

He has been raised.
—Mark 16:6



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A Note from Rev. Tina

Dear First Church,

We are resurrection people! We believe that Christ walked this earth, died on the cross, and has been resurrected. In this season of Easter, we are called to live into that faith, and to see new possibilities springing up all around us.

One area of new possibilities is Faith Formation here at First Church. Our Faith Formation Committee is working hard and is committed to leading the church as we seek a new director. If you are wondering about ways you can help please, feel free to ask me or any member of the committee (Rob Newell, Janelle Bavota, Vicki Mitchell, Sue Cochrane, Jessica and Jim Dwyer). Below are a couple of areas where volunteers are needed:

- * Teaching one or two Sundays this summer with our One Room Sunday School. All the supplies and lessons will be provided; all you have to do is review the lesson and show up! Two adults are needed each week beginning June 16-September 1. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside of the church office.
- * Volunteer to help with Vacation Bible School. Even if you can't be at VBS during the day (August 5th- 9th) there are opportunities to help before the event!

The future is bright here at First Church with loads of possibilities. I want to thank you all, especially the Faith Formation Committee, for all your hard work spreading God's love to our children, young adults and community, both in the church and to the wider community.

Blessings to you,
Rev. Tina

P.S. Every Thursday morning I have open office hours at Beth's Bakery downtown from 9-10:30am. Stop on by for a cup of coffee and good conversation.

**Service of Installation for Rev. Tina Walker-Morin
Sunday, May 19 at 4:00pm**

Join us for the installation service of Rev. Tina Walker-Morin as Senior Minister at First Church Sandwich, UCC! The service of Installation is more than just saying to someone "This is your new job – do it well." It is a way of affirming the movement of the Holy Spirit who participated with us in the process, and who called this leader to this place for this time. Come as we create a new covenant between Rev. Tina, First Church and the Barnstable Association.



NOT ABLE TO MAKE IT TO CHURCH?
Watch Rev. Tina's sermon online on Facebook!! Go to the First Church Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/firstchurchsandwich> and watch live, or after the fact log on to the church website at www.firstchurchsandwich.org, click the Photos & Media icon, then select sermons.

I AM
THE RESURRECTION
& THE LIFE

On-line Vacation Bible School Registration

Blast off with First Church Sandwich, UCC's Vacation Bible School (VBS) to land on the moon! *To Mars and Beyond* will help kids discover the wonders of God's universe. They'll become Voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them. Along the way, they'll learn that God is always with them.

August 5th-August 9th / 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Registration cost is \$60/child, not to exceed \$120 per family.

To register or volunteer log on to:

<https://tmab.cokesburyvbs.com/firstchurchuccsandwich>

Checks can be made payable to First Church Sandwich UCC. Please mark VBS in the memo line and either drop off to the church office or mail to:

PO Box 810
Sandwich, MA 02563



Celebration Sunday Skit — Casting Call

As part of the Celebration Sunday Service on June 2nd, First Church children will be performing a skit about Noah's Ark. There will be two rehearsals:

Thurs. May 30th @ 5:30 p.m.

Sat. June 1st @ 3:00 p.m.

Costumes will be provided. A sign up sheet will be posted outside of the church office. Contact Betsy Pottey for more information at bpottey@msn.com



Flower Sign Ups

The Sanctuary Arts group appreciates all who have donated bouquets in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a particular joy. The altar flowers enhance the beauty of our Sanctuary and remind us of the beauty in this world which God has given us.

We thought updated information regarding donations might be helpful to new members, and serve as a reminder for existing members. In the Gates Room near the piano there is a Flower Chart sign up. 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:

- Donation date desired
- Donor's name(s)
- Preferred color scheme and type of flower if available
- Message for Church bulletin (example: In memory of... In celebration of...)
- Whether you wish to take your bouquet or plant(s) home after the 11:00 service or donate to the Visitors Committee to be gifted to the sick or members in need of an uplift.

A Village Florist charges \$50 for an arrangement. A check for that amount 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. You may wish to sign up with a second church member and incur a cost of \$25 each instead. 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. Living hydrangeas or other flowering plants may also be used and planted in your yard later on.

Thank you in advance for bringing joy and beauty to us all!





On Wednesday March 27th, the Junior Choir volunteered by packing bags of food for the local nonprofit Cape Kids Meals. See photo right.



The mission of Cape Kids Meals is to feed children in need on the weekends throughout the school year. Every Wednesday they pack bags of food at Upper Cape Tech, which are dropped off to local elementary schools and distributed discreetly to students on Friday's to take home for that weekend. The children loved being able to assist in the assembly line of packing the bags. **We plan to do this the 4th Wednesday of every month during the school year.**

If anyone would like more information, or to join us, contact Marcia Marino, mcquaid.marcia@gmail.com.



An invitation

Our music programs at First Church are – and have always been – open to all our members and friends for participation. Whether you consider yourself an adult or a child, I invite you to consider joining one of our musical ensembles if you have even an inkling of musical interest.

- * First Church Choir meets every Thursday at 7:00 PM, and Sundays at 10:25 AM through the program year. Our repertoire ranges from modern English compositions to ancient Latin works and we sing at every 11:00 service. We have a liberal attendance policy that facilitates job, school, and snowbird schedules: just let the director know about absences in advance. This ensemble sings from written music, but not every choir member reads well. It is a skill that can be learned as you sing.
- * Junior Choir meets every Thursday at 5:30 PM and sings once per month at the 9:00 service. This group is contextualized for young children between four and nine years old.
- * Praise Band meets Tuesday nights at 6:30 PM and Sundays at 8:15AM through the program year. By necessity this is a smaller ensemble, but there are no limits to the number of participants. When we have more participants than we need, we use a rotation schedule.

A point that might not be obvious is that *none* of our ensembles are restricted to “adults.” We are always conscientious to provide opportunities for children and youth to participate musically with their peers, but these are not the only opportunities for youngsters. Both the First Church Choir and the Praise Band have had child and youth members in the past and we actively recruit young people for those ensembles. So, if you are a budding musician or vocalist of any age we’d love to see you. Joining is easy: just show up! Talk with me or one of the ensemble members if you have questions.

Roy Gernhardt, Music Minister



Connections

The Search Committee and Connections will be coordinating the reception following Rev. Tina's installation on May 19th and would appreciate any donations of finger foods for the event. The reception will take place around 5:30 p.m. (following the service); finger sandwiches or desserts would be very welcome. Please sign up on the board outside the church office.

Connections will once again be handing out water at SandwichFest on June 29th. The committee is seeking donations of 16 ounce water bottles. Please drop donations off to the church **AFTER June 1st**. Items can be placed under the coat rack outside of the church office. Volunteers are needed, please contact Betsy Pottey.



Thank you, Betsy Pottey



Faith on Tap Continues!

Faith isn't just a topic for Sundays. Join us for conversation that deepens our community about where faith and community converge, in a safe place to engage in faith, doubt, and to ask questions. All are welcome!

When:

1st Wednesday each month @ 7:00PM

Where:

British Beer Company, Sandwich



On Sunday, April 7, the singers from First Church and others visited David Schrader and his wife Sandy at his rehab center in Chatham. They sang familiar hymns and all enjoyed a potluck lunch after. Photo provided by Kathy Gernhardt

Ladies Circle Events

On Thursday May 16th, the Annual Luncheon will take place at Upper Cape Tech in Bourne. Cost is \$14.00 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board outside of Jennie's office. Checks can be made payable to First Church Sandwich and put in the Circle Mailbox before May 5th.

On Friday, June 21st there will be a picnic lunch at Jan Kasper's lovely home in Sandwich to end the groups season.

All women of First Church are welcome to join us for all of these outings!

If you have any questions call Susan Spurling at 508-477-6620 or 781-622-0524!





Church News

Holy Week Recap *Hallelujah, Christ is risen!*

Have a Newsletter Submission?

Please email Jennie Fagnant (Sanducc@firstchurchsandwich.org) or place the submission in the purple folder on the office door no later than the **20th** of each month. In addition to the Spire news can be publicized on the website, and in the weekly bulletins— please specify. Call Jennie in the church office at 508-888-0434 with any questions.



Palm Sunday Photo provided by Rev. Tina



Maundy Thursday Agape meal—Photo by Debbie Barrett



Easter Service children's message, Easter altar, Sunrise service and the worship team for sunrise service— photos provided by Rev. Tina





Save the date!!

All Church Picnic & Fun
Peters Pond Park
June 9th
More details coming
soon



Mental Health First Aid Class



Widening Our Welcome
First Church Sandwich, UCC
An Open and Affirming Congregation

May is Mental Health
Awareness Month
WHY CARE?

...because 1 in 5 people will be affected by mental health issues in their lifetime.

Widening our Welcome (WOW) is hosting a free Mental Health First Aid Certification Class on Saturday, May 18th, from 9 am-5 pm (lunch included).

Just as CPR helps you assist an individual having a heart attack, Mental Health First Aid helps you assist someone experiencing a mental health or substance use-related crisis. Learn warning signs and risk factors, strategies to help, and where you can turn if you need outside help. Sign up outside Jennie's office. Limited to 30 participants, so sign up quick! Any questions, contact Sue Cochrane at scochrane93@aol.com.

Also, take a look at these books on the children's carousel in the sanctuary.

Putting on the Brakes: Young People's Guide to Understanding

ADHD, by Patricia Quinn

Wishing Wellness: A Workbook for Children of Parents with Mental Illness,

by Lisa Anne Clark

I Will Be OKAY!

(Mindful Mantras),

by Laurie N. Wright

The Princess and the Fog: A Story for

Children with Depression, by Lloyd Jones

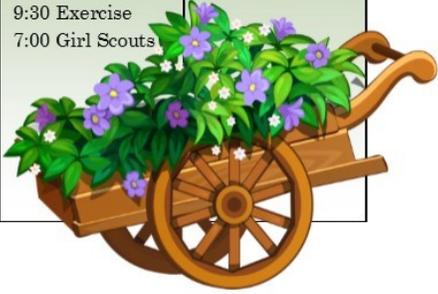


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Sale after
service on
May 5th



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Would you like to honor a special person, birthday or anniversary, to accent the altar? Perhaps as a thank you to God for the blessings you have

received. Sign up on the chart posted in the Gates room or contact Ann Morrison at 508-428-9431.

Date	Name
May 5	
May 12	
May 19	
May 26	
June 2	Alice Wentworth
June 9	

Memorial Garden

Would you like to honor a loved one in the Memorial Garden?

Application forms are available to purchase Memorial Stones. Forms can be found outside the office door in the mail slot or on the church website under the forms link. Contact the office with any questions 508-888-0434.



Please keep these friends in your prayers

Prayers Requests: Joan Gregory, Brian Lemée, Janet Cofran, Roupe Baker, Lynda Colby's husband, Tom, Jan Souza, Heather Foley

Prayers of Sympathy: The Farnham Family, and all others who have lost loved ones.

Home Bound:

Hope Anderson, Mildred Lauzier, Eleanor Rose, David Schrader

Come be Fed, and Feed Others!

Every **Communion Sunday** the Outreach Committee invites you to bring a donation to church 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:

DONATE FOOD HERE



May 5: **Mayonnaise**

June 2: **Dry Cat Food** July 7: **Liquid Hand Soap**

Thank You First Church!!!

I would like to say thank you so very much for all your thoughts and prayers for my husband, Tom Colby. We greatly appreciate them all!

Love & Peace,
Lynda Colby

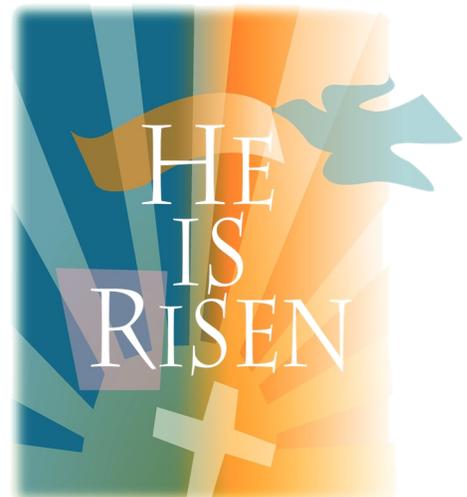


Jubilee

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



The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by *Lisa See* to be discussed May 7th; When All Is Said by *Anne Griffin* to be discussed June 4th; The House of Broken Angels by *Luis Alberto Urrea* to be discussed in either July or September based on the decision to meet (or not) in the summer.





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Details coming soon.

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Mayonnaise

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