

THE FRIENDLY WORD



**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE FEDERATED CHURCH OF HYANNIS
SPRING 2018**

Interim Pastor's Message

*Dear Church Family,
Grace and Peace to you!*

By the time you read this, most of you will be deep into your ritual of Spring cleaning—raking, digging, clearing the yard of fallen trees, broken branches, and other debris, as well as, emptying the garage of unwanted items and perhaps planting new trees and shrubs—all with the intention to make your home and yard beautiful and pleasing to the eye. This is all good, very good indeed. Might I recommend an additional practice to your spring ritual, one that would enrich your spiritual life beyond compare? I am suggesting that you consider approaching your spiritual life with an equal level of intentionality. Bible reading is a good place to start. Make a plan with a friend or family member.

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Church Events

- **May 1-18—Sturgis testing in Baldwin Hall**
- **May 12—Thurlow Bearse Service**
- **May 16—Clothing Give-away**
- **June 10—Scholarship Awards**
- **June 10-12—Church Secretary Conference**
- **June 17—Strawberry Festival**
- **July 6—Lobster Roll Luncheons begin**
- **August 4—David Won Concert**

Pastor's Message Continued

Explore and explore one or two biblical stories together. As you share your thoughts, consider the characters, what roles are being played, what did you find compelling in the story? What is God doing? Take a seat and place yourself in the story. Start digging into the life transforming power of God's word.

Happy reading and may this practice deepen your love for God and God's people.

Rev. Philomena

*For behold, the winter is past;
the rain is over and gone. The
flowers appear on the earth, the
time of singing has come, and the
voice of the turtledove is heard in
our land.*

Song of Solomon 2: 11-12

April Birthdays

- Ken DeLong 2
- Judi Botsford 5
- Joan Knowlton 5
- Christine Civitarese 7
- Priscilla Wallace 11
- Ellen Dornemann 14
- Patrick LaPorte 16
- Beth Pykosz 16
- Robin Fryer 16
- Bo Chu 22
- Dave Wilbur 27
- Gerald Pease 28

April Anniversaries

- * Ed & Faye LaVallee 4

President's Report

After March's biggest blizzards, we were patiently awaiting spring. However, it seems April was still very much part of winter. We must remember that **it is God's plan and His presence when the seasons will take place.**

The Church has continued to stay busy. All the committees continue to meet **and are thankful for their members' attendance.**

The Church Committee announced the members of the Transitional Team. Geri Brown, Sue Donald, Robert Macallister, Dot Sullivan and Phil Scudder will soon be working with Rev. Philomena to bring the Church profile up to date. This is the first step in the search for a settled Minister.

The Diaconate is planning the summer services. The Committee is interested in bringing back the 8:00 am service to the Narthex. Rev. Philomena and the Worship Team have been planning special **services. Let's enjoy any new ideas or changes that we see in the future.**

A small group is now forming to address the need for transportation to and from Church to a growing number of people. These dedicated church members are always finding ways to help and support all. Continued Page 4

May Birthdays

- Sandy Laliberte 1
- Joanne Burk 2
- Janette Bearse 8
- Pam Quilter 10
- Bill Masterson 11
- Joyce Welch 11
- Phil Scudder 14
- Ginny Powers 22
- Patty Eldridge 23
- Jean Evans 28
- Amelie Findlay 31

May Anniversaries

- Bob & Linda Macallister 4
- Joe and Chris Werner 27
- Sam and Jean Keavy 29

Presidents Report continued.

With modern technology, Facebook continues to flourish. Most messages are now e-mail or text.

Geri Brown has agreed to do the publishing of Church news to the local media. Hopefully, one of these methods will reach all our members and the general public.

The “Snow Birds” will be back. While they have been away they have found time to be involved within the life of the Church.

I’m deeply grateful for God’s amazing work during these days of transition.

May God bless each and every one.

Betsy



June Birthdays

- Carl Meade 1
- Bill McKay 3
- Sara Baker 6
- **Jennie D’Amico 16**
- Philomena Hare 17
- Dot Gilliland 19
- Marion Johnson 24
- Bob Webb 24

June Anniversaries

- Patrick & Barbara LaPorte 23
- Hugh and Amelie Findlay 25
- Hid and Joyce Welch 30

News From the Friendly Thrift Shop

Stormy days have come and gone as the globe of this beautiful earth turns. We have the sights to accept and enjoy the gifts of a new season of growth!

April

This spring we extended our clearance bag sale an extra week to April 14th. It was a fun sale. Folks could fill a grocery bag with clothes, shoes, hats and pocketbooks for the low price of \$5.00 per bag. Following that sale we had a special sale on all dishes, large and small. All dishes were half-price. The sale ran from April 19th until April 18th.

May

In honor of the Thrift Shop's 11th Anniversary of its being redecorated and re-opened, we are having a special store-wide half-price sale. Yes folks, everything in the shop will be 50% off its regular price! This special Anniversary Sale will start on Thursday, May 10th and run until Saturday, May 26th. Come, enjoy a fun shopping experience with us at our Friendly Thrift Shop during our 11th Year Anniversary Sale!

June

Who doesn't enjoy an interesting book with great reading material inside? To satisfy your reading (curiosity) hunger, we'll be having a special book sale in June. It's a great time to gather some books to read on the beach, your deck or porch during this summer.

Come early this season as this book sale starts on Thursday, June 7th for a limited time ending on Saturday, June 16th. For your summer reading enjoyment, each book will be half-price during the sale.

There are many different titled books to choose from. So come and check out our assortment while this sale lasts. Time is running short!

We're in need of nice gently used.....summer clothes, pots & pans, beach towels, bedding (sheet sets), beach toys, flatware (spoons, forks & butter knives), spring jackets and sun hats.

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News From the Friendly Thrift Shop continued

Have a wonderful and blessed Spring. I thank all of you for your gifts of time and donations. They are very much appreciated.

We welcome all visitors each day that we're open! Please visit us on Thursday and Friday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and Saturday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

I give heart-felt appreciation to our most helpful, understanding volunteers. It is your time and donations that help keep this important ministry alive. Please keep your gifts of donations coming!

Many blessings!

Wendy McKay



Universalist Cemetery Restoration Update

It has been a year since the Barnstable Town Council approved our grant of \$54,100 from Community Preservation funds for Phase I work on the cemetery. I am happy to report that the Preservation Restriction Agreement was recently signed by church officers and town officials and sent on to the Massachusetts Historical Commission for final signatures.

We anticipate that the restriction will be filed with the Registry of Deeds before the end of April, after which we can begin requesting funds from the town.

The installation of fencing by Reliable Fence will be scheduled as soon as possible, and will likely occur during the summer.

Conservator Donna Walcovy will begin in May to prepare a Condition Assessment, which will include identification, mapping, and evaluation of all of the stones in the cemetery. This is an arduous task that is expected to take one year.

When you look out the sanctuary windows this summer, expect to see some positive activity in the cemetery!

Pam Brown

Attention Knifty Knitters!



The knitting group for Christmas Commons has a new project in mind for everyone that likes to knit or crochet. We would love to **have you join us for....think of Joseph's Coat of Many Colors.**

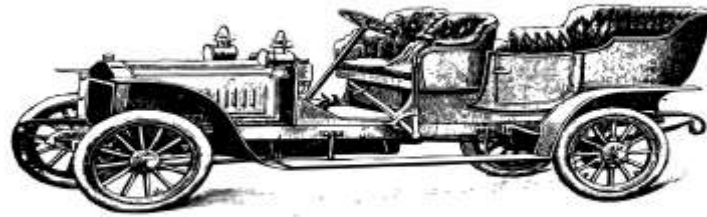
Details to follow! Please call Jean Jackson at 508-398-5557 if you have questions.



Summer Shorts

Special Sunday Services will be starting up July 1st and will continue all summer through September 2nd! Short and Sweet—Join us at 8:00 every Sunday as we open the doors in the Narthex for a half hour of meditation, music, messages and prayer. Traditional worship services will also be held at our regular 10:00 am time.

Visitors welcome!



Wheels for Worship

A new “small group” is forming at the Federated Church to address the need for transportation to and from church for a growing number of people. Our mission is to “help people connect and connect people with help”. Small groups have been proven to help foster nourishing relationships within churches. Please consider joining this new group as a “driver” or “non-driver” and enjoy building some new relationships with wonderful people.

If you are hesitant to sign up as a driver, please know that we will work around your schedule and needs. If you are hesitant to sign up as a non-driver, please consider “sharing the gift of your need”.

Contact Pam Brown at 508-957-2074 or email pam-cpa@comcast.net to sign up or for more information. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office..



Notice Regarding Publication of *The Friendly Word*

Originally when we moved from a monthly publishing schedule to a quarterly one, it was thought that we would publish during the middle month of the **quarter. We've learned that this doesn't** work with regard to birthday dates, etc. So moving forward we will publish during the first month of the quarter. This will give you a better idea of what is coming in the months ahead. So the next issue of *The Friendly Word* is scheduled for July 1st. I will do my best to adhere to this schedule.

I welcome all ideas of how this publication could be improved. So please, if you have ideas on how I can make this work better for you, do not hesitate to let me know. And also, please, please do send me articles for inclusion. Just make sure they are to me no later than the 15th day of the month before publication. So going forward, articles for the next newsletter are due June 15th.

Thanks so much!

Robin

Mission of the Month For April, May and June

The Mission of the Month for April and May will be the collection of diapers and wipes or monetary donations for A Baby Center at the church. A Baby Center provides essentials such as diapers, wipes and clothing as well as gently used items for struggling families with young children. This is another service that our Missions can help through our donations.

Each spring we hold this drive and we are hoping it will again be a success. Donations may be left at Church. If you would prefer to donate cash or a check, you may use the Mission envelopes in the pew holders. Please mark **"Missions" on the check memo.** Thank you for your continued **support of our Church's missions.**

Nathaniel Holmes

First Resident Gravestone Carver of Cape

The Universalist Cemetery contains at least 24 stones carved by Nathaniel Holmes, dated 1826 to 1852.

Our restoration project will begin soon to address the deterioration of many of the stones, the majority of which date to the 1800's when Hyannis was a thriving maritime village. Many sea captains and their families are buried here.

Nathaniel Holmes (1783-1869) began his career in Plymouth, and moved to Barnstable around 1805 to become Cape Cod's first resident carver. His house still stands on Route 6A in Barnstable Village, along with an adjacent shed which probably served as Holmes's workshop for the last 40 years of his life. Holmes married Abiah Crocker Davis in 1813, and they had nine children between 1814 and 1835.

"The Cape prospered from the boom in shipping between about 1815 and the Civil War, and Holmes was there to capitalize, serving a populace that could afford to spend more on items such as gravestones." (From Slate to Marble: Gravestone Carving Traditions in Eastern Massachusetts, James Blachowicz, 2015.)

Holmes preferred a light grey slate over marble, even when the trend began moving toward marble stones. His principal decorative motifs were the willow and urn. He also carved cherubs with wings through about 1807 and later flowers, sailing vessels and rosettes. He was known for his border decorations, italicized inscriptions, and a distinctive letter "g".

Holmes carved approximately 1500 gravestones over his 70-year career, the majority in Barnstable and Yarmouth. He is buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery in Barnstable.



Nathaniel Holmes home and work shed



Earliest stone in cemetery:

Caroline Simmons died 1826 at age 1 year 6 months.

Carved on slate by Nathaniel Holmes with his signature willow motif and distinctive letter "g"

The Federated Church
Memorial Scholarship Awards
For 2018



The scholarship fund was established from proceeds of gifts given to the church in memory of **Henry “Doc” Levinson and Betty Hudson, educators and active church members.** Since that time, the fund has been maintained and enhanced by thoughtful and generous gifts in memory of others who have passed from our midst and also to honor loved ones.

Over 56 scholarships have been awarded since the fund began in 1989.

The 2018 recipients are:

Christopher Hauber is the grandson of Jean Jackson. Chris was an outstanding student at the Cape Cod Technical High School and has continued to give his all at the Cape Cod Community College. He will be entering his second year in the fall as he continues to be excited about his major—Cyber Security and the opportunities that lie ahead of him. One of his Cape Tech teachers called Chris **“one of the very best.”**

Isabella Macallister is the granddaughter of Bob and Linda Macallister. Isabella is entering her senior year at Hofstra University where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Drama Performance. As a result of her 3.90 GPA, she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. A quote from a reference: **“Bella is highly intelligent, creative and multi-talented.” We will look forward to seeing Bella’s name in the lights on Broadway.**

Sam Rosen, son of Cynthia Cole and Isaac Rosen, has just graduated from Barnstable High School. He will be attending Southern Connecticut State in the fall where he will major in physical training and recreation. In addition to having an outstanding football career where he set **several records, Sam participated in a senior internship at the Cape Wildlife Center.** Sam’s three references used words to describe him: kind, a strong leader, wonderful strength of character. **Sam’s goal is to become a football coach where he intends to provide for kids the same kind of love and nurturing that he received as a young football player.** Perhaps some of you may remember watching Sam grow up in this church from the time he portrayed Joseph in a Christmas pageant to later reading the scriptures in front of the congregation.

Congratulations to these young people and their families!

Jan Cliggott, Chair, Joan Knowlton, Jack Marsden, Carl Meade and Barbara Ruane

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**Vision Statement of
The Federated Church of Hyannis**

As we are a Main Street Church we seek to follow the way of Jesus in bringing Good News to the poor. Our building is a place where people gather in worship, in fellowship and in mission to God's most vulnerable people, a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

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