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*From Reverend Amelia Edson:*

I started my ministry at Falmouth Congregational Church on Pentecost, the Sunday we celebrate the Holy Spirit coming upon the Disciples like a rushing wind and showing them how to spread the good news of God's love far and wide.

This was an appropriate day to start, because these past few weeks have, indeed, been a whirlwind: between the everyday life of the church, musical events, memorial and worship services, this congregation has been busy!

Within the whirlwind, however, there has been Spirit, and the love of God. I have seen the Spirit in the singing of our Church School children on Children's Sunday and witnessed it as you raised over a thousand dollars for the food pantry. I see the love of God made manifest as the Missions team works to support the Asylum Seekers coming into Portland and the church prepares to host our next round of families with Family Promise. I see it in the way you visit each other, pray for one another, and have welcomed me and my husband Jake into this Church Family with open arms. All of this love, all of this Spirit, in only a few weeks: Church, I cannot wait to see what the Spirit has in store for the weeks (and years) to come!

~ Pastor Amelia

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## COUNCIL CORNER FOR JULY/AUGUST

Happy almost summer! It is hard to believe we are almost half way through the year. Time sure does fly by quickly when you are having fun!! And what fun we've been having of late!

The Church and the Council have been very busy with the arrival of Pastor Amelia to our congregation on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and with her inaugural service on June 9<sup>th</sup>. What a wonderful service! It was so exciting to see everyone celebrating her arrival, enjoying the wonderful weather and eating all of the fabulous food. The Council could not be more pleased with the work of the Transition Committee to get us to this point. Please join us in thanking Stephen Hendry, Cathy Bowden, Peggy McGehee, and Laurie Davis, the four-person "super-duper" transition team. And thanks go to many, many others who helped with cleaning the parsonage and getting it ready for Pastor Amelia and Jake.

The Council also appointed a new Pastoral Relations Committee. As has happened in the past, several members of the Transition Committee form the new Pastoral Relations Committee for the incoming pastor. Stephen Hendry, Cathy Bowden and Peggy McGehee were unanimously selected for this important committee. They will be working closely with Pastor Amelia as she settles in as our minister. If you have feedback please connect with Steve, Cathy or Peggy.

On another bright note, the Second Wave campaign held in May was very successful. We raised our goal of \$30,000 through increased pledges and direct contributions. What a great reflection on the commitment there is to our church.

At the last Council meeting the Council made the decision to put the solar project temporarily on hold. We will revisit it in the fall once we have had a chance to get some updated bids.

The Council meets again on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will then take the month of July off and resume in August.

Enjoy your summer!  
Kim Hendry, Vice Moderator

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## Ministry of Missions

### NEW LOCATION FOR THE MISSIONS BOARD

The MISSIONS bulletin board is now located to the left of the Kids' Church board (near the nametags). The bin of white socks for Preble Street is directly under the board. Information will be posted about Family Promise updates and opportunities to assist, Church World Service and School Kits, white socks for Preble Street, the Food Pantry, and other important and exciting information about the life and community outreach of our church.

### SAVE THE DATE!

On **Thursday, October 24, 2019**, Falmouth's churches and the Jewish community will host 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 is an important community service and provides food for almost 100,000 meals a year for families. The free delicious roast turkey supper with all the fixings will be held from **4:30 to 7:00 p.m. in Beinema Hall** at the Falmouth Congregational Church. See you there!



### DONATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S "STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH" MISSION

So far, **\$90 has been raised in 2019** for the Strengthen the Church mission.

One of the "5 for 5" mission offerings of the United Church of Christ, Strengthen the Church revitalizes congregations, supports programs for youth and young adults, and encourages efforts to grow as affirming congregations. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this mission.

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL SALES FOR OUR SCHOOL KITS

Please keep your eyes open for the back-to-school sales in mid-August if you are thinking of donating to our school kits for Church World Service next spring.

Often, many of the items that we are asked to include in the kits that are shipped to impoverished schools and refugee camps around the world are on sale at half price or better toward the end of the summer. Thank you for thinking ahead!

Supply List for Each School Kit:

- Three 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (*No loose-leaf or filler paper.*)
- One pair of blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)
- One 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
- One large eraser
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24!)
- One 12" x 14" to 14" x 17" (finished size) cotton or lightweight canvas bag with cloth handles.

**Thank you!**



## Ministry of Christian Education

### Kids' Church



After a great school year, Kids' Church is off for the summer.

We had a great year of charting Jesus' family tree. We will be coming back together on September 8th with all new, exciting activities. We will continue our Kids' Church program, Race Through the Bible, and hopefully our youth group.

~ Kristen Coleman, Christian Education Coordinator

[fccchristianeducation@maine.rr.com](mailto:fccchristianeducation@maine.rr.com)

### ENVIRONMENTAL AND FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

The Ministry of Facilities raises funds in many ways.

We invite you to pick up a green plastic **Clynk bag** with the FCC logo and fill it with your returnable bottles and cans and then return it to Hannaford. **Every dime counts!**

The bags are located on the table in Fellowship Hall or in the Church Office.



### Upcoming at the Coffee House!

The Coffee House will be hosting local musicians for your listening pleasure. Paul Davis is in charge of scheduling the groups to entertain you, your family, friends and neighbors. A schedule is listed below.

July 12	T'Acadie (TEE-ah-kah-DEE)	<a href="http://www.t-acadie.com/">http://www.t-acadie.com/</a>
August 9	"Open Mic" Night!	FMI Contact: <a href="mailto:kristen.coleman@maine.edu">kristen.coleman@maine.edu</a>

Come enjoy a great cup of coffee; support the arts and your church!

The doors open at 6:30 PM and the show ends around 9 PM.

All Welcome!



## *Ministry of Missions (continued)*



### FAMILY PROMISE PROGRAM

The next time that our church will be a host congregation is from Sunday evening, July 28, 2019, through Sunday morning, August 4, 2019. With the help of the Congregational Church in Cumberland UCC, Foreside Community Church UCC, and the Tuttle Road United Methodist Church, our church will provide overnight lodging, dinner, and breakfast for several homeless families who will stay in our parish house from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. daily.

We need volunteers to help us welcome unhoused and refugee families from July 28th- August 4th. Needs include setting up, cooking, laundry, and on-site hosting. **To be trained as an on-site host please join us for a training at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, July 16th.** Please help us do our part to answer the increasing need for housing in the Portland area!

If you can help and/or if you would like to attend an upcoming volunteer training class on July 16, 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM at Falmouth Congregational Church please get in touch with Steve at [stevrunn@gmail.com](mailto:stevrunn@gmail.com). Thank you!

### WHITE COTTON SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS

A special thank-you to those who donate socks even in the summer for people who benefit from the Preble Street Resource Center so that they can have dry feet and fewer infections.



### PLANT FOR THE PANTRY



Plant-a-Row

Families from all economic backgrounds appreciate fresh vegetables!

This summer please consider planting a few more vegetables than you will personally need and sharing any extra garden produce with families in need. For more details, please contact Nancy Lightbody at 781-4670. Thank you.

### CAN YOU USE A HAND?



**NEED ASSISTANCE?**

If you need help moving something heavy in your home, installing a smoke detector, or doing almost anything else, please contact Jess in the Church office, and she will get in touch with members of the Ministry of Missions, who are eager to offer help to members of our church family.

### CHURCH BUS DRIVERS



	<u>JULY</u>		<u>AUGUST</u>	
	7	Jack Davis	4	Jack Davis
	14	Paul Davis	11	Paul Davis
	21	Phil Pierce	18	Phil Pierce
	28	Ann Sanborn	25	Ann Sanborn

*Please notify the church office of your replacement if you are unable to drive on you scheduled Sunday. Thank you.*

## *Ministry of Community Life*

**Our joint meeting for Community Life and Called to Care when Rev. Amelia will be Wednesday, July 24 at 1 PM in the Grant room.**

We have placed some Family Community Programs for 55+ June and July newsletters on the table where the church activities are located. Check the calendar on the back of the Family Community Programs newsletter for future concerts.

**\* Concerts in the Park** - a fun gathering

Location: Village Park Gazebo

Time: 6:30 - 7:30

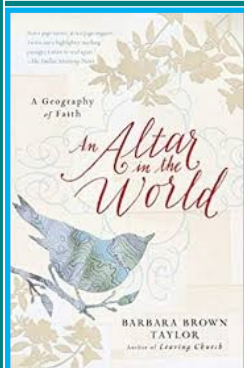
**FREE Event!**

When: Monday July 1

Band: Pan Fried Steel

Have a fun and safe Summer!!

Judy Nilsen MCL



### **WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB**

**Our next meeting on: September 4th, in the parlor,  
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

We will be reading: *"An Altar in the World"* by Barbara Brown Taylor.

It is a short read that shows us how to discover the sacred in the small things we see and do.

If anyone has any good book recommendations we would love you to share them with us.

Thanks,  
Anne Coleman

### **A Generous Church. A Genuine Thank You.**



We truly are a blessed church. Results are in and the 2nd Wave Campaign was a great success.

The Finance Committee would like to extend a **Huge Thank You** to everyone that contributed towards the church goal of \$30,000 in 30 days.

We will keep the Council well informed of the Church's financial condition as the remaining months of 2019 pass and help the Council plan for both ongoing day-to-day needs as well as capital needs of our church buildings.

**THANK YOU ALL!**

Ken Bowden and Paul Davis

# Church Family News ...



Dear Congregation,

My family and I thank you so very much for allowing us to hold my wife, Laurie's, funeral service in you church on May 15.

She and I had sporadically attended service with you over the past two years, and we felt very much at home in the beauty of your church and friendliness of your congregation.

We especially wish to thank Rev. Butler, for whom many attendees presented, to me, their Kudo's for him and his sincere presentation.

Also, my special thank you to Jess for her patience and cooperation with me during my confusion, frustrations and sorrow.

God bless,

Roger & Marion/ Flavin families

PS. June 12th would have been our 54th anniversary together.



*We lift in prayer ...*

- Jennifer Bissell
- Priscilla Depetris
- John Graustein
- Maureen Grubb
- Maytha Southard
- Ginny Hamilton
- Judy Nilsen
- Myron Krueger
- Erlon and Faith Varney



We hold Jeaneen Coleman and the extended Coleman family in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

Robbie Coleman, passed into his eternal rest June 8, 2019

*"In life and in death we hold fast to the promises of the Gospel."*

## July Birthdays

- 1 - Joe Blinick
- 4 - Doris Krueger
- 5 - Lynne Haddock
- 7 - Lorraine Bergen
- 7 - Nancy Lundquist
- 8 - Faith Varney
- 8 - Peter Stegemann
- 11 - Lisa Theiler Ertman
- 12 - Alex Han
- 12 - Ray Jett
- 14 - Marilee Pillsbury
- 15 - Ruth McCracken
- 15 - Rodney Coleman

- 17 - David Giansiracusa
- 19 - Barbara Roth
- 24 - Marion Olen
- 25 - Ashley Collins
- 31 - Caroline Hunt

## August Birthdays

- 1 - Cindy Han
- 1 - Kaleb Barrett
- 2 - Megan Sauberlich
- 6 - Don Olen Sr.
- 7 - Peter Christopher
- 11 - Leah Tenney
- 12 - Steve McCracken

- 13 - Bill Geary
- 13 - Dana Collins
- 14 - Tim Ziobro
- 14 - Jo Blinick
- 15 - Phoebe Horne
- 17 - Anne Coleman
- 18 - Katie Wulbrecht
- 18 - Matthew Wulbrecht
- 19 - Tom VerLee
- 20 - Abbie Farmer
- 26 - Laura Fay
- 27 - Iain Kurry
- 28 - Mark Horton



Birthday Blessings

# Ministry of Worship and Covenant

## SUMMER MUSICIANS

Summer with its Summer Music Schedule is fast approaching! Please e-mail Doris Krueger ([dnkrueger@gmail.com](mailto:dnkrueger@gmail.com)) or telephone the church office if you (or if you have someone to recommend) are willing to provide special music between July 2 and September 8. Please include name, telephone and/or e-mail address and the type of music such as vocal, instrumental, etc.



Thank you,  
Doris Krueger - Minister of Music



### Volunteers needed and appreciated!

By getting involved with Christ and Community, we can accomplish great things with a little time and by lending a hand.

**Liturgists and Communion servers needed.**



The first Sunday of each month Pastor Amelia and a member of the Ministry of Worship and Covenant take Communion to home-bound persons. Should you know of someone who would like communion in their home please contact Pam Carrol at [pcarrol4@maine.rr.com](mailto:pcarrol4@maine.rr.com) or Reverend Amelia Edson at [pastorameliafcc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorameliafcc@gmail.com).



**The September Congregator deadline is Sunday, August 11, 2019**

Please submit your articles, announcements, news items, pictures, etc. to:

[fccoffc@gmail.com](mailto:fccoffc@gmail.com)

Thank you!



### CHANCEL FLOWERS

Would you like to provide the chancel flowers for a Sunday? Please sign up on the poster in Fellowship Hall. Fill out the information on a Chancel Flower form and place it in the offering plate or leave it in the church office. The office will order the flowers from Skillins unless otherwise specified. You may also supply your own. Cost of chancel flowers from Skillins is \$40.00.

To find out what's happening at Falmouth Congregational Church:

1. Visit the website: [falmouthcongregationalchurch.org](http://falmouthcongregationalchurch.org)
2. Follow us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/falmouth.ucc/>
3. Follow us on Twitter: [Falmouth Church UCC @falmouthchurch](https://twitter.com/FalmouthChurch)





## Worship Attendants

### Liturgists

July	August
7 - Laurie Davis	4 -
14 - Paul Davis	11 -
21 - Ann Sanborn	18 -
28 - Nancy Lightbody	25 -



Liturgists

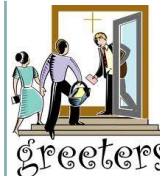
We are currently in need of liturgists for **2019**. Please contact Jim Parr at [jparr2@maine.rr.com](mailto:jparr2@maine.rr.com) or Larry Perry at 797-2928 if you would like to serve the church by participating in the morning worship service. Thank you.

### Ushers

July	August
7 - Paul Davis, Steve Hendry, Mark & Peggy Horton	4 - Jack Davis, Jim Parr
14 - Joe and Joe Blinick, Kim and Mollie Mason	11 - Rodney and Anne Coleman, John Boothby and Tyler Henderson
21 - Larry and Sue Perry, Phil and Rae Pierce	18- Larry and Sue Perry, Phil and Rae Pierce
28 - Nancy Lightbody, Pam Carrol, Judy Nilsen and Lorraine Bergen	25 - Nancy Lightbody, Pam Carrol, Judy Nilsen and Lorraine Bergen

### Greeters

July	August
7 - Joe and Joe Blinick	4 - Lorraine Bergen
14 - Phil and Rae Pierce	11 - Carol Dow
21 - Erlon and Faith Varney	18 - Ann Sanborn
28 - Judy Nilsen	25 - Kathleen Henderson



#### Would you like to be a Greeter?

We are looking for a few good people or families to represent our warm and welcoming church on Sunday mornings! No long term commitment, once or twice a year. Please contact a member of the Ministry of Community Life, Co Chairs: Rae Peirce 781-3769 or Ann Sanborn at 878-9828

### Communion Preparers Sunday, July 7

Laurie Davis, Jane Stegemann  
- Wafers/Bread  
Larry Perry, Virginia Eddy  
- Juice

### Communion Preparers Sunday, August 4

- Wafers/Bread  
- Juice

Communion given by Intinction

**PLEASE FIND A SUBSTITUTE IF YOU ARE NOT AVAILABLE ON YOUR SCHEDULED SUNDAY**

**Contact the church office by Wednesday morning with the name of your replacement.  
Thanks!**

### Chancel Flowers

July	August
7 -	4 -
14 -	11 - Joe B.
21 -	18 -
28 -	25 -



#### Would you like to provide the chancel flowers for a Sunday?

Please sign up on the poster in Fellowship Hall. Fill out the Chancel Flower order form and place it in the offering plate or leave it in the church office. Cost of chancel flowers from Skillins is \$40.00.

# Falmouth Congregational Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
 <h1 style="color: red; font-size: 4em; margin: 0;">July</h1>							
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	
	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED						
	9 AM Falmouth Food Pantry				 <p><b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!</b></p>		
	Forever Growing Summer Camp						
<b>7</b> <b>COMMUNION</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	
10 AM Worship 11:15 Coffee Hour		9:30 AM Food Pantry Open		4:30 PM Food Pantry Open	6:30 PM Coffee House Music by T'Acadie		
	Waite's Summer Theater Camp 9 AM - 3 PM						
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	
10 AM Worship 11:15 Coffee Hour	9 AM Food Pantry Open  6 PM Fiddle-icious & Steering Committee	9:30 AM Food Pantry Open  <b>5:30 PM Family Promise Training</b>		4:30 PM Food Pantry Open			
	Waite's Summer Theater Camp 9 AM - 3 PM						
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	
10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Coffee Hour	6 PM Fiddle-icious	9 AM Aerobics 9:30 AM Food Pantry Open	8:30 AM Aerobics 1:00 PM Ministry of Community Life	4:30 PM Food Pantry Open	9 AM Aerobics		
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				
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FAMILY PROMISE FAMILIES							

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  6:30 PM Ministry of Missions  <b>FAMILY PROMISE FAMILIES</b>	2  9 AM Aerobics	3
<b>4 Communion</b>  10 AM Worship 11:15 Coffee Hour  	<b>5</b>  9 AM Food Pantry Open  6 PM Fiddle-icious	<b>6</b>  9 AM Aerobics 9:30 AM Food Pantry Open	<b>7</b>  8:30 AM Aerobics	<b>8</b>  4:30 PM Food Pantry Open	<b>9</b>  9 AM Aerobics  <b>6:30 PM Coffee House - OPEN MIC Night!</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>  10 AM Worship 11:15 Coffee Hour  <b>Deadline for September Congregator Submissions</b>	<b>12</b>  6 PM Fiddle-icious	<b>13</b>  9 AM Aerobics 9:30 AM Food Pantry Open	<b>14</b>  8:30 AM Aerobics	<b>15</b>  4:30 PM Food Pantry Open  <b>6 PM Calendar Meeting w/ Pot-luck Supper</b>	<b>16</b>  9 AM Aerobics	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>  10 AM Worship 11:15 Coffee Hour	<b>19</b> <b>Regular Office Hours Resume 9 AM - 3 PM</b>  9 AM Food Pantry Open  6 PM Fiddle-icious  	<b>20</b>  9 AM Aerobics 9:30 AM Food Pantry Open	<b>21</b>  8:30 AM Aerobics  6:30 PM Pastoral Search Committee	<b>22</b>  10 AM Collators  4:30 PM Food Pantry Open	<b>23</b>  9 AM Aerobics	<b>24</b>
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’ **God is Still Speaking!**

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