



The Church on the Cape Newsletter



Pastor's Letter

January 2022

Dear Family and Friends of Church on the Cape;

In the month of December, one of the things that made me filled with joy was receiving mails. Unlike other months, there's always at least one form of mail that arrives in my mailbox. Christmas cards from people that remember us with special memories, thank you notes, and love-filled packages from my family in Korea, the gifts my family ordered for one another, etc. Just seeing the name and address on the label without knowing what it holds inside made my heart warm immediately. I'm sure you had a similar experience when you received the cards and packages delivered to you. No matter who they are from, when we open them, we always find some special ways they touch us; the selected words on the card and the thoughtfulness of the sender found in the gifts. The contents of the cards and packages may all be different, but the message is the same—we are loved.

I know cards and packages will stop coming in January or at least they will come not as often as December. However, the love that we received will be there for a long time. We may leave the cards on a table and take a look or read them once in a while. We may feel the warmth again or may find new meanings from the same words. We may cherish them even more as things are slowed down and we have little more time to digest the words with more space in our hearts. Whenever we use the gifts we received, we will think of the givers and their thoughtfulness. At least for a while, day after day, they will unfold the heart of love and bring

us new joy. Naturally, they will fill our hearts with gratitude. And gratitude will lead us to do something, to give, to share, to be caring and thoughtful. This is a natural cycle for those whose lives are motivated by love and gratitude.

At the beginning of the New Year, there will be a big celebration on New Year's Eve, a big parade on New Year's Day, endless advertisements for New Year's Day special sales, etc. We will have conversations about New Year's resolutions, plans, and goals. Then at some point, things will calm down eventually. We will hear less of the word "New Year" and life won't be so new anymore. That's when the true gift and blessing of the New Year are revealed one by one because the gift of God in Christ Jesus is already given to us and finding the true meaning of the Gift and what it means to us in our lives is the ongoing task given to us in the New Year again. Day after day and month after month, we will discover a new and true meaning of the Gift and how to share it with others throughout the New Year. As we take off our new journey in the year 2022, may we continue to be filled with love and gratitude and hope and courage to fulfill our mission as individual believers and as a community of faith.

Peace and Blessings,
Ho-Soon

Pastor's Vacation

Ho-Soon will be on vacation from January 13-17th. If there's a need for pastoral care, contact Sandy Day for the on-call pastor.

January Lectionary Readings

January 2:

2nd Sunday after Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalms 147:12-20

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:(1-9), 10-18

January 9:

Epiphany & Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalms 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 16:

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 36-5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

January 23:

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

January 30:

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

PLEDGES FOR THE NEW YEAR

If you have yet to complete your pledge commitment for 2022, please do so. If you have questions including the amount you pledged, please contact Adrien Baracco at abaracco@roadrunner.com, or his cell 857 998 9471.

Dear Church on the Cape Family:

Good morning to all and Christmas greetings! I got a phone call from Fuzzy [Farnsworth] last night [12/20/21] and the first thing he said was how very overcome he is with all the cards, love and prayers he is receiving from the church. He spent an hour reading cards that arrived from his church family just this past week.

These cards mean everything to him and Helen, so keep them coming! He is not up for visitors or phone calls, but may occasionally surprise us with a phone call when he gets a bit of energy. He sounded so upbeat and positive, typical Fuzzy style!

He told me Helen visits him twice a day and Dane is due home tonight for several days. He said he would be at RiverRidge for many months and thanks all of us for our continued support. Cards should be sent to his house and addressed to both him and Helen. Helen needs our support as much as he does.

Wishing you all a very healthy New Year.
Carol

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS AT 9 AM STARTING JANUARY 6TH

There will be a weekly Women's Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark with N.T. Wright's Everyone Bible Study Guides led by Jan Stover and Nonie Freeman. Please sign up.



Still searching for a New Year's resolution? None is more worthy than becoming Christ-like. In fact, 19th-century evangelist Henry Drummond calls it "the only thing in the whole world worth caring for."

Two modern-day authors offer more insights. Stormie Omartian points out that we're either making progress or backsliding on this goal. "There is no neutral position in the Lord," she writes. "You are either becoming more like Christ every day or you're becoming less like him." And followers of Jesus must keep the goal always in focus. Christ-likeness is our "eventual destination," writes Rick Warren, but the "journey will last a lifetime."

Truth + Love

I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become reality.

I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.

—Martin Luther King Jr.

Source this column: Newsletternewsletter

Prelude Fair Was a Big Success

Everyone was delighted to have the Prelude Fair back at COTC. On Saturday, December 4th, by 7:45 am, there was a line of people waiting to enter the church. We opened at 8:00 (a half hour earlier than intended) and the happy shoppers poured in.

Many donned colorful hats, necklaces, sweaters, and scarves, and there was a wide array of decorative masks. By 12:35 eight gallons of hot cider had been consumed. The bake shop and jam table was essentially sold out before the last customer left the church.

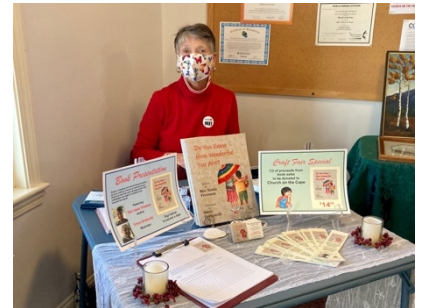
The Cargo Shop was nonstop, and there were very few knitted items to put away. People were delighted to be able to go into the sanctuary and absorb the beauty and tranquility of that space. All in all, it was a big success!

The best part of the whole fair was the clear feeling of Christmas joy and goodwill hard-working Prelude Fair team: Janet Acker, Susan Baracco, Ho-Soon Han, Diane Hutchins, Joan Lennon, Ruth Lovejoy, Debbie Parsons, Donna Rooney, and Marge Smith.

Thanks also to the many others that volunteered their time before, during, and after the fair. How wonderful it was to feel a bit of 'normal' as we interacted with shoppers and each other. Alleluia and praise God.

Article by Carol Nason

Many photos, thanks to the dedicated service of Carol Nason, follow:



Cape Porpoise Lobster Trap Tree Lighting with Carols from Church on the Cape Choir

The Lobster Trap Tree, Christmas celebration, a unique holiday tradition for Cape Porpoise and the Kennebunkport community, featured members of the Church on the Cape Choir. Liz Phillips observes that “about 150 folks showed up in 34 degree weather to listen to jazzy Christmas music courtesy of Mike Kelly. The tree was lit at 4:30, followed by singing led by members of the Church on the Cape choir. It was a great time for all, especially the young ones.” Elaine Triplett notes: “We had a large crowd, and Liz, Susie and Wendy made the Church on the Cape proud. Sandy, Debbie, and I held up the altos.”



Rich Parsons, Sandy Day, Bill Hidell, Elaine Triplett, Bill Goodwin, Debbie Parsons, Ted Hagarty, Wendy Hagarty, Liz Phillips, Susie Goodwin, and Terry and Jean Moulton.



Elaine Triplett, Liz Phillips
Susie Goodwin, and
Wendy Hagarty

Sandy Day, Donna Kelly
(Mike Kelly's wife),
Liz Phillips and
Susie Goodwin





Church on the Cape's Christmas Concert.

As noted by Pastor Ho-Soon in her welcoming remarks, there is something in music that brings us all together and touches our hearts.



As we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, she noted, that the music from today's musicians is a statement of their faith. We hope that you too will find a place in your heart to provide room for Jesus our Savior.

The concert was beautifully performed to a full sanctuary as noted in the last of the accompanying photos. Each of the many musical segments was superbly done by the choir and each of the performers.

If you missed it, you can replay it by visiting our website at

churchonthecape.org
and clicking on Worship.

It should be mentioned that the quality and features of the recording including the screenshot photos, are due to the many hours of giving by Mike Kelly who designed, installed and trained others to operate the video and sound equipment.





Holiday Craft Event - a Delightful Gathering

On December 11th the Education Committee hosted another community event. These events are designed to bring families together that live in the community, and give their children a chance to meet one another.



We have so enjoyed meeting some of the families that live right in our own church neighborhood. At this event we met the charming family that is renting the Spencer home while they build their own home.



While Christmas music played, Ho – Soon guided the children as they made origami stars, Heid Phillips helped them make adorable snow globes with Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus, and Carol and Brian Nason were on hand at the candy house and ornament decorating stations.



Everyone left with treasures they had created, and memories they made. You are all invited to attend these events – you do not need a small child to be part of the fun!



The next event will likely be in mid - February, stay tuned.

Article and photos
by Carol Nason

Fun with Flowers

On December 18th a group gathered with Jean Moulton to learn how to prepare flower arrangements. Jean generously donated all the materials to the event as her contribution to the summer Funraiser. The rest paid to attend the class; those funds went into the Funraiser total.

Jean is a masterful teacher and very talented florist. She took the group through the process, step by step. Who knew that you first put in all the greens before adding a single flower! The end results were spectacular flower arrangements.

Each person was proud to take theirs home to decorate for the holidays. Jean also shared a few other tips with the group on alternative ways to make arrangements, wreath bows, and more. Jean is patient, gracious, and encouraging. A good time was had by all. Thank you, Jean!



Jean Moulton, Shawn Lee, Pastor Ho-Soon, Diane Hutchins, Sandy Day



Article and
Photos by
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Nason



THE CHRISTMAS STORY COMES TO LIFE

The 4:00 Christmas Eve service at Church on the Cape, returned to the telling of the Christmas Story with children and adults actively participating. Isla and Jackson Phillips were at the center of the story as Mary and Joseph.

Several children arrived and selected props; they became 'actors' in the play. We had a flock of shepherds, a handful of angels, and more than three Magi. Some shepherds traded in their crooks part way through the service, and donned elegant magi headwear. Some adults also jumped into the fun and became angels and magi.

All the people there were 'assigned' a speaking part of angel, shepherd, or magi, and shared in the scripture readings. There were lots of singing of favorite Christmas carols, and the service ended with the dimming of the lights and the lighting of the candles.

Everyone left with the spirit of baby Jesus in their hearts.

Article by Carol Nason



Raising the New American & Methodist Flags

Hi, All:

As part of the Trustees' duties, Diane and David took a couple of hours to splice the new and old halyards together with an open paperclip, which when wrapped in one longitudinal piece of tape like a taco allowed the thin, smooth splice to pass through the top pulley. Diane named the successful approach the "taco method".

Another YouTube instructional moment was Diane duplicating the sliding fisherman's knot to join the rope ends together making a successful loop. Mission accomplished for our flag master, Terry Moulton.



Note the skyward shot of the Military plane's vapor trail over our flags at full staff. A God wink salute to Terry, a retired Air Force Veteran now serving our church.

David Smith and Diane Hutchins



Your Editor

MORE ON COTC FAIR



COTC HOLIDAY FAIR 2021

Wow, all of our bakers and fancy cookie makers sure hadn't forgotten how to bake during COVID 19! They were willing and able to bake an outstanding variety of goodies for this year's Bake Sale/Cookie Tin tables.

A high light of the day was the special gift of Harriette Eaton's famous carrot cake which was baked and donated by her daughter, Carole.

We gratefully thank all those who baked, bought or contributed in any way to the outstanding success of this years Baked Goods Sale.

In appreciation, Debbie, Joan and Linda

PS: Please save those cookie tins for next year's Fair!

COTC FAIR UPDATE

From Diane Hutchins, Finance Chair

Thank you, thank you, thank you! To all who volunteered, donated, baked, and shopped - thank you! On Sunday, December 5th,

Financial Secretary Adrien Baracco announced the total raised was \$5,411.37. From December 6-12th another \$447.37 was raised, making the revised total \$5,858.74!

MEETING NEEDS

"My neighbor's material needs are my spiritual needs," said 19th-century theologian Israel Salanter. In other words, when someone else suffers hunger and poverty, when people endure a natural disaster and lack shelter, when another human being is sick or injured — in all such cases, God calls us to action. And God knows that whatever we do to meet those material needs will meet our spiritual needs at the same time.

It might be our spiritual need to expand our horizons into neighborhoods, cultures or situations where we're uncomfortable. We might need to grow in love for people different from us. By serving others, we might find our own sagging spirits nurtured with a sense of well-being or even joy. And as we reach out to help, surely, we'll notice others doing the same thing, and our spiritual need for renewed faith will be met.

—Heidi Mann

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THANK YOU, CHURCH ON THE CAPE FAIR VOLUNTEERS!



Diane Hutchins, Joan Lennon, Debbie Parsons, Priscilla Campbell-Wyman, Graceanne Barbour, Donna Rooney, Susie Goodwin, Ruth Lovejoy, Chris, Ann Hand, and Jan Acker. Others not in picture include: Carol Nason, Nonie Freeman, Heather Chisholm, Elaine Triplett, Armit Pak, Jane Lovejoy, Marge Smith, Carol Schoener, Kathy Johnson, Cynthia Nickel, and Linda Woodard.

SOCKS PLUS PROJECT

Jan Acker, Priscilla Campbell Wyman, Judy Cadieux, Jane Smith along with Beverly Bangs, got together for the tagging party. Beverly's car was fully loaded with socks, hats, gloves and hoodies. Thank you all who contributed to Socks Plus Project this year!



SOCKS AND CLOTHING READY TO GO



BIRTHDAY PARTY PROJECT

Outreach Committee is launching a Birthday Project starting January. The project is to offer the local families with children ages 3-10 a birthday celebration in the Fellowship Hall offering paper goods, themed items, cupcakes, beverage, games and activities. There are brochures with more information. Robin Bibber and Ann Hand were at the Community Christmas Party at Vinegar Hill on Dec. 18th to meet the families and hand out cards and brochures created by Amy Kading. If you have any questions, contact the team members—Robin Bibber, Ann Hand, Carol Nason and Pastor Ho-Soon.





I am happy to report the Mills Road build is underway! Framing for the Harmon home should be nearly completed by the time this newsletter is published. If Mother Nature cooperates the home should be closed in during January and that's when volunteers will be needed. No experience needed. To join in the fun and be part of building this home for the Harmon family, please Email : program@habitatyorkcounty.org and Alana will get you signed up.

Wishing everyone a healthy and peaceful New Year.

Beth Doty



I am the Bible

I am the Bible, God's wonderful library. I am always —
and above all — the truth.

To the weary pilgrim, I am a strong staff.

To the one who sits in darkness, I am glorious light.

To those who stumble beneath heavy burdens, I am
sweet rest.

To him who has lost his way, I am a safe guide.

To those who are sick in sin, I am healing strength and forgiveness,

To the discouraged, I am a glad message of hope.

To those who are distressed and tossed about by the storms of life, I am an anchor, sure and
steadfast.

To those who search for salvation, I reveal the Savior of the world.

I am the Bible.

— Author unknown

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Church on the Cape 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.

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