

# CHIMES

Summer 2021 Newsletter



## Reconnecting

Dear Beloved Community,

Over the last month, we have explored how to Relocate Ourselves with God. Exploring an article from Diana Butler Bass that lifted up various ways that we have been dislocated during the pandemic, we have brought our prayers, our experiences, and our very selves into worship so that we can reset our compass and movement forward to be in tune with God.

Diana Butler Bass writes:

*"The word religion is believed to have come from the Latin, religare, meaning to "bind" or "reconnect." Religare is about mending what has been broken, recovering what has been mislaid, and reconnecting that which is frayed...*

*If we think of religion in terms of religare, however, the task of the post-pandemic church – the work of finding, repairing, and relocating – is clear. We must reconnect ourselves and others with time, history, physicality, and relationships. In this sense, the future of religion has never been brighter – our lost world needs finding. Pandemic dislocation calls for guides and weavers of wisdom. We don't need to return to the old ways, we need to be relocated. We need to find a new place, a new home in a disrupted world.*

*You are welcome  
to God's love,*

*welcome to  
Christ's peace,*

*welcome to  
the Holy Spirit's presence.*

*You are welcome to  
join us as we follow Jesus.*

For what's happening,  
check out Pages 4 & 5 for  
July and August events.



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*And at the very heart of finding our lost selves is relocating our hearts in and with God. There is a journey beyond the pandemic, and we will find the way a step at a time. We haven't been to this particular future before. And we will need one another to get there."*

Slowly we are moving back our practice of communal worship in person. Step by step finding our way back to one another. As we continue to relocate ourselves with God, our prayers will be floating in the wind on our prayer ribbon. We have this summer as an extended possibility of making the outside world our holy space. Singing, worshipping, praying under the sky. Considering Jesus' teaching that the Holy Spirit is like the wind, and so we allow the Spirit to blow upon us. Filling our hearts with comfort and healing.

I offer you my deepest gratitude for the ways that we have moved through this pandemic and the ways that we are moving back together. I have been awed by your faith and generosity and kindness and engagement in this challenging year. I look forward to the ways that God will be working all things for the good from this period in our history.

Abundant blessings,

*Angela M. Butler*

Diana Butler Bass article source: [https://dianabutlerbass.substack.com/p/religion-after-pandemic?r=45vbf&utm\\_campaign=post&utm\\_medium=web&utm\\_source=twitter&fbclid=IwAR1GRK5JAoVSbzibNLS-noWF9DI996GKPyhUpSSQqweJpR00pKMXH35lSc](https://dianabutlerbass.substack.com/p/religion-after-pandemic?r=45vbf&utm_campaign=post&utm_medium=web&utm_source=twitter&fbclid=IwAR1GRK5JAoVSbzibNLS-noWF9DI996GKPyhUpSSQqweJpR00pKMXH35lSc)

## Coming this fall . . . .

- **Confirmation Classes:** The class is open to youth in grades 8-12. Confirmation provides an opportunity for youth to explore the life of faith: youth learn about the bible and prayer, worship and mission & justice, church history and what it means to live in community.
- **Newcomers / New Members:** If you are new to Cotuit Federated Church and want to learn more about this faith family, or if you're already part of the community and are ready to take the next step to membership, these gatherings are for you—dates and times to be announced. Look for further details in August.

If you have questions or need information, contact the Church Office at [cfc436@comcast.net](mailto:cfc436@comcast.net) or call 508-428-6163 [Tues-Friday].





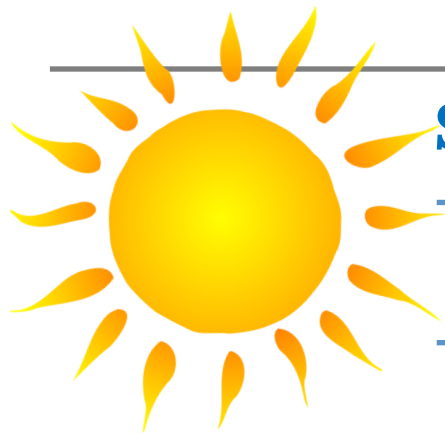
Pictures from June 13th and June 20th  
worship services.

Thank you Carol-Jean O'Toole for  
bringing bunnies for our first in-person  
service and Children's Moment.



Cotuit Nursery School is accepting registration for the 2021-2022 school year. This nonprofit preschool, serving students ages 3 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 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday for ages 3 and 4; Monday, Wednesday and Friday for ages 4 and 5. 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).






## Summer Fun at CFC . . .

*As more people get vaccinated and restrictions change, we will be able to offer more activities and opportunities for in-person gatherings. Please look in your Weekly Word (Friday e-mails) for up-to-date information and changes.*

**JUNE – AUGUST 13**

**Wednesdays in Cotuit at 7:30 p.m.**




**Summer 2021 Weekly Concert Series**

Shows every week June 7th through August 13th!

<b>Monday - Hyannis</b> 7:30pm-8:30pm First Baptist Church of Hyannis 486 Main St. Hyannis	<b>Thursday - Chatham</b> 7:30pm-8:30pm First United Methodist Church Chatham 569 Main St, Chatham
<b>Wednesday - Cotuit</b> 7:30pm-8:30pm Cotuit Federated Church 40 School St, Cotuit Outdoor - Please bring blankets / beach chairs!	<b>Friday - Falmouth</b> 7:30pm-8:30pm First Congregational Church of Falmouth 68 Main St, Falmouth

For booking inquiries or more information, email [capeharmonybusiness@gmail.com](mailto:capeharmonybusiness@gmail.com) or visit [www.capeharmony.org](http://www.capeharmony.org)



We 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!

## JULY

### JULY 1

#### Blood Drive

*An "In Between" Blood Drive*

CFC will host a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Bruce Hall, in response to a blood shortage alert. Donors are eligible to give blood every **56 days**. There is a significant need for donors with an \*O-Negative blood type.

Donations stay on Cape Cod to serve our community and save the lives of friends family and neighbors. It takes just one hour of time to save another's life. Please sign up for an appointment to donate at the donor center's website:

<https://www.capecodhealth.org/ways-to-give/blood-center/upcoming-blood-drives/>



\*Four main red blood cell types: A, B, AB and O. Each can be positive or negative for the Rh factor. AB is the universal recipient; O negative is the universal donor of red blood cells.

### JULY, AUGUST

#### Miracle Kitchen

Each second Thursday and fourth Tuesday of the month, volunteers serve a hearty lunch for the homeless at the Hyannis Salvation Army Center. We are still meeting and making sandwiches in the kitchen and delivering them. Look for sign-up in the Weekly Word e-mail.

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## JULY 4

### Summer Worship begins

Beginning July 4, we will gather for worship time at 9 a.m. in the morning throughout the summer months. Worship for this Sunday will be outside on the front lawn. Bring a chair. We will continue to live stream on FaceBook.

The theme will be [Prayers for America: Glory, Shadow, Hope](#)

## JULY 7-23

### Pastor Angie on Vacation

Please contact the Church Office during normal hours for pastoral contact information. Further details will follow in Weekly and announcements.

## JULY 11

### 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering for worship at 9 a.m. outside on the front lawn. Bring a chair. Live streaming on FaceBook.

## JULY 18

### 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering for worship at 9 a.m. outside on the front lawn. Bring a chair. Live streaming on FaceBook.

## JULY 25

### 9th Sunday after Pentecost

## We are back in the Sanctuary!

Our plan is to return back inside our Church home. We are unsure at this time what that will look like — so **make sure to read your Weekly Word for details!**

## JULY 26

### Blood Drive

CFC is hosting its regularly scheduled Blood Drive for Cape Cod Healthcare. Your giving can provide life-saving support to a person in need here on Cape Cod! The hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Register on their website.



[www.capecodhealth.org/give-blood](http://www.capecodhealth.org/give-blood)

# AUGUST

AUGUST 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Worship Services at 9 a.m.

## AUGUST 21 & 22

### CraftFest

**It is happening!** During these two days, the Cotuit Village Green will become the largest outdoor crafts festival on Cape Cod. More than 100 artisans and craftsmen will gather at this premier showing of skilled craftsmanship and artistic talent. There are many opportunities for you to join in and help support this event. For information or to volunteer, please contact:

**Joan Roberts at 774-521-3439  
or [rj02635@hotmail.com](mailto:rj02635@hotmail.com).**



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Sunday, Sept. 12th | 10 a.m. Homecoming Service

We will be returning to our regular worship services and programs this Fall. More information and details will be posted in Weekly Word e-mails and next 'The Chimes' Newsletter

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## YOUR GIFTS providing for Others

The following are expressions of gratitude for the various acts of discipleship and mission our CFC congregation has shown to individuals, families, and organizations.

- Lenten Gift Bags
- Holiday Food Baskets
- Mission
- Fellowship
- Healing Prayers
- Cards/Notes
- Financial Contributions
- Gift Cards
- Prayer Shawls

These are just a sampling of the thank you notes we have received. If your note was not included, know that your gratitude was received and offered us encouragement for our work together to serve God.

✧ To the Cotuit Federated Church, The 200 members of the Osterville Men's Club wish to sincerely thank you for making your kitchen available preparation of lunches for the needy at the Salvation Army during this pandemic. Also congratulations for providing lunches bi-monthly to the Salvation Army. For the Osterville Men's Club, Ken

✧ To Our Friends at the Cotuit Federated Church, Thank you for the wonderful, special bag of Lenten goodness! We are so blessed and so grateful to all of the kind people who made it possible. We are very grateful. With sincere love Lisa and Gary

✧ To our Church Family, On Saturday, March 27th, our little church with the big heart, delivered 18 Easter meals to families in our community. The hams were provided by the Cotuit Fire Department and the remainder of the food was provided by you. Your compassion and generosity are so precious. Thank you. Pat on behalf of the Mission Team

✧ Dear Rev. Ballou—We are so very grateful to the Cotuit Federated Church and your gift to Duffy Health Center—Thank you! Each gift truly makes an impact on our programs and services—this year more than ever. Wishing you and your parish a healthy and fruitful 2021. My best, Sara Grambach (Director of Development and Community Relations, Duffy Health Center)

✧ Dear Cotuit Church, Sorry this is late. I want to thank you for our Christmas dinner and all the fixings. We all ate too much! Also many thanks for the gift of the three wise men! Spirit (Luke 4:18-19), Rest (Psalm 91), Justice (Isaiah 9:2-7), Integrity (Psalm 41:12). Thank you and Happy New Year! Linda and family

✧ Dear Cotuit Federated Church, Thank you for your donations of \$662.50 / \$1,172.50 / \$600 to the Cape Cod Council of Churches. We give thanks for your partnership as together we serve the physical and spiritual needs of our neighbors on Cape Cod and the Islands. With your support, we build strength in the face of real challenges and alleviate suffering so that people may move forward with resources of hope. Your gift offers a helping hand to individuals and families across the Cape and Islands, enabling the Council to continue our mission of Serving God by Serving Others. Peace, Edye Nesmith, Executive Director (Cape Cod Council of Churches)

✧ Dear Reverend Angie and Church Members, I just wanted to reach out to you to tell you how much the residents at Royal of Cotuit appreciate your thoughtfulness and prayers. The absolutely cherished the "Baby Jesus Rocks." This Covid world and isolation has been hard on everyone. We all look forward to the day we can resume your



monthly service again at Royal. We are Covid free but of course the restrictions remain. Residents are making fairy houses for our back courtyard and when all is in bloom and we are open to the public again, we will invite you to a tea in the garden. Praying you and your congregation stay safe and well. Sincerely, Nancy Newman, Activity Director (Royal of Cotuit)

★ Dear Angie and everyone at CFC. I am so blessed with all the cards and notes that have been sent to me during my absent. My beautiful plat at Christmas, is still a beautiful red color and I'm enjoying it so much! Also my little brown bags that I will use during Lent. The Mayan family brought it to my home for Lent. My new baby, Great-Grandson and his mother, Madison, is visiting with us but will be leaving on Thursday to go back to California because the baby's daddy is due home after a year at sea with the navy. What a wonderful day that will be and we thank the Lord, he is coming home safe. Thank you, Ellie

★ To the Cotuit Federated Church, "When I come here, they know my name—that's more than you can imagine. You are a person. That's what's so special about this place." (Richard, Duffy patient). By making a gift of \$1,000 to Duffy Health Center, you are personally helping us restore the health and rebuild the lives of patients like Richard. What a tremendous difference you are making. We are deeply appreciative of your support of our mission to provide comprehensive, integrated health care and services to persons who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness on Cape Cod. We envision Cape Cod as a community where every person has access to quality health care, safe and affordable housing, and a life filled with hope and purpose. As a member of our Duffy community, we are grateful to you for helping us fulfill this vision. With warmest regards, Heidi R. Nelson, Chief Executive Officer (Duffy Health Center)

★ Dear Angie, I wanted to thank you for the Lenten gift bag! I have been following the cards daily, and the whole package is just so sweet and meaningful for me in away that I can't describe over email. I was very touched and have spent quite a bit of time with all of the treats. So, thank you for that! Jessica

★ Thank you for your continuing spiritual service to the villages. Looking so forward to sitting in the sanctuary. Ellen

★ Dear Friends, Thank you for your generous contribution of \$680 to support our life-saving work with refugees and immigrants. We appreciate it more than ever in these challenging times. For more than seven decades, the CWS family has welcomed and served refugees. Today, we are faced with the worst global displacement crisis since World War II. Men, women, and children are on the run, desperately seeking safety. They are resilient, and we are proud to connect them to supplies and services they need to build those safe lives in the United States and in host communities worldwide. But they are also vulnerable, especially in times of uncertainty like these. Your action in giving to CWS helps us to reaffirm our efforts. You have lent your voice to the call for welcome and acceptance. Thank you for being part of this movement. Your generosity is a step towards building a better world for all of our neighbors. We deeply appreciate your support and look forward to our continued partnership in the days and weeks ahead. May God bless you for your kindness, Rev. John L. McCullough, Present and CEO (Church World Services)

★ Heifer International gratefully recognizes Cotuit Federated Church for contribution of healthy animals and training in their care to help struggling families overcome a life of hunger and poverty.

### **Want to get involved . . .**

New information and mission offerings are posted regularly in the Weekly Word e-mail. If you don't receive the e-mail on Fridays, sign up at [www.cotuitfederatedchurch.org](http://www.cotuitfederatedchurch.org).

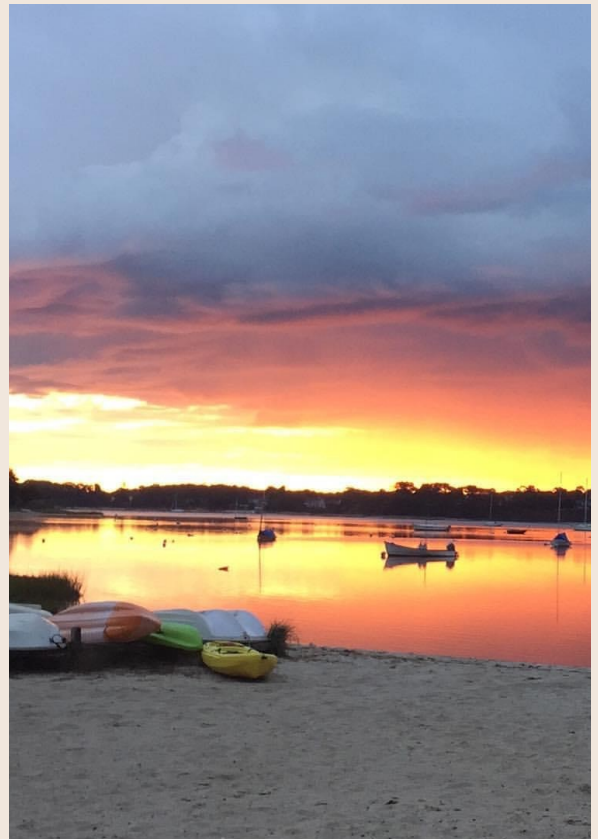
*Come summer with me, Lord;  
summer deep down in my soul;  
restore my faith in summer's time,  
in rest, in joy, in play, in you . . .*

*Summer in my heart, Lord,  
and dwell there as if time would never end,  
as if all time were children's time, eternal time  
when school is always out and joy is ever in . . .*

*And let others summer in my shade, Lord,  
and share whatever summer's peace is mine to give,  
whatever summer's light is mine to shed,  
whatever summer's warmth is mine to share . . .*

*Good God of every season and every day this week,  
come summer with me, Lord,  
and let the child in my heart  
spend this summer in your love . . . Amen.*

*(Prayers For Summer - Powerful & Uplifting Words For Prayer (prayerist.com))*



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*No matter  
who you are  
or where you  
are on  
life's journey,  
you are  
welcome  
here.*

PLEASE  
PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE