



Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

267 Falmouth Road

Falmouth, Maine 04105

207.781.3413

Leadership has many challenges, some of which come from those whom we seek to serve. "One can acquire everything in solitude - except character."

- Marie Henri Beyle (1783-1842)



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

Reverend Michael H. Richards
Pastor and Teacher

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH**HONORING OUR CALL TO BE PEACEMAKERS*****Passing the Peace of Christ**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

(As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, we invite you to turn and greet those around you sharing the peace of Christ saying: "The Peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you.")

PRELUDE

"The Clarion Call"

By Smith

BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Be confident; hold your heads up high!

All: God's glorious presence is with us.

One: Be confident; rejoice in solidarity!

All: God's Word will strengthen us.

One: Be confident; face the unknown future!

All: God is present for us, in time and beyond.

One: Be confident; be ready for action!

All: God has entrusted us to do God's work.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

No 16

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: A baby opens her eyes to the world for the first time,

All: and we open our hearts to our loving God in worship.

One: butterfly opens its wings in the sunshine for the first time,

All: and we open ourselves to see God's creation in a whole new light.

One: A young child goes through the school gates for the first time,

All: and we open ourselves to looking at Jesus in completely new ways.

One: A newly qualified nurse finds herself on the hospital ward for the first time,

All: and we open ourselves to serving as disciples of Jesus with an enthusiasm we had never imagined. Amen.

PRAYER OF DISCIPLESHIP (CONFESSION)

One: Jesus called His disciples to follow wholeheartedly.

All: We are reluctant to give our Christian discipleship priority in our lives.

One: Some of the disciples saw Jesus only as a prophet or holy man.

All: We often shape the person of Jesus into our image of Him.

One: Jesus entrusted the disciples with exactly the same healing and evil-facing work He carried out.

All: We will find that this same work awaits us today.

One: When the pressure was on in Jerusalem, at the trial and crucifixion of Jesus, the disciples were nowhere to be seen.

All: We tend to back off and to go in the other direction when our faithful words or actions come under attack.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

One: These can be moments to shape us as followers; these can be moments of fresh insight; these can be moments of determination; these can be the moments when peace breaks through.

All: If we seize the moment, O God, we will experience Your pardon and follow the discipleship way – the Way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson **2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10**

(NRSV p.259 ; RSV p.273[†])

One: This is the Word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

New Testament Lesson **Mark 6:1- 13**

(NRSV p.35 ; RSV p.38[†])

One: This is the Word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“Ostracizing the ‘Other’”

Pastor Michael

***HYMN**

“Lead Me, Lord” sing twice

No. 593

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Invitation

The Offertory

“Special Music”

Bob Stakel, Soloist

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE
IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Maureen Grubb
Robbie Coleman
Jo Blinick
Ryan Barton
George Sanborn
Bee O'Brien



Maytha Southard
Kerry Golding
Cole Eddy (Virginia
Eddy's brother)
Fowler Low

*Please let the church office know if we have missed someone or
if any information changes. Thank you!*

We **welcome** you to worship and invite you to join us after the service in Fellowship Hall for coffee and fellowship. If you are visiting us today, please pick up a **Welcome Bag** in Fellowship Hall or in the Narthex. We encourage you to sign the guest book.

Hospitality Table: There will not be a hospitality table after services during July and August. We will resume in September. Meanwhile, the members of the Ministry of Community Life want to thank everyone who has baked for the coffee fellowship

Coffee House ~ July 13 Faith Varney and Quintet: JOIN US! for some, old time, 40's to 60's and turn of the 19th century and early 20th century music. Bring your friends and neighbors for a relaxing family friendly evening out. Enjoy a cup of hot coffee, tea or hot chocolate. All are welcome. Free Will donations accepted. FMI: 781-3413 or falmouthcongregationalchurch.org

Holly Days Fair is our biggest fund raiser and we need YOU! There are lots of opportunities to join the effort with jobs to fit all interests, talents and varying time commitments. Come join the fun!

Kathie Sinnett/Coordinator of Volunteers

kathie.sinnett@gmail.com

Sarah Davis/Coordinator of Logistics

sadavis40@gmail.com

Cathy Bowden/Coordinator of Communication

cathybbowden@gmail.com

Church Mini-Bus Drivers Needed! We are looking for volunteer drivers, over the age of 25, with good driving records who would be willing to operate the bus on church excursions. *The Church Council will need your full name, date of birth and driver's license number in order to add you to the insurance policy.* Please contact Marilee Pillsbury at: bigmarilee@yahoo.com or the Church office with any questions or to volunteer.

Falmouth Food Pantry will be open on the following days in July: Mondays, July 2 and 16 from 9 AM until 11 AM; Tuesdays, July 10, 17 and 24 from 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM; and Thursdays, July 12, 19 and 26 from 4:30 PM until 6:30 PM.



Church *SUMMER* Office Hours

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

Church Phone: 207.781.3413

Visit our Web site: www.falmouthcongregationalchurch.org

Church Office e-mail: fccdesk@maine.rr.com

Pastor Michael Richards

Minister

pastormichaelfcc@maine.rr.com

Doris Krueger

Minister of Music

dnkrueger@gmail.com

Mark Horton

Moderator

horton04105@yahoo.com

Kristen Coleman

Christian Education Administrator

fccchristianeducation@maine.rr.com

Matthew Strobel

Sexton

mstrobel66@yahoo.com

Marilee Pillsbury

Vice Moderator

bigmarilee@yahoo.com

Jess Dickson

Office Manager

fccofficemanager@falmouthcongregationalchurch.org

This Week's Schedule

Sunday July 8

10:00 AM Worship Service

11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship

Wednesday July 11

6:30 PM Pastoral Search Committee (Grant Room)

Friday, July 13

6:30 PM Coffee House Presenting: "Faith Varney & Quintet"

Sunday July 15

10:00 AM Worship Service

11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship