

CALENDAR

MONDAY, March 9		FRIDAY, March 13	
Church Office	CLOSED	Church Office	9:00-1:00
Chair Yoga (Hall)	9:30-10:30	AA	7:00
Season For The Spirit (Kraft)	11:00	SATURDAY, March 14	
Bonsai Club (Basement)	6:30	SUNDAY, March 15	
AA (Hall)	6:30-7:30	Fourth Sunday In Lent	
TUESDAY, March 10		Worship	10:00
Church Office	9:00-1:00	Coffee Hour	11:15
Bible Study (Hall)	6:00	Can We Talk? Forum (Hall)	4:00
WEDNESDAY, March 11			
Church Office	9:00-1:00		
Prayer Circle	9:30		
THURSDAY, March 12			
Church Office	9:00-1:00		
Chair Yoga (Hall)	9:30		
Miracle Kitchen	10:30		
Cotuit Athletic Assoc (Hall)			
Handbells (Sanctuary)	6:00		

Holy Week
at Cotuit Federated Church

Palm Sunday, March 29 at 10am
Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7pm in the Sanctuary
Good Friday, April 3 at 12pm in the Sanctuary
Easter Sunrise, April 5 at 6am at Loop Beach
Easter Day Festival Service, April 5 at 10am

Wilderness




Third Sunday In Lent

Sunday, March 8 | 10 o'clock in the morning
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Cover:
Through Samaria
By Lisle Gwynn Garrity

Artist Statement:

A wilderness exists between them. Samaria (currently known as part of the West Bank) was a region between Judea and Galilee, a place most Jews journeyed around, not through.

Long-standing religious animosity existed between Jews and Samaritans. By cultural standards, a woman was not to encounter a man alone, and it was considered indecent for a man to speak to a woman in public places. A wilderness of isolation and shame exists within the woman. She has had too many husbands, but not by choice. She's been labeled infertile, and in turn, been divorced and passed around from man to man. She's been widowed, grieving men who have died from sickness and from war. She's had to sell her body to survive. She's been shunned and shamed by other women. She's been objectified and sexualized since she was a child. She's still a child, but she's lived a hundred lives. She is one woman, but she holds within herself the pain and secrets of thousands of women throughout time and space.

And in this wilderness terrain—a space where she is both vulnerable and alone, where she blends in but also longs to be seen—she is sought out, welcomed, known. That's all she needs, really—to be seen. Really seen and truly known. A wilderness exists between them, and yet the wilderness brings them together. The wilderness becomes a place to begin again. She leaves her jar behind, filled instead with a new story to share.

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. 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.

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 Newcomer form available in the Welcome Packet, or call the Church Office at (508) 428-6163 or e-mail office@cotuitfederatedchurch.org 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, March 12th, Wednesday, March 18th, Tuesday, March 24th

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.

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY-PART II EXODUS SERIES

Every other Tuesday beginning, January 13, 6:30 in Hamilton Hall

SACRED GROUND

Every other Tuesday beginning, January 20, 6:30 in Hamilton Hall

A Film and Discussion Based Series on Race and Faith. Cotuit residents Lallie Lloyd and David Miller joined us for a racial justice forum in December that introduced our Sacred Ground series which they are leading with Pastors Dan and Angie. The two groups are now full and are being led by Pastor Dan and Lallie, and by Pastor Angie and David. See the Weekly Word for additional information.

A SEASON FOR THE SPIRIT-WEEKLY SPIRITUAL FORMATION GROUP

Mondays in Lent (starting Feb 16) — 11 am - noon Kraft Room

In 1991, an Episcopal priest named Martin Smith wrote a book of Lenten devotionals called "A Season for the Spirit: Readings for the Days of Lent." Since that time, Christians of every stripe have found his words to be a provocative and trustworthy guide through the 40 days of Lent. Blending keen insights into scripture with personal and theological reflections and with wide array of sacred and secular references, Smith gently invites readers into "a forty day pilgrimage of self discovery." Dan Smith will be leading this weekly Lenten study. There will be time for a soulful check-in, silence and sharing reflections about the readings. There's still room in the group! If you'd like to join, please contact Dan. Copies of the book are available in Hamilton Hall for a suggested donation of \$10. Please feel free to pick one up even if you can't make the meetings.

TODAY'S SERVERS

Ministers: *The People of Cotuit Federated Church*

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

Deacon: *Kathi Campbell* | Director of Music: *Megan Anthony*

Lay Reader: *Chris Lynch* | Greeters: *Susan Cochrane & Nancy Lawrence*

Director of Christian Education: *Lynne Belfiore*

Admin. Assistant for Ministry: *Shannon Boon*

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

- Worship 10:00
- Church School 10:15
- Coffee Hour 11:15

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

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Lynch

One: Rejoice, give thanks and sing.....

Many: Because God has richly blessed us!

One: Let us gather to learn again of the ways to walk and dance in the footsteps of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

Many: We come to learn how to be joyous and seek justice in all that we say and do!

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One: We come to receive the courage to seek out those who are considered strangers or outcast.

People: So that we can bring Jesus' compassion and healing to a divided world.

All: Let us worship God together!

INVOCATION

Chris Lynch

All: Dear Creator, Quiet our mind.... Still our hearts..... For your living ways are all we seek... Strengthen our lives.... Inspire our spirits.... Fill our souls with your living water so that we can be living water to a thirsting world. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

The United Methodist Hymnal #160

Please join in singing.

Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart

*CLOSING HYMN

The United Methodist Hymnal #521

Please join in singing.

I Want Jesus To Walk With Me

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Please join us in Hamilton Hall for coffee hour!



Prayer in Song:

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness
calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.*

OFFERTORY

Invitation To Offering

Offertory

CHORAL ANTHEM

Lenten Meditation

Jay Althouse

***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**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gary Potter

All: Lord of all, we praise you that you are not bound by time and space or wood or stone, but are present with us at all times. We come to admit that the teachings of Jesus often become lost as we accept the values of this world. Forgive us when we put selfishness above selflessness. Help us to be a blessing to all whom we meet. Instill in us eyes and hearts that seek your image in all people. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Rev. Robert Naylor

HANDBELL ANTHEM

CFC Bells

Remembering

John A. Behnke

CHILDRENS MOMENT

Rev. Robert Naylor

Different Is Beautiful, God Bless Variety

(CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO SUNDAY SCHOOL)

***HYMN**

Please join in singing.

The United Methodist Hymnal #404

Every Time I Feel The Spirit

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Chris Lynch

Hebrews 13:1-3

GOSPEL READING

Rev. Robert Naylor

John 4:5-42

SERMON

Rev. Robert Naylor

Finding Water in the Wilderness

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Robert Naylor

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Gathering of the Prayers

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.*