets, belts, hats, and other similar pieces. Also, consider contributing signature pieces of clothing like jackets, vests, and sweaters. Questions about an item? Contact Mollie Mason at 847-0649 or [mollieomason@gmail.com](mailto:mollieomason@gmail.com).

**VINTAGE TREASURES and COLLECTIBLES:** Your up-scale, carefully-used antique, heirloom, or nostalgic quality items are needed like depression glass, unique pottery, Maine memorabilia, 'old' books, decorative dishes, vases, linens or similar items. Contact Eunice Wilcox at 878-8134 or [eunice.w75@gmail.com](mailto:eunice.w75@gmail.com) to arrange details!

**SILENT AUCTION:** Consider donating one of many popular items including: themed baskets, concert tickets, property use donations, boat rides, catered dinners, themed teas, museum tickets, or, offer a service and skill of your own. Contact Kathy Whitmore at 274-0146 or [kathyilzwhitmore@gmail.com](mailto:kathyilzwhitmore@gmail.com) with your ideas.

**THE HANDCRAFTS TABLE:** We need your knitted and sewn items. Hats, mittens, and sweaters are always in demand. Quilted items, crocheted and woven pieces are popular, too. Attend our upcoming workshop to work on your project or help with those provided. Share new craft ideas or questions with Judy Crosby at [judyjcrosby@gmail.com](mailto:judyjcrosby@gmail.com).

# THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

## **Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 AM Choir Practice
- 10:00 AM Worship Service
- 11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship
- 11:30 AM Barista Training
- 4:00 PM Youth Group Activity at Foreside Comm. Church

## **Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

- 6:00 PM Personnel Committee Meeting
- 7:00 PM Fiddle-icious Rehearsal

## **Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- 10:00 AM Bible Study at Ocean View
- 11:30 AM Staff Meeting (Grant Room)
- 12:30 PM Coffee with the Pastor

## **Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- 11:00 AM Mason-Motz Open House
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**

- 4:30 PM Community Supper

## **Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 AM Choir Practice
- 10:00 AM Worship Service
- 11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship
- 11:30 AM Ministry of Education Meeting
- 2:00 PM Family Halloween Event & Trunk or Treat

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October Sermon Series: Powerful Mirrors** October 13- October 27  
“Seeing ourselves and our world in the Parables of Luke”  
Come find new life in these ancient stories, Sundays at 10 AM

**Community Supper:** October 24, 4:30- 7:00 PM  
in Beinema Hall. This free event supports the food pantry.

**Mason-Motz 55+ Senior Activity Center OPEN HOUSE:** October 23  
The **FCC bus** will leave the church at 11 a.m. and return at 2:30 p.m. You can bring or buy lunch. A food truck will be outside of the center at 11:30 a.m. **Please see Carol Kauffman or call her at 781-4140 or email her at [bearlover12@maine.rr.com](mailto:bearlover12@maine.rr.com) by Sunday October 20.**

**Trunk or Treat!:** October 27, 2:00- 4:00 PM  
Co-sponsored by the Davinci Camp



**Family Promise Host Week:** October 27- November 3

**Family Promise Training Sessions:**

Sunday, **October 27**, 9:30am- 12:30 PM:

Congregation Bet Ha'am, 81 Westbrook Street, South Portland

Thursday, **November 21**, 5:30- 8:30 PM:

First Congregational Church, 301 Cottage Road, South Portland.

## **Church Office Hours**

**Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Closed on Friday**

**Church Phone: 207.781.3413**

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### **Next Sunday's Lectionary**

Joel 2:23-32; Psalms 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14