

CraftFest Cotuit

Cape Cod's Premier Craft Exhibition

Sat. August 15 and Sun. August 16, 2026
10am - 4pm

Interested in volunteering?
Please email Cindy Kenna at:
ccb07@aol.com

Bill McKibben

Sojourner Truth

Robin Wall Kimmerer

Frederick Douglass

Susan B. Anthony

Dwight Eisenhower

Rachel Carson

Shirley Chisholm

John Lewis

COTUIT FEDERATED CHURCH

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, August 2 | 10 o'clock in the morning

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Dwight Eisenhower
Military leader, thirty-fourth President of the United States; b. 1890; d. 1969

“Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. The world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hope of its children...This is not a way of life at all, in any true sense. Under the cloud of threatening war, it is humanity hanging from a cross of iron.”

Dwight Eisenhower was born in Denison, Texas and grew up in Abilene, Kansas. His parents, who raised six sons (a seventh died in infancy) on very modest means, were strict Christians who stressed the importance of hard work and self-sufficiency. Although the opportunity for a free college education at the U.S. Military Academy was a boon for this high school football star, a knee injury at West Point forced him to the sidelines and left him discouraged about his prospects. Graduating in the middle third of his class in 1915, Eisenhower again felt sidelined during World War I when he was assigned command of a newly-formed tank training unit rather than to the overseas duty he craved. By the end of his first decade in the service, however, he had come to be regarded as a promising staff officer with strong leadership and tactical skills. His rise from the rank of lieutenant colonel to that of five star general during World War II (1941-45) remains a remarkable feat in the annals of the service.

Ike, as he was widely known, is remembered today as the Allied Commander of the integrated land, sea and air forces that planned and executed the D-Day invasion of France which led, ultimately, to the liberation of Europe from Nazi domination. Crusade in Europe (1948) is his account of the war years. In 1949-50 he re-entered civilian life to become president of Columbia University and, in 1950, President Truman appointed him Supreme Commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the world's first peacetime command of a multinational force. In each of these roles he had to deal with people representing diverse backgrounds and interests and keep them united in a common purpose without yielding authority.

Eisenhower's great personal popularity, epitomized by his famous wide and winning smile, won him the Republican nomination for the presidency in 1952 and swept him into office at a time when the country was mired in the Korean War. As President, he was able to keep his campaign promise to end that conflict in 1953. He served two terms and demonstrated that he preferred consensus to confrontation. His administration promoted the Atoms for Peace program and supported the extension of civil rights. Often quoted but too seldom remembered are these words from his farewell address to the nation on January 17, 1961: “In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex.”

For a full biography from Americans Who Tell The Truth, scan the QR code.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIRACLE KITCHEN:

Thursday, August 13th and Tuesday, August 25th

The Salvation Army (100 North Street, Hyannis) operates a daily lunch service to the Hyannis area homeless population. Miracle Kitchen food will be prepared by CFC volunteers on the 2nd Thursday and 4th Tuesday of each month. See a Mission team member or email office@cotuitfederatedchurch.org for more information.

FAITH FAMILY KITCHEN:

Wednesday, August 19th

The third Wednesday of every month, a team from CFC volunteers their time at the Faith Assembly of God kitchen from 4:30 to 7:00 PM. You may be asked to pass out meals to go, work in the food line serving hot meals prepared and eaten at the church, wash dishes, clean tables and sweep the floor, or use a computer to check people in. There is now an online sign-up sheet that lists the upcoming dates and available volunteer timeslots for the next quarter. These opportunities are open to anyone, not just Mission team members. If you'd like to help out you can access the signup sheet by scanning the QR code on the right.



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! WE STILL NEED YOU!

2026 Annual CraftFest

Sat. 15 Aug. & Sun. 16 Aug.

The clock is ticking! CraftFest is only a month away and if you have not volunteered yet, now is the time to do it. Please sign up via email to our Volunteer Coordinator, Cindy Kenna, at: ccbko7@aol.com. Cindy will coordinate the particular task, date and time with you. You can also use the Sign-up Sheet at Coffee Hour.

TODAY'S SERVERS

Ministers: *The People of Cotuit Federated Church*
Pastor: *Rev. Angela Menke Ballou* | Community Minister: *Rev. Daniel Smith*
Deacon: *Carol-Jean O'Toole* | Director of Music: *Megan Anthony*
Lay Reader: *Carol-Jean O'Toole* | Greeters: *Chris Knight & Brian Kenna*
Director of Christian Education: *Lynne Belfiore*
Admin. Assistant for Ministry: *Shannon Boon*

TODAYS HAPPENINGS

- Worship 10:00
- Sunday School 10:15
- Coffee hour 11:15
- CraftFest Parking & Hospitality volunteer meetings

*Note: Coffee hour will be on the Terrace today. Grab a coffee in Hamilton Hall and head outside for conversation. (Hall is set up for Dick Hamilton's memorial service.)

**UPCOMING MEMBER
MEMORIAL SERVICES:
Hamilton-Aug. 8 1:00 pm**

CRAFTFEST VOLUNTEER MEETINGS



Today following worship the parking volunteers for CraftFest will be meeting in the Kraft room. The hospitality volunteers will gather in the music room. Next Sunday there will be a full steering committee meeting. Thank you!

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.

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Carol-Jean O'Toole*

One: Brothers, Sisters, Siblings in the Spirit, God is good!
Many: All the time!

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Many: God is good!

One: Then come if you are weary,
Many: for God will give you rest.

One: Come if you are hungry,
Many: for God will fill your heart with blessing.

*Congregation stands. Please remain seated whenever you would be more comfortable.

One: Come if you are tired of hatred and half-truths,
Many: for God's truth still speaks to us and through us.

One: A truth that sets us free!
Many: A truth that heals and restores.

One: Then come in and find freedom and joy!
Many: love and laughter,

One: hope and healing,
Many: grace and courage for the common good!

All: For God's Spirit is here, welcoming us all!

***OPENING HYMN** The United Methodist Hymnal #660
Please join in singing.

God Is Here!

CALL TO CONFESSION *Carol-Jean O'Toole*

SUMMER CONGREGATIONAL READ:
THE SERVICEBERRY
by Robin Wall Kimmerer

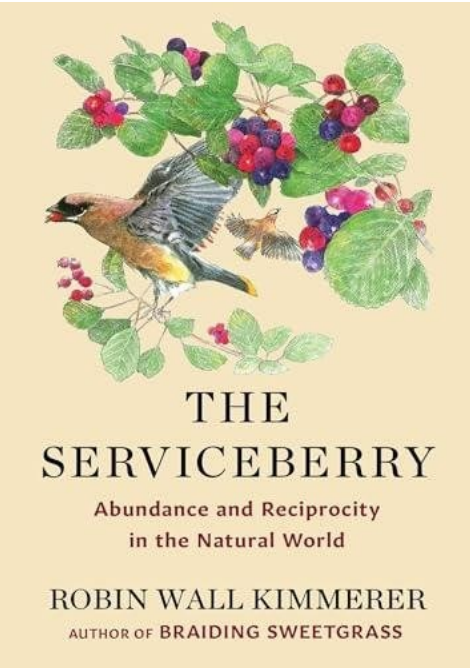
This summer, we invite you to read *The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World* by Robin Wall Kimmerer, whose portrait is featured in our *Americans Who Tell the Truth* exhibit in Hamilton Hall.

A botanist, author, and member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Kimmerer is known for helping readers see the natural world not simply as a collection of resources, but as a web of gifts, relationships, and mutual care. In this brief and beautifully written book, she reflects on the humble serviceberry tree as a model for a different way of living—one rooted in gratitude, generosity, and community rather than scarcity and competition. As we move through the summer months, we hope this book might accompany your beach walks, garden mornings, porch sitting, and quiet moments of reflection. What gifts do we receive each day from the natural world? How might we become more attentive, generous, and connected neighbors?

We invite you to let both Kimmerer's portrait and reflections spark conversation about abundance, belonging, and the many ways we care for one another.

On Sunday, August 9, we will have an opportunity to reflect together in worship on themes from the book and their connection to our faith and life together. We also hope to mark the occasion by planting a serviceberry tree on the church grounds—a living reminder of the gifts of creation, community, and reciprocity that Kimmerer so beautifully describes.

Copies will be available in Hamilton Hall for a suggested donation of \$10!



Invitation to the Table
 Prayer of Consecration
 Words of Institution
 Sharing of the Bread and the Cup
 Prayer of Thanksgiving

*CLOSING HYMNThe United Methodist Hymnal #599
Please join in singing.

Break Thou The Bread Of Life

BENEDICTION*Rev. Angela Menke Ballou*

POSTLUDE

Please join us in Hamilton Hall for coffee hour.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION*Carol-Jean O'Toole*

One: Let us pray for healing, pardon and peace:

Many: Before you, O God, and before one another,
we confess the harm we have brought on our lives,
the lives of others, and the life of the world.
Forgive us, O God. Renew us.
Enable us to grow in love
and encourage our truth-telling in the wider world!
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE*Rev. Angela Menke Ballou*

SPECIAL MUSIC*Vickie Vieira*

May It Be

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.*

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**

PSALTER READING

Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21

Carol-Jean O'Toole

GOSPEL READING

Rev. Angela Menke Ballou

Matthew 14: 13-21

SERMON

Rev. Angela Menke Ballou

The Hope Of Its Children

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn of Preparation

The Lord's Prayer TFWS#2278

*Our Father... in heaven... holy is your name...
Your kingdom come... your will be done...
on earth... as it is in heaven...*

*Give us today... our daily bread... and forgive
us our sins... as we forgive those who sin against us...*

*Save us from the time... of trial... and deliver us... from evil...
for the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours, forever.
....and ever...*