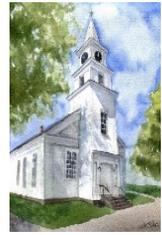




# The Church on the Cape Newsletter



## Pastor's Letter

December 2021

Dear family and friends of Church on the Cape,

It was a foggy day a few weeks ago. As I was driving to the church, the early morning sun came out of the fog and it was absolutely beautiful. I wanted to take a picture, but while I was looking for a place to park, fog covered the sun. Thinking that the sun will come out again, I parked on the side of the road and waited a few minutes. But there was no sign of the sun and I drove again. While I was turning left from Old Cape Rd, I saw the sun briefly, then it disappeared again. After then, I couldn't see the sun all day long. Nevertheless, I was thankful for the brief moment that the beautiful sun appeared in front of me. It was a gift and blessing of the day.

The sun didn't come out when I wanted it to. It came out in its own time. The fact that the sun didn't come out again doesn't mean that the sun was not there or the sun didn't want to show up. Rather the sun was covered by the fog at the moment and wasn't visible from the side I was. And I had no control over it.

This is true to a lot of things that happen in our lives and the same is true with God. There are times that we want God to appear to do something for us, heal us, defend us, help us... but God doesn't always appear when we want, or the way we want. This doesn't mean that God is not with us or God is against us. Rather God is with us, but we don't recognize God's presence, or for some unknown reasons God is waiting for God's own time to appear to us. We have no control over God's time and will. All we can do is trust that God knows what is best

for us and when is the best time to give us what's best for us. This is a time for us to wait patiently, walk faithfully and remain steadfast in our love and trust in God believing that God is sustaining us while waiting. This is a challenging task given to all who believe in God.

During Advent, Christians are called for waiting. But this waiting is not a passive or idle activity. The root word for "waiting" is the same root word for "watch." Waiting means to watch, to pay attention to what God is doing in us. Waiting also means to be alert and awake so that we wouldn't miss the moment of God's appearing.

The shepherds watching their sheep and Magi watching the night sky were alert and awake. And they received the good news of Jesus' birth. Therefore, Advent is a season for us to actively seek God's saving and redeeming grace in Jesus Christ. It is a season to watch out for the signs of Jesus' birth in our own fields and night skies. They may not appear when we want or the way we want. But if we keep watching and waiting, alert and awake, we wouldn't miss the moment of God's appearance. God appears often unexpectedly and mysteriously. That's why we consider the moment as a gift and a blessing.

May your Advent journey to Christmas be richly blessed by the gift and blessing of God's presence in your daily life. And indeed, Merry Christmas!

In peace,  
Ho-Soon

## December Lectionary Readings



### **December 5:**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

### **December 12:**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

### **December 19:**

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*

Micah 5:2-5a

Luke 1:47-55

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

### **December 26:**

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas*

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Psalms 148

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:41-52

## Special Dates and Events



**HEADS UP - IT'S SOCK TIME!**

**OUR ANNUAL FUND  
RAISING FOR "SOCKS ETC."  
IS NOW UNDERWAY**

This year we are expanding to include winter hats, gloves, and hoodies. We are again partnering with Grace Street Ministry to bring our love and Socks Etc. to the streets of Portland.

Checks and cash donations can be dropped off at the church office, left in the church mailbox, put in the Sunday offering plate, or mailed to Church on the Cape, PO Box 2740, Kennebunkport, ME 04046. Please make checks payable to Church on the Cape and clearly mark check and cash donations for **SOCKS**.

You may also donate online by selecting Fund under Outreach Ministries, then Grace Street Ministry Socks Fundraiser [here](#).

Thank you all in advance for your generosity toward this worthy ministry.

Article by Beverly Bangs

### **SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE**

The District Superintendent authorized a Special Charge Conference for Church on the Cape on Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. for the sole purpose of acting on the Boy Scouts of America settlement. The Charge Conference is comprised of all duly elected members of the Church Council and all retired United Methodist Clergy who have located their retirement charge conference at Church on the Cape.

## ADVENT DEVOTIONALS - SIGN UP

Please join our annual tradition of selecting a scripture passage and sharing your thoughts about what it means to you. Your message will be included in our Advent Daily Devotionals email series. Sign up on the Advent Devotional list outside Bartlett Hall, or call the office for the online link.

## HELP TRIM A TREE, WREATH OR BASKET

New this year! Our first Christmas tree & wreath sale will take place during the Christmas Fair and we need your creativity and generosity. - Pick a tree or wreath and trim it with your own surplus ornaments or pick a theme (Trees are 4 ft. and table top) -Or fill a basket with themed gift items Questions? Contact Diane Hutchins or Susan Baracco.

## HOLIDAY CRAFTS AND FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Join us for candy house decorating, decorating ornaments and making snow globes. All CDC guidelines will be followed. Saturday, December 11th at 10:30 at Church on the Cape. Sign up on the church website here to reserve a spot for your child(ren)



## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service December 24 at 10 p.m.

Join us in retelling the nativity story and singing the familiar hymns to find the new meanings of God's love for you and for the world in the birth of Jesus Christ.

## Giving Thanks to Terry Moulton

Some of our church members serve in a public capacity while many others quietly and privately go about their lives doing for others, and for all of us. Terry Moulton is very insistent that his care of our flags and service to our Veterans isn't a big thing. As a US Air Force Veteran his love of country and service is simply a natural expression of the person he is.

However, his faithful and unseen devotion, to those caretaking and National observance half-mast responsibilities, is worthy of our thanks and gratitude. When you glance at the colors raised on the flagpole, now you know who cares for it cheerfully out of duty and love.

Article by David Smith



David Smith, Terry Moulton, and Diane Johnson

# A Letter from Don Harper



Dear Family and Friends at Church on the Cape:

I've always been a very active person and have been able to do just about anything I wanted to do. In mid-July this year, my world was totally turned upside down and inside out. I fell and came within a hair of severing my spinal cord. For a short period (approximately 4 weeks), I was partially paralyzed on my left side. I could not eat or dress myself. It took two people to bathe me.

Every day I kept slipping into severe depression. I could basically do nothing except lay in bed, concentrating on everything I could no longer do, even asking God to please just take me. I guess He rejected that request.

My problem was the only one giving up was me. My wife of 45 years was a constant. My doctors, nurses, and everyone else I had contact with never gave up. As a matter of fact, they all started telling me to straighten up and quit feeling sorry for myself. First my doctor said to feel lucky I'm not paralyzed. He also said my life will now be different. What my new normal will be is determined by what I'm able to do, but it will never be like it was. Also, about this time, I realized how lucky I was to have a wife who never gave up on me and showed me what true love really is.

The next chapter started when I was sent home and had in-house therapy. I started to realize how much I missed my church family. I wanted to go to church but was not able to. Ho-Soon was contacted and without fail would call or visit every week to get updated. Once the word and report got out, the cards started coming in at an unbelievable rate. I have never felt so much love between the cards and prayers from my church family. This all translated into how much love there really is, even as our country is divided over a number of issues.

I want each and every one of my church family to know that your prayers **DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**, and all the cards were appreciated beyond your dreams. This is my way of letting each and every one of you know how much everything you did means so much. It goes way beyond a card or prayer.

Thank you, and I love you all!  
Don

## Education Committee Giving Thanks with a Delivered Veteran's Lunch

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, the Education Committee provided lunch for the veterans of our church. This was the fifth year in a row this tradition has been in place. While we had hoped to be doing this in person, it was decided that the safest plan was to deliver the meals, as we did last year.

Many thanks to Isla, Jacksen, and Heidi Phillips who baked the brownies and cookies, arrived early to prepare and package the lunches, and made some deliveries. It was a special treat for the veterans to have these beautiful children bring them lunch.

Thanks also to the other drivers, Beryl Samia and Sue Cayford, and to Alisson's Restaurant, who each year, has generously donated the chowder for these luncheons. Lunch was delivered to the following veterans: Jean Baracco, Roy Bruton, Bob Cole, Ivan Collazo, Beth Doty, Diane Hutchins, Maurice Hutchins, Terry Moulton, David Smith, and Wayne Zorger.

On behalf of all of us at Church on the Cape, we give thanks to each and every veteran for their service to this country. It is because of our veterans that we live in this free and great nation. God bless America and God bless each one of you.

Article and photos by Carol Nason

### Thank You Letter from Patty Hutchins

November 11<sup>th</sup> is a very special day for veterans. The Church on the Cape honors the veterans with a clam chowder luncheon usually held at the church. Last year and this year, because of Covid, the food was delivered to the veteran's home.

The Hutchins family would like to thank the Education Committee for their role in recognizing the veterans and their

families. We also want to extend a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to the Phillips family for delivering our meal. We so enjoyed the visit from Jacksen, Isla, and their mom, Heidi. Not only did we enjoy the visit, but also the extra treats made by Jacksen, Isla and their mom . . . brownies, chocolate chip cookies, and by Carol, the most delicious pumpkin bread. Later in the day, Maurice commented on how much he enjoyed the visit and seeing the children. Thank you all very much!

### Veteran's Lunch Photos





**CHURCH ON THE CAPE, UMC  
3 LANGSFORD ROAD  
CAPE PORPOISE**

# Prelude Christmas Fair

**handmade craft items | holiday decorations  
cookie & bake sale | jewelry | artwork  
warm cider will be served**

**NEW!**

**Christmas tree & wreath sale  
a variety of sizes, fully decorated**

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**Book signing**

**"Do You Know How Wonderful You Are?"  
by local author Nonie Freeman**

**Dec. 4, 2021  
8:30 am to 1:00 pm**

## THANK YOU, CHOIR and MUSICIANS



For the beautiful music on Sunday mornings,  
For your dedication in attending rehearsals,  
For inspiring us to lift our hearts,  
minds and voices in singing praises  
to our Lord,  
**We thank you!**



Thank-you Jan for your leadership, and Wendy, Nonie, Liz, Sharon, Elaine and Debbie in first row, and Suzie, Ann, Rich, David, and Marshall for praising God and bringing us so much joy and pleasure. The message of the hymns you so beautifully sing help us to prepare for loving God and each other as we begin the new week. And our musicians: Nancy Chamberlin, Wendy Hagarty, and Ted Hagarty are terrific too.

Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Worship Service Screen Shot

## Veterans Join Zoom Sunday School

Many thanks to Roy Bruton, Diane Hutchins, and David Smith for sharing their stories when they were in the military, and what it means to be a Veteran, with Isla and Jacksen Phillips. When asked what a Veteran is, Jacksen identified all five branches of the military and articulated clearly what a Veteran is. Isla also understood that these important people keep our country safe. It was a delightful evening on Sunday School zoom. **God bless our Veterans, and God bless America.**

Article by Carol Nason



## Perfect as is

Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that he gave his only Son. The only requirement is to believe in him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life.

—Corrie ten Boom

## OUTREACH

OUR SOCK MINISTRY kicked off with a moving statement from Grace Street and our own Beverly Bangs. Please see the display of hats, gloves, hoodie sweatshirts and socks when you attend church and the Prelude Fair. Donate in person or online through December.

On December 5, the ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FAIR will start. An Outreach member will be available to assist you on December 5, 12, and 19. Brochures and cards will be available those days. One can donate at the COTC online option too. This year the brochure has been updated. Our local friends are counting on COTC to financially assist them.

December 18 introduces our new project to the Kennebunk's. With COS there will be a drive-by Christmas Party for children in need at St. Martha's Church parking lot.

Our own talented AMY KADING designed a wonderful invitation to request birthday parties provided by COTC. ROBIN BIBBER, CAROL NASON AND ANN HAND along with Pastor HO-SOON will deliver the goodie bags to those attending.

**We wish you all a wonderful and warm Advent Season. Merry Christmas with love to all.**

Priscilla Campbell Wyman



## Christmas Eve

### Community Pageant, 4:00 pm

at Church on the Cape, 3 Langsford Road, Cape Porpoise

The Christmas story will be told and familiar

Christmas carols will be sung.

All children can choose a prop and be part of the play.

All those that attend can participate in the reading of the Christmas Story.

Questions? Email Carol Nason, Education Chairperson, at [cgnason3@gmail.com](mailto:cgnason3@gmail.com)

## Holiday Crafts and Fun for the Whole Family

Join us for candy house decorating, decorating ornaments and making snow globes. All CDC guidelines will be followed.

Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am

At Church on the Cape, 3 Langsford Road, Cape Porpoise



Go to the church website [Church on the Cape | United Methodist | United States](https://www.churchonthecape.org) to reserve a spot for your child(ren).

Questions? Email Carol Nason at [cgnason3@gmail.com](mailto:cgnason3@gmail.com)



# Sounds of Christmas



Wendy Hagarty, trumpet

Ted Hagarty, clarinet

Nancy Chamberlin, piano

Janice Stover, director

## Song Sisters

& CHOIR



Fri, Dec 10 @ 5:00 PM

VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH  
Kennebunkport

Sat, Dec 11 @ 2:30 PM

CHURCH ON THE CAPE  
Cape Porpoise

## A United Methodist Church

We of The Church on the Cape represent various religious and cultural backgrounds and life styles. 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 risk, 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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