



From Reverend Amelia Edson:

Dear Church,

November brings with it the cold weather, and with that special challenges, especially this year. We are thinking about what the winter means, and how we may have to adapt in this season of pandemic.

Tackling the winter cold is nothing new for the Falmouth Congregational Church. Our Congregational ancestors walked through snow and rain to worship here, and on cold Sundays many families brought fire coals in buckets, to help keep their pews a little warmer.

The Christian story is a story of resilience and adaptability. Our faith was founded by people who faced daily obstacles, from persecution to hunger to disease, but continued to witness to the love and hope of God.

As outdoor socialization is growing more difficult, many of us worry about the months ahead. When will a vaccine arrive? How will we see our friends and family?

These challenges are real, but we are finding real ways to thrive, despite the challenges. We are buying fire pits and donning extra layers, taking up new indoor crafts and outdoor sports. Many of us are becoming pros at gathering and communicating electronically, while others are rediscovering their love of snail mail.

Here at the church, we are adapting, too: looking into new ways of filtering indoor air, having our soloists sing from the Chancel closet, handing out prayer shawls to those who are cold, and, when all else fails, appreciating the way worship and community can warm our hearts, if not our bodies.

And there is much to look forward to. In November we will celebrate Holy Communion, and we will remember our departed dear ones together on Remembrance Sunday, November 1st. We will give thanks and consecrate our Stewardship gifts on November 22nd, and start the Advent season at the end of the month. The office will be busy preparing the church budget for the upcoming year, and the Church School Committee will lead us in a canned goods drive. We will continue to find ways to gather, worship, give back to our community, and give thanks for all that we have.

No matter what the future brings we can count on the love of this community, the hope of the Gospel, and the presence of our good and mighty God, who travels with us and gives us strength through every season.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Amelia

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Poem on Gratitude

From the desk of the Faith Community Church, a prayer sent to me by a friend which I want to share with you...With gratitude 2020...

A prayer as I put on my mask:

Creator God,
as I prepare to go into the world,
help me to see the sacrament
in the wearing of this cloth-
let it be "an outward sign
of an inwards grace"-
a tangible and visible way of living
love for my neighbours,
as I love myself.

Christ, the son,
since my lips will be covered,
uncover my heart,
that people would see my smile
in the crinkles around my eyes.
Since my voice may be muffled,
help me to speak clearly,
not only with my words,
but with my actions.

Holy Spirit,
As the elastic touches my ears,
remind me to listen carefully-
and full of care-
to all those I meet.
May this simple piece of cloth
be shield and banner,
and each breath that it holds,
be filled with your love.
In your Triune Name and
in that love,
I pray.

May it be so.
May it be so.

Dr. Richard Bott, moderator of the United Church of Canada



Council Corner

Dear Congregation,

I hope everyone is doing well and getting outside to enjoy this great fall weather and not just to rake leaves!

A few updates from the Council:

- You should have received a 2021 stewardship letter and pledge card in the mail. Please let the office know if you did not receive one.
- Plans are moving ahead for the Holly Days On-Line Sale and Curbside Pickup. There will be many great items and we are very fortunate to have a dedicated team willing to pull this together.
- November 1st is Remembrance Sunday. We look forward to sharing this special service together both on-line and in-person.
- Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 7 at 9:00 AM for a Fall Clean Up Day at the Church. Many hands make light work.



I wish you all peace, happiness, and most of all, patience as we all find our way through this challenging time.

Stay healthy!

~ Kim Hendry, Moderator

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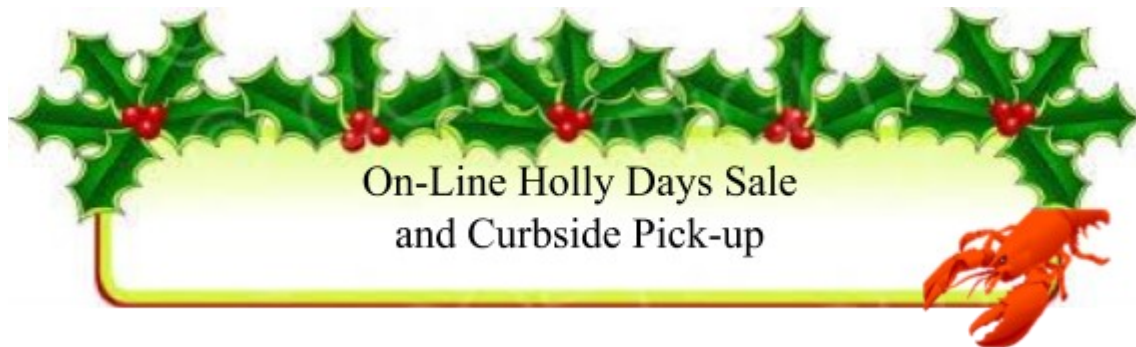
Virtual Community Supper Update



Falmouth's annual Community Supper was held virtually for the first time ever on October 22nd. Because of the pandemic, Falmouth's churches and faith communities hosted a different kind of Harvest Community Supper for its 13th year. Rivalries restaurant provided 200 specially made dinners free to homebound Falmouth residents. Other members of the community were encouraged to buy their own take-out from any Falmouth restaurant (including Rivalries) or make their own dinner. On Cable TV Channel 2 and online there was a special hour-long show that included history, performances, and stories for everyone to enjoy while eating dinner safely at home! If you haven't seen the presentation yet, you can go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/FalmouthMaine>. The Boy Scouts delivered the donated meals, and the Girl Scouts made cheerful cards to include with each meal.

We look forward to seeing you at NEXT YEAR'S Community Supper on October 21, 2021!

Holly Days Fair Announcements



Visit FCC's website at <https://www.falmouthcongregationalchurch.org> beginning November 1 to find some of your favorite Holly Days items, including wreaths, centerpieces, cookies, sweet breads, pies, lasagnas, gift totes, holiday pot holders and lobster stew. Items can be viewed for order and purchased until November 10th. Plan to place your order early, as some items will be limited or one-of-a-kind. Electronic payment will be encouraged **at the time of purchase** or, if need be, by check mailed **no later than November 10**. See the website for more details.

On Saturday, November 21, from 11am to 1pm, there will be a drive thru, curbside pick-up event in the parking lot behind the church with a rain date the next day at the same time. Drivers will be able to enter, follow a one-way route, and depart never needing to leave their cars. They will also be able to wave at Santa! All those distributing and receiving items will be required to wear masks. For those who are not able to pick-up their items during this time, they are asked to find someone to do so in their place.

Join us! In addition to supporting the church by participating in the sale, share your gifts and talents, as well. Help is still needed in the following areas:

Bake cookies! Contact Sue Perry at lperry1@maine.rr.com if you are able to be part of this team. Simple recipes and packaging will be provided.

Make a pie or quick bread! Contact Jeaneen Coleman at rcoleman001@maine.rr.com or 409-6462 and Maureen Grubb at 781-3420 to help

Bake a lasagna! Contact Beth Stouder at egs8657@gmail.com or 781-3228 to make a meat, vegetarian or gluten free lasagna.

Fill a tote bag! Three sizes are being offered with themes of corn, Christmas cookies, apples, cardinals, rainbow hands, mittens, snowmen, music and seahorses or create your own. Contact Kathy Whitmore at kathylizwhitmore@gmail.com to learn more.

The use of CDC recommended safety precautions will be carefully followed both in preparing sale items and during pick-up. Questions can be directed to Kathie Sinnett at kathie.sinnett@gmail.com and Sarah Davis at sadavis40@gmail.com.

Announcements

Kids' Church

Christian ED is excited to announce the return of Sunday school on Sunday October 4th!!! We will be focusing on the liturgical calendar this school year. The children will learn about the season of the church and make crafts to decorate the church with the symbols and colors related to the season. We will be staying away from certain activities during these uncertain times, like cooking or singing in close quarters. We are still determined to deliver a fun and engaging program that will inspire the children to continue their faith journey.



November Coffee House: Friday, November 13th, 6:30PM *Pete Kilpatrick Live on Facebook Live*



Maine based singer/songwriter Pete Kilpatrick grew up with a deep and resounding love of melody. With no formal training in music, Pete picked up the acoustic guitar at the age of 16 and began teaching himself how to play, crafting his own songs all while falling deeply in love with the process.

After completing high school, Pete took a few years off before attending college to focus his energy on a full-time career as a musician. He wrote and recorded his first album, *Half Way Home*, back in 2003. Between networking and a near constant performing schedule throughout New Eng-

land he began to develop a loyal following that would continue to grow over the years.

The next ten years in Pete's career saw the successful release of six additional albums (totaling over 40,000 albums sold), a brief record deal with Epic Records and over 1,000 live performances, with shows alongside Dave Matthews Band, Ray Lamontagne, Guster, Barenaked Ladies, Jason Mraz and many others.

Pete and his band released his seventh studio album, *Echo*, in the spring of 2016. The ten track album, which Pete wrote almost entirely on piano, during the course of spring and summer of 2015, was recorded at HearStudios in Maine, engineered and mixed by Pete Morse and was mastered by Jeff Lipton (Wilco, Bon Iver, City and Colour).

For more information: <https://www.petekilpatrickband.com/>

Or [Facebook.com/pkband](https://www.facebook.com/pkband)



Ministry of Community Life

“Caring Publishers and Prayer Shawl Joys”

Since summer of 2020, Carol Kauffman and Judy Nilsen have provided a much-needed way to enhance community life for some of our FCC family. As you know (and it is tautological to say), the all church weekly email is sent out using computer technology. However, Carol and Judy care enough about connecting those of us who don't have computers or can't access technology to create an email to U.S. mail process! Carol deciphers the necessary information for them to stay connected by printing out the weekly email, creating envelope labels and Judy stuffs the emails into the envelopes, labels and stamps them and sends them out to our FCC community! In this way, they are manifesting the mission of our church and we are very grateful.



In addition, as many of you know, years prior to the pandemic, Judy Nilsen has always been a caring caller, as she's been reaching out connecting with so many. During these difficult times, she continues to reach out also to her Prayer Shawl group who receive monthly inspiring messages sent by Judy via U.S. mail. She invites anyone to join Prayer Shawl ministry by calling her at 781-3664. Thank you, Judy and Carol, for your faithful service.

Gratefully,
Jane Stegemann

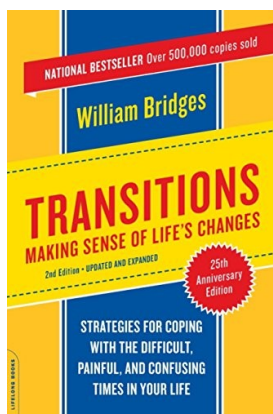
Upcoming Called To Care Meetings:

Christmas card writing:

Wednesday, December 2nd (with December 9th snow date)

Easter card writing in preparation for Easter on April 4th, 2021:

Wednesday, March 10th (with March 17th snow date)



Women's Spiritual Book Group

November 4th, 12pm on Zoom

This month we will discuss the best-selling guide for coping with changes in life and work, Transitions by William Bridges. Since Transitions was first published, this supportive guide has helped hundreds of thousands of readers cope with these issues by providing an elegantly simple yet profoundly insightful roadmap of the transition process. With the understanding born of both personal and professional experience, William Bridges takes readers step by step through the three stages of any transition: The Ending, The Neutral Zone, and, eventually, The New Beginning. Bridges explains how each stage can be understood and embraced, leading to meaningful and productive movement into a hopeful future.

For Zoom Link email: Officemanager@falmouthcongregationalchurch.org.

Ministry of Missions

SCHOOL KITS

Don't forget that our church is still collecting supplies for school kits to send to Church World Service next spring! Please put any donations in the large bin that is outside the door to Fellowship Hall.

We need

- 70-count bound notebooks
- 12" rulers
- Hand-held pencil sharpeners
- Large erasers
- Boxes of 24 crayons
- Blunt scissors

Thank you for thinking ahead!



KIDS'S CHURCH FOOD DRIVE

Please help support the Kids' Church Food Drive for the Falmouth Food Pantry during these trying times for so many in our community.

Until November 8, please bring any of the following to the large labeled bin just outside the door to Fellowship Hall:

- Diced tomatoes (in cans)
- Tomato paste (in cans)
- Cold cereal
- Oatmeal (either Quick or Instant, with no sugar or other items added)
- Canned beans
- Pasta (any kind, in boxes)

Because there is very limited space inside the Food Pantry right now, please refrain from bringing any other items at this time. Thank you for your ongoing support of so many families in our community.

THE CHRISTMAS FUND APPEAL

The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund is a United Church of Christ annual offering that supports ministries to lower-income retired clergy and lay employees as well as to active clergy facing unforeseen financial crises. Retired pastors, church office assistants, or ministers of music continue to touch the lives of all of us. Thank you for your generosity in honoring their ministries in a way that will help them.

Please consider making a contribution to this far-reaching ministry of the UCC by sending a check to "Falmouth Congregational Church" with "Christmas Fund" mentioned in the memo line. This appeal runs during Advent, beginning on Sunday, November 29, through Sunday, December 20.



FALMOUTH FOOD PANTRY

It is heartwarming to see how our community has come together to help each other during this terrible pandemic. The Falmouth Food Pantry continues to serve over 300 families a month, either with the drive-by distributions on two Fridays a month or with over 150 home deliveries. At the end of November, the drive-by distributions will stop, but home deliveries for all families will take place throughout this coming winter.

If you have questions or know someone with an urgent need, please call Nancy Lightbody at 781-4670. Thank you for your help.

Stewardship & Finance Ministry

Resilience.

Have you ever thought about this characteristic, this trait that some people seem to have naturally? Have you wondered if it is for all of us or just the fortunate few? And what about our church: can it brave adversity, adjust easily to misfortune? Is it possible for Church to be resilient just as some people seem to be? Can it bring people to Jesus despite the pandemic? Can stewardship’s call, and the peoples’ reply, mark the resilience of a Christian community that follows Jesus’ teachings, no matter long odds?

Looking at the historical record, we see that people of faith are among the most resilient individuals in all of humanity. Throughout the ages, religious communities have been persecuted, disrupted by war, disease, and natural disasters. People of faith understand that bad things happen. They understand that trouble doesn’t discriminate. And difficulty, it’s just a part of life. They know they are not more deserving of a perfect, non-adversarial life than the next person. This allows people of faith, right from the start, to think resiliently: “This thing happened, it happens to many people.” They switch from, “Why me?” to, “Now what am I going to do about it?” They also do the following:

- Resilient people choose carefully where they focus their attention. They sort out the things that they can change from those that they cannot. Resilient people focus on the positive around them while not diminishing the negative. According to research, we can focus our attention on the way forward, reshape our thinking despite the circumstances and regain our positivity. Intentionally, we can reclaim our hope for the future.
- Resilient people ask, “Is what I am thinking helping or hurting me? Am I being kind to myself? If I’m part of a group, Am I helping this group succeed?” Asking these simple questions puts us back in the driver’s seat and gives a measure of control over how we feel about the present and the future.

The church reflects the traits of its congregation; if the people are resilient, so is the church. As our church plans its presence in our lives for next year, we ask that you explore your role in the resilience of our community. We invite you to be part of our exciting future even as we cope with the present. The pandemic happened and it’s ours to deal with — just as other generations of faith communities have managed their predicaments. Like many of you, our church has chosen carefully where to focus its attention.

And it has asked, is our mission for 2021 following Jesus’ call? Is our plan for next year helping the people? Is it meeting the needs of our congregation even as the pandemic interrupts traditional forms of worship and fellowship? Are we pursuing our church mission faithfully? Can we continue to offer a Christian experience to all who seek it from our Brick Church?

Through your kind support of this year’s stewardship opportunity, the answer is YES!

Please consider your abundance even now and help pursue our church mission with your generosity.

Practicing the Art of Abundance

Yes! I/we will support the 2021 Stewardship Campaign!
 I/we pledge to give \$ _____ per week/ month/quarter, for an annual total of \$ _____ per year.
 I/we would like to like to receive:
 Pledge envelopes for 2021.
 Our 2021 pledge statements via email.
 Information about donating stock.
 Falmouth Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
 Name: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____
 State: _____ ZIP Code: _____ Email Address: _____

I understand that this commitment can be changed if necessary by giving notice to the Financial Secretary.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please bring your pledge card on Consecration Sunday, November 22, 2020

Falmouth Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

Church Family News

We lift in prayer ...

The Kaluba Family
 The Wilcox Family
 Maureen Grubb
 Ginny Hamilton
 Myron Krueger
 Bill Graves
 Doris Krueger
 Norm O'Brien
 John Graustein
 Val Gray



The Henderson Family
 (Holly, Tyler & Family)

Bill & Kathleen
 Henderson
 Laurie Davis
 Louise Caruso
 Sally Emery



We hold in prayer the family of Margret Uldall, whose spirit joined God on October 3rd at 101 years old.

<https://www.athutchins.com/obituary/Margaret-Uldall>

The December Congregator deadline is Thursday, November 16, 2020

Please submit your articles, announcements, news items, pictures, etc. to: officemanager@falmouthcongregationalchurch.org



**Join us!
 Saturday,
 November 7th
 at 9:00 AM**

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

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2. Follow us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/falmouth.ucc/>
3. Follow us on Instagram: Falmouth Church UCC [@falmouth.ucc](https://www.instagram.com/falmouth.ucc)

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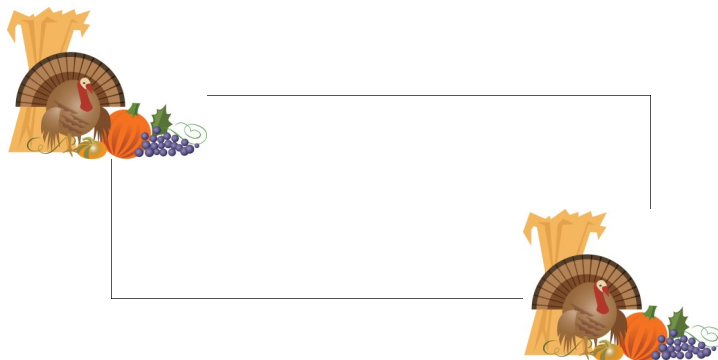
November 2020 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Remembrance Sunday 10 AM Worship & Kids' Church	2 12 PM Bible Study 7 PM Worship & Covenant	3 Election Day 11:30 AM Staff Meeting 3:30 PM Girls on the Run	4 12 PM Women's Spiritual Book Group	5 8:30 AM Ecumenical Clergy 9:30 AM Livestream Workgroup 3:30 PM Girls on the Run 6 PM Missions	6
8 10 AM Worship & Kids' Church 11:30 AM Council of Ministries	9 12 PM Bible Study	10 11:30 AM Staff Meeting 3:30 PM Girls on the Run	11 Veteran's Day Office Closed	12 9:30 AM Livestream Workgroup 3:30 PM Girls on the Run 6 PM Finance	13 6:30 PM Coffee House Music by: "Pete Kilpatrick"
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