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A Note from Rev. Tina

Reflecting On My First Year-

Wow, I can't believe it has already been a year. In some ways it seems like just yesterday I walked into First Church amid all the Fair preparations and in other ways it feels like I have been here a long time. I want to thank you all for all the warmth and hospitality you have shown me as we have gotten to know one another over this past year. I have been honored to hear the stories of your lives and the stories of First Church. I have enjoyed the many laughs we have shared and the joyous events which have occurred. And I have also been honored to share in challenges life inevitably brings. Thank you all for trusting me and allowing me to be a part of your church community.

Community is why we are church. Anyone can pray or worship God on their own, but it is the connectedness, the community which brings us together. As we continue journeying forward together I offer you this prayer:

*Heavenly God,
You gathered us from the east and west, from the north and south
joining us together on our faith journey
Trusting in you, we have formed this one community
A community on a journey
A journey in which we know not where it will take us
But a journey on which we trust You are the guiding light
Guide us in love
Guide us in faith
Guide us in our desire to be ever mindful of your presence
For it is in your love and grace that we reach out
Desiring to be your caring people, who are sharing your love
Guide us through this next year and beyond
In the name of the Creator, Christ and Spirit One we pray.
Amen.*

Blessings to you,
Rev. Tina

Let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your
hearts and always be thankful.

Colossians 3:15



Sunday School Update

We are now in our second unit of the Loving God, Loving Neighbor curriculum. In November, we will be finishing up

Community Foundations and will be talking about “Stories that Shape the Faith Community.” Please be sure to take home the devotionals and weekly worksheets on Sundays so that you can continue these enriching conversations at home with your children. As always, we invite the parents to be involved by volunteering in our One Room Schoolhouse.

Sunday School Teacher Assistants Wanted!: This is only a one class commitment and no planning of curriculum required. Just come hang out in the classroom, help the kiddos and have fun! Sign up online: [Sunday School Teaching Assistants](#)

Youth Group:

Youth group meeting dates:

Sunday November 24th 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Sunday December 15th 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Sunday, December 22nd– Trip to La Salette Shrine, Attleboro

Youth group activity dates:

Saturday, November 30th Cape Cod Cares for the Troops - Jr. and Sr. Youth Groups.

January 24th-25th Street Reach - Sr. Youth Group members only.

If you would like to find out more information about our Youth Group, or how to be involved, please email Reagan at firstchurchce@comcast.net

Learn, Worship & Serve

Learn Worship & Serve, for 7th graders and up, will continue meeting the third Sunday of every month during the worship service. Our next meeting is on November 17th at 9:00 a.m. Please meet in the sanctuary to begin worship together and then we will all head upstairs for class!

Attention Parents of all College Students: please make sure that Jennie has your child’s school or living address updated in our system. We are working on sending out cards and want to make sure to include all our college youth!

Advent Craft Workshop: This year we will be hosting an Advent Workshop Saturday, November 23rd from 4:00pm-6:30pm at the church. The workshop is led by Hammer & Stain Cape Cod. We will be creating a 12x12 custom Christmas countdown board with the theme; **Hope, Peace, Joy, Love.** Cost per board is \$24 and registration is required for this event. Call Reagan at 508-888-0434 or email firstchurchce@comcast.net

Church Fair: We are still looking for help from our youth at the fair! Come hang out for a few hours or, for the whole day and have fun getting to know members of our community by helping in one of our many areas like our bake table, café, upscale treasures, parking or Kids Korner. Check out the link for spots available Church Fair Youth Volunteer Opportunities.

Christmas Pageant: Planning for this year’s Christmas Pageant is under way! The pageant will be held on Christmas Eve this year. Please stay tuned for more information. This is a great event to be involved in and a lot of fun! If you’re interested in volunteering this year, contact Reagan at firstchurchce@comcast.net

Calling all children 2nd grade and up: We are looking for Acolytes at our 9:00am Sunday service. Sign-ups are online at: [Acolyte Sign-Up Form](https://tinyurl.com/y4vytx9r). (<https://tinyurl.com/y4vytx9r>)





2019 Holiday Happenings Fair Delivery Schedule

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

“Please” drop off items anytime starting **NOW** until **Nov. 1st**
(this gives us time for needed publicity)

Leave on the office counter, M-F 9:30-3pm or Sunday

JEWELRY - Between now and October 28th

RAFFLE BASKETS - Leave in office between 11/4 and 11/7

On Thursday, Nov. 7TH, 10am -5pm or Friday, Nov. 8th, 8-11am

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Vestry

CAFÉ

Vestry

EVERYTHING CHOCOLATE

Sanctuary

COOKIES (Please bring in on **Thursday**)

Gates

COUNTRY STORE –all other baked goods

Gates

Contact Betsy @888-8636 for possible pick up if you are unable to deliver donation

SEA GARDEN – House plants

Gates

INTERNATONAL FOOD EMPORIUM

Library

NEW UPSCALE TREASURES AND

REGIFTED ITEMS (Thursday after 1:30)

Top Floor

NO YARD SALE ITEMS PLEASE!!

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP!

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS SILENT AUCTION???

WHAT'S THAT?

HOW DOES A SILENT AUCTION WORK AT OUR FAIR?

1. Come to the 2nd floor rooms at the Fair where all auction items will be displayed and described.
2. Get your personal bidding number at the sign-in desk.
3. Look over the items. Make an initial bid or add to ones already entered on the lines provided, using your bidding number. You may follow your item and increase your bid over a previous one.
4. You may bid on as many items as you wish. Bidding will close promptly at 2:00 pm. IT IS WISE TO CHECK ANY ITEM FOR WHICH YOU HAVE INTEREST JUST PRIOR TO 2 PM in case a higher bid than bid than yours has been added.
5. Highest bidder will be notified as quickly as possible by email or phone (text or call)
6. Pick up and pay for your winning item per the schedule posted.

It really is as simple as 1-2-3! Have fun – bid often and bid high!



Please check the Gates Room *before the fair* for plates & dishes that have been left behind from social hour– they are stacking up!!!



TREASURES– Holiday Fair

Only a few more days to dig thru those boxes to find some treasures for the fair. We hope to meet a goal of \$3,000.00 this year. A few suggestions for donations are below, but we welcome everything you can donate.

- * Re-gifted items
- * Holiday dishes and decorations
- * Everything Military
- * Serving pieces
- * Small home décor
- * Candle sticks
- * Tea pots and tea cups
- * Old musical instruments
- * Collectibles
- * Music and Movie CDs
- * Dolls – American Girl and the clothing
- * Old antique linens
- * Any antiques

See you at the fair. Thank you,
Marilyn and Heidi



Everything Chocolate!

The chocolate table is hoping for many donations this year, and to have more people involved in giving this table a greater variety of items. A few simple ideas could be filling coffee mugs with chocolate candy, which make easy gifts or for a friend or teacher, chocolate dipped anything such as Oreos, pretzels, dried fruit, etc. Different types of fudge like chocolate cranberry, peanut butter & chocolate. Please try to wrap each item individually. I don't mind bagging some but it takes a lot of time if I have to do many! Also, I am happy to provide simple recipes if anyone would like. Thanks in advance for all that you do to make this fair the best around!! Carol A. 508-982-6054



Raffle Baskets

This year there is a variety of different size baskets for everyone to challenge and explore their talents and creativity. Please choose a theme, then ask your committee members to fill the basket with items that speak to that chosen theme. As the basket begins to take shape, please keep a list of the items and the value of each item.

This year Nancy and Cheryl are asking each committee or individual that turns in a Raffle Basket to send in a list on a neat/decorative paper or card of what each basket contains.



Please deliver the Raffle Baskets to the Sanctuary by Wednesday evening, Nov. 6th. Please remember to arrange items in the basket so they are visible and inviting.

Silent Auction ItemsSneak Preview

- ♦ Handmade Nantucket basket w/ mermaid cover
- ♦ Round of Golf for 4 at The Ridge Club,
- ♦ Whimsical cigar box purse
- ♦ Handcrafted quilts, afghans and sweaters
- ♦ Very large antique Turkish copper ewer
- ♦ Handmade Nantucket bracelet
- ♦ Very large antique Turkish copper ewer
- ♦ Pottery, art glass, unique art
- ♦ Personal services: hair styling, haircuts & nails



Please keep these friends in your prayers

Prayers for Comfort & Healing:

Richard Augustine, Dick Hardaker, Scott Johnson,
Charlie Marino, Terri McMahon,
Janet Garfield,
Shirley Goldstein, Pearl Simpson



Prayers of Sympathy:

The Gill Family, and all others who
have lost loved ones.

Home Bound: Mildred Lauzier, Eleanor Rose,
Marjorie Hadley

Flower Sign Ups

Would you like to honor a special person,
birthday or anniversary, or perhaps a thank you
to God for the blessings you have received.
Please contact Ann Morrison at:
amjoan@aol.com or sign up in the Gates Room.



Date	Name
Nov. 3	Brabazon
Nov. 10	
Nov. 17	Hollis
Nov. 24	Thanksgiving Sunday
Dec. 1	

✝ Deaths ✝

Barbara Gill
September 28, 2019

Thank You to all who contributed either diapers,
wipes or money during Diaper Need Awareness
Week for A Baby Center, a ministry of the Cape
Cod Council of Churches. If anyone missed that
opportunity and would like to help out ABC there
are Christmas cards for sale \$15.00 a box to further
support A Baby Center..contact Nancy Lawrence,
nancjl@comcast.net.

Faith on Tap Continues!

Faith isn't just a topic for Sundays.
Join us for conversation that deepens our
understanding about where faith and community
converge, in a place free to engage in faith,
doubt, and to ask questions. All are welcome!
The 1st Wednesday each month @ 7:00 p.m. at
the British Beer Company, Sandwich



Thank You to a those who
re-supplied the Visitors with
notecards – we're grateful!



Have a Newsletter Submission?

Please submit by emailing to Jennie Fagnant at
(sanducc@comcast.net) or by leaving a copy on
the office door (folder named "Spire Articles")
by the 20th of each month.

Jubilee-

Jubilee is a ladies' book club that
meets the 1st Tuesday of each
month at 7:00pm in the Gates
Room. We discuss our selected
book, have a time of worship and
enjoy refreshments and the support of a wonderful
group of ladies. Anyone interested in joining-contact
Nancy Lawrence.



Jubilee will meet **Tues, Nov. 5th 6:30 p.m.** We will
discuss *A Place For Us* by Fatima Farheen Mirza.

Flower Sign Ups

Altar flowers enhance our Sanctuary and remind us of the beauty in this world which God has given us. If you are interested in donating flowers, there is a sign up board in the Gates Room near the piano. If the particular week you desire is blank, then it is available. Simply sign your name legibly and provide a contact phone number. Those who sign up may call either Annie Morrison (508-280-9285) or Diane Ranney (508-367-5810) if you wish one of us to contact A Village Florist (508-888-6080) for you. Please call Annie or Diane by Tuesday of the week before your flowers will be on the altar, to allow us enough time to call the florist.

If neither Annie nor Diane receives a call, we will assume you have taken care of it yourself.

Information needed: Date desired, Donor's name, Preferred color scheme and type of flower if available, message for Church bulletin (example: In memory of/In celebration of...) and whether you wish to take your bouquet home after the 11:00 service or donate to the Visitors Committee to bring to the sick or members in need of an uplift.

A Village Florist charges \$50 per arrangement. A check, made payable to First Church Sandwich with altar flowers in the memo line may be mailed to First Church Sandwich, UCC, P.O. Box 810, Sandwich, MA 02563 or dropped off to the church office. Another option is to create your own arrangement with flowers purchased or grown in your garden. It would need to be on the altar by 8:30 on the Sunday you have chosen. Thank you in advance for bringing joy and beauty to us all!



2020 Pledge Report

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who have submitted cards and pledged your financial support for the upcoming year. **We are at 75% of our goal and still accepting cards for the upcoming year to help close the gap!** If you are planning to pledge, please let us know by filling out a pledge card and dropping it in the collection basket or in the office. We appreciate your generosity and know that every amount counts and is appreciated.

Come be Fed, and Feed Others!

Every **Communion Sunday** (1st Sunday of the month) the Outreach Committee invites you to bring a donation for the Food Pantry. Together we can all be fed at God's table and spread that love by helping to feed others in our community. Below is a list of suggested items for the upcoming months:

Nov. 3: **Canned Soup**

Dec. 1: **Tissues**

Jan. 5: **Liquid Hand Soap**

Feb. 2: **Baked Beans**

Mar. 7: **Pasta Sauce**

April 4: **Peanut Butter & Jelly**

**DONATE
FOOD
HERE**



Donations can be placed in the box in the center hallway to the sanctuary at the bottom of the staircase.

November 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Music</u> <i>Tues.</i> 6:15 Praise Band <i>Thurs.</i> 5:30 Children's Choir 6:00 Jr. Choir					1 9:30 Exercise 7:00 Girl Scouts	2 9:00 Scrap Booking Class
3 9:00 Service 11:00 Service 3:00 Steve Gregory Recital	4 9:30 Exercise 9:30 Pryr Shawl 5:45 Chorale Brd 7:00 CC Chorale 7:30 AA	5 6:30 Jubilee 7:30 AA	6 9:30 Exercise 11:00 Prayer Grp 12:00 Bible Study 7:00 Faith on Tap	7 Fair Set Up	8 Fair 1:00-6:00	9 Fair 9:00-3:00
10 9:00 Service 11:00 Service	11 Office Closed 9:30 Exercise 12:00 ROMEOs 7:00 CC Chorale 7:30 AA	12 7:30 AA	13 9:30 Exercise 11:00 Prayer Grp 5:00 Outreach	14 9:30 Chair Yoga	15 9:30 Exercise 7:00 Girl Scouts	16
17 9:00 Service 11:00 Service 5:00 Confirmation	18 9:30 Exercise 9:30 Pryr Shawl 10:00 Finance 7:00 CC Chorale 7:30 AA	19 12:00 Staff Mtg 6:00 Deacons 6:30 FFM 7:30 AA	20 9:30 Exercise 11:00 Prayer Grp 12:00 Bible Study 6:30 Council	21 9:00 Tina @ Beths 9:30 Chair Yoga 12:30 Ladies Circle Luncheon 4:00 Planned Giving Seminar	22 9:30 Exercise 7:00 Girl Scouts	23 4:00 Advent Workshop
24 9:00 Service w/ Children's Choirs 11:00 Service 4:00 Youth Group	25 9:30 Exercise 7:00 CC Chorale 7:30 AA	26 7:30 AA	27 9:30 Exercise 11:00 Prayer Grp 12:00 Bible Study	28 Thanksgiving 	29 9:30 Exercise 7:00 Girl Scouts	30 10:00 Cape Cod Cares For the Troops



Outreach News

The month of September was busy for the Outreach Team starting with planning the Big Fix. It was exciting for our Church to have fourteen members sign up to go to Barnstable. There were over 325 volunteers that came together to help veterans and those in need. Our group worked on a home that needed painting, extensive yard work, and completely redoing of a driveway. It was wonderful to have ten students from Harwich High School with us. We hope next year some of our youth group members will join us. Next year, The Big Fix will be Orleans.

Outreach has also planned Mission Sunday and the Neighbors in Need Collection with several speakers from local charities. The Outreach Team voted to present each charity with a \$350.00 donation to continue it's much needed work. There are several opportunities to volunteer for: **Children's Cove, We Can, Veteran's Outreach and HAC**. If interested, please contact any of the outreach team. Also, please remember Outreach is looking for more members to help with other new programs. Please contact any of the outreach team members, Pat Marshall, Lynda Colby, Richard Lothrop, Judy Coppola, Marilyn Dexter



Church Circle

All First Church women are invited to our next meeting Thursday, November 21 at 12:30. Bring your lunch, dessert; coffee will be provided. Samantha Gray, a Park Ranger with the US Army Corps of Engineers will speak to us about the Cape Cod Canal's history and operations.

The Circle will again be supporting A Baby Center during the month of November. Since the Center is able to buy much-needed diapers at a bulk rate, we decided to send a monetary donation rather than buying/collecting diapers this year.

In December, the Circle will sponsor 2-3 children in the Dress A Live Doll program held each Christmas by the Salvation Army. We receive the age, gender, size and needs of the child. Our shoppers spend about \$125 to dress a child.

If you would like to contribute to either of these ministries, please put a check in the Church Circle mailbox in the office, made out to First Church Sandwich, UCC, indicating on the memo line which charity you are supporting.





Advent Craft Workshop

NOVEMBER 23, 2019

4:00 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M.

12x12 Custom Built Countdown Board

\$24.00 per board

All are welcome

Crafts for the kids

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
call 508-888-1434 -or- email Reagan at
firstchurchcee@comcast.net



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It's Fair Time!!!
See pages 4 & 5 for important details.



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THURSDAY NOVEMBER 21 | 4 - 6 PM | GATES ROOM



Taking care of the people you **LOVE**.
Paying less **TAXES** to Uncle Sam and the State.
Smart **MONEY** decisions when giving back.

Join Tim Chapin, Senior Vice President –
Wealth Management, UBS Financial Services, and
his guest attorney and accountant as we answer
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