



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

"I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare..... If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditure excludes them. - C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

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**"Crowded Table"**

Kristen Coleman,
Jessica Collins

***CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

One: Let us gather in the promises of our faith.

All: We come to participate in Christ's transformation.

One: We know that God is working in our lives and this world.

All: We come to join in.

One: We have received blessing upon blessing, and grace upon grace

All: We come to share those blessings.

One: We know that we are called to serve others.

All: We come to practice, celebrate, and strengthen our faith.

One: Let us worship God!

All: Amen.

HYMN*"You Are A Part of the Family"**

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

¹ Call to Worship inspired by 1 Peter 4:10

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

With help from the Church School Children

Proverbs 11:15

(NRSV p. 556; RSV p.567[†])

1 Peter 4:10 (*Olivia Henderson*)

(NRSV p. 207; RSV p.218[†])

THE SERMON

Why We Give

Rev. Edson

*HYMN

"A Million Dreams"

Kid's Choir

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

With help from the Church School Children

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

"The Lord's Prayer"

No. 307

THE FEAST OF COMMUNION

PREFACE

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to our God.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

RETELLING THE STORY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP *With help from the Church School Children*

Gluten free bread and cup available in front of the Chancel.

If you would like communion brought to you, please notify an usher.

THE OFFERTORY & STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" John H. Hopkins 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

CLOSING HYMN "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

No. 422

*BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Go in Peace"**

No.445

POSTLUDE "How Firm a Foundation"

Trad. Melody/
Carolyn Hamlin

*** 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

*Communion Servers: Larry Parry, Judy Crosby,
Nancy Lightbody & Eunice Wilcox*
Greeters: Mary Hart
Liturgist: Nancy Lightbody & Church School
*Ushers: John Boothby, Tyler Henderson
Chan & Kathie Sinnett*
Bus Driver: Jack Davis

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

**Jo Blinick
John Graustein
Maureen Grubb
Ginny Hamilton
Ted Coffey & Family
Mark Horton**



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

**Family & Friends of Nancy Snow
Family & Friends Nancy Ayers, 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 the Stegemann, Hessemer & Page families in memory of **Betty Hessemer**
And by Barbara Wood in memory of her husband,
Albert Lewis Wood and Son, Roger Paul Wood
And by Alan Doughty in honor of **Jessica Collins' birthday** on
November 4th*

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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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. **November Coffee with the Pastor will be November 5 and 19<sup>th</sup>**.

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

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

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

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| Mondays,   | November 4, 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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**Women's Spiritual Book Group** will meet this Wednesday at noon in the parlor to discuss the book, White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo.

**Upcoming Family Promise Training Sessions:**

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

**First Congregational Church, 301 Cottage Road, South Portland.**



**Next Sunday's Lectionary**

Haggai 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalms 145:1-5, 17-21  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

# THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

## **Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> Stewardship Kickoff**

- 9:00 AM Choir Practice
- 10:00 AM Worship Service with All-Age Communion
- 11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship
- 7:00 PM Scout Committee Meeting

## **Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open
- 6:00 PM Fiddle-icious Steering Committee Meeting
- 7:00 PM Worship & Covenant Committee Meeting
- 7:00 PM Fiddle-icious Rehearsal

## **Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

## **Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

- 12:00 PM Women's Spiritual Book Group
- 6:30 PM Bell Choir
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30 AM Ecumenical Clergy Meeting
- 6:30 PM Ministry of Missions Meeting
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Meeting

## **Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:30 PM Coffee House with Carolyn Currie

## **Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

- Scout Fall Clean-Up Day

## **Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 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

## **Church Office Hours**

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

**Church Phone: 207.781.3413**

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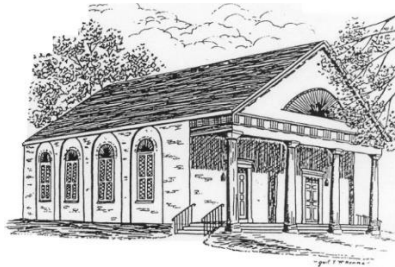
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# Poinsettias for Christmas Services Order

Please fill out the form below to place your order. Additional forms can be found in the church office and in Fellowship Hall.

**The deadline for inclusion in the Christmas bulletin listings is December 2.**  
Please mail or drop off your order to the church office or place in the offering plate.

**Please make your check payable to: Falmouth Congregational Church UCC and designate "poinsettias" in the memo line. Thank you!**

4" Small pot (s) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$6.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

6" Large pot (s) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$12.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount paid = \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

## Your Listing for the Bulletin

(please circle in honor or memory)

In honor/memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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From: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- I will pick up my poinsettia (s)
- Please deliver my poinsettia (s) to a shut-in