

# **Church on the Cape**

## **United Methodist Church**



**November 27, 2022**  
**1st Sunday of Advent**

# CHURCH ON THE CAPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

HYMN SING

Susie Goodwin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Sammie Maxwell

Alternative Christmas Giving

Priscilla Campbell-Wyman

Basket Update and Information

Debora Berry

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please Stand in Place)

PRELUDE

**“Arioso”**  
**(Thanks Be To God)**

Handel/ Setchell

Nancy Chamberlin, piano; Beryl Samia, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Sammie

Leader: Draw near to us, O God, even as we draw near to you.

**Laity: Open our hearts and our minds to your presence.**

Leader: Prepare us to receive your love, even as we prepare our lives to celebrate the joy of Christ's birth.

**Laity: In joyful hope, we pray, AMEN!**

\*HYMN

**“Come Now Long- Expected Jesus”**

UMH # 196

A PRAYER OF ADVENT

Rev. Sammie Maxwell

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation.

Give us grace to heed their message that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of the nativity, and may await with hope, the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who is born anew this Christmas. Amen.

GOOD MORNING TO THE CHILDREN

Pastor Sue Ellery

*“The Candle of Hope”*

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Pastor Sue Ellery

We light this candle, as a symbol of Christ our Hope.

May the light shine in the darkness and show us the way.

MEDITATION IN SONG **“O Come to Set Us Free”**

arr Mary McDonald

The SongSisters:

Liz Phillips, Helen Farnsworth, & Susie Goodwin

THE 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.**

THE CANTICLE OF HOPE

UMH # 734

\*HYMN

**"I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light"**

UMH #206

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

SCRIPTURE

Malachi 3: 1  
Luke 1:68-79

Rev. Sammie

SERMON

"Hope Lives Here— Nothing is Unredeemable"

Rev. Sammie

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

During this season of waiting and anticipation we give in preparation for Jesus' love to bring us hope, anew. Amen.

\*HYMN

**"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"**

UMH # 213

**WE ARE SENT FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE**

BENEDICTION

May God lead us along the paths of loving kindness.  
May Christ guide our feet and thoughts and make us kingdom children. May the Spirit send us forth, with joy to love and serve others. Amen.

POSTLUDE

**"Good Christians All, Rejoice"**

arr Lani Smith

Nancy Chamberlin, Piano; Beryl Samia, organ

# Parish Notes

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Join us **December 10th at 2:00** here at COTC, "The Divas of Gospel" will present a free concert of bluegrass, soul, and gospel music and of course Christmas music! This concert is sponsored by the Keith McClelland Community Music Foundation. Come and enjoy a toe tapping, hand clapping good time. This is free and open to the public. Bring your friends. Everyone is welcome!

## SENIOR MOMENTS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Looking for a fun and festive way to ring in the holiday season? Please plan to join the Senior Moments Choir for an afternoon of music and merriment. Warm up your voice for an audience "Christmas Carol Sing-Along", and enjoy the festive sounds of the season. Please come and share the gift of music with us this Christmas! **Save the Date: Wednesday, December 14 @ 4 PM At Church on the Cape.**

## CHURCHWIDE ADVENT STUDY INFORMATION

### Names for the Messiah

By Walter Brueggemann

All are invited to join in this churchwide Advent study. The book is an Advent/Christmas gift from your pastor. If you would like to be part of the Discussion Groups we will meet:

December 1, 10:00 AM—11:15 AM

December 8, 10:00 AM—11:15 AM

December 15, 10:00 AM—11:15 AM

December 22, 10:00 AM—11:15 AM

## ALTERNATIVE GIVING

The Missions Outreach Committee is once again offering Alternative Giving Gift Cards. Every donation comes with an honor card to let your gift recipient know their holiday gift is providing support to community members in Kennebunkport and beyond. They are available for sale on these dates: December 3rd (at the Christmas Fair), December 4th, December 11th & December 18th.

## PLEDGE CARDS

**It is not too late**, if you have not already turned in your pledge cards, please get one from the ushers or call the office and we can send one out to you. 967-5787.

## **Please Pray for the Following People:**

Dani Ilincc	Debbie Parsons
Pinkie Russell	Rev. Joe Crocker
Terry Moulton	Mike Nelson
Steven Horan ( <i>David Emery</i> )	Roberta Sanborn
Jeanne Howarth	Elaine Grubbs
Holly Ross	Janet Crandall
Douglas Lovejoy	Nick Marcoccio
Keith Chisholm	Heather Chisholm
Maurice Hutchins	Patty Hutchins
Nicholas LaCour	Brett LaCour
Sally Leach	Douglas Lovejoy
Peter Brewer	Bob & Sally Ewton
Erik Woodward	Elaine Triplett and Bob McLaughlin
David Smith ( <i>Karen Holt Steitz's Son in Law</i> )	
Koleson ( <i>Rev. Nonie Freeman's Nephew</i> )	

## **Birthdays This Week**

November 28	Bill Scarborough
November 30	Rob Olson
December 3rd	Diane Guertin

## **Altar Flowers**

Altar Flowers this week are given in honor of Jim and Susan Hathorne's 53rd Wedding Anniversary.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>Sun., 11/ 27</b>	9:45 AM 10:00 AM	Hymn Sing Worship
<b>Mon., 11/28</b>	Office Closed	
<b>Tue., 11/29</b>	9:00-11:30AM 11:30 AM  4:00 PM	Baskets Finishing Lunch Together/Family Picnic (Bring Your Own Food) Set Up for Fair
<b>Wed., 11/30</b>	10:30 AM 3:45 PM	Needle Crafters Senior Moments
<b>Thu., 12/1</b>	10:00 AM	Advent Bible/ Book Study (Parlor of Peace)
<b>Sat., 12/3</b>	8:30-1:00 8:30 -1:00	Christmas Fair Cargo Shop Open

## LOOKING AHEAD

<b>Sun., 12/4</b>	9:45 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Hymn Sing Worship Coffee Hour
<b>Mon., 12/5</b>	1:00 PM	Senior Moments Rehearsal
<b>Tue., 12/6</b>	11:30 AM	Lunch Together (Bring Your Own Food)
<b>Wed., 12/7</b>	10:30 AM 3:45 PM  7:00 PM	Needle Crafters Senior Moments (Meet in Sanctuary) Trustees Meeting
<b>Thu., 12/8</b>	9:00 AM  10:00 AM  4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Ministry of Caring (Bartlett Hall) Advent Bible/Book Study (Parlor of Peace) Worship Committee Meeting Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sat., 12/10</b>	2:00 PM	The Divas of the Gospel Concert
<b>Sun, 12/11</b>	9:45 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Hymn Sing Worship SPRC Meeting



## CHURCH ON THE CAPE

### United Methodist Church

Everyone is welcome at Church on the Cape, UMC, without exception. What matters most to us is what unites us as a vibrant, compassionate community of faith, is the assurance that we are all beloved children of God and of sacred worth to our Creator. Come as you are and join us on our faith journeys as we seek to the make followers of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

# Bishop Peggy A. Johnson to serve NEAC

The Council of Bishops has approved the recommendation from the Northeastern Jurisdictional College of Bishops (COB) and The Committee on the Episcopacy (COE) that Retired Bishop Peggy A. Johnson serve as Interim Bishop for the New England Annual Conference (NEAC) beginning January 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024.

The New England Annual Conference did not receive an assignment or coverage at the conclusion of the 21st Session of the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference. Pursuant to Para. 407 of the 2016 Book of Discipline (BOD), the College of Bishops fills vacancies in such circumstances. After consultation with the appropriate stakeholders, the COB and COE agreed that Bishop Johnson possessed the gifts and graces to lead the NEAC during this interim period.

In discussing this scenario with Bishop Johnson, she articulated that she feels called by God to this particular need and is willing to relocate to New England to provide residential leadership, holistic pastoral care and collaborative oversight.

After reviewing the Conference Profile and Cover Page, as well as The New England Declaration (their detailed strategic vision for inclusive mission and ministry), we met with the NEAC Committee on the Episcopacy and the cabinet. We spent considerable time listening to and discussing their needs, priorities and hopes for their next servant leader.

These conference leadership teams agreed upon NEAC's top priorities for their interim servant leader: a) pastoral care and healing; b) a willingness to embrace the vision already cast, while empowering those within the conference to champion its implementation; and c) relationship building.

Upon hearing this news we became more confident that our discernment was divinely inspired. Bishop Johnson excels in each of these areas. Therefore, we shared our recommendation and Bishop Johnson's name was received with