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Dear Church Family,

I write this November letter from mid-October, which is the usual way of newsletters, but strange nonetheless.

Now, we are handing out squashes and stockpiling candy. By the time you read this we will have celebrated Halloween, with a family event and multiple church school activities, and we will have fed our neighbors, hopefully through the winter, through the Community Supper food pantry fundraiser. Now, the leaves look like captured fire, but as you read this they will have started to look a little naked—the colorful leaves fallen and the new white snow costumes not yet arrived.

And, we will still be busy and blessed. Blessed by an All Ages Communion and the blessing of the Canned Goods collected in the drive the first Sunday in November. Blessed to remember our departed dear ones together on Remembrance Sunday, November 10th. Busy with Thanksgiving, and busy with Stewardship, and preparing the church budget for the upcoming year. Blessed to be asked to think about all that we have, and blessed to give some of it back, and watch our dollars and cents transform into children's crafts, community connections, and lifelines for people in need.

Things change each season, and each day, but some things remain the same: the love of this community, the light you send out into this world, and the presence of our good and mighty God, who travels with us and gives us strength.

In gratitude, Reverend Amelia

Email: Pastorameliafcc@gmail.com



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COUNCIL CORNER FOR NOVEMBER

Happy Fall – it is certainly hard to believe it is already mid-October. But with October comes the great Community Supper to benefit the Falmouth Food Pantry, Remembrance Sunday and the Holly Days Fair in November, and so many other great celebrations and traditions at our Church.

The Council has met twice now since our summer recess. We've been spending a lot of time discussing the solar project – putting solar panels on the church roof to generate our own power. Chan Sinnett has been doing a lot of research on this topic for some time and the Council still feels strongly that this would be a worthwhile project for our Church. At our October Council meeting, we decided to mount a campaign in the spring to fund it. Discussions are also under way regarding the kitchen and a possible campaign to fund a renovation. Stay tuned!

At our October meeting, the Council also voted unanimously to switch our insurance to the UCC insurance program as was recommended by the Finance Ministry. Please see Paul Davis with any questions.

We also want to welcome our newest member to the Christian Education Team. We now have a Nursery Care Provider, Elena Parr, to provide care on Sundays to the youngest members of our congregation. We are very excited to have Elena and provide this service to our congregants.

See you all around the church and beyond!

~ Kim Hendry, Vice-Moderator <u>Shendry001@maine.rr.com</u>

Mark Horton - Moderator <u>horton04105@yahoo.com</u>



Upcoming at the Coffee House!

The FCC Coffee House hosts local musicians and admission is by donation. Please contact Paul Davis at: nevis56@gmail.com if you or your group would like to perform at the Coffee House.

Don't miss the amazing upcoming musicians at the next Coffee House:

November 8	Carolyn Currie	https://www.carolyncurrie.com/ music/
December 13	St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble	Event By Donation https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=neNXt2btigk
January 10	TBD	

Relax, enjoy a hot beverage, support the arts and your church!

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

Bring a friend and join us! All are WELCOME!



KIDS' CHURCH

The children have so enjoyed their parable unit and are getting ready to strut their stuff on November 3rd, when they will be helping Pastor Amelia throughout the service.

As we are moving into the holiday season, we will be wrapping up parables, and moving into the Christmas story and pageant practice.

I would like to thank everyone for donating to the food pantry. Your donations truly make a difference in the community especially around this time of year. I appreciate this congregation's giving Christian spirit and discipleship to God.

This year the Church Holly Days Fair kids' corner craft will be making gingerbread houses, so bring your kids, grandkids, nieces, and nephews along to make gingerbread houses with Kristen and Jess at the Church Holly Days Fair, November 23 10 am to noon.

Any questions, please contact, Kristen Coleman, Christian Education Coordinator at: davinci.experience@gmail.com

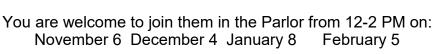


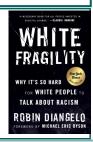
The Children's ministry and Elena Parr are still in need of volunteers to become "on-call" nursery helpers. Please sign up on the volunteer sheet on the CE bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions please contact Kristen at <u>davin-ci.experience@gmail.com</u>

The Woman's Spiritual Book Club

In November, the Woman's Spiritual Book Club will be reading and discussing the book "White Fragility" by Robin Diangelo





THE FALMOUTH FOOD PANTRY

For November 2019, the Falmouth Food Pantry is open on:

Monday, November 4, 9:00 -11:00 AM Tuesday, November 12, 9:30 -11:30 AM Thursday, November 14, 4:30 - 6:30 PM Monday, November 18, 9:00 -11:00 AM Tuesday, November 19, 9:30 -11:30 AM Thursday, November 21, 4:30 - 6:30 PM Tuesday, November 26, 9:30 -11:30 AM

The following items are especially needed:

- Cans of soup
- Tea bags
- Cold cereal

Thank you very much!



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Ministry of Worship & Covenant



The first Sunday of each month Reverend Amelia and a member of the Ministry of Worship and Covenant take Communion to home-bound persons. Should you know of someone who Homebound would like communion in their home please contact Pam Carrol at pcarroll4@maine.rr.com or Reverend Amelia in the

Church office at 781-3413 or email: pastorameliafcc@gmail.com.



MINISTRY OF MUSIC CALLING ALL SINGERS & RINGERS!

We need you! Please consider joining the Church Choir and/or Bell Choir.

For more information or to sign up, please email Doris Krueger at: dnkrueger@gmail.com.

Thank you, Doris Krueger, Minister of Music



FCC BUS DRIVER LIST

1st Sunday: JACK DAVIS 207-233-1707 2nd Sunday: PAUL DAVIS 3rd Sunday: PHIL PIERCE 207-332-7268 207-781-3769 4th Sunday: ANN SANBORN 207-318-6906 5th Sunday: MARK HORTON 207-838-1544

ALERT! Please do call if you need to cancel your ride.

This is sincerely appreciated. And should you have trouble reaching bus driver, any of the other church bus driver's will know who is driving. Thank you.



ACOLYTES

Children in the second grade and older who would like to light the candles on Sunday morning, serving as an acolyte, please have your parents contact Pam Acolules Carroll at pcarroll4@maine.rr.com. Your help on Sunday morning is needed, appreciated and fun!



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.



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

Ministry of Missions



SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY SUPPER

The twelfth annual Harvest Community Supper held in Beinema Hall on October 24 and put on by all the churches and the Jewish faith community of Falmouth was a big success!



At least 725 guests were served a free roast turkey dinner, and over

200 people cooked or volunteered their time. Free-will donations to the Falmouth Food Pantry at the supper hit a new record of over \$11,450! Because 100% of the food, labor, supplies, and space for the Community Supper was donated by individuals and area churches, there are no "expenses" to deduct.

Also, our continued efforts to "go green" worked well. Thanks to the conscientious

help of our recycling and composting volunteers, 334 gallons were added to the green Garbage to Garden compost bins, two blue Eco Maine recycling bins were filled, and only 1¾ bags of garbage had to be put into the trash dumpster.

Many thanks to all who helped with this true community event!



ANGEL TREE

We are rapidly approaching the holiday season and the opportunity to bring smiles to many young faces for Christmas Day. Our Angel Tree gifts this year will meet the needs of 20 children identified by the Falmouth Food Pantry.



The "Angels" will be available for just 2 weeks, beginning Sunday, November 24, and also December 1. We encourage all gifts to be returned to our Giving Tree no later than Sunday, December 8.

The gifts should be wrapped as usual. There will be a single "wish" listed on each angel hanging on the tree even though there may be more than one gift per child. This way, people can do as they like: either take all the angel gifts for one child or choose just one of the angels.

The recipients are deeply grateful, and families acknowledge our congregation each year for our thoughtful and generous response to the children's true needs at the holiday season.

There is also an additional possibility for giving. Some families served by the Falmouth Food Pantry could use extra help by way of items for a Christmas meal, or badly needed clothing for the adults in the family, or even warm blankets, for example. If you would like to adopt a family for the holidays, please contact Nancy Lightbody at 781-4670. Thank you!

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Ministry of Missions (continued)



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 finan-

cial 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.

Offerings may be placed in the envelopes that will be in the church pews throughout Advent, beginning on Sunday, December 1, through Sunday, December 22.



NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING

Thanks to your generosity, so far this fall our church has collected \$260, which is almost double the amount that was donated last year! Thank you very much! As a "5 for 5 Church," the Falmouth Congregational Church supports this special mission offering of the United Church of Christ (UCC), which includes funding for projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities. If you

would still like to make a donation, it is not too late!



FAMILY PROMISE PROGRAM BEGINS ON OCTOBER 27

Building communities, strengthening lives. Sunday evening, October 27, 2019, through Sunday morning, November 3, 2019, is the next time that our church will collaborate with the Congregational Church in

Cumberland UCC, Foreside Community Church UCC, and the Tuttle Road United Methodist Church to try to meet some important basic needs of homeless families. Please consider participating in one of these many volunteer opportunities:

Dinner volunteer (5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.)

Evening volunteer (6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)

Overnight and breakfast volunteer (8:00 p.m. -7:30 a.m.)

Meal preparation

Help with laundry

Donate money and/or nonperishable food items

The next training session to help with upcoming Family Promise opportunities is November 21 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in South Portland.

If you can help from Sunday evening October 27 through Sunday morning November 3 or would like to be trained in the future as a volunteer, please contact Steve at 333-8780. Thank you!



THE SOCKS IN OUR BOX FOR THE HOMELESS WILL BE BLESSED ON NOVEMBER 17

Please consider contributing some white cotton socks to the box in Fellowship Hall so that they can be blessed on November 17. They will then be given to people who benefit from the Preble Street Resource Center and who would like to have

dry feet without infections. Thank you all!

Ministry of Community Life

Community Life

On Sunday, September 29th the MCL provided a hospitality table which featured a decorated cake for our six new members and the congregation to enjoy. We also officially installed Pastor Amelia Edson as our settled pastor. Congratulations and welcome to all!

MCL met on October 9th. Our next meeting is Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 1 p.m. when we will write Christmas cards to our shut-ins and friends living far away to keep-in-touch. We also expect a visit from a member of the Finance Committee who will discuss the 2020 budget as well as answer our questions regarding the budget.

At our October meeting Jane Stegemann discussed her responsibilities as Minister of Visitation. In addition the ministry organized a buddy system where those MCL members, who are able, will visit our members who for whatever the reason cannot get to church but would enjoy a visit. This buddy system is meant to supplement the visits made by Pastor Amelia or Jane Stegemann.

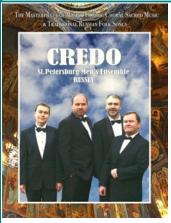


Please help us feed the freezer!

If you like to bake, kindly do so to help us out in furnishing hospitality tables for forth coming events. Wrap your baked goods, label them, "For FCC Hospitality Table" and place in the freezer in our church kitchen.

Or you can tell any MCL member that you would like to provide a baked good and they can answer any questions you might have.

Members are Judy Nilsen, Ann Sanborn, Rae Pierce, Jane Stegemann, Carol Kauffman, Kaye Smith, Kathleen Henderson. and Lorraine Bergen.



SAVE THE DATE!

The St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble will return on Friday evening, December 13th. They will perform at 7 p.m. There will be a free will offering.

Refreshments will be served at intermission, Plan now to come out to hear this entertaining group. They will perform Russian sacred songs and Russian folk songs. What a special holiday Coffee House this will be!



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Ministry of Community Life Continued



On my way to the October Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting I was awe-stricken by the beautiful array of colors on the trees this Fall season!! One of the special gifts God gives to people who live in New England.

We were fortunate to have three people attend out meeting. We opened our meeting with a prayer titled "Circle of Love Opening Prayer" written by Joann Zabelshi which I found in

my prayer shawl pattern book. While we were knitting I shared a story titled "Personal Intervention" from the September/October issue of "Angels on Earth." we also puzzled over how to use a gift of yarn from a neighbor of Gini Medford!!

It was fun to share the completed projects each of us had made from the last meeting. One person knitted a baby hat, another person a child's hat, and the last in a prayer shawl.

We closed our meeting by blessing the new prayer shawl.

You're welcome to join us for our November 14th meeting in the Grant Room from 1:30 - 3:00. You have a great opportunity to get a break from all the preparations for Thanksgiving. We hope to see you there!!

Happy Thanksgiving!! Judy Nilsen







The December Congregator deadline is Sunday, November 10, 2019

Please submit your articles, announcements, news items, pictures, etc. to: fccoffc@gmail.com. Thank you!





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

- 1. Visit the website: Falmouthcongregationalchurch.org to listen to our Worship Sermons and read the Congregator newsletter.
- 2. Follow us on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/falmouth.ucc/ to learn about upcoming events.
- 3. Follow us on Twitter: Falmouth Church UCC @falmouthchurch



E-COMMUNICATION

All-church emails are sent out with important information, updates and news when needed. We don't want you to miss out on these important communiques. Please keep the office up-to-date on any email address change that you have or which email address you would prefer communications sent.

Church Family News ...



Marcello, Elvine, and Marcella Kaluba are overjoyed that they have moved in to

their own apartment in Portland.

Thanks to all the help the church provided with housing, rides, moving furniture, navigating systems, etc., etc., etc.

As Marcello says, "May God bless you for being a blessing!"



To a music loving family.

A small Magnavox electric organ that belonged to a longtime member of FCC.

Includes dual keyboards, foot pedals, bench and music holder.

Can be played right away, but does need some work.

Free delivery!

Contact: Joe or Jo Blinick

We lift in prayer ...

Maureen Grubb
Ginny Hamilton
Mark Horton
Myron Krueger
Bee O'Brien
John Graustein
Maytha Southard
Helen Tupper-Southard
Ted Coffey & Family
Rev. Beinema
Jo Blinick
Joan Bamel
Barbara Wood

Condolences and prayers for:

Family and Friends of Nancy Snow
Family and Friends of Nancy
Ayers



November Birthdays

- 1 Nick Fasulo
- 2 Ethan Hendry
- 3 Graham Whiting
- 4 Jessica Collins
- 6 Wendy Barrett
- 7 Parker Olen
- 8 Kailyn Walker

- 10 Athena Rand
- 11 Ken Bowden
- 12 Trevor Neff
- 20 Kate Geary
- 24 Hannah Marr
- 27 Rebecca Coffey



November Worship Attendants

Liturgists

- 3 Nancy Lightbody
- 10 Ann Sanborn
- 17 Mark Horton
- 24 Judy Nilsen

Liturgists

If you would like to be a Liturgist during Sunday Worship Service:

Please contact Jim Parr at iparr2@maine.rr.com or Larry Perry at LPerry@baystatefinancial.com if you would like to serve the church by participating in the morning worship service. Thank you.

Ushers

- 3 John Boothby, Tyler Henderson, Chan and Kathie Sinnett
- 10 Paul Davis, Steve Hendry, Mark and Peggy Horton
- 17- Joe and Jo Blinick, Kim and Mollie Mason
- 24 Larry and Sue Perry, Phil and Rae Pierce



There are several openings for ushers on the schedule.

Please contact Mark Horton, if you would like to be added to the rotation.

It isn't a huge commitment of time and it is a very much, appreciated service to your church.

Greeters

- 3 Mary Hart
- 10 Sarah and Paul Davis
- 17 Carol Kauffman
- 24 Judy Nilsen

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!

Communion Preparers Sunday, November 3

Helpers: Nancy Lightbody and Eunice Wilcox

Deacons: Larry Perry and Judy Crosby

Communion given by Intinction



Chancel Flowers

- 3 Barbara Wood, Jane Stegeman, and Alan Doughty
- 10 Phoebe Horne
- 17 Coleman/Grubb
- 24 Sam Davidson







November has arrived and that means the *Holly Days Fair* will soon be here! Bring your family and neighbors to this fun-filled event that also serves as our biggest annual fundraiser on November 23 from 9am to 2pm. There is so much to look forward to and so many ways you can still lend a hand. *Look for sign-ups at the Holly Days Fair table in Fellowship Hall following worship in the next few weeks. Your donations are also needed and greatly appreciated. Contact the Chair of each table directly or place well-labeled items on the stage in Beinema Hall.* Here's what the Holly Days Fair has to offer this year:

SANTA - Children are invited to come visit with Santa, his elves, and to take part in **craft activities** in the **Children's Corner**, led by Kristen Coleman, from 10am to Noon.

WREATHS – Always a holiday favorite, our wreaths sell out! Be sure to get yours by preordering Sundays following worship in Fellowship Hall. There, you will find information about pricing, sizing and ribbon colors. Special orders for garland, larger wreaths and multiple orders are welcomed. Donations of holly and red berries branches for decorating are needed, as are willing hands to help decorate the wreaths. (Find details in "Upcoming Workshops".) Contact Anne Coleman at acoleman@maine.rr.com or Kaye Smith at klowsmith@maine.rr.com with questions.

VINTAGE TREASURES and COLLECTIBLES - Here you'll find up-scale, carefully used household goods. More items are needed. Might you have antique, heirloom, or nostalgic quality items you no longer use like depression glass, unique pottery, Maine memorabilia, 'old' books, decorative serving dishes, vases, bookends, lamps, candlesticks, baskets or similar items to add to this collection? Contact Eunice Wilcox at eunice.w75@gmail.com if you do!

WHITE ELEPHANT – Back by popular demand! The White Elephant will offer everyday household items with a special focus on children's toys and games. Clean, lightly used and in working condition items are still needed, especially items children would enjoy. (No stuffed or fabric items please!) Search your closets for contributions and text or call Ruth Smith at 239-0482 with questions.

BOUTIQUE FASHIONS - This year, the Boutique will offer "**like new**" accessory items such as scarves, shawls, capes, purses, clutches, wallets, belts, hats, **and specialty pieces of clothing** like sweaters, vests, jackets and more! Donations of items like these are encouraged and welcomed! Please contact: Mollie Mason at 847-0649, or mollieomason@gmail.com to add to this offering.



JEWELRY - A wonderful selection of jewelry will be available for shoppers. Whether **new**, **old**, **traditional or whimsical**, **jewelry donations are still being accepted** and are greatly appreciated. Please contact Edie Boothby (797-8054) or Kristen Boothby Toronto (917-340-0876) for pick-up or drop-off, or, if you would like to help out at this busy and popular fair table.

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THE SILENT AUCTION - Always a crowd favorite, this year's Silent Auction will be filled with **not-to- be-missed surprises** including local retail gift certificates, gift baskets and more. Donations are still being collected so please consider offering one of these popular items: themed baskets, concert tickets, property-use donations, boat rides, catered dinners, themed teas, sponsored trips, museum tickets, or, a service or a skill. Contact Kathy Whitmore at kath-ylizwhitmore@gmail.com or Barbara Graustein at jgraust1@maine.rr.com with your ideas.



HANDCRAFTS - The Handcrafts table is a place to shop for gifts such as mittens, aprons, pot holders, baby items and other sewn items, as well as, needlework and quilted, knitted, crocheted and woven pieces. Your handcrafted items are welcomed to be part of this offering. We also have fabric and patterns for those interested in an easy sewing projects to contribute. Contact Judy Crosby at judyjcros-by@gmail.com for more information.

BOOKS: - The "Book Nook" is where fair-goers will find both **adult fiction and non-fiction books**, as well as **youth and children's books**. Your donations are needed and can be dropped off in the back hallway near the entrance to the church office. (No text or reference books, please.) Contact Jim Smith if you would prefer to arrange for pick up at your home.

SWEETS - Formerly Candy and Fudge, this table is a must-visit attraction for gift giving and enjoying! Here you'll find a variety of sweets like fudge, peanut brittle, Needham's, peanut butter balls and so much more! **Would you be willing to contribute your favorite sweet?** Sign up at the Holly Days Fair table in Fellowship Hall after worship. Easy recipes are also available to follow. Contact Kathleen Henderson at wkhend10.org/maine.rr.com to learn more.

BAKED GOODS - The Baked Goods table is always a favorite and is your place to find pies, yeast rolls and breads, fruit breads, Whoopie pies, bars of many varieties and coffee cakes - to name just a few. Look for the sign-up in Fellowship Hall following worship on the Holly Days Fair table or call Jeaneen Coleman.



COOKIE WALK - There is no place more fun than the Cookie Walk. Here you will find dozens of varieties to choose from. **Plan to add your favorite cookie to the offering.** Decorated cookies are especially popular, and all cookies should be of average size. Please sign-up at the Holly Days Fair table following worship or contact Sue Perry or Marion Olen.



LOBSTER STEW - A long standing tradition of the fair, our lobster stew luncheon is a crowd favorite. Paul Davis leads this effort and welcomes volunteers to help stir, serve, and clean up. Please contact Paul at newis56@gmail.com if you can **lend a hand**.

LUNCHEON TABLE - Stop here for **sandwiches**, **slices of pie**, **muffins**, **cookies**, **fresh fruit and drinks**. Louise Caruso and Rae Pierce lead this table with help from others. They look forward to serving you.

HOT DOG TABLE - One of the staples at the fair is the hot dog table. There will be **plenty of hot dogs and condiments for all**. Tom Crosby will happily serve you.

VEGAN/GLUTEN FREE TABLE – **Plant-based burgers and hot dogs** will be found here, along with Gluten Free bun options. David Giansiracusa leads this offering and hopes you'll stop by.

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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS



Handcraft Workshop: On Monday, November 4, at 1pm in Beinema Hall all are invited to help tie-off a Quilt and make ornaments. All supplies and instructions will be provided and no experience is required. Come lend a hand and join in the fun and laughter.



Wreath Decorating Workshop: Sunday, November 17, 2:00 - 4:00pm in Beinema Hall. Come and help decorate the wreaths that are so popular among our Holly Days Fair shoppers. Bring willing hands (and wire cutters if you have them). Everything else is provided. Come enjoy the scent of the boughs and the fellowship of church friends.

Dear Friends,

Each year the fair provides opportunities big and small to celebrate our church community, welcome the larger community, and begin the Christmas season in fellowship and fun. Thank you to the over 50 people who have already become part of this year's event. some in multiple volunteer roles! Your energy and efforts are inspirational and so very appreciated. If you haven't signed up yet, we welcome everyone's participation. There's a job to match every skill and level of interest. Please feel free to contact us!

Your Holly Days Fair Coordinators.

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kathie.sinnett@gmail.com sadavis40@gmail.com







Falmouth Congregational Church Calendar

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The Rev. Amelia Edson **Pastor and Teacher**

Dear church family,

Over the past half year as your pastor I have been struck by the ways this congregation provides a beating heart for our community, by bringing God's love into our lives and then out into the world, and bringing us closer to each other and our neighbors.

When I look towards 2020, I am so excited for all that we can do together. In 2019 we saw new members join and a new pastor get Installed. We continued our commitment to service, participating in the Family Promise Program four times and housing an asylum-seeking family for three months. We expanded our Children's Programming by reinvesting in our combined Youth Group and hiring a Nursery Care provider for our youngest Christians. We expanded our bus route to include Ashton Gardens, so that more of our community can come to church. This is all since June!

Here at Falmouth Congregational Church we all pitch in and help as we can, and so we are 'lean and mean', doing a lot with a little. Still, it costs real money to do good ministry, and how much you give will directly impact what we can do. During the upcoming Stewardship season, we will be asking you to give generously to your church, in the hope and confidence that God will continue to work through this church for many vears.

In Christ. Reverend Amelia Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ 267 Falmouth Road Falmouth, ME 04105

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Poinsettias for Christmas Services Order Form

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 1.** 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 th	e Bulletin
(please circle in honor or memory)	
In honor/memory of	
From:	
Phone:	
Please check one:	
I will pick up my poinsettia(s)	

Please deliver my poinsettia(s) to a shut-in