



CHIMES

Fall 2025 Newsletter

WITH MY MIND STAYED ON FREEDOM

A WORSHIP SERIES BASED ON EXODUS
FALL 2025
COTUIT FEDERATED CHURCH

Passover Remembered

Poem by Alla Bozarth

*Pack Nothing.
Bring only your determination to serve
and your willingness to be free.*

*Don't wait for the bread to rise.
Take nourishment for the journey,
but eat standing, be ready
to move at a moment's notice.*

*Do not hesitate to leave
your old ways behind—
fear, silence, submission.*

*Only surrender to the need
of the time— to love
justice and walk humbly
with your God.*

*Do not take time to explain to the neighbors.
Tell only a few trusted friends and family
members.*

*Then begin quickly,
before you have time to sink back
into the old slavery.*

*Set out in the dark.
I will send fire to warm and encourage you.
I will be with you in the fire
and I will be with you in the cloud.
You will learn to eat new food
and find refuge in new places.
I will give you dreams in the desert
to guide you safely home to that place
you have not yet seen.*

Dear Beloved Community,

The book of Exodus contains stories that have been foundational for generations of readers who were seeking freedom. Harriet Tubman hailed as a Moses as she led others out of bondage. The spirituals written during slavery and sung during the Civil Rights era in our country are full of references to the Exodus narrative. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King in his final sermon preached "I've Been to the Mountain Top", he concludes with seeing the Promised Land from afar. This is what scripture can do. It can root us in our history as God's people. It can bring us hope and courage to follow in God's way. It can teach us to rely day by day on God's providence that comes like manna from heaven – just enough, not to be stockpiled – sufficient for each day alone.

Alla Renée Bozarth wrote one of my favorite pieces of poetry based on the Exodus story. You can read it on the side over the next few pages of the Chimes. It was written for the 25th anniversary of the Philadelphia Eleven, the first eleven women ordained as priests in the Episcopal Church in 1974. It has been another twenty-five years, and we have just passed over the 50th anniversary. Bozarth's poem reads with deeper meaning and more layers in this period of our history. This is how our lived experience and scripture can intertwine, bringing deeper meaning to both our reading of the holy texts and the living of our days.

This fall, we will spend time with Moses and Aaron and Miriam.

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The stories you tell one another around your fires
in the dark will make you strong and wise.

Outsiders will attack you,
and some who follow you,
and at times you will weary
and turn on each other
from fear and fatigue and
blind forgetfulness.

You have been preparing for this for hundreds of
years.
I am sending you into the wilderness to make a way
and to learn my ways more deeply.

Those who fight you will teach you.
Those who fear you will strengthen you.
Those who follow you may forget you.
Only be faithful. This alone matters.

Some of you will die in the desert,
for the way is longer than anyone imagined.
Some of you will give birth.

Some will join other tribes along the way,
and some will simply stop and create
new families in a welcoming oasis.

Some of you will be so changed
by weathers and wanderings
that even your closest friends
will have to learn your features
as though for the first time.
Some of you will not change at all.

Some will be abandoned
by your dearest loves
and misunderstood by those
who have known you since birth
and feel abandoned by you.

Some will find new friendship
in unlikely faces, and old friends
as faithful and true as the pillar of God's flame.

Wear protection.
Your flesh will be torn
as you make a path
with your bodies
through sharp tangles.
Wear protection.

Others who follow may deride
or forget the fools who first bled
where thorns once were, carrying them
away in their own flesh.

Such urgency as you now bear
may embarrass your children
who will know little of these times.

Sing songs as you go,
and hold close together.
You may at times grow
confused and lose your way.



Continue to call each other
by the names I've given you,
to help remember who you are.
You will get where you are going
by remembering who you are.

Touch each other
and keep telling the stories
of old bondage and of how
I delivered you.

Tell you children lest they forget
and fall into danger— remind them
even they were not born in freedom
but under a bondage they no longer
remember, which is still with them, if unseen.

Or they were born in the open desert
where no signposts are.

Make maps as you go,
remembering the way back
from before you were born.

So long ago you fell
into slavery, slipped
into it unawares,
out of hunger and need.

You left your famished country
for freedom and food in a new land,
but you fell unconscious and passive,
and slavery overtook you as you fell
asleep in the ease of your life.

You no longer told stories of home
to remember who you were.

Do not let your children sleep
through the journey's hardship.
Keep them awake and walking
on their own feet so that you both
remain strong and on course.

So you will be only
the first of many waves
of deliverance on these
desert seas.

It is the first of many
beginnings— your Paschaltide.
Remain true to this mystery.

Pass on the whole story.
I spared you all
by calling you forth
from your chains.

Do not go back.
I am with you now
and I am waiting for you.



We will explore what is required to break free of the ruling of the Pharaohs of this world. We will wade in the waters that cross over into liberation. We will think about the days and years of wandering in the wilderness, and how sometime even bondage feels more comfortable than leaning into a radical trust in God that frees us from all that binds us.

Join us as we find hope in this text that has rooted so many peoples and movement, as we too wake up each morning with our minds stayed on freedom.



Notes from the Music Director

Dear Friends,

First, a big thank-you to Angie, Dan, and to all of you for granting me a sabbatical this summer. It was an incredible gift of rest and renewal. Believe it or not, it was the first summer since high school that I didn't have a job! I was able to spend quality time with family—visiting my brother in Alabama and my mother in Canada—as well as reconnect with many friends. I even had the joy of worshiping with other congregations, which gave me fresh perspective and inspiration. I am returning rested, grateful, and excited for the music ministry ahead.

Now that summer is winding down, I am eager to make music with all of you again!

◆ Choir Returns!

Choir rehearsals begin **Sunday, September 14 at 9:00 a.m.** (and at 8:30 a.m. on following Sundays). We welcome all voice types—yes, that means you! I've heard so many of you singing in the pews, and I know you'd be wonderful additions. If you're interested in joining, please email me at music@cotuitfederatedchurch.org. Come give it a try—you may be surprised by how much you enjoy it!

◆ Handbells Are Back!

Handbells will resume **Thursday, October 16 at 6:00 p.m.** We're always delighted to welcome new ringers. Never rung before? No problem! We can provide beginner lessons and make sure every part is tailored so that even brand-new ringers can participate with confidence and joy. Email me at music@cotuitfederatedchurch.org if you are interested.

Music at Cotuit Federated is about more than rehearsals and performances—it's about fellowship, lifting our spirits, and praising God together. I can't wait to see (and hear!) what this season brings.

With gratitude and joy,
Megan Anthony





Newcomer & New Member Gatherings

I am overjoyed that CFC is a kind and faithful community of people who seek to follow God, support one another, and serve in the local community and world. The life of faith is designed to be lived together. If you are new to the community and interested in learning more about us, or if you have been away from the community and are interested in recommitting to walk with us in faith, or if you have been part of the community for a long time and are finally ready to take the leap of faith to becoming a member, then these gatherings are for you:

- **Sunday, September 28:** *Questions and Introductions with Pastor Angie*
[11:30 am, in the Kraft room]
- **Thursday, October 19:** *Beloved Community and Covenant with Pastor Dan*
[11:30 am in the Narthex]
- **Thursday, October 30:** *Meet with Church Leadership*
[11:30 am, in Hamilton Hall]

There will be a special Celebration of Faith and Covenant for those who choose to join Cotuit Federated Church on **Sunday, November 9**, during the morning worship service. Please join us in conversation as we explore what it means to journey together in faith. I look forward to the ways that we will grow in God's love with one another.

~Peace, Pastor Angie & Pastor Dan



MAKE A
JOYFUL NOISE
TO GOD,
ALL THE EARTH
+ PSALM 100:1

Church School Update

VBS was a BLAST! We experimented with magnets, made cloud dough and ice cream, and created so many crafts! "The Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9) was our guiding scripture and God surely was with us! Please enjoy the photos included here and a big thank you to all of the amazing volunteers!

It's time to register your child(ren) for the 2025-2026 school year! September 7 is both the first day of the church school year and Blessing of the Backpacks** Sunday! The registration form can be found on the church's website: <https://www.cotuitfederatedchurch.org/learn/> and scroll down to the form below the words "Church School." Knowing the number of students to plan for makes it easier for purchasing supplies.

I am recruiting children in third grade and older to be acolytes. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to participate in the weekly service. If your child is interested in becoming an acolyte please reach out to me. I will show your child what the job entails after service on the Sunday I learn about their interest.

I have a new church email address:

sundayschool@cotuitfederatedchurch.org.

I will be using both the old and new address for the next few weeks.

Enjoy these last days before we return to a fall schedule! I look forward to seeing you and your children soon!

Blessings,
Lynne



****Adults are invited to bring their calendars and time-keepers for a Special Blessing.**



Fall at CFC ...

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 7

Sunday School begins

Join us for the ***Blessing of the Backpacks!***

SEPTEMBER 9

Delivered Out Of Empire Bible Study begins

SEPTEMBER 14

Waban Webquish Returns

SEPTEMBER 14

All Church Picture

Come celebrate and bring a side dish to share! We will gather immediately after worship.

SEPTEMBER 15

No One Left Alone Book Discussion

SEPTEMBER 17 & 26

Camino Way Walks

SEPTEMBER 21

Rev. Dan's Installation Rev. Liz Walker Preaching

SEPTEMBER 27

Pride Dance Hyannis

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 5

World Communion Sunday

Join us during worship service as we pray for countries around the world.

OCTOBER 5, 12, 19, 26

Intro To Mindfulness

OCTOBER 14

Can We Talk... about immigration?

OCTOBER 24-25

Rummage Sale

OCTOBER 26

Stewardship Pledge Sunday

Bring your pledge card to church and have it blessed! More details to come.

OCTOBER 31

Halloween In The Hall

Miracle Kitchen

Second Thursday and fourth Tuesday of the month, volunteers serve a hearty lunch for the homeless at the Hyannis Salvation Army Center. Contact Ken Molloy at 508-428-3815 to get involved.

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 2

All Saints Sunday

Daylight Savings Time Ends

NOVEMBER 2

Can We Talk... about media literacy?

NOVEMBER 16

Confirmand Led Worship

NOVEMBER 25

Walk With Waban

Watch for details.

NOVEMBER 27

Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 9

Blood Drive

Cape Cod Healthcare needs your life-saving support! The hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Register on their website.



www.capecodhealth.org/give-blood

www.cotuitfederatedchurch.org

Sign Up Now for Cotuit Nature & History Walk with Waban Webquish

Sunday, September 14th after worship

Join us for a special food share and guided walk in Cotuit with Wampanoag and Nipmuc culture keeper Waban Webquish. We'll start in Hamilton Hall with Waban sharing his famous locally harvested stuffed quahogs. At noon, 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 CFC participants and will cover moderate terrain. Please register for the walk at <https://forms.gle/hzb9cfxxgKEgTKcJ9> or by emailing Dan Smith. Can't make the September 14 walk? Save the date for a second Cotuit Nature and History Walk that Waban will lead at Eagle Pond, tentatively scheduled for the afternoon of Tuesday, November 25, just before Thanksgiving. More details coming soon!



Justice Circles

Tuesday, September 23rd from 5 - 6 p.m. and Tuesday October 28th from 5 - 6 p.m.

All are welcome to our (more or less) monthly Justice Circle meetings. We begin with time for check-in and grounding, sharing how we are holding up given recent headlines and more. We then shift to discussion of next steps for our emerging justice ministry at CFC, including ongoing protest involvement, a possible 11-session faith-based, racial justice course called Sacred Ground, a Civil Rights Pilgrimage to Montgomery in March 2026, and whatever justice related ideas you may bring!



Next Cape Cod Camino Way Walks in Brewster and Provincetown

Wednesday, September 17th at 10 am and Friday, September 26th at 10 am

Join Cape Cod Camino Way founder Dr. Peggy Jablonski for a series of guided walks. The next walk in Brewster will be Wednesday, September 17, and the next walk in Provincetown is on September 26. Together, we will explore local sites through the lens of racial and social justice, shedding light on the living legacies of slavery and colonization, the Cape's often-overlooked tradition of women intellectuals, LGBTQ pioneers, and more. Please register at <https://forms.gle/uocF9ioixCEuA2N79> or by emailing Dan Smith and feel free to bring a friend. A suggested donation of \$10-\$20 is appreciated.

Cape Cod Pride Dance Party At Margaritaville

Saturday, September 27 from 7- 10 p.m.

Dance the night away with DJ PJ. Celebrate Cape Cod Pride at this Annual Pride Event and Fundraiser. Dancing, Raffle, Complementary Appetizers, Cash Bar.

Buy tickets at <https://capecodpride.net/>.



Can We Talk Conversation with Rev. Liz Walker

Sunday, September 21 at 11:30 a.m. in Hamilton Hall



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 launching our own series of Can We Talks Justice Forums (see below)!

Can We Talk...about Immigration Reform*?

Tuesday, October 14th at 6:30 p.m. in Hamilton Hall

Recent executive orders and the expansion of ICE have created fear and crisis for many of our immigrant neighbors. Join us for an urgent community conversation on immigration, featuring local experts and advocates discussing the challenges facing immigrants on Cape Cod. The evening will include updates, personal stories, and practical ideas for action, followed by Q&A.

Panelists:

- Michael Mecnas, Brazilian Resource Center
- Stephanie Souza, Esq., Immigration Resource Center, Community Action Committee of CC & Islands, Inc.
- Sandra Faiman-Silva, Ph.D. Falmouth Immigrant Rights Coalition (FIRC)
- (Other local experts TBD sharing updates and lived experiences)

*Co-sponsored by: Waquoit Congregational Church, South Church Centerville Social Action, the Falmouth Immigrant Rights Coalition, the Coalition for Social Justice Action Fund and a growing list of community partners.

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.



Chair Yoga with Linda Harmon

Mondays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. in Hamilton Hall

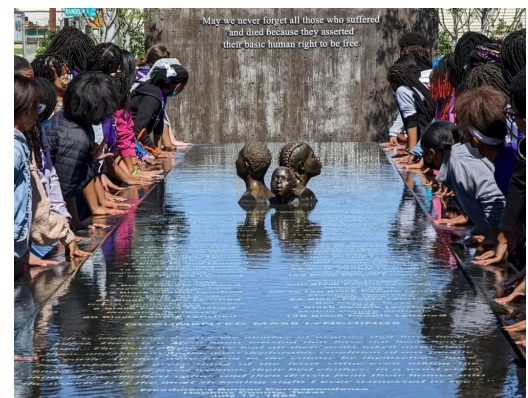
Each class starts with a brief centering and meditation and includes breathwork; warm-ups for the shoulders, hips and spine; seated yoga poses; standing yoga poses using the chair for support if needed; seated stretches for the wrists and fingers; facial yoga; and a meditation to finish class. This is a full yoga practice! We take the practice seriously and manage to have fun as well! Newcomers are always welcome and no prior experience in practicing yoga is needed. This class is gentle and designed to build flexibility, strength and relaxation into our bodies. For more information email Linda Harmon at: rockyluke@comcast.net. We have a dedicated crew many of whom have been showing up for several years now!

"Road to Freedom" Civil Right Pilgrimage to Selma and Montgomery

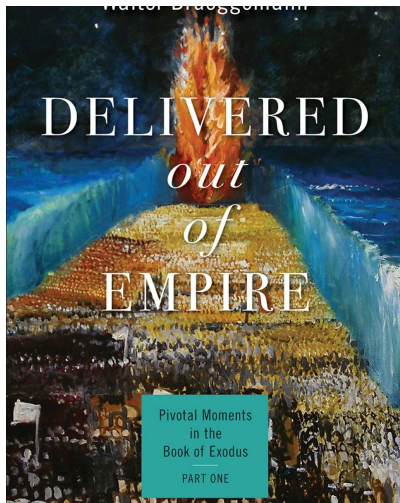
March 2026

Interested in exploring the Equal Justice Initiative's powerful Legacy Museum and National Memorial for Peace and Justice, marching across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, and visiting about other historic Civil Rights sites like the ACLU museum, the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church and Martin Luther King Jr's parsonage? We are currently considering the long weekend of March 6-8 and/or 13-15 depending on level of interest and availability. Estimated total cost will be around \$1300, which includes museum fees, ground transportation, a group hotel rate, and a flight from Boston to Montgomery (you'll arrange your own flight). Some scholarship assistance is available. If you'd like to join us, even if you're not 100% sure you can make it, please sign up by September 15 in Hamilton Hall or email Dan Smith. And plan to join for an after church info and planning session on Sunday, October 12 at 11:30 am in Hamilton Hall. Dan will share a brief presentation on similar pilgrimages he has led and allow plenty of time for questions and discussion.

"The surprise, to me, is that a day at the museum and memorial didn't diminish my feelings of patriotism—quite the opposite. The story is packed with heroes who pushed back, at grave peril, working to shape a better country." ~Tom Moran, Visitor



Small Group Book Study for the Fall



Our study will begin on Tuesday, September 9 at 6:30pm. We will start with discussing Chapter 1, so read that chapter before class. Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 9 - December 7

The Pivotal Moments in the Old Testament Series helps readers see Scripture with new eyes, highlighting short, key texts—"pivotal moments"—that shift our expectations and invite us to turn toward another reality transformed by God's purposes and action.

The book of Exodus brims with dramatic stories familiar to most of us: the burning bush, Moses' ringing proclamation to Pharaoh to "Let my people go," the parting of the Red Sea. These signs of God's liberating agency have sustained oppressed people seeking deliverance over the ages. But Exodus is also a complex book. Reading the text firsthand, one encounters multilayered narratives: about entrenched socioeconomic systems that exploit the vulnerable, the mysterious action of the divine, and the giving of a new law meant to set the people of Israel apart. How does a contemporary reader make sense of it all? And what does Exodus have to say about our own systems of domination and economic excess?

In *Delivered out of Empire*, Walter Brueggemann offers a guide to the first half of Exodus, drawing out "pivotal moments" in the text to help readers untangle it. Throughout, Brueggemann shows how Exodus consistently reveals a God in radical solidarity with the powerless.

****Books available in Hall for \$15**



Fall Rummage Sale
Cotuit Federated Church
40 School Street, Cotuit, MA
Friday, Oct. 24, 2025 ~ 9am to 4pm
Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025 ~ 9am to 2pm

Fall and winter clothing, toys, books, jewelry, kitchen and household items, some furniture and other treasures. Unable to accept electronics and large exercise equipment.

Donations are gratefully accepted:
Monday, October 20th—Wednesday, October 22nd ~ 9am to 4pm

Please be sure your donation is clean—no stains or rips, and is in working order with all associated parts.
 The church reserves the right to determine which donations will be accepted to best serve its mission. We kindly ask that you refrain from leaving any donations in the church parking lot.

508-428-6163

Introduction to Mindfulness Classes

In a fast paced world, mindfulness awareness can help us stay grounded, focused, and emotionally balanced. These four, 75-minute weekly sessions will be useful both to beginners and to established practitioners of mindfulness.
Maximum of 12 participants, age 18 and up.

What You'll Experience:

- Guided mindfulness practice
- Breathing techniques
- Working with thoughts and emotions
- Informal practices to bring into your daily life
- Whole group and small group reflection

About the Instructor:

Kara Yuen has been teaching mindfulness to her students at Orleans Elementary School since completing training through Calmer Choice in 2018. Kara has just completed an additional 70 hour training in Foundations of Teaching Mindfulness with Calmer Choice in order to obtain certification through the International Mindfulness and Meditation Alliance.

Date & Time:

Sundays, October 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 11:30 AM-12:45 PM
 Cotuit Federated Church

Registration will occur during Coffee Hour on Sunday, September 7th.



Today And Yesterday's Craftfest By Kristin Mawhinney

Sun rising. Trees sheltering.
Artists adjusting their spot.
Day begins on a village green.

Neighbors enter in-meandering through mazes
and marvelling wares of imagination.

Midday sun, grill smoke rises announcing
and asking, "Hungry?" as more and more folk arrive.

Visitor vibration.....vitality.....
in synchronous connection of familiar faces and new
all stirring, searching amidst tie-dye t-shirt attendants
who ricochet from task to task
.....oddly....
to smooth the way for all.

Mermaids muse as neighbors gather feasting
on the "Jeni's" "food gifted.....to give more.

All the while, the song of each touches all.
And there's more-
out the door
musicians hail and hold shared memories, movement and joy
beyond their notes.

No rain, but our own mess, our own moments
unexpected earthful-life befalls....
Trash stashed. Treasured stories shared,
A young raccoon feasts and can't find the dumpster's exit.

A father finds sanctuary rocking his daughter.
Soft light filtered through stained glass-
mirrors his soft soothing.....love is here
in
Creators
Helpers
Raccoons
Imagination
Strangers
Tenderers.

All in community....for community. Brothers, sisters all



Thank you Cotuit Federated Church-

We want to extend our deepest thanks to the Cotuit Federated Church for hosting an amazing and unmatched CraftFest. This fair is more than an event—it's a mission. A mission to support a local spiritual center rooted in welcome, care, and inclusiveness. To walk into this community is to know what it feels like to be embraced by kindness and generosity.

Being a crafter, an artist, or a creative is often a sign of a healthy and vibrant community. CraftFest reminded us of that truth. The volunteers, the neighbors, and even the friendships formed simply by the lottery of where we pitched our tents—these connections are unmatched.

To be a part of Cotuit, to spend two days among the people who make this village so unique, is something almost beyond words. But we do want to try. Thank you—for the chance to share, to celebrate, and to belong.

~Anonymous Cotuit Resident



A CHORUS OF GENEROSITY

Planned Giving Workshop

Cotuit Federated Church

When: Sunday October 26th 1:00-2:15

Where: 40 School Street Cotuit, MA

Who: You!

Space is limited, RSVP to
AndreoliSteinbergL@sneucc.org



RSVP

Join Lisa Maria Andreoli Steinberg, SNEUCC's Associate Director of Philanthropy, for a workshop to lead us in conversation and learning together.

What does leaving a legacy mean to you?
How do you leave a legacy?

What does it mean to leave a planned gift?

This workshop is provided by
your generosity to our
conference's Proportional
Giving and the hospitality of
Cotuit Federated Church



Southern New England Conference
United Church of Christ
Living the Love & Justice of Jesus

This workshop is designed to help individuals and families discern what their financial planning interests are and offer education on how to pursue them.
This workshop does not offer legal nor financial advice to individuals or congregations.

Stewardship 2025

Music is a powerful presence in our lives, and not just while we're listening. It helps us celebrate, mourn, reflect, and feel the wonder and struggle of being alive.

In short: music builds hope, culture, and community. And that's where you come in. Communities of faith are one of the few places where neighbors sing together, and Cotuit Federated Church is no exception, from hymns to prayers to choir anthems. But I'd go even farther: whenever we gather for worship, study, or acts of compassion, we become a kind of music, a beautiful melody that sustains and inspires. During our Stewardship Campaign this year, we will explore what it means to be a Chorus of Generosity.



LET
EVERYTHING
THAT HAS
BREATH
PRAISE GOD
+ PSALM 150:6



YOUR GIFTS providing for Others

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

'I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

— John 13:34-35



★ “Dear Friends at Cotuit Federated Church– We want to express our deepest gratitude for your generous donation of \$1,000 to sustain Layla’s Library here at A Baby Center. Your gift is a beautiful tribute to Layla’s memory, and it has a profound and lasting impact on the families we serve. Many of our clients have limited access to books, and your support allows us to provide these families with brand-new books that their children can keep and cherish. Every time a child picks up a book, Layla’s name and the love behind your gift will be remembered. Thank you for being such a vital part of our ministry, and for showing up for these families in such a meaningful way. With sincere gratitude, Robin Hayward Director-A Baby Center & Nicole Voci, Program Manager ~A Baby Center

★ “Cotuit Federated Church-A special thank you for your ongoing support. Best Wishes, Gremma Rehm” ~Carriage House shelter

★ “I am writing to you to express my deepest gratitude for awarding me your Women’s Fellowship Scholarship. I am extremely appreciative of the generosity and support of the Cotuit Federated Church over the past few years. The scholarship will greatly assist me in pursuing my academic and life goals at SUNY Delhi and beyond at veterinary school. Thanks again for your generous gift.” ~Wylie Wakefield

★ “Dear Cotuit Federated Church, On behalf of World Central Kitchen, I want to thank you for your \$1,000 donation on July 3, 2025 in support of our work around the globe. We are so grateful for your help as we use the power of food to nourish the world.” ~WCK

★ “On behalf of Housing Assistance and the clients we serve, I wish to thank you for your recent donation to this year’s Walk For Hope. Your gift has enormous impact-it changes lives! Thank you again for unlocking hope for our many neighbors in need! Your generosity and support help to ensure those we serve-the Cape’s workforce, young families and seniors-have access to safe, stable housing and hope for a brighter future. ~Sincerely, Alisa Magnotta, CEO Housing Assistance Corporation

★ “This is a long overdue thank you for the many times you have welcomed us into your halls and allowed us to make money in order to feed people for free. We love being on your happy campus! I’m writing this not for Jeni and all of us, as she has no time. Without you we wouldn’t be able to do what we do. Thank you! ~Jeni, Chris & The Family Table Collaborative

★ “Thank you to everyone at CFC who encouraged me along the way. I really appreciate the scholarship support and love from all of you. I will think of you a lot at Berea.” ~Terrance Davison



★ “On behalf of World Central Kitchen, I want to thank you for choosing to donate \$1,380.00 on Feb. 24, 2025 in support of our response to the California Palisades fire. We are so grateful for your help as we use the power of food to nourish the world. We’re a team of food first responders, mobilizing with the urgency of now to get meals to the people who need them most. We know that a nourishing meal in a time of crisis is so much more than just a plate of food.-it’s hope, it’s dignity, and it’s a sign that someone cares. Thank you for your belief and trust in our mission..” ~Erin Gore, CEO, World Central Kitchen

★ “Cotuit Federated Church, Thank you for your outstanding support of CWS (Church World Service)! We are grateful to have you as a partner in mission and ministry! Your \$1,197 gift will help hope reach the corners of the world where it is needed most.” ~Tiffany

★ “Thank you to the members of Cotuit Federated Church for coordinating and delivering the donated food collected at the July 4th Shopping Cart Brigade. We are grateful to you all and your generous community for all the wonderful food. We appreciate your help! ~Janice M. Vinitro

★ “Happy Easter and a big thank you for the Easter Dinner for our house.” ~Shelter Resident

★ “Dear Friends In Christ- Thank you sincerely for this generous support. Thanks to you, Faith Family Kitchen actively relieves hunger on the Cape. It is a privilege to partner in ministry with you.” ~Edye Nesmith, Cape Cod Council Of Churches

★ “On behalf of all scouts, leaders and parents of Troop #52-Cotuit, please accept this letter of thanks- your longtime support of our unit means more to us than we can ever truly express in a brief letter. The donations made on Sunday will be used towards covering the unit’s portion of camp fees for all scouts heading north to attend Camp Wanocksett in NH this summer. We are extremely luck to have all of you as friends of our unit. Again, heartfelt thanks for your generous support.” ~Bruce Cole, Troop #52

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**The Installation
of
Rev. Daniel Smith**
as Associate Pastor and
Community Minister
of the Cotuit Federated Church
Sunday, September 21
at 10am during worship in the
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Rev. Liz Walker, Guest Preacher



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