



# THE COTUIT FEDERATED CHURCH

Dear Beloved Community,

In an interview on *Johnny Carson*, Carl Sagan said, “The whole idea of what happens when you read a book, I find absolutely stunning. Here's some product of a tree, little black squiggles on it. You open it up, and inside your head is the voice of someone speaking, who may have been dead 3,000 years, and there he is talking directly to you. What a magical thing that is.”

Our Bible Study group experienced this over the last year. We traveled through Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts. We explored the Call of Abraham and Sarah, walked through the Red Sea with Moses and Miriam, ran to the manger with the shepherds, found the risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus, and sailed with Paul to share the gospel message. The story of God has been brought close and made new.

The joy of reading can transport us across time and experience. We can become an orphan girl living on Prince Edwards Island, a young wizard learning to fly on a broom; or we can move through an old wardrobe into a magical world.

I remember as a girl reading long into the night, book and light under my covers, reading books that I could not put down, reading until 3 in the morning, unable to stop until the story was complete.

Our next worship series will be “Storybook Summer.” We will return to or discover anew stories written for children or youth. We will pair these timeless stories next to our ancient scriptures and allow them to illumine one another. We hope that it will awaken in us a childlike joy and wonder. Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.”

These stories and our ancient story of faith will have this interact to illumine our lived experience. Enclosed you will find the outline of our books. We hope that you will read along. Some are storybooks that you will hear in their entirety during worship, and from others, we will read an excerpt during worship. We hope that these simple stories will help us connect with timeless truths. Happy reading!

Abundant blessings,

*“Aslan is a lion - the Lion, the great Lion.” “Ooh,” said Susan. “I’d thought he was a man. Is he—quite safe? I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion.” “Safe?” said Mr. Beaver. “Who said anything about safe? ‘Course he isn’t safe, but he’s good. He’s the King, I tell you.”*

*~ C.S. Lewis, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*

## Holy Waters for Blessings

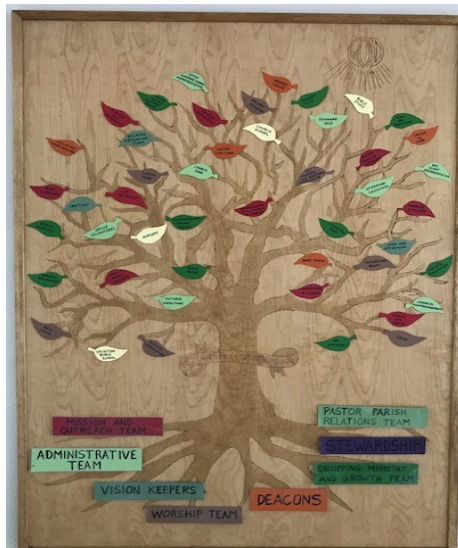


Pastor Angie again invites our church family to collect small vials of water from places we find holy — places close by like Loop Beach or Eagle Pond and places far away where we travel or visit during the summer. This water will be purified and used when we bless babies at baptisms and for other special worship services here at Cotuit Federated Church.

We will collect this water until September, so there is plenty of time to gather our holy waters from our special places. You can hold the water until fall or bring it to the church for safe-keeping.

## Equipping Ministry and Growth Team

At the Annual Meeting in June, we thanked those people retiring from teams and leadership positions with a copy of Henry Nouwen's book, *Out of Solitude*, and we welcomed the following new officers and team members: Ellen Wakefield as Treasurer, Beth Crouch as Historian, Jack Alexander and Priscilla Johnson to the Admin Team, Jade Kelley and Emmalisa Belfiore to the Mission and Outreach Team, Joan Bentinck-Smith and Lori Famigliette to the Pastor-Parish Relations Team, and Marcia Dudley and Craig Mayen to the Stewardship Team. As a team, we are so appreciative of the service that so many of our members offer to our church, both in leadership roles and in individual ministries.



We also presented a tree, beautifully crafted by Sis Belcher, which represents our Equipping "bottom-up, people-centered" governance, and includes our Ministry Support Network, matching ministries and the teams that support them by color.

During the summer, we are reading and discussing *Searching for Sunday* by Rachel Hold Evans. We will also be planning our next Newcomers' Gathering, welcoming new church member, Brett Goodwin, and including anyone who recently joined and was unable to attend a previous Newcomers' Gathering.

Please know that we are always open to new ideas, and we will offer any support we can to fresh possibilities for our little church with a big heart.

Submitted by

**Janet Kearsley** for the Equipping Team

Priscilla Arnaud, Sis Belcher, Charlie Dings, Elizabeth Long, Ann Murray, Louise Rohner.



## COFFEE HOUR

Valerie and I really enjoy doing Coffee Hour, but we decided it would be nice to have a summer break. We are very grateful to the people who volunteered to help with Coffee Hours this summer, including the Worship Team, who have been so supportive of us and served as helpers each Sunday. Thank you to all of these people who are bringing us Coffee Hour this summer: Sis Belcher, Karen Cozza, Beth Crouch, The Murphy Family, The Haenle Family, Jamison Ballou, Alison McMurry, Joan Roberts, Ken Molloy, Carol Giller, the Wakefield Family, Pastor Angie and her friends from Germany, and Barb and Jim LeClair. With appreciation, *Valerie and Janet*.

## COTUIT NURSERY SCHOOL 2019-2020

Cotuit Nursery School is accepting registration for the 2019-20 school year. This nonprofit preschool, serving students ages 2.9 to 5 years old, is located at



Cotuit Federated Church. The preschool runs September to May, offering a curriculum based on the arts. Class is held 9am to 12noon, Tuesday and Thursday for ages 3 and 4, and Monday, Wednesday and Friday for ages 4 and 5. Monthly tuition is \$200 for the two-day program and \$240 for the three days. For more information or to schedule a tour, call 508-428-1470 or go to the school's website at:

[www.cotuitnurseryschool.org](http://www.cotuitnurseryschool.org).

# Storybook Summer at CFC

This summer, we will pair children's and youth stories alongside scripture.

Some are classics, and some may be new to you.

We hope that they will provide a sense of wonder and invite us into a child-like faith.

## **June 23 – *A Wrinkle in Time***

by Madeleine L'Engle

One of the most significant novels of our time. This fabulous, ground-breaking science-fiction and fantasy story is the first of five in the *Time Quintet* series about the Murry family.

## **June 30 – *Casey at the Bat***

by Ernest L. Thayer for  
(Baseball Harmony Sunday)

A blend of the absurd and the tragic lies at the heart of this immortal baseball ballad, an authentic masterpiece of American humor. First published in 1888.

## **July 7 – *Charlotte's Web***

by E.B. White,  
(Worship changes to 9am)

"Some Pig. Humble. Radiant." These are the words in Charlotte's web, high up in Zuckerman's barn. Charlotte's spiderweb tells of her feelings for a little pig named Wilbur, who simply wants a friend. A tender novel of friendship, love, life, and death.

## **July 14 – *The Velveteen Rabbit***

by Margery Williams

" 'When a child loves you for a long, long time,' replied the Skin Horse, 'not just to play with, but REALLY loves you, then you become Real.' "

## **July 21 – *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe***

by C.S. Lewis

Four adventurous siblings—Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy Pevensie—step through a wardrobe door and into the land of Narnia, a land frozen in eternal winter and enslaved by the power of the White Witch. But when almost all hope is lost, the return of the Great Lion, Aslan, signals a great change . . . and a great sacrifice.

## **July 28 – *Winnie the Pooh***

by A.A. Milne

Since 1926, Winnie the Pooh and his friends—Piglet, Owl, Tigger, and the ever-doleful, Eeyore—have endured as the unforgettable creations of A.A. Milne, who wrote this book for his son, Christopher Robin, and Ernest H. Shepard, who lovingly gave

Pooh and his lovable companions shape.

## **August 4 – *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*** by J.K. Rowling

Harry Potter knows no spells, has never helped to hatch a dragon, and has never worn a cloak of invisibility; but all that is about to change when a mysterious letter arrives by owl messenger, a letter with an invitation to an incredible place that Harry -- and anyone who reads about him -- will find unforgettable.

## **August 11 – *Das Sams***

by Paul Maar  
(for Young Ambassador Sunday, as we welcome young ambassadors from Germany)

Mr. Taschenbier is a timid person. He fears himself of his landlady, of his boss, and of all the people who scold and order - until one Saturday he meets a Sams and resolutely decides to stay with him. The Sams is a fearless, almost irreverent being who is intimidated by nothing or anyone who makes cheeky remarks. Mr. Taschenbier is terribly embarrassed at first, and he tries in all possible ways to get rid of the Sams again, but strange - the longer it stays with Mr. Taschenbier, the better he wins the Sams.

## **August 18 – *Extra Yarn***

by Mac Barnett  
(CraftFest Cotuit)

A young girl and her box of magical yarn transform a community in this stunning picture book. With spare, gently humorous illustrations and a palette that moves from black and white to a range of color, this modern fairy tale has the feel of a new classic.

## **August 25 – *Lessons & Carols Style service***

with children's books, scripture and hymns featuring:

***Big Momma Makes the World*** by Phyllis Root,  
***Runaway Bunny*** by Margaret Wise Brown,  
***The Giving Tree*** by Shel Silverstein

-- Book descriptions from Amazon



# What's Going On At CFC?



## Cape Harmony

is Cape Cod's premiere all-female a cappella group, comprised of ten talented young women from all over the nation who come together during the summer months to create their music.

Lucky for us, they will return again to Cotuit Federated Church on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm this summer, beginning on June 12 thru August 14th.

Tickets are available at the door.

*A wonderful summer tradition!*

We still need hosts/hostesses for Cape Harmony performances. Can you help?

It's really easy, and you and a guest get to see a great show for free!

See the Sign-Up sheet on the Bulletin Board for available dates.



## Cotuit Federated Church

### 4th of July Parade

### Shopping Cart Brigade

We invite all of Cotuit to bring food items, and we'll collect them along the parade route for local food pantries.





**July 19 at 6pm:** The Dudleys

**August 23 at 6pm:** The Gardners/Jennifer Loughran

**September 20 at 6pm:** The Berkeys

*(Please see the Bulletin Board for locations.)*



Your help is needed and welcome at CraftFest 2019 on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, August 16-18. How can you help? Choose the role you most enjoy! Contact the CraftFest Volunteer Coordinator for job descriptions: Marcia Dudley—(508) 428-2512.



Summer Choir is happening again! If you've wanted to try out the choir but have been afraid to make the commitment, now is the time! We meet on Sundays in August at 7:45am for rehearsals. We're always accepting new members. Also, we are in search of people who would like to share their gift of music with the congregation! Please let Megan know if you would like to sing or play this summer!

## GIVING STATEMENTS

Would you like to receive your CFC giving statement by email instead of a paper copy? We now have the capability to give you a choice of delivery methods, but you must OPT IN to receive your statement by email. Please see me or send an email to [laurie.dings@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.dings@gmail.com) to let me know your preference. I plan to send mid-year statements in July to all who have made a 2019 pledge to CFC. I would also like to encourage everyone to consider using online Bill Pay for their contributions to CFC. Just establish a new "Pay To" account on your bank's online bill paying site, and you'll be able to make either one-time or recurring payments to CFC. There is no charge to you or to the church for this service. The only information needed is: COTUIT FEDERATED CHURCH, 40 SCHOOL STREET, P.O. BOX 436, COTUIT, MA 02635 You may also use the online memo field to designate the purpose of your payment, such as Pledge or Miracle Kitchen, etc. If you already pay bills online, you know what a convenience this is.

~ Laurie Dings



## TREE OF LIFE

**We pray in Christian love for the family  
and friends mourning the passing of:**

*William Newton*

*April 3, 2019*

**We pray in joy for our new members  
who joined us as partners in the  
common life of our church:**

*(Confirmation Sunday, April 7, 2019)*

*Maggie Connolly, Olyn Jacobsen,  
Harry Lanman, Tommy Lanman, Abigail Lott,  
Karen Mayen, Atticus Mone, and Zoe Squeglia.*

*(New Member Sunday, June 2, 2019)*

*Brett Goodwin*

**We pray for our 2019 graduates, asking  
God to give them wisdom, direction,  
purpose, and perseverance  
in this life transition:**

*Bill McCarthy, Duke University  
(grandson of Bill & Priscilla Johnson)*

*Amanda Dings, Worcester Polytech  
(granddaughter of Charlie & Laurie Dings)*

*Timothy Follmer, Lincoln Sudbury H.S.  
(grandson of Charlie & Laurie Dings)*

*Emmalisa Belfiore, Franklin Pierce College  
(daughter of Lynne Belfiore & Richard Whitman)*

*Julia McNeely, Barnstable High School  
(daughter of Cindy McNeely)*





**Dear Angie,**

Thank you so much for your wonderful visit. I miss church and hearing your wonderful, blessed messages each Sunday. Thank you for all your prayers and from the wonderful friends at church who are praying for me. They have sent me such beautiful cards since your visit. I appreciate all their cards and encouragement they have sent along the way. Love and prayers to all! In Jesus' name,

*Ellie Abbate*

**Dear Cotuit Federated Church,**

On behalf of Safe Harbor, a program of the Community Action Committee of Cape Cod and Islands, Inc., our residents, Board of Directors and staff, I would like to thank you for your donation on January 13, 2019 of non-perishable food items. Your generosity, along with others in our community, serves to help fill needs not met by our budget. Your gift allows families who are in crisis due to domestic violence to begin their long journey back to emotional and economic stability. CACCI is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit community-based social service and advocacy organization committed to helping low-income residents throughout the Cape and Islands attain self-sufficiency. Safe Harbor is our domestic violence shelter that provides residents with a safe supported environment for them and their children, as they begin their new lives. CACCI is very grateful for your generous support for our Safe Harbor Shelter Program. Your support helps us meet the needs of our families in crisis. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call Kris Dower at 508-771-1727 x 160 or Martha Burzycki at 508-790-2933.

Sincerely,

*Kristin Bower*, Executive Director

**Dear Jim,**

We thank you and your church for such heartfelt kindness. We are grateful for the wheelchair and will return it as soon as possible.

*Carol & Francis  
DeYoung*

**Dear CFC,**

My Goodness! You all have surprised us greatly! You have helped me (us) so much! Thank you. May Jesus bless you forever.

Sincerely,  
*Stacey S.*

**Dear Pastor Angie,**

May your whole family and Cotuit Church be filled with God's peace and grace. By now, Cape Cod will be full of spring warmth. Here in Borrego Springs, there is a hot summer soon. Betty, Peter and Marcia return to Cotuit. It is very interesting to have a farewell here and a reunion there.

Pastor Angie, we pray for your health, for the fruit and joy of ministry. We wish you, A.J., and Jamison, all together, to be always happy in the faith and the protection of the Lord. Many blessings,

*Pastor Son & Borrego Springs Community*

**To the CFC Congregation,**

Lesley asked for your prayers on my behalf when I was in the hospital for ten days. Well, you were heard loud and clear, and your prayers were answered. I thank you forever, every precious one of you. God bless you.

*~Betsey*

**Dear Cotuit Federated Church,**

Thank you for your generous donation of diapers and wipes.

A Baby Center survives only by the kindness of people like you who make a conscious choice to support young babies whose family's need help securing basic baby items to survive and thrive. The dollars and baby care items that you donate go directly to families living on Cape Cod and the Islands. At A Baby Center, our caring staff and dedicated volunteers provide a loving, caring, safe atmosphere where we build relationships with families so that we can assist them with baby care items and offer them strength-building services such as The Baby Box, which offers every baby a safe space to sleep in an effort to lower the SIDS rate universally. We also offer parent/baby playgroups, nutritional services, and a nurse who provides medical support and basic screenings. All of our services are free to our clients.

Please visit our website at [ababy-center.org](http://ababy-center.org) and our Facebook page (A Baby Center Cape Cod), for current information and news about A Baby Center. There is always something happening to support our Cape and Islands families here.

With warm regards,  
*Robin Hayward*



## Cotuit Federated Church

### Vacation Bible School

July 8-12 from 9am—12noon

Cost is \$15/child  
with a maximum of \$25/family

This year's program is  
"To Mars and Beyond,"  
published by Cokesbury.

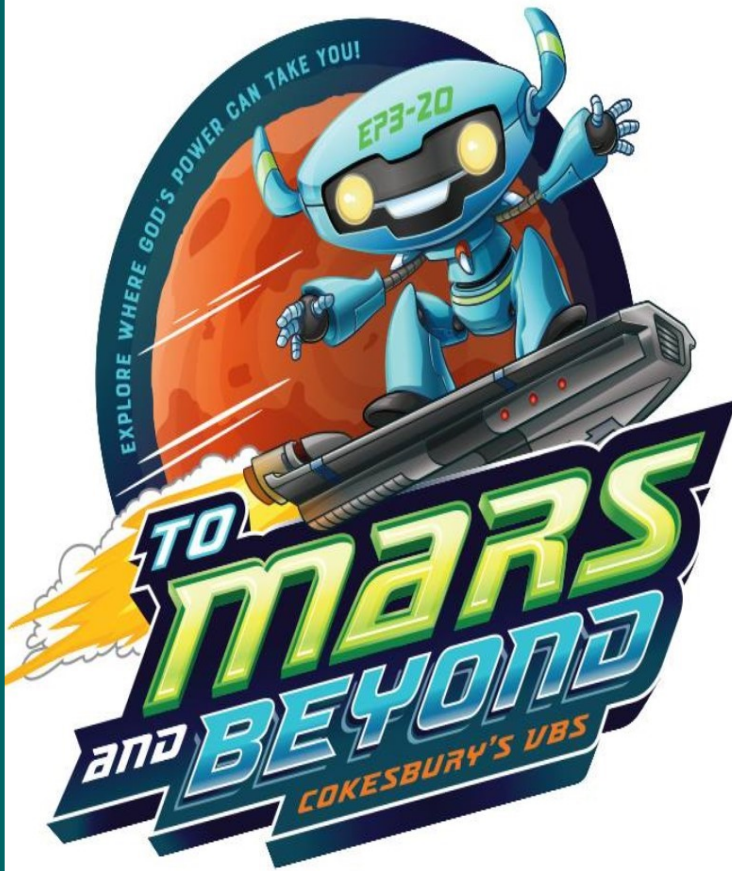
This fun-packed week is for children  
who have completed one year of preschool  
up through sixth grade.

Children ages 13+ may assist with  
small groups and in learning centers.  
Community Service hours are awarded  
at the completion of the week.

**TEACHERS and ASSISTANTS (ages 13+)  
ARE NEEDED FOR VBS WEEK!**

Contact Lynne Belfiore,  
Director of Christian Education,  
for more information about this  
rewarding ministry opportunity:  
[cotfedced@gmail.com](mailto:cotfedced@gmail.com).

To register your child, visit our Registration page:  
[www.tmab.cokesburyvbs.com/cotuitfederatedchurch](http://www.tmab.cokesburyvbs.com/cotuitfederatedchurch).



**SAVE THE DATE!**

## Cotuit Federated Church

### Community Potluck & Block Party

*Come and celebrate our new program year  
here at Cotuit Federated Church!!!*

- Bring a side dish
- Bring your best smile for our  
*Annual Church Family Portrait*
- Bring your friends, family and neighbors

**Sunday, September 15, 2019 ~ 11:30am**

40 School St., Cotuit

For more information:  
(508) 428-6163

Email: [cfc436@comcast.net](mailto:cfc436@comcast.net)





CRAFTFEST

# CRAFTFESTCOTUIT

AUGUST 17-18

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If you've never been to Cotuit...this is the day to do it.

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