

CALENDAR			
MONDAY, August 25		THURSDAY, August 28	
Church Office	9:30-1:30	Church Office	9:30-1:30
Chair Yoga (Hall)	9:30-10:30	Chair Yoga (Hall)	9:30-10:30
Cleaning (Hall, Sanctuary, Kraft)	1:00-4:00	Handbells (Sanctuary)	6:00
AA (Hall)	6:30-7:30	FRIDAY, August 29	
TUESDAY, August 26		Cleaning (Hall, Sanctuary, Kraft)	1:00-4:00
Church Office	9:30-1:30	AA	7:00
Miracle Kitchen	10:00	SATURDAY, August 30	
Justice Circle Meeting (Kraft)	5:00-6:30	SUNDAY, August 31	
WEDNESDAY, August 27			
Church Office	9:30-1:30		
Prayer Circle	9:30		
Women's AA	6:30	Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost	
		Worship	10:00



Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, August 24, 2025 | 10 o'clock in the morning

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“Ultimately, we have just one moral duty: to reclaim large areas of peace in ourselves, more and more peace, and to reflect it toward others. And the more peace there is in us, the more peace there will also be in our troubled world.”

Etty Hillesum

GUEST INFORMATION: Thank you for worshipping with us today! Pick up a welcome brochure to learn more about our church. Join us for coffee hour following today's worship — just follow the crowd to our community room (Bruce Hall). Both our sanctuary and community room are handicapped-accessible at the High Street entrance. Handicapped parking is available on High Street and in the driveway to Bruce Hall. Please ask a Greeter or Deacon to answer any questions.

FELLOWSHIP PADS: Whenever you have questions or comments, feel free to note them in the red fellowship pads available at each pew. Everyone — guests and regular attenders alike — are asked to sign the fellowship pads when passed during the Offering. If you are a first time visitor, please include your email or physical mailing address.

PRAYER CARDS: You will find prayer request cards at the Welcome Center and in the pew racks. You are invited to fill out a card and place it in the offering basket. If you want your request included in next Sunday's bulletin, please check the appropriate box.

OUR E-LIST: The “Weekly Word” is an e-mail newsletter for our members and friends. If you do not receive it and would like to, please complete the New Comer form available in the Welcome Packet, or call the Church Office at (508) 428-6163 or e-mail cfc436@gmail.com to sign up.

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to donate flowers on any given Sunday, please sign up on the Sign-Up Sheet or contact Shannon in the office—(508) 428-6163— with your dedication.

Please join us today for coffee and refreshments following the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIRACLE KITCHEN & FAITH FAMILY KITCHEN:

Thursday, August 14th, Wednesday, August 20th & Tuesday, August 26th

The Salvation Army (100 North Street, Hyannis) is back up and running. Miracle Kitchen food will be prepared there 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, contact Ken Molloy at kmacape@comcast.net.

JUSTICE CIRCLE MEETING IN KRAFT ROOM

Tuesday, August 26th at 5:00 p.m.

LOCAL CUISINE & COTUIT NATURE & HISTORY WALK

Sunday, September 14 at 11:00 a.m.

Join us for a special food share and guided walk in Cotuit after church on Sunday, September 14, at 11 a.m. Wampanoag and Nipmuc culture keeper Waban Webquish will lead us in this unique experience. The event begins in Hamilton Hall with Waban sharing his famous locally harvested stuffed quahogs. After time for some nourishment, Waban will guide us on a nearby nature walk, sharing wisdom on the land, waterways, and the strained local histories they hold. The walk is limited to 25 participants, and will cover moderate terrain. Please register for the walk through the link in the Weekly Word.

REV LIZ WALKER AT COTUIT FEDERATED CHURCH & DAN'S INSTALLATION

Sunday, September 21st 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 are now available for a suggested donation in Hamilton Hall. To prepare s for Rev. Walker's visit. a book discussions will be held on Monday, September 15th in the Kraft Room.

TODAY'S SERVERS

Ministers: *The People of Cotuit Federated Church*

Pastor: *Rev. Angela Menke Ballou* | Community Minister: *Rev. Daniel Smith*

Director of Music: *Megan Anthony*

Deacon: *Kathi Campbell* | Worship Steward: *Cindy Kenna & Susan Shepherd*

Lay Reader: *Bruce Murphy* | Greeters: *Pam Meriam & Susan Cochrane*

Director of Christian Education: *Lynne Belfiore*

Admin. Assistant for Ministry: *Shannon Boon*

Thank you to all those who serve!

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

- Worship
- Coffee Hour

WABAN RETURNS TO CFC

Local Seasonal Cuisine, and
Cotuit Nature & History Walk
with Waban Webquish —

Sunday, September 14 Join us
for a special food share and
guided walk in Cotuit after
church.



WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Passing of the Peace is the oldest part of the Christian liturgy and is a special way we welcome each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. At this time due to COVID, you are invited to participate by crossing your hands over your heart, waving or giving the sign of the peace.

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

*CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION

Bruce Murphy

One: Siblings in the Spirit, hear God's call to gather together!

All: Come, all who thirst for warmth and connection.

One: Come, all who yearn for healing and hope.

All: Come, all who are hungry for kindness and courage.

One: Come, all who are feeling strong and ready.

All: Come, all who are feeling anxious and afraid.

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One: Come, wherever you are on the journey.

All: And let us enter to this space of grace, where God welcomes us all!

*OPENING HYMN

Please join in singing.

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God Is Here

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray together:

All: Loving God, forgive us when we lose our way and lead us back to yours. Lead us from separation to connection,

Bruce Murphy

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Please join us in Hamilton Hall for coffee hour after worship!

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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!

Prayer in Song

*Lord, prepare me, to be a sanctuary
pure and holy, tried and true
with thanksgiving I'll be a living,
sanctuary for you.*

OFFERTORY

Invitation To Offering

Offertory

*Doxology:

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God, above, ye heavenly hosts
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

*Prayer of Dedication

***CLOSING HYMN**

The United Methodist Hymnal #89

Please join in singing.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

**from guilt to responsibility,
from judgment to wonder,
from anger to compassion,
from sorrow to joy,
from despair to hope,
from fear to love,
from death to new life!
Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Angela Menke Ballou

SPECIAL MUSIC

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(Preschoolers and younger aged children are invited to go to the church nursery)

INVITATION TO LAMENTATION

***HYMN**

Please join in singing.

The United Methodist Hymnal #140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON
Ezekiel 2:1-3:3

Rev. Angela Menke Ballou

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON
Revelation 10:1-3, 8-11

Bruce Murphy

SERMON

Rev. Angela Menke Ballou

Growing Toward Love

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Lin Grace Rohr

Prayer in Song:

*Lord, prepare me, to be a sanctuary
pure and holy, tried and true
with thanksgiving I'll be a living,
sanctuary for you.*

Gathering of the Prayers

Prayer in Song

*Lord, prepare me, to be a sanctuary
pure and holy, tried and true
with thanksgiving I'll be a living,
sanctuary for you.*

Lord's Prayer

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive
us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.*