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Summer 2025 Newsletter

The Tears Of Things

DATES TO REMEMBER

First Sunday of the Month
Communion

Tuesdays, June 10-August 5
7:30 p.m. Cape Harmony in Sanctuary

Thursday, July 10
Miracle Kitchen 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, July 13
Cape Cod Camino-Talk & Walk in
Hamilton Hall

Wednesday, July 16
Faith Family Kitchen 4:00 p.m.

Monday, July 21
Admin Team Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 22
Miracle Kitchen 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 22
Fire At Sandy Neck Beach 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 5th
CC Healthcare Blood Drive

Saturday & Sunday
August 16 & August 17
CraftFest Cotuit 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Dear Friends,

I tried to begin this letter with something light and perky—something like, “Happy Summer, y’all!” And part of me truly feels that! As I roll into my first full summer with you here in Brewster and Cotuit, I’m loving the laughter of this congregation, the singing, the deepening sense of shared purpose, the anticipation of my first CraftFest (!)—not to mention the joy of digging bare feet into the sand, dipping a paddle into still water, the stunning early evening Cape Cod light, and those glorious sunsets over the bay! But given all that’s been swirling in our world, “light and perky” doesn’t begin to say it all.

I’m grateful to Richard Rohr for introducing me to the above poem “For When People Ask” by Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer. He includes at the start of his book, and our summer read, *The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage*. She gets it. I, too, am looking for a word that says happy—as in really happy, as in hummingbird-wing-flappin’ happy—every day I get to live here. and serve among you and... at the same time, crushed, devastated, and heart-sunk by what is happening in and to our country and world right now.

There’s no single word for all of that. No “one-note wonder” to capture the truth. Which is why I’m grateful for Trommer’s image of the Tuvan throat singer—how they hold both drone and harmony at once. It’s a spiritual art, this singing-through of both devastation and joy. And while I’m no Tuvan throat singer (and even if I were, I couldn’t do it alone!), it reminds me how much we need each other: to blend our voices, to feel the full swirl of

For When People Ask

By Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer

I want a word that means
okay and not okay,
more than that: a word that means
devastated and stunned with joy.

I want the word that says
I feel it all, all at once.

The heart is not like a songbird
singing only one note at a time,
more like a Tuvan throat singer
able to sing both a drone
and simultaneously
two or three harmonics high above it—
a sound, the Tuvans say,
that gives the impression
of wind swirling among rocks.

The heart understands swirl,
how the churning of opposite feelings
weaves through us like an insistent breeze
leads us wordlessly deeper into ourselves,
blesses us with paradox
so we might walk more openly
into this world so rife with devastation,
this world so ripe with joy.

emotion, to hold one another as we cry our tears of
sorrow and our tears of joy.

Trommer tells us “the heart understands swirl. “I wish I
could be so sure for myself, let alone for others, but I do
believe God’s heart understands. And more than that, I
believe God stands under us, holds us, enfolds us,
surrounds us—and sings with us—through all the tears of
things, , wherein this world so rife with devastation, and so
ripe with joy. Thanks be to God, for that and for every
gift, in every season!

Yours in faith,

Daniel A. Smith



Cape Cod Camino Way

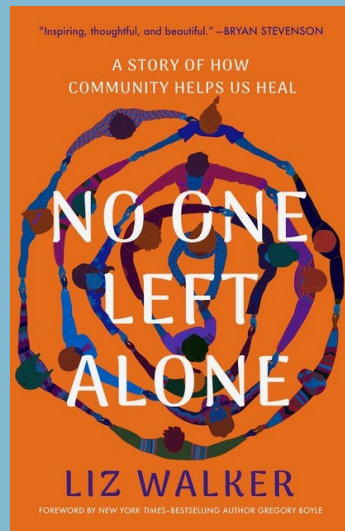
Walking with a Purpose

By Peggy Jablonski

CAPE COD CAMINO WAY

TALK & WALK

Join Dr. Peggy Jablonskii on Sunday, July 13th from
11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in Hamilton Hall for a talk on
the Cape Cod Camino Way, a series of guided walks
focused on social and racial justice movements on
Cape Cod. Join a Hyannis walk on Wednesday, July
30th, from the JFK Museum to Zion Heritage Church,
from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Both events are open to
the public. To register for the walk, please visit <https://forms.gle/8BrGsYGhrV4tHNHn9> or email Dan Smith at
communityminister@cotuitfederatedchurch.org.



SAVE THE DATE

Guest Preacher Rev. Liz Walker
Sunday, September 21 at 10:00 a.m.

Join us as we eagerly welcome Rev. Liz Walker as our guest preacher for our morning worship service on Sunday, September 21. During the service, we will also celebrate Rev. Dan's installation as our Associate Pastor and Community Minister. After church, we will host Rev. Walker and several special guests for a presentation about her new book, titled "No One Left Alone: A Story of How Community Helps Us Heal," which is also our fall read. Signed books will be available for purchase after the service.

In addition to being a dear friend of Dan and Nancy, Rev. Walker is the retired pastor of Roxbury Presbyterian Church, an ordained minister in the African Methodist Episcopal tradition, and a veteran television journalist. Notably, she was the first African-American weeknight news anchor for WBZ Boston. Currently, she serves as the Executive Director of the Social Impact Center and the "Can We Talk" network. With over 20 local and national "Can We Talk" chapters (and counting), Rev. Walker has been expanding her Roxbury-based model of transformative, trauma-informed care. This model creates sacred spaces for individuals and communities to share their stories of trauma, loss, grief, and hope. We are thrilled that Rev. Walker will lead us in breaking open God's holy word and guiding us on our spiritual journey!

WAYS TO SERVE AT CFC

MIRACLE KITCHEN

Miracle Kitchen food will be prepared by CFC on the 2nd Thursday and 4th Tuesday of each month. The Faith Family Kitchen is also back and is the 3rd Wednesday of the month 4:30 -7 p.m. For more information about volunteering for either of these wonderful programs, email office@cotuitfederatedchurch.org

BLOOD DRIVES

Every two months, Cotuit Federated Church holds a Blood Drive for Cape Cod Healthcare. Your giving can provide life-saving support to a person in need here on Cape Cod! The following are the 2025 Blood Drives held on Tuesdays — April 1st, June 3rd, August 5th, October 7th, and December 9th. The hours are usually 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. More details will be provided in the Weekly Word e-mail sent on Fridays.



www.capecodhealth.org/give-blood



The Annual **CraftFest Cotuit** dates are set – mark your calendars for **August 16 and August 17**. During these two days in August, 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, please contact :

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or where you
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life's journey,
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