



Falmouth Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Our Gifting God

Recognizing the gifts we have,
and sharing them

Falmouth Congregational Church,
November 17th & 24th

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

The Reverend Amelia Edson



Serve each other according to the gift each person has received, as good managers of God's diverse gifts. 1 Peter 4:10

Dear church,

Over the past half year as your pastor I have been struck by the ways this congregation provides a beating heart for our community, bringing God's love into our lives and then out into the world, and bringing us closer to each other and our neighbors.

When I look towards 2020 I am so excited for all that we can do together. In 2019 we saw new members join and a new pastor get Installed. We continued our commitment to service, participating in the Family Promise Program four times and housing an asylum-seeking family for three months. We expanded our Children's Programming, reinvesting in our combined Youth Group and hiring a Nursery Care provider for our youngest Christians. We expanded our bus route to include Ashton Gardens, so that more of our community can come to church. This is all since June!

Here at Falmouth Congregational we all pitch in and help as we can, and so we are "lean and mean," doing a lot with a little. Still, it costs real money to do good ministry, and how much you give will directly impact what we can do. I am asking you to give generously to your church, in the hope and confidence that God will continue to work through this church for many years.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Amelia





THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“There is no justice in love, no proportion in it, and there need not be, because in any specific instance it is only a glimpse or parable of an embracing, incomprehensible reality.” – Marilynne Robinson

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

“Largo”

G. F. Handel

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 145:1-5)

One: Let us extol our God and King.

All: We will bless God’s name forever!

One: Every day we will bless the Lord, and praise the Name forever and ever.

All: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised

One: God’s goodness is unsearchable.

All: One generation shall laud God’s works to another, and shall declare God’s mighty acts.

One: On the glorious splendor of God’s majesty, and on God’s wondrous works, let us meditate.

All: Amen.

*HYMN

“Holy Ground”

No. 112

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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

Job 19:23-27

(NRSV p. 431; RSV p.454[†])

Luke 20:27-38

(NRSV p. 73; RSV p.80[†])

THE SERMON

Glory to God

Rev. Edson

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

***HYMN**

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

No. 233

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

THE OFFERTORY & STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Rodney Coleman

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

William L. Dawson

***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

“How Great Thou Art”

No. 33

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Go in Peace”

No.445

POSTLUDE

“Echo”

J. S. Bach

*** 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!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

***Greeters:** Rae Pierce, Virginia Eddy
Randy Boardway*

***Liturgist:** Ann Sanborn*

***Ushers:** Paul Davis, Steve Hendry
Mark & Peggy Horton*

***Bus Driver:** Ann Sanborn*

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

**Leon Kauffman
Jo Blinick
John Graustein
Maureen Grubb
Ginny Hamilton
Ted Coffey
Mark Horton**



**James Klenk
Rev. Beinema
Barbara Wood
Bee O'Brien
Myron Krueger
Maytha Southard
Helen Tupper-Southard
Joan Bamel**

Family & Friends of Nancy Snow

Family & Friends of Nancy Ayers, who passed into eternal rest October 27th

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.

The chancel flowers are given by Phoebe Horne in loving memory of her parents, Deborah and Robert F. Eddy, and brothers, Robert F. Eddy Jr. and Jesse P. Eddy IV.

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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**The Christian Education Ministry will be hosting a Kid's Corner** at the church fair this year on November 23 from 10-12. We will be making gingerbread houses with the kids. If you have any unwanted Halloween candy lying around, please donate it to the kid's corner! You can drop it off in the Christian Education Office.

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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. **Upcoming Coffee with the Pastor will be November 12th and 26th, and December 10th**

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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 November:

Mondays,	November 18:	9:00 - 11:00 AM,
Tuesdays,	November 12, 19, 26:	9:30 - 11:30 AM
Thursdays,	November 14, 21:	4:30 - 6:30 PM

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**Nursery News:** The Children's ministry and Elena Parr are still in need of volunteers to become "on-call" nursery helpers. Please sign up on the volunteer sheet on the CE bulletin board in Fellowship Hall, or if there is a special need.

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Upcoming Family Promise Training: Thursday, November 21, 5:30- 8:30 PM:
First Congregational Church, 301 Cottage Road, South Portland.

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**Chancel Flowers:** The cost of altar flowers from Skillins has increased from \$38 to \$45.

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Advent Group: Christian Meditation. Monday Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 5:30- 6:00 PM:

In the busy Advent Season, take a moment to pause and reconnect through the Christian Meditative practice of Centering Prayer. Centering prayer is a gentle practice of silent, spacious communion with God. Grounded in Western Christian monastic practices, Centering Prayer encourages us to spend quiet, meditative time with our ever-present God.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, November 10th Remembrance Sunday

Congregator Deadline

- 9:00 AM Choir Practice
- 10:00 AM Worship Service
- 11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship
- 11:30 AM Council of Ministries Meeting

Tuesday, November 12th

Veteran's Day- Office Closed

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- 9:30 AM Food Pantry Open
- 10:00 AM Bible Study at Ocean View
- 11:30 AM Staff Meeting (Grant Room)
- 12:30 PM Coffee with the Pastor
- 6:30 PM Cub Scouts Meeting

Wednesday, November 13th

- 6:30 PM Bell Choir
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 14th

- 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 4:30 PM Food Pantry Open
- 6:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Sunday, November 17th

- 9:00 AM Choir Practice
- 10:00 AM Worship Service
- 11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship
- 2:00 PM Wreath Decorating



Next Sunday's Lectionary

Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalms 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

Church Office Hours

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

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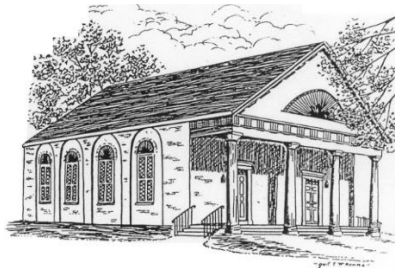
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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

November 10, 2019

2018

George Sanborn
November 19

Judith Currier
December 22

2019

Arthur Wescott
January 1

Fritz Hessemer
March 18

Virginia Mushrow
June 25

Carol Wood
January 6

Florence McCann
April 6

Ottavia Corey
August 7

Ruth Wallis
January 19

Adelaide Scheuchzer
April 9

George Crockett
August 17

Nancy Wilcox
January 22

Missy Gage
May 7

Donald Packard
August 29

George Wallis
March 1

Florence Wescott
May 22

Marjorie M. Davis
August 30

Jane Natalie Barton
March 2

Robbie Coleman
June 6

Nancy Snow
September 25

Laurie Marin
March 2

Norma Dyer
June 23

Nancy Ayers
October 27