

# THE CONGREGATOR

*"I have decided to stick with love, hate is too great a burden to bear."  
- MLK Jr.*



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## *A Letter From The Pastor*

BY THE REVEREND AMELIA EDSON

Dear Falmouth Congregational Church,

Spring is coming.  
Hope is coming.  
Easter is coming.

That's the promise of Lent: that violence and hate will give way to love, justice, and peace for all.



But spring isn't here yet. God's new world isn't here yet. Easter isn't here yet.

And so, in the 40 days of Lent, we will get ready. We will return to our God, our spiritual practices, and our true selves. We will bless the mess we have made of the world. We will confess what we have done, and what we have left undone.

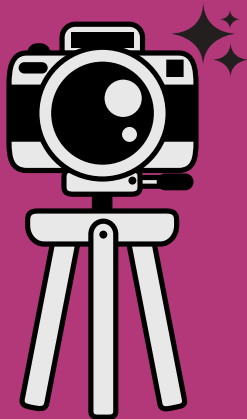
We will soak ourselves, like bags of tea, in God's love and grace. We will submerge ourselves in God's vision for our hearts and our world. We will ready our hearts for the world that is coming. A world full of love, hope, justice, and peace.

Join us, as we count down the days together, preparing for the good news of Easter to break in upon the world.

# [Easter] is on the way

Let's steep in God's love, and get ready.

- Ash Wednesday: 2/17, 5:30 PM
- Spiritual Practices "Tea Time":  
2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/25, 3 PM
- Maundy Thursday Service 4/1, 5:30 PM
- Good Friday Service 4/ 2, 6:00 PM
- Easter Service 3/ 4, 10 AM



**Do you miss seeing your FCC community? We Do!!!  
Please help us stay connected by sending a photo of  
yourself which will be shared during the virtual church  
service.**

**We are asking all that are comfortable to send our  
church a casual photo of yourself individually and or  
your family. These photos will be displayed with your  
first name as part of our virtual church broadcast.  
Seeing each other's familiar faces once again will bring  
us all joy.**

**Please send your photo(s) with your name via email to  
Laura Rosenberg at  
[fcc.ucc.desk@falmouthcongregationalchurch.org](mailto:fcc.ucc.desk@falmouthcongregationalchurch.org). Or if  
you are unable to take a photo or send it please  
contact Tom Stegemann at 207-838-5357 who will gladly  
come take your photo from a Covid-safe distance.**

**I look forward to seeing your smiling faces,  
Tom Stegemann**



WEEK OF  
PRACTICE  
Place a little bit  
time you enter  
heart on you  
beloved!"





# MINISTRY OF *missions*

*We continue to be  
"5 for 5"!*

## *Falmouth Food Pantry:*

**What does Arnold Schwarzenegger say before eating pasta?**

Pasta la vista, Baby

**Where did the spaghetti go to dance?**

The meat ball

**What is the dress code at a pasta convention?**

BOW TIE

PASTA than a speeding bullet, our church will be collecting different kinds of pasta during the months of January and February. The pastabilities are endless!

If you would like, please put boxes of pasta into the collection bin outside Fellowship Hall, and the pasta will be given to very grateful Food Pantry families. We are not IMPASTAS, and we all know that our congregation is pasta-tively amazing, so let's try it!

With the cold weather and winter storms, the Falmouth Food Pantry has moved to an entirely doorstep delivery distribution system. Boxes of food are being packed at the Pantry and delivered by volunteers to all area families. If you have questions or know someone with an urgent need, please call Nancy Lightbody at 781-4670. Thank you for your continuing strong support.



### Pastor's Discretionary Fund

If you or someone you know has a financial need, please contact the Church office. There is limited funding in this account for just such a purpose.

The Ministry of Missions has set a goal of our being a "5 for 5 Church." This means that our congregation stands with many other Maine churches as a true advocate of selected national and worldwide United Church of Christ missions. Because our church has been able to contribute to all four special mission offerings in the UCC (One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen the Church, Neighbors in Need, and The Christmas Fund) and also gives to Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support, we are a 5 for 5 church. Many thanks to the generous contributors who have continued to make this possible even during this very different and difficult time!



# MINISTRY OF *community life*



Dear Sally and all in the prayer shawl ministry, I am wearing your beautiful prayer shawl and receive it with a grateful heart for your outreach. The work you are doing makes a difference and I feel blessed to be a recipient of your work and talents. Through your hands and hearts I have the energy to be well, warm, comforted, and loved and to share those wishes with others. Thank you!

## Prayer Shawl Ministries

For Christmas a friend brought me a gift of a soon to be beautiful apple blossom amaryllis. Watching the bulb grow reminds me of the bulbs which will soon be sprouting their beauty in my garden again.

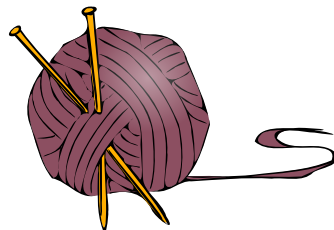
Hoping your New Year has gotten off to a great start, while we anticipate the vaccine will arrest the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

The month of February has special celebrations to help keep out spirits stay positive such as - Groundhog Day, Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day, President's Day, Mardi Gras, and Ash Wednesday.

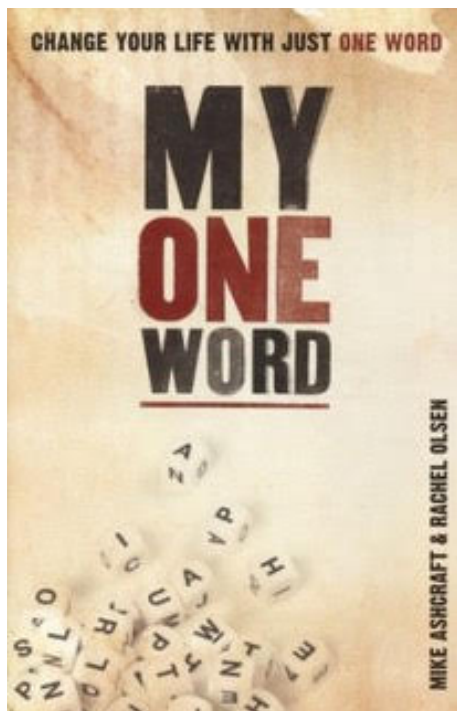
Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has recently taken on a new life. The basket containing all the Shawls is empty thanks to the special efforts of Jane Stegemann and her Visitation Outreach. Looking forward to knitters realizing the plea for newly knitted shawls.

The weather is still wintery and it helps to have a knitting project to keep us warm while realizing the warmth and caring spirit that will be felt by the ones who receive these shawls.

I'll close for now by reminding everyone to stay safe and healthy as we enjoy new beginnings for ourselves and our country. Happy Knitting. Judy Nilsen



Many thanks for the beautiful prayer shawl. It is so warm and comforting. Just what I needed. God, does indeed send angels and Judy is mine. Thanks Again. p.s. I know how Linus feels now.



## Women's Spiritual Book Group

On Wednesday, February 3rd at noon, the Women's Spiritual Book Group will meet virtually to discuss 'My One Word' by Mike Ashcraft and Rachel Olsen. This book encourages a deeper dive into Pastor Amelia's January sermon series where we have been challenged to choose a word through which God will guide our growth in the year ahead.



# MINISTRY OF

## *Christian education*

BY KRISTEN COLEMAN

Kid's Church will continue in its new form! We will meet for 2 hours on Sundays from 10:00-12:00. Our general Kid's Church outline is as follows:

10:00-10:30 Lesson

10:30-11:00 Craft

11:00-11:30 Outdoor time (weather permitting) and snack time

11:30-12:00 Game and clean up

This January in our Liturgical Calendar Unit, we focused on Epiphany. The children learned about why the Magi were so important to the Christmas story and about the baptism of Jesus. We created gifts for the baby Jesus, made stain glass guiding stars, created felt art, and went on a scavenger hunt. In the month of February, we will be focusing on the season of lent.



## *February Coffee House*

Carolyn Currie

Friday, February

12th, 6:30 PM



Originally from New England, Carolyn has been performing and songwriting her whole life. After moving back to the states from England, Carolyn began writing her own style of poetic, haunting music. She released her first CD, *No Heroes*, in 1995. After winning various awards for her first album she released her second album, *Standing Stones*, in 1998. She has gone on to produce two more albums. Her sound has a mix of bluegrass and celtic charm. "Carolyn Currie is a revelation. She sings as if she is the lead vocalist of a heavenly choir— soft and sweet, yet haunting and magical. Hers is music that not only soothes the senses, but is not afraid to move you and make you think."

(<http://carolyncurrie.com/bio>)

# How to Watch Live Worship on your TV



There are three easy ways to watch the service on your TV

If you own a SMART TV, then you can use the Youtube app already embedded into your television! You may already have a SMART TV, and you don't even realize it!



If you don't own a SMART TV, that's fine! You can use a small ROKU device (Pictured below) to access the Youtube app as well! If you don't already own a ROKU device, they are extremely cheap, starting at \$25, (Roku remote is included).



## **If you own (or Purchase) a Roku:**

The setup for a ROKU is also very simple. Two cords will be provided with the package. One of these cords is an AC Adapter cord (Power cord) which you plug directly into a wall outlet. The other of these two cords is an HDMI cord, which you plug directly in the back of your television screen. Modern televisions all have HDMI ports, but if you have an older TV screen, make sure to check to make sure you have one.



## **After hooking up your Roku:**

Make sure your TV input is set to whatever HDMI port you are plugged in to, (your television should automatically open the Roku menu once your device is set up.) The only step left in setting yourself up is connecting to your WIFI using the included Roku remote. Once you are connected, Youtube is automatically installed on all Roku devices. Navigate towards Youtube in the Roku menu using the Roku remote, open Youtube, search, "Falmouth Congregational Church" and you will be able to watch and videos and broadcasts published by the church on the FCC Youtube channel.

*YOU CAN  
ALSO CALL  
AND LISTEN  
TO WORSHIP*

For people who do not have smart phones or can't connect to the internet, you can dial (925)-205-6099 at 10 AM on Sunday and listen to the entirety of worship.



# CHURCH family news

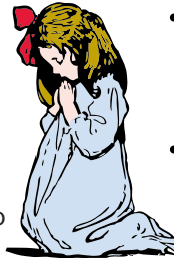
## February Birthdays

1. Brittany Winslow
2. Joan Ashley
2. Ken Fasulo
8. Carl Thompson
12. Josh Allen
13. Aidan Hendry
14. Jen Morganstern
17. Norm O'Brien
19. Kaye Low-Smith
19. Kirsten Mazur
21. Kathy Whitmore
23. Chris Allen
24. Kiernan Riley
28. Mary Hart



## *We Lift in Prayer...*

- Please pray comfortingly as Felicia Garant's mother went into her eternal rest on January 13th. Please send cards to: 141 Brook Road Falmouth. Me 04105
- Please pray comfortingly for Virginia Eddy, her wife, Jennifer and Virginia's brother, Cole as their mother, Joan Bamel, went to her eternal rest on Dec. 23rd. Please send cards to: 122 Middle Road Cumberland, Maine 04021
- Please pray for Rae and Phil Pierce's daughter, Jennifer, is now having a slower recovery from COVID.
- Please pray for Joan Jensen who had a house fire on Tuesday, Dec. 29th.
- Please pray for John Graustein to continue gaining strength and be on the list for the vaccine.
- Please pray for Mark and Gini Medford. Mark has been diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. We invite you to send cards of care to their family as they share time together: 19 Dolphin Ave. Old Orchard Beach, Maine, 04064.
- Please pray for Richard Corey's daughter's wife, Kris, who is having cancer treatment.
- Please pray for Sarah Davis' parents as her mother, Sydney, suffers with post-surgery confusion and illness and her father, Joe, as he adapts to his role as caregiver.



- Please pray for Dr. Myron Krueger who is home from Maine medical.
- Please pray for Sally Emery who is home: cards can be sent to PO Box 102 Gray, ME 04039
- Please pray for Maureen Grubb, Ginny Hamilton, Norm O'Brien and Bill Graves
- Please pray for all those who are sick or who have lost loved ones to the pandemic.

### Reasons to smile!



- Please join together in prayers of joy. We praise God for the news that more of our parishioners have gotten the vaccine this week!
- Please pray gratefully to God that after a very difficult bout with COVID, Patrick Miele has been transferred to rehab and expects to go home next week.
- Phoebe Horne's sister, Deborah Plummer, is doing extremely well after heart surgery and we are grateful she is almost completely recovered.
- Jo Blinick's healing is "ahead of schedule".
- Louise Caruso is recovering well.
- For our parishioners who currently reside in the congregate living/ retirements communities of Ocean View, Ledgeview, Ashton Gardens, Springbrook, Woods at Canco, Park Danforth and Falmouth-by-the-Sea for their patience, love and tolerance in following the protocols to keep everyone as safe as possible.



# February 2021 Calendar

**Important  
Upcoming  
Dates:**

**March  
Congregator  
Deadline:  
February 15th**

**Ash  
Wednesday:  
February 17th  
5:30 PM**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 12 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Ministry of Worship & Covenant	2	3 12 PM Women's Spiritual Book Group 6:30 PM Handbell Choir Practice	4 8:30 AM Ecu Clergy Mtg 10AM Livestream workgroup 6:30 PM M.O.M	5	6
7 Communion 10 AM Worship 10-12 Church School 7 PM Scout Committee Meeting	8 12 PM Bible Study	9	10 6:30 PM Handbell Choir Practice	11 10 AM Livestream Workgroup 6 PM Ministry of Finance	12 6:30 PM Coffeehouse- Carolyn Currie	13
14 10 AM Worship w/ Rev. Kelli Wilman 10-12 Church School 11:30 AM Council of Ministries	15 Congregator Deadline 12 PM Bible Study	16	17 5:30 PM ASH WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM Handbell Choir Practice	18 10 AM Livestream workgroup 3 PM Virtual "Tea Time"	19	20
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28 10 Worship 10-12 Church School 11:30 Ministry of Christian Education						



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