



# The Church on the Cape Newsletter



## *In Memoriam*

The September newsletter for Church on the Cape is dedicated to the memory of David Sandtorv. David was a man of many hidden talents. He played Bach and Beethoven on a simple keyboard in his room. He painted lovely pictures, and to my knowledge, I am the only person he told about this. When his family from upstate New York arrived last Saturday for his memorial service, they brought over twenty paintings that were given to me as a pastor to dispose of at my discretion. I will be discussing with the Finance Committee and Church Council the best use of these paintings to benefit Church on the Cape. At an appropriate time, the paintings will be on display. We thank David's family for their generosity in sharing David's artistic talent with us.

David was a beloved member of Church on the Cape who not only served as treasurer for many years but who also gave unselfishly of his time working on service projects. The depth of gratitude for David as a person and his tireless efforts on behalf of human need were celebrated at his memorial service by participants who spoke eloquently of his work with Bon Appetit and Habitat for Humanity, as well as his friendship—with Jim Hathorne, Rich Parsons, Carolyn Broad, and Amy, the director of Habitat for Humanity.

—Pastor Sammie

## **Labor Day**

We are again at our annual moment to honor labor . . .

We are mindful this day:

that we are here because our mothers were in labor for us, loving us before we were born, available for inconvenience and for pain, and as we grew . . . for worry in the night; that there is other work to be done, what Jesus called "my father's work," healing the sick, caring for the poor, casting out demons, doing the hard work of justice.

We give thanks for those who do this.

On Labor Day, with most of us so privileged that we do not sweat unless we play tennis or jog, give us fresh perspectives on our labor, that our lives might consist in more than earning or eating, in making and selling, that our lives consist in the hard, urgent work of the neighborhood.

Empower us as you did our mothers that we may birth new well-being, that neighbors may live in justice, that we may know the joy of compassion, that overrides the drudgery of our common day.

We pray in the name of Jesus, from whom we know your own self-giving life, for we gladly confess that "no man works like him."

Adapted from Walter Brueggemann, Prayers for the Privileged

## SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> SERMON AND COMMUNION

On September 4, the sermon is titled "Taking Pleasure in All Our Toil," and we will celebrate a special Labor Day Communion litany.

## **A Blessed, Happy Labor Day to Everyone!**

Pastor Sammie

## WORSHIP OUTLINE

On the last Sunday of August, the emphasis will be on the Old Testament book of Jeremiah. On the first Sunday in September, the emphasis will be on Paul's Letter to Philemon. We will cover the entire book in the sermon on this Communion Sunday. Don't panic: Philemon is only one chapter, with 25 verses, long.

On September 11, there will be a special litany for the remembrance of 9/11. Russ will be preaching on September 18. On September 25, the gospel lesson and sermon will be on Luke 16:19-31, The Rich Man and Lazarus.

## LECTIONARY

### September 4, 2022

Jeremiah 18:1-11  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
Deuteronomy 30:15 and  
Psalm 1  
Philemon 1:1: -21  
Luke 14:25-33

### September 11, 2022

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 and  
Psalm 14  
Exodus 32:7-14 and  
Psalm 51 1-10  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-10

### September 18, 2022

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 and  
Psalm 79:1-9  
Amos 8: 4-7, and  
Psalm 113  
1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Luke 16:1-13  
Psalm 91: 14-16

### September 25, 2022

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 and  
Amos 6:1a, 4-7 and  
Psalm 146  
1 Timothy 6 6-19  
Luke 16: 19-31

## Church News

### FUN ON THE LAWN

On Saturday, August 27, the Cargo Shop will be open for extended hours. There will be a Free Toy Table for the children! Also, there will be free lemonade and cookies for everyone. This will be followed by the free concert Saturday night, featuring the Downeasters at 7:00 PM here at Church on the Cape!

### UPDATE FROM MISSIONS (FORMERLY CALLED OUTREACH)

Thank you for your support of the Kentucky Relief Advance Special. As of last Sunday, August 14, \$1,415 was donated.

For those who wish to contribute additional funds, such as to the Ukraine Relief, you may make your check payable to Church on the Cape. Be sure to add the name of the fund on the memo line of the check to ensure it goes to the correct place.

### SUMMER SCAVENGER HUNT

Want to declutter? Need to downsize? Have fun while doing it and make a donation to Camp Mechuawana. Please click [here](#) for more information, call the church office, and/or see page 12 of this newsletter.

### IN COMING NEWSLETTERS

Previously scheduled "Why I Believe in God" will be in the October Newsletter.

Looking farther ahead, John Wesley on the Beatitudes is planned.

# PROPOSAL FOR INTERIM MUSIC DIRECTOR POSITION

To the SPRC and Council of the Church on the Cape:

This letter is to express both my interest and willingness to serve as the INTERIM Music Director from October 1 to December 31, 2022.

(I say "INTERIM" because the search for a permanent Organist / Music Director will continue.)

As INTERIM music director I see my duties :

- Work with Pastor Sammie to select appropriate hymns for the Sunday service.
- Organize substitute organists or pianists.
- Provide information to the office for the Sunday bulletin
- Provide "special music" for the Sunday services rehearsing midweek with the Song Sisters and the choir. .
- Continue to play piano at Sunday services as needed.
- Encourage the congregation in worship through music.

The dates do not go into 2023 because our substitute organist roster ends at the end of December 2022. The organist / music director position can be addressed again in December.

As Sammie said this morning in her sermon - "We need to do the best we can do." That is all that I can offer.

Respectfully submitted,, Nancy Chamberlin

## SPRC RESPONSE

This position was approved whole heartedly at church council. Also approved was a change in staff hours: Ivan will be in only on Tuesday and Thursday plus special events and Jen will leave at noon on Fridays. Please note the office is usually closed on Mondays and will now close at noon on Friday.

Sandy Day



## Acclaimed Church on the Cape Musicians Perform at Ocean Park Temple

Church on the Cape musicians Nancy Chamberlin, Mark Thallander, Ted and Wendy Hagarty, and Jan Stover performed at the Ocean Park Temple in Old Orchard Beach on August 2. The concert included a wide variety of solos, duets, and trios in many classical and sacred musical styles. We are grateful for their sharing beautiful music with others.



Ted clarinet, Wendy trumpet, and Mark organ



Nancy, Mark, and Jan on the piano

## Florence Damon and Janet Crandall Receive a Spiritual Visit from Pastor Sammie and a Good Samaritan

Pastor Sammie, among many other duties, often visits members of our church family needing some good spiritual cheer. And there are also church members who look out for one another. In this case, a Good Samaritan from our church shared the visits with Sammie, and noted that it was a very enjoyable experience and one that was very pleasing to Florence, Janet, and the Good Samaritan.



Fulfilling the will of God by loving one's neighbor as a Good Samaritan helps to sustain the wholesome works of our wonderful church. Pastor Sammie notes that if you know someone who would enjoy a visit, or if you, yourself, would like to meet with Rev. Sammie at the office or in your home, please call the office to set up a visit (207 967 5787).

Articles: your editor; photos Mike Kelly

## Education Committee Bible Study

To: All participants in the Bible/book study on Reading the Bible for All the Wrong Reasons  
From: Russ and Sammie

**Thanks to each of you for your willingness to participate in the group!\_\_\_**

THE BOOKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH. YOU MAY PICK UP A COPY FROM THE PASTOR DURING THE WEEK OR SUNDAYS DURING FELLOWSHIP TIME IN BARTLETT HALL. PLEASE COMPLETE THE READINGS FOR THE FIRST SESSION BEFORE WE MEET.

The book represents my own attempts to grapple with questions concerning the nature of scripture and how it should and should not be used in relation to a number of important issues we face today. I know that there are a range of opinions on these matters that are held in good faith by Christians, and I welcome all opinions and questions. My hope is that we can have productive discussions within the bonds of Christian fellowship.

**We will meet at 10:00 A.M. in Bartlett Hall, observing the following schedule:**

Tuesday, August 30: Introduction and Chapter 1 (pages 1-19)  
Tuesday, September 13: Chapters 2-3 (pages 21-30)  
Tuesday, September 27: Chapter 4 (pages 51-62)  
Tuesday, October 11: Chapter 5 (pages 68-83)  
Tuesday, October 25: Chapter 6 (pages 85-101)  
Tuesday, November 8: Chapter 7 and Epilogue (pages 103-131)

I look forward to this opportunity for spiritual growth for each of us through serious encounter with scripture and engagement with one another.

### **STUDY GUIDE FOR SESSION 1 (August 30)**

#### **Reading Assignment:**

Introduction and Chapter 1  
Genesis 1:1-4:16; 6:1-9:28; 11:1-9; 12:1-3  
Acts 2:1-15  
Revelation 21:1-22:1

AS YOU READ THE ASSIGNMENT, CONSIDER THESE QUESTIONS:

1. Do you agree with the contention made in the Introduction (pages 5-6) that the Bible is sometimes used as a tool of abuse and that some uses of it actually abuse the Bible itself? If you agree, can you give personal examples of how you have experienced this abuse? If you do not agree, what are your reasons?
2. Chapter 1 describes the overall story that the Bible tells. If you had to give a title to this story, what would it be?
3. Do you agree with the statement on page 15 that sometimes people think of divine-human reconciliation too narrowly—that is, in purely individualistic terms?
4. Is it accurate to say (pages 15-16) that the kingdom of God has to do with God's rule on earth in the form of peace and justice? Does "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" really mean the same thing as "your kingdom come."
5. Does the formula "individuality within community" rightly describe the biblical understanding of the relationship between the individual and the community? Do you think that we in the church today have a genuinely biblical understanding of this relationship, or do we lean too far in one direction? What about the larger society in which we live? Does it tend too far in one direction or the other?

## Senior Moments Rehearsal Schedule, Fall 2022

Rehearsals will take place on  
Wednesdays from 3:45-5:00 p.m. and  
will be held in Bartlett Hall at The  
Church On The Cape.

September 14

September 21

September 28

October 5

October 12

October 19

October 26

November 2

November 9

November 16

November 23

November 30

Monday, Dec. 5 @ 1:00 p.m. if  
needed

Wednesday, Dec. 7 – 3:45-5:00 p.m.

### DRESS REHEARSAL

Monday, December 12 @ 1:00 p.m.

### CONCERT

Wednesday, December 14 @ 4 p.m. –

**All December events will take place  
in the sanctuary.**

## UPDATE FROM MISSIONS (FORMERLY CALLED OUTREACH)

Thank you for your support of the School Supply mission. As of last Sunday, August 14, \$229 was also donated to the Chamber of Commerce program for school supplies. Thanks to Beverly Banks clever shopping skills, she was able to double the supplies for students returning to school.





## Come to Church In-person and Share the Joy

Every Sunday's Worship Service with Pastor Sammie at Church on the Cape is exceptional. Still, this one on August 14<sup>th</sup> to me was so spiritually extraordinary that I wish to share it with those who could not attend as best I can via your newsletter, and to thank everyone who participated.

It is most effective to attend the worship service in-person, if you can, with the extra effort showing Jesus how much you love him. God instructs: *And let us consider each other to sparking love and good deeds. Don't stop meeting together with other believers.... Instead, encourage each other, especially as the day draws near.* Hebrews 10:24-25

And there are other good reasons for in-person worship, such as encouraging our Pastor and making it possible for her to see you and care for your spiritual needs; inspiring others to attend, thereby furthering their spiritual growth; exchanging good-will with those in attendance and brightening their day; sharing information and learning opportunities for being a good neighbor, and most importantly; *For when two or three are gathered in my name, I'm there with them.* Matthew 18:20

The service opened as usual with the hymn sing that is always a treat, with Susie Goodwin and Liz Phillips, especially because several church family favorites were sung. Some were: "Morning Has Broken," "To God Be The Glory," "To Come Sailing on the Wind," and "His Eyes Are on the Sparrow."



And the choir was terrific. A special joy was a solo introduction to "God Will Make a Way" by Helen Farnsworth to begin their program.



Other hymns beautifully performed by the choir during the service were: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed," "The Church's One Foundation," and later in the program, "I Sing A Song of the Saints of God." All were delightfully done.

## Church on the Cape Choir



In the foreground, today's choir included: Wendy Hagarty, choir leader, and Matt Emkey at the organ. Front row from left to right: Liz Phillips, Nonie Freeman, Debora Berry, Judy Unsworth, Joan Cole, Elaine Triplett, and Debbie Parsons

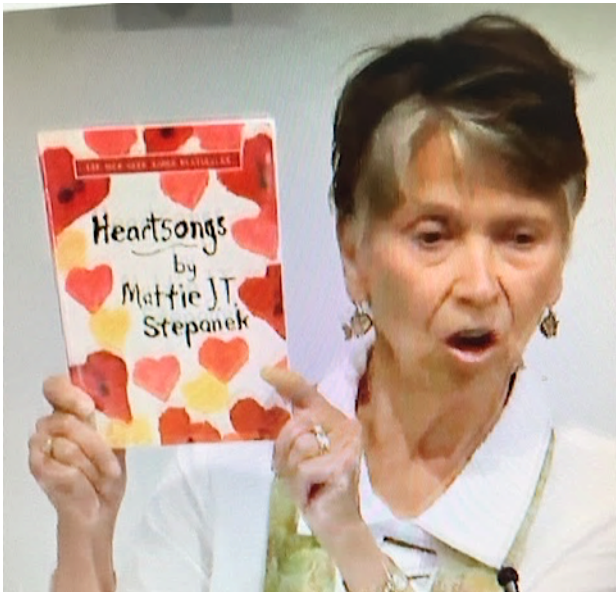
Back row from L to R: Helen Farnsworth, Susie Goodwin, Ann Hand, Rich Parsons, Marshall Chamberlin, and Ted Hagarty

We are truly blessed to have a choir who not only shares their musical talent with us; but who takes time from their everyday routines to plan, practice, and sing musical guidance with heart about God's messages for us.

*"He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord."  
Psalm 40:3*



Nonie Freeman at Children's Time told a true story about a little boy named Mattie Stepanek who was very ill. Despite his hardship of being terminally ill with M.D., he wrote several inspiring books before dying at age 13. One of the books was full of poems named "Heartsongs." Nonie enthusiastically expressed Mattie's inspiring messages, including helping everyone, loving everyone, and living for peace in our world.



Next came Pastor Sammie's superb sermon entitled: "Everything Depends on Us.

Pastor Sammie began with Hebrews Chapter 11, verses 39 and 40, noting that there were many heroes of faith mentioned in earlier verses. *"All these people didn't receive what was promised, though they were given approval for their faith. God provided something better for us so they wouldn't be made perfect without us."* These heroes of faith, going forward from Abraham and Sarah to the Judges and beyond, acted in accordance with what God would yet do for



them in the future. This gave them the courage to overcome hardship in order to secure God's promises.

Ours, therefore, is a future-looking religion. The significance of what they did and suffered is that they carried on because of being convinced through their faith that things would be better. Likewise, we need to carry on in the same way. Everything depends on us.

Those after us will need to build on what we provide about faith in the promises of God. We need to help them so that "they are made perfect through us." What do I want my church to be? We should, by example, demonstrate our faith even though we may not see the results. "Are we willing to risk being people of faith?" Amen

## Church on the Cape Family

I am sorry for the lack of a front-facing camera; the photo below shows part of our beautiful and faithful church family in attendance at the church service.



Other musicians contributing to this worship service included Nancy Chamberlin, piano, and Matt Emkey, organ, who concluded the service with an artfully done postlude – "The People Respond – Amen!"



By your editor using screenshot photos, thanks to Mike Kelly at the video controls.



And that was not all! Armit Pak brought peaches for us and we had a special visitor.



Hmmm, should I join Jan and George or find my own pew? This looks good.



Photos thanks to Annie Hidell



# IT'S A SUMMERTIME



Questions?  
Diane Hutchins  
(207) 808-3136

**Want to declutter? Need to downsize?  
Have fun doing it with this handy wish-list!**

Item drop off location: The Hutchins House

115 Main St K'port – outdoor storage container next to the garage

For large or bulky items, please contact Diane Hutchins at (207) 808-3136 to coordinate.

Items will be collected now through September 30, 2022

## Camp Mechuwana Wish List

<https://www.mechuwana.org/>

### Tools and Equipment

- ☐ Working Lawn Mower
- ☐ Golf cart
- ☐ Ladders
- ☐ Power Tools
- ☐ Hand Tools
- ☐ Garden Tools
- ☐ Flashlights
- ☐ Batteries (A, AA, 9-volt)
- ☐ Trash cans
- ☐ Brooms/dust pans
- ☐ Portable fans
- ☐ Solar lights
- ☐ Paint brushes, rollers, pans & liners

### Kitchen & Bath Supplies

- Oven mitts
- Clorox (or other brand) cleaning wipes
- Paper products (cups, bowls, plates)  
\*no polystyrene foam products
- New shower curtains
- New toilet seats (round style)
- Toilet paper
- Facial tissues

### Office Supplies

- ∞ Copier Paper
- ∞ Business envelopes
- ∞ Mailing envelopes
- ∞ Pens and markers
- ∞ Sticky notes & Notepads
- ∞ Tape

### Outdoor and Recreation

- ☼ Paddle boats, kayaks, canoes, paddle boards
- ☼ Camping gear (tents, etc.)
- ☼ Folding chairs
- ☼ New life vests
- ☼ Bug repellent
- ☼ Family-friendly board games
- ☼ Arts and craft supplies
- ♥ Artist paintbrushes for the new art center under construction!
- ♥ A \$10 donation will purchase a set of 40 brushes



## **Church on the Cape A United Methodist Church**

We of The Church on the Cape represent various religious and cultural backgrounds and lifestyles. We are young, old, and middle-aged, single, married, widowed, divorced, parents, grandparents, and members of extended families.

Above all, we are people who take risks, make mistakes,  
confess, repent and try again.


At the center of our community is Jesus the Christ, whose life, death, and resurrection are the reasons we are together. The life and hope in this community have more to do with Christ's faithfulness to us than ours to Christ.

Whether you are searching for a faith community or just passing through, we want you to feel at home. Whoever you are, whatever your history, your scars, your gifts; you are among persons like yourself.

Join us from wherever you call home. If you like what you see here, we post our virtual, Hymn Sing, and Sunday Worship Service on our website, [www.churchonthecape.org](http://www.churchonthecape.org).

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**FUN ON THE LAWN DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup> FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M. AT  
CHURCH ON THE CAPE, 3 LANGSFORD ROAD, CAPE PORPOISE ME**



## **FUN ON THE LAWN DAY**

### **TOYS, COOKIES AND LEMONADE**

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**JOIN US IN WORSHIP AND  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL  
EVERY SUNDAY AT 10AM**

**CHURCH ON THE CAPE**

**MAKING DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST  
FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE  
WORLD.**

**(207) 967-5787**

#### **Events**

- Today - Extended Hours at Our Cargo Shop!
  - 2-4pm, Tuesday and Thursday
  - 10-Noon, Saturday
- Tonight - Free Concert, The Downeasters Men's Chorus
  - Here at 7:00pm
- August 28th - "Blessing of the Backpacks"
  - at 10am Worship

