



**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC**  
**200 Main Street, P.O. Box 1300 - Wellfleet, MA 02667-1300**  
**Worship Services – Sundays at 8:30a.m. and 10:00a.m.**

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One of the things that Jen and I have come to appreciate about the Outer Cape is exactly how present the seasons are. When the leaden skies of Winter break they are replaced -almost at once- by sun and a bright profusion of flowers and new leaves. As nature turns, so do the affairs of industry: the shops and restaurants return fitfully, more and more joining each week. We are, if we look, if we choose to be aware, intimately rooted in the endless cycles of tides and seasons: every changing, ever passing, ever becoming.

This month we will celebrate Pentecost: the culmination of the period following the first Easter, where the disciples walked and learned with the risen Christ. During these seven weeks (“Pentecost” literally means: “50th day”), the disciples begin to preach and testify to what they have witnessed. Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the gathered disciples is understood as the birth of the Church, long before dogma and creed splintered Christ’s body into denominations and sects.

This Easter season, which culminates in Pentecost, is a change for us all to remember that Jesus’ resurrection was not an event frozen in time. Instead, it is a reminder that we are all reborn, all being reborn, constantly. Like the work of the disciples, we are called to testify to what we have seen: how God is at work in our lives and in this world. As flowers bloom, as trees spread new leaves, as life returns to empty buildings and homes, may we appreciate the ways in which we all are coming alive, as individuals, and as the church.

~Pastor Jon

Church Members and Friends,

**1 Peter 4:10. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.** Early Christians seemed to understand the difference between going to church and *being* the church – an observation that reminds us to embrace unity within the church that will extend out into the community and ultimately bring generosity and stewardship into our own lives.

In this spirit of community and fellowship, the Diaconate is providing an opportunity to let us know how you might be willing to provide some of your talents to make a positive impact on our church. Working as a team makes the work light and brings us together!

Please click on the survey link below – the survey will take you about one minute – then just hit “Send” when finished!

SIMPLIFIED LINK FOR SURVEY: <https://rb.gy/ftn8fm>

Please try to take this survey – it is quick! Thank you to those who have already responded.

Thank you,

The Board of Deacons

Christine Cook, Chair

Susan Eenigenburg

Dot Oberding

Cyndy Van Hook

Nancy Vitek

Brad Williams

*We express our deepest sympathy to  
The family of Shirley Atwood who died on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
Cards of expression may be sent to  
The Atwood Family, 20 Bridge Road, Unit 13, Florence, MA 01062*

*“In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not  
alone. Thanks be to God!”*

### PRAYER LIST

Please contact the church office to add a name or update this list.

“If one member suffers, all suffer together...If one member is honored, all rejoice together.”(1 Cor. 12:26)  
May the presence of Jesus Christ be with those on our PRAYER LIST and with those who care for them. Pray  
for:

*Gary Cooper*

*Barbara Knapp*

*Jere Milliken*

*David Powers*

*Todd Roy*

*Tammi Townsend*

*John Garran*

*Rosalind Magill*

*Weston Moss*

*Miranda Regan*

*Carol Spencer*

*Jack Troxel*

*Ann Kelley*

*Christy Milliken*

*Gina O'Connor*

*Lovy Roby*

*Scott Sverid*

*Dennis Ubriaco*

And for those who are chronically ill and confined to their homes, nursing homes and hospitals.  
**Please notify the Pastor or the church office when family or friends are hospitalized.**

### MAY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

5/1 Cyndy Van Hook  
5/6 Bailey Smith  
5/12 Jean Morrow  
5/21 Peter Cook  
5/27 Ruth Anne Dykeman  
5/31 Ben Porteus



## DIACONATE

The Deacons wish to express our thanks to all the volunteers who give of their time and talents to assist the church. If we think of the Church as more than a beautiful structure and envision a thriving, living place of love and spiritual guidance, it brings to light God's love and goodness in each of us. When we volunteer to fulfill small acts, it creates togetherness which can help us feel abundantly close and fulfilled. "Today all things will work together for our good." (Romans 8:28)

In her book, *Liturgy of the Ordinary*, Tish Warren points out, "God is forming us into a new people. And the place of that formation is in the small moments of today." Warren quotes author Annie Dillard, "How we spend our days is of course, how we spend our lives." Spending some time as a volunteer fits into a "small moment" in our lives, and these moments lead to larger blessings. The goodness to be found in our unique selves to share and to give to others can make all the difference!

Christine Cook  
Chair, Board of Deacons



**One-Shot D&D Night**  
*May 31<sup>st</sup> ~ 6:00pm-8:00pm*

Have you wanted to play Dungeons and Dragons? Trouble finding a group to play with? Both brand new and experienced players are invited to an evening of fun and adventure on Friday May 31<sup>st</sup>, from 6-8 held at the First Congregational Church. New players will be provided with a pre-made character so they can jump right into the fun. Experienced players are welcome to use one of the pre-made characters, or bring a basic 1st level character of their own. Dice, character sheets, and snacks will be provided. Suitable for approximately ages 10 and up. If you have any questions, please contact [wellfleetchurch@gmail.com](mailto:wellfleetchurch@gmail.com)

### **Nauset Neighbors Volunteer Opportunity**

Want to make a difference in a neighbor's life? Join us at Nauset Neighbors, an all-volunteer non-profit organization, that helps senior stay in their homes and active in their communities. You can help by providing friendly visits, rides to appointments, tech assistance and simple handyman tasks. Volunteering is easy and flexible. Sign up online to help when it fits your schedule.

The members we help live in your communities of Brewster, Chatham, Eastham, Harwich, Orleans, and Wellfleet. We have a waiting list of seniors who need a hand. You can shorten their wait by volunteering with Nauset Neighbors.

Contact us at: [nausetneighbors.org](http://nausetneighbors.org) or call at 508-514-7067

# ***SOLD OUT***

*For those with tickets*

*doors open at 5:30p.m.– meal served at 6:00p.m.*



**Calendar Supper Fundraiser  
Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

**First Congregational Church  
200 Main Street, Wellfleet**

**Doors open at 5:30 • Supper begins at 6:00**

**Please join us as we bring back this treasured event  
from our past, with tables festively decorated to  
celebrate each of the 12 calendar months.**

**Homemade Lasagna  
Meat • Vegetarian • Vegan (GF)  
Salad, Bread, Dessert**

**B.Y.O Beer & Wine. • Soft Drinks & Seltzers for purchase**

**Tickets are \$25.00 and must be purchased in advance.**

**To purchase tickets, call or stop by the Church office  
Monday thru Friday, 9-12, 508-349-6877.**

**Sponsored by the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.**



**TELL A FRIEND ABOUT THE FOOD PANTRY!**

**Open Monday, 3-6; Wednesday 4-6, and Thursday 10-12**

Last year the Wellfleet Food Pantry provided food to 185 Wellfleet families, but we know there are more families who could use a little help. Would you help us by telling your friends who live in Wellfleet about the Food Pantry and invite them to come?

The Wellfleet COA delivers food boxes from the pantry twice per month to seniors who no longer drive, please call the COA at 508-349-0313 to sign up or get more information.

*Our volunteers thank you for your help.*

**WELLFLEET FOOD PANTRY - Food for Neighbors**

25 Lieutenant Island Road

South Wellfleet, MA 02663

508-349-3036 - Visit our website: [www.wellfleetfoodpantry.org](http://www.wellfleetfoodpantry.org)

Please join us for our free  
*Community Lunch*

Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> - Noon to 1:00pm

(or until soup runs out)



Soup, bread, salad and dessert

Everyone is welcome!

Last lunch until October 2024

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*Volunteers are needed. Please call the office or sign-up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall*

# First Congregational Church of Wellfleet – May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AA= Alcoholics Anonymous FMC = Financial Management Comm. MS=Mustard Seed			<b>1</b> 9am-2pm - MS	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Custodian cleans in morning 4:00pm Choir rehearsal 7:00pm AA
<b>5</b> 8:30am Early Svc. 9:00am Choir 10:00am Worship/Communion 11:30-12pm – Bible Conversations 6pm – Calendar Supper	<b>6</b> 8-10am – MS 4:30pm – Mission & Outreach	<b>7</b> 8-11 MS  3-5:30pm – Living Water Acupuncture Clinic	<b>8</b> 9am-2pm – MS  1pm - FMC	<b>9 Ascension Day</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Custodian cleans in morning 4:00pm Choir rehearsal 7:00pm AA
<b>12</b> 8:30am Early Svc. 9:00am Choir 10:00am Worship 11:30-12pm – Bible Conversations 11:30pm – Diaconate mtg.	<b>13</b> 8-10am – MS  12:00-1:00pm – Community Luncheon 	<b>14</b> 8-11 – MS  3-5:30pm – Living Water Acupuncture Clinic	<b>15</b> 8am-12pm – Farmers Market  9am-2pm – MS  7:00pm – Trustees	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Custodian cleans in morning t.b.d. Private Memorial Gathering 4:00pm Choir rehearsal 7:00pm AA
<b>19</b> 8:30am Early Svc. 9:00am Choir 10:00am Worship 11:30-12pm – Bible Conversations	<b>20</b> 8-10am – MS	<b>21</b> 8-11am – MS 3-5:30pm – Living Water Acupuncture Clinic	<b>22</b> 8am-12pm – Farmers Market  9am-2pm – MS	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Custodian cleans in morning 4:00pm Choir rehearsal 7:00pm AA
<b>26</b> 8:30am Early Svc. 9:00am Choir 10:00am Worship 11:00am Council 11:30-12pm – Bible Conversations	<b>27 Memorial Day</b> <b>Office closed</b> 8-10am – MS	<b>28</b> 8:00-11am – MS 10:30am – Care Team 3-5:30pm – Acupuncture Clinic	<b>29</b> 8am-12pm – Farmers Market  9am-2pm – MS	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 6pm-8pm – Dungeons and Dragons game night	