



THE CONGREGATOR

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Humans are like a breath; their days are like a passing shadow. — Psalm 144

Dear Falmouth Congregational Church,

How we spend our days is how we spend our lives.

Our days fill up so fast— groceries, lawn care, oil changes, meetings—in a blink of an eye a season has passed, then a year, and, before we know it, a lifetime.

With all the ways we fill our time, why not take an hour a week to sit and think about the beauty of the world? Why not help create a space where we lift up praises for the sheer unasked for blessing of being alive? Why not take an hour of the week and gather together with our neighbors, folks from from across the spectrum of experiences, ages, temperaments, and say thank you together? Take time to sing, pray, eat, laugh.

How we spend our days is how we spend our lives.

This fall, let's choose to spend some of our lives intentionally worshipping. Our fall sermon series will be entitled *Why Not Worship?*

Here are some of the ways we will worship this month:

- Sunday September 11 Choir Kick off**
- Sunday September 18 Church School Kick Off & Worship Takeover**
- September 25 Baptism & Guest Preacher The Rev. Dr. Nancy Taylor**

Hi,

I hope everyone has had a fabulous summer!

We held our Planning Meeting last week on August 22.

It was great to see everyone. We talked through our calendar for the next nine months and we have a lot of great things planned so keep an eye out as announcements are made in both the Congregator and the weekly email.

The Council will pick back up in September after a summer break. One major project we will tackle this fall is making updates to our by-laws. The pandemic certainly forced us to make some changes, many for the good, like our virtual service. But we need to keep our by-laws up to date so we'll be working on that over the next few months, and we will seek approval for the changes at the Annual Meeting in January.

We will also be doing some recruiting for the Council for new members for 2023. We will be looking for a new Vice Moderator to replace Anne Coleman whose term will be up at the end of the year. And we will also need a new Clerk as Laurie Davis will also be stepping down. Both roles are extremely important to the Council and the Church so please consider stepping up and taking on one of these roles.

Our financial performance is holding steady. We are just a little behind budget at this point. Please keep those pledges coming in. Let's pray for a warm fall to keep our heating costs down!!

I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Many blessings,

Kim Hendry, Moderator



COUNCIL

Corner

MINISTRY OF
Worship &
Covenant

The Ministry of Worship and Covenant is in the process of taking stock of its role in the life of the church. This includes years past, at the present time, and in the future, as we renew ourselves once again in the service of Jesus.

Part of this effort you have seen - the convivial coffees and dinners, helping out with communion, and tech. Part of this effort you are going to see - as we continue to carefully work our way back into pre-pandemic church rhythms, we are going to start "passing the plate" again, so that folks who are most comfortable with their support for the church in that way get that option once again. We are trying to figure out how to do this efficiently, so if you see us trying different systems, that's why.

If anyone is interested in helping out with this, please let Larry Perry or Virginia Eddy know. We could really use the help, and it is a chance to get up and stretch your legs in the middle of the service.

MINISTRY OF

Music

What are you bringing to the potluck? Sign up in Fellowship Hall

Music & Worship Team Potluck
Wednesday, September 7 – 5:30PM
followed by
Bell Choir Rehearsal – 6:30PM
Choir Rehearsal – 7:30PM

Choir Sunday Kickoff
Sunday, September 11 – 9:00AM

Explore the Transformative Power of Gathered Worship!

September 5-9 "Sing!Global" conference will be live-streamed to our sanctuary. Join us as we consider the power of prayer and the beauty of liturgy to rediscover how the patterns of our worship cultivate our devotion to Christ.



[Click Here](#)
[for the Online](#)
[Schedule](#)

[Conference](#)
[Preview](#)

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn and worship with an amazing line-up of international speakers and musicians. Come for an hour, come for parts of or all of the four days. Sign up in Fellowship Hall.

Donations toward the cost are welcome, but not required!

Please contact Minister of Music Jan Stover, if you are interested in participating:
janiceleastover@gmail.com

Website Upgrade

Our Website has gotten an upgrade!

Check it out at

www.falmouthcongregationalchurch.org

(You may need to reload the page or delete your cache)



Kids' Church

Our Kids' Church program is led by Ms. Kristen Tripp, the owner of The Davinci Experience Science & Arts Summer Camp. Kristen has run the Kids' Church program for 6 years. All curriculums are created in-house and are interactive and hands-on. Lessons are based on an overarching theme of the year. Children play games, make art projects, bake, sing and dance, act and perform, and watch movies to understand the complex stories of the Bible. Our program runs from 10:00-12:00.

Click here to watch Sunday worship online!

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**Formed by wo
we are a vibra
open-minded
welcoming Christian
community.**

We are a Christian Community of faith that serves:

- God through love & worship
- Our church family through loving mutual support &

Watch on YouTube

MINISTRY OF *community life* Women's Spiritual Book Group

FCC Women's Spiritual Book Group resumes its monthly meetings for the upcoming year on Wednesday, September 7, at noon. This is a lively group who enjoys informal, bag lunch gatherings to discuss titles and authors recommended by its members. September's meeting will be spent reconnecting after a summer hiatus and selecting a reading list for the year ahead. Given that some of our members join in from a distance, we have both in-person and virtual attendees. This is a fun and welcoming group that always enjoys new faces. Contact Cathy Bowden at cathybbowden@gmail.com for more information and the Zoom link or come join us on September 7 in the Parlor at noon. Hope to see you there.

MINISTRY OF *Community Life*

Small Groups

Worship & Covenant Small Dinner Groups are meeting through September. Sign up in Fellowship Hall.

See Page 4 for Women's Spiritual Book Group



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Men's Group
forming in
September

See Jim Scherer or email the office
_____ for details

Falmouth Congregational Church

Bicycle Club



For more information contact Jim Parr
at 207.415.8444

Or : jamesalexanderparr1@gmail.com



Upcoming Dates in October

Annual Conference: Sunday, October 2

The Community Supper returns as the Community Cookout:
Wednesday, October 5th ~ Raindate: October 6

Introduction to Vocal Technique & Reading Music Workshop:
6:30 PM Wednesday, October 12, 19, 26

Pop-Up Choir:
Rehearsal- Wednesday, October 26
Performance- Sunday, October 30

Remembrance Sunday:
October 30



Love the Loaves?



Loaves of Love will be returning for the fall! Starting October 1 we will be baking for Communion Sunday and all that wish to take a loaf home. We will also be baking November 5 and December 3.

Loaves of Love is a community effort. Even if you have no baking experience, please consider donating four hours of your time on a Saturday for this mission. Volunteers from nine to ninety have dug into the dough. The aromas are wonderful and the fruits of our labor speak for themselves.

Please speak to me at church or send an email if you would like to join in the fun.

- Alyce Graves, Alycegraves8@gmail.com

MINISTRY OF *Christian Education*

Kids' Church Kickoff September 18!



Hello, members of Falmouth Congregational Church!

I am delighted to be joining your community as Director of Youth and Family Ministries. In my previous positions as an educator, I have worked to combine theatre education with children's literature, emphasizing the elements of storytelling and imaginative play to unlock empathy and creativity in children of all ages. As a teacher and leader, I strive to share stories that represent all racial identities, genders, sexualities, religions, and abilities, and work to ensure that every child in my classrooms feel seen, safe, and represented by the stories we read. The overlap of the values that both theatre and faith teach is large, and I am excited by the opportunity this position gives me to further this work using the stories of the Bible as a base text.

I believe that being part of a strong intergenerational community such as FCC and the act of sharing stories are essential to the intellectual and emotional growth of children, and I have seen firsthand the impact that it can have on a child's empathy, compassion, and self-esteem. This position is a wonderful intersection of both these values, and I am excited to be part of providing these experiences for the children and families of your congregation.

Thank you to everyone I have met so far for being so welcoming and kind. I look forward to meeting the rest of the congregation soon!

Warmly,
Hannah Daly

Children and Youth Programming



Hello, members of FCC! My name is Hannah Daly, and I am thrilled to be heading into our new school year as your Director of Children and Family Ministries. We have lots of exciting things happening – read on to find out what we have planned for your family this year!

- It's almost time for Kids' Church! Kick-off will be September 18th with an all-ages worship and a celebration after church!
- Regular programming will begin the following Sunday, running from 10:00 to 12:00 with an optional early pick up at 11:00. This year children will begin the morning in worship, and then move into our downstairs classrooms following the Children's Moment, where we will explore the stories of the Bible and God's teachings through art, music, movement, games, and more!
- This year, FCC is partnering with Foreside Congregational Church to offer a confirmation program for students entering 8th grade and up. This program offers a way to learn about your faith on the way to confirming the promises that baptized members of the church make to live lives in service to God and to the world. Any interested students and their parents are invited to an informal meeting about confirmation on Tuesday September 13th at 6pm on Zoom.
- After a pause due to COVID, the FCC combined youth group is back! Running concurrently with our confirmation program, this group offers an opportunity for our tweens and early teens to continue their faith education through thoughtful discussion and prayer, participating in service projects, socializing, and, of course, having a lot of fun.

Click below to register your child for Kids' Church, or to express interest in our confirmation program or youth group.

[Click Here to Register for Kids' Church School](#)

We can't wait to welcome your children back soon!

Please email hannah@falmouthcongregationalchurch.org with any questions.



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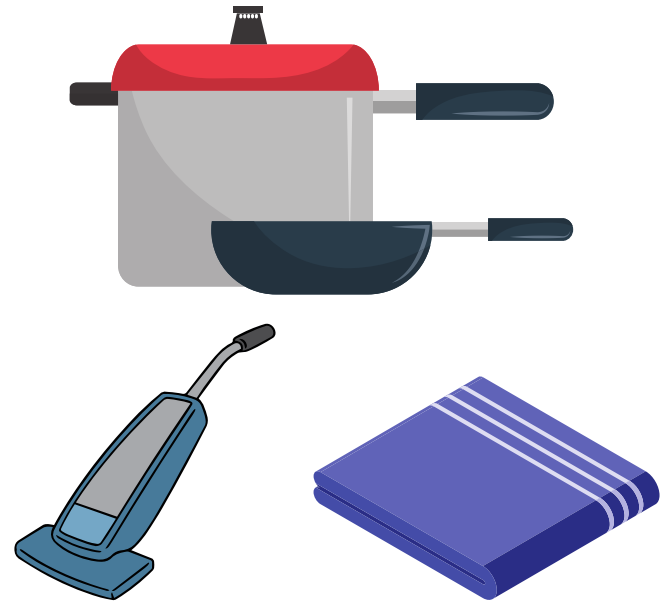


Maine Needs

New or Gently Used Fall Items Needed! Please wash items before donating, as the people who receive these frequently do not have easy access to do laundry. Items may be left in the Mission Bins inside or outside the church. Thank you!

Items in High Demand

- Bagless vacuums
- Twin sheet sets
- Queen sheet sets
- Warm comforters
- Towels
- Pots/pans
- Basic dish sets
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- New underwear



For more information: Maineneeds.org

Plant for the Pantry

Also, if you happen to have any “extra” vegetables from your garden (yes, even zucchini!), please contact Nancy, who will arrange to pick them up and deliver them to Food Pantry families. Thank you!



"Neighbors in Need" Mission

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministries. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. This year October 2, 2022, has been chosen as our Neighbors-in-Need Sunday. Please consider making a contribution to this far-reaching ministry of the UCC.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

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

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missions



Many many thanks to all who have been donating to the Falmouth Food Pantry. We don't know who you are and we are sorry we aren't able to thank you personally, but many families have already appreciated your help!

Many many thanks to all who have made donations during the summer months. We don't know who you are and therefore cannot thank you personally, but please know that many families in our community are very appreciative of all those cans of tuna fish!

My mother used to make the best soups.

She was a real SOUP-ERSTAR.

My father believed it was good to have soup once a day.

He was very SOUP-ERSTITIOUS.



During September, October, and November our church will be collecting SOUP for the Food Pantry! If you would like, please put cans of soup (but NOT cream soups) into the collection bin outside Fellowship Hall, and the soups will be given to very grateful Food Pantry families.

Remember, however, that soup and stew are very different:

While one is STEW-PENDOUS, the other is SOUP-ER.

You are SOUP-ER if you are able to bring a can of soup for the Food Pantry!

School Kits: Summer Sales

We are beginning to collect and sort this year's school supplies that will be sent all over the world to support children in need. Thank you for the donations that have already been given this month.



SUMMER SCHOOL SUPPLY SALES

During August and September there are HUGE school supply sales, and it is the best time to purchase items for our Church World Service School Kit donations! We will need MANY of the following items, which can be left in the inside or outside Mission Bins. Thank you!

Blunt Scissors

70-count bound notebooks

30-centimeter/12" rulers

Unsharpened pencils with erasers

Boxes of 24 crayons (only 24!)

Finished cotton bags(see sewing directions below)

https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/pda/pdfs/goh-schoolkitbagpattern.pdf



CHURCH

family news

- Randy Boardway as his father, Paul, is fighting liver cancer.
- Katie Howison's family as they travel with and support her mother through her cancer diagnosis.
- John Graustein who has returned home with Barbara, his wife and caregiver. Praise be to God!
- James Smith is still in a lot of pain and needs positive thoughts and prayers for healing and guidance on how to help him heal. Pray for comfort for his parents, Jim and Kaye. Send cards of encouragement, but no phone calls please: 127 Winn Road Falmouth, Maine 04105. The Smith family is grateful for prayers.
- Jo Blinick as she recovers from a fall. Cards: 510 Blackstrap Road Falmouth, ME
- Norm O'Brien, who is 92 and in hospice care within his home. Cards to: 130 Winn Road Falmouth, ME 04105.
- Sarah Lyons, Mike Guippone, Fred and Susie who are expecting a baby girl in October! Cards of congratulations can be sent to: 19 Bluebird Trail in Falmouth.

We Lift in Prayer...



- Peggy Halleck as she awaits a treatment plan to reduce pain in her neck and shoulders. Cards of care may be sent to: 32 Blueberry Lane Apt. 222 Falmouth, ME 04105
- Bee, Norm's wife of 67 + years, who continues to live at Falmouth-By-the-Sea and will also benefit from cards. Bee's address is: Room 103A 191 Foreside Road Falmouth, ME 04105
- Ginny Hamilton who continues to enjoy hearing from you where she lives at her nursing home. You may share your love by sending cards to her at: 300 Spring Street Room King 4A Springbrook Center, Westbrook, Maine 04092
- Sally Emery who is cared for in her home. Sally loves getting cards and displays them in her room. Please give her joy by sending a card to: P.O. Box 102 Gray, ME 04039.

September

Ushers

- 4 - Mark Horton & Peggy Horton
- 11 - Bill Nugent & Beth Stouder
- 18 - Larry & Sue Perry
- 25 - Steve & Kim Hendry

Liturgists

- 4 - Ann Sanborn
- 11 - Lydia Hill
- 18 - Virginia Eddy
- 25 - Nancy Lightbody

Thank You

To My Church Family,
I am so fortunate to be a part of this family. Since my accident last month you have all been so supportive of me and my husband, Joe. The many prayers for healing, the cards, phone calls, visits and the food you have prepared and delivered has nourished me in many ways.
Thank you all for your kindness. ~ Jo Blinick

Welcome!

We welcome back our Office Assistant, Laurie Logan, who had this role a few years ago before moving away. She is in the office with Kat Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
fcc.ucc.desk@falmouthcongregationalchurch.org

September Birthdays

- 4 - Bill Henderson
- 6 - Barbara Graustein
- 6 - Larry Perry
- 8 - Rita Farry
- 10 - Katie Han
- 15 - Jan Stover
- 16 - Jean Twitchell
- 17 - Jeaneen Coleman
- 25 - Steve Hendry
- 26 - Peggy Horton



September 2022 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
				6:30 PM Ministry of Missions 7 PM Troop 93
4 10 AM Worship with Communion and guest Rev. 7 pm Troop 93	Labor Day Office Closed 10:30 AM Sing! Global Conference	9 AM Sing! Global Conference 11 AM Staff Lunch 6 PM The Family Restored 7 PM Fiddle-icious	9:30 AM Sing! Global 12 PM Women's Spiritual Book Club 5:30 PM Potluck 6:30 PM Bell Choir 6:45 PM Private Group 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	8 6 PM Let's Gather Meal 7 PM Finance Mtg 7 PM Troop 93
Choir Kickoff! 10 AM Worship In-person or Online 11:30 Council of Ministries	12 12 PM Bible Study	11 AM Staff Mtg 6 PM The Family Restored 6:30 PM Cub Scout Mtg	14 6:30 PM Bell Choir 6:45 PM Private Group 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	15 6 PM Let's Gather Meal 7 PM Troop 93
Kids' Church Kickoff 10 AM Worship In-person or Online 11 AM Church Picnic	19 Congregator Deadline 12 PM Bible Study 7 PM Fiddle-icious	20 11 AM Staff Mtg 6 PM The Family Restored	21 6:30 PM Bell Choir 6:45 PM Private Group 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	22 6 PM Let's Gather Meal 7 PM Troop 93
25 10 AM Worship In-person or Online	26 12 PM Bible Study	11 AM Staff Mtg 6 PM The Family Restored Reverend Amelia away	28 6:30 PM Bell Choir 6:45 PM Private Group 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	29 7 PM Troop 93

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Chair, Ministry of Missions

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