

| CALENDAR               |            |                                            |            |
|------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------------|------------|
| MONDAY, October 27     |            | FRIDAY, October 31                         |            |
| Church Office          | 8:30-12:30 | AA                                         | 7:00       |
| Chair Yoga (Hall)      | 9:30-10:30 | SATURDAY, November 1                       |            |
| AA (Hall)              | 6:30-7:30  | SUNDAY, November 2                         |            |
| TUESDAY, October 28    |            | 21st Sunday After Pentecost                |            |
| Church Office          | 8:30-12:30 | Worship                                    | 10:00      |
| Justice Circle (Kraft) | 5:00       | Coffee Hour                                | 11:15      |
| Bible Study (Hall)     | 6:30       | Can We Talk... about Media Literacy (Hall) | 11:30      |
| WEDNESDAY, October 29  |            | Confirmation Class (Kraft)                 | 12:30      |
| Church Office          | 8:30-12:30 | THURSDAY, October 30                       |            |
| Prayer Circle          | 9:30       | Church Office                              | 8:30-12:30 |
| Women's AA             | 6:30       | Chair Yoga (Hall)                          | 9:30-10:30 |
|                        |            | Newcomer Gathering (Hall)                  | 6:00       |
|                        |            | Handbell Practice (Sanctuary)              | 6:00       |

CFC welcomes you  
to join us for:





This Halloween,  
make CFC a stop when you are  
trick or treating in the village

# Halloween

## in Hamilton Hall

### Cotuit Federated Church




Oct 31 // 5:30-7:30pm  
Enter through the Hope Entrance  
on High Street



**Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost**  
Sunday, October 26, 2025 | 10 o'clock in the morning  
40 School Street | Post Office Box 436 | Cotuit, MA 02635  
[www.cotuitfederatedchurch.org](http://www.cotuitfederatedchurch.org) | 508-428-6163

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## PLEDGE SUNDAY

**Today we sing out our song of love  
through acts of generosity. You  
are invited to prayerfully consider  
bringing forward a pledge card  
during our offering time. We have  
enclosed an extra for you. We will  
dedicate these gift to work in  
harmony as we each  
individually sing our parts and  
together lift our praise to our God.**



**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 (Hamilton 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 Hamilton 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](mailto: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, October 9th, Wednesday, Oct. 15th & Tuesday, Oct. 28th**

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](mailto:kmacape@comcast.net).

### CAN WE TALK...ABOUT MEDIA LITERACY?

**Sunday, November 2nd after worship**

In the current era of media saturation, when misinformation and half-truths fill our news, podcasts, and social media feeds, media literacy is essential for helping people understand how to make sense of current events. This session will discuss: how to find credible news sources; how to analyze coverage of current events; how to separate evidence from opinion; what digital tools can help combat misinformation; and how to communicate your own ideas clearly.

Dr. AJ Ballou is an educator and historian who taught high school and college history, government, and civics for more than 20 years.



### ALL SAINTS DAY

**Sunday, November 2nd**

Next Sunday, we will remember the Saints in our lives in our church. During communion there will be an opportunity to light a candle in for those who you are remembering.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,  
and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us..."

Hebrews 12: 1

## 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: *Chris Lynch* | Greeters: *Susan Cochrane & Linda Lynch*

Director of Christian Education: *Lynne Belfiore*

Admin. Assistant for Ministry: *Shannon Boon*

*Thank you to all those who serve!*

## TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

- Pledge Sunday Worship 10:00
- Sunday School
- Coffee Hour 11:15
- Calmer Choice Meditation (Kraft) 11:30
- \*\*Planned giving event postponed for the spring.



## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

### PRELUDE

### INTROIT & WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

#### ***I Woke Up This Morning With My Mind Stayed On Freedom***

*Well I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom*

*Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom*

*Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom*

*Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah*

*[Verse 2]*

*Well, I'm singing and praying with my mind stayed on freedom*

*I'm singing and praying with my mind stayed on freedom*

*I'm singing and praying with my mind stayed on freedom*

*Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah*

### 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. You are invited to greet members with a handshake or hug, or contactless through hands over your heart, waving or giving the sign of the peace.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION**

*Chris Lynch*

One: Come, make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

**Many: This is the day that God has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

One: This is the world that God has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**Many: We are the people God has made, creative and generous,  
made in the image of a creative and generous God.**

One: Let us rejoice! Let us create! Let us be generous!

**Many: Come, let us worship God**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

The United Methodist Hymnal #131

*Please join in singing.*

***We Gather Together***

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*Chris Lynch*

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

The United Methodist Hymnal #664

*Please join in singing.*

***Sent Forth By God's Blessing***

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Please join us in Hamilton Hall for a coffee hour!



**A CHORUS OF  
GENEROSITY**

**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.*

**Prayer in Song:**

*Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love; send us pow’r; send us grace.*

**OFFERTORY**

**Invitation To Offering**

**Offertory~** All are invited to come bring their offerings & pledges forward. There is also a blessing here for you. You do not need to give to receive this blessing.

**\*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 CONFESSION**

*Chris Lynch*

**All: Loving God, Holy Deliverer, Dawn from on high, we praise you for hearing the cries of the oppressed, and for leading us through the wilderness of this time. We thank you for giving us bread for the journey. Forgive us for our indifference to the vulnerable in our midst. Give us ears and hearts ready to hear the cries of oppressed. Give us strength to speak the truth in love to today’s Pharaohs. Loving God, Holy Deliverer, Dawn in our despair, draw us ever closer to you that we might join in your work, and follow in your way, now and always. Amen.**

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

*Rev. Angela Menke Ballou*

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

*CFC Choir*

**Good & Simple Gifts**  
*Arr. by Jean Anne Shafferman*

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

**(CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO CHURCH SCHOOL)**

A FAITH SHARING

Jen Nash

SERMON

Rev. Angela Menke Ballou

As A Testimony

\*HYMN

The United Methodist Hymnal #127

*Please join in singing.*

Give Thanks

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

Rev. Angela Menke Ballou

Exodus 25:1-9, 29: 38-46

Prayer in Song:

*Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love; send us pow'r; send us grace.*

Gathering of the Prayers

Prayer in Song:

*Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love; send us pow'r; send us grace.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Chris Lynch

Luke 5: 12-16