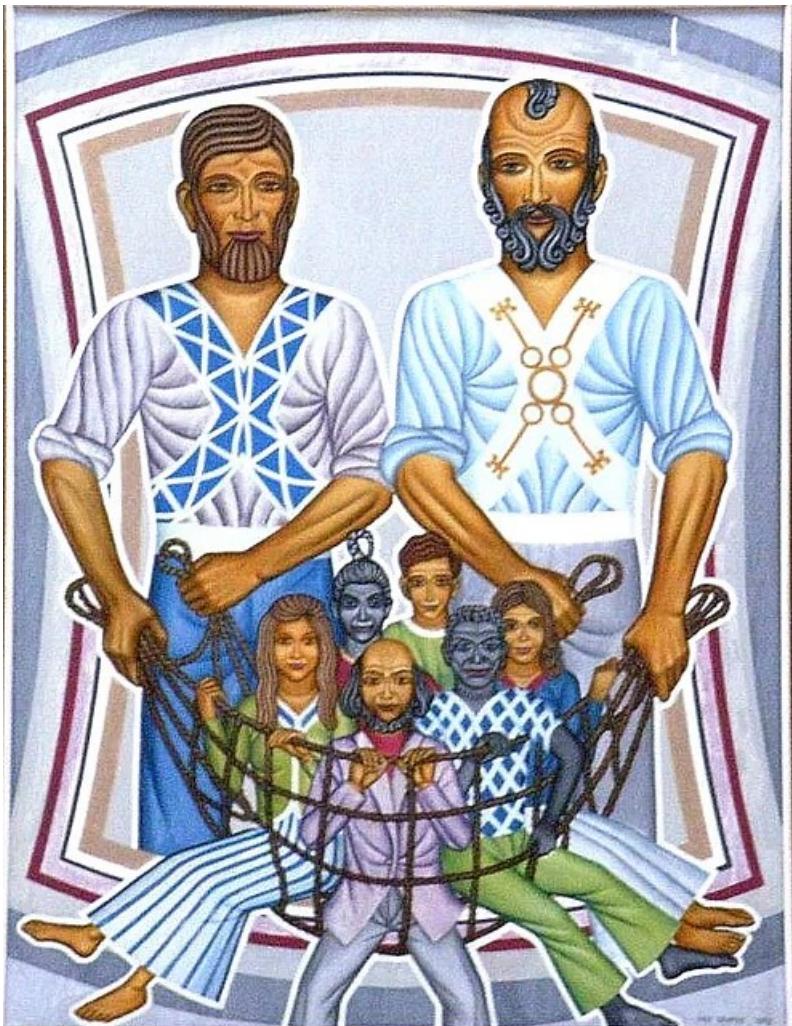


CHURCH ON THE CAPE
United Methodist Church
The Third Sunday After the Epiphany
January 25, 2026
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*those who are able, please stand to worship

Large print bulletins and hearing assistive devices are available, please ask an usher.

HYMN SING

Susie Goodwin

PRELUDE

“Light of the World”

Mark Hayes, Susan Bentall Boersma
Wendy Hagarty, Ted Hagarty

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please welcome Wendy Hagarty, trumpet, and Ted Hagarty, clarinet to today's service.
- Thank you Carol Nason for hosting Coffee Hour

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 27:1, 4-6)

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

People: Whom shall I fear?

Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

People: Of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord,

People: That will I seek after:

Leader: To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

People: To behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

Leader: God will shelter me when I am in trouble,

People: I will fear no evil.

Leader: In God's tent I offer sacrifices with shouts of joy!

People: I will sing and make melody to the Lord!

*HYMN **“Lord We Come to Ask Your Blessing”** TFWS #2230

UNISON PRAYER

We come to you today, O God, asking only one thing, let us experience your presence. We would live each day with you. We would trust you to watch over us and keep us safe. We yearn to feel, every day, that you are our God and we are your people.

We ask you to welcome us into your home, the place where we can find you. We ask you to fill our worship and our hearts with your Holy Spirit. Give us the privilege of beholding your beauty and the wonder of your love.

And now, O Lord, we lift our hearts and voices in praise and thanksgiving. Receive our worship as a sign of our love and faithfulness and let this worship bring us close to you that we may faithfully serve and follow you all our days, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:1-4

The prophet Isaiah tells us that God is sending light and joy to those who have struggled in life.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SECOND LESSON **1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

Paul urges us to overcome our divisions and live together in the unity of Christ.

CHOIR ANTHEM “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Kathleen Thomerson; Mark Hayes, arr.
The COTC Choir, Wendy Hagarty

GOSPEL LESSON **Matthew 4:12-25**

Jesus begins his ministry and calls his first disciples.

MESSAGE

“I belong to...”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Affirmation of Faith (adapted from “Flames of the Spirit”, The Pilgrim Press, p. 91.)*

We know that God is in the world—was and is and will be. God made it all and continues to renew and remake and resurrect. We know God best in the life of Jesus, who was and is the bringer of hope, the one who saves. We know the power and energy of God in the Holy Spirit. We are filled with God’s joy and pledged to discipleship and love. We trust in God. We celebrate God. We work together for justice and peace through God. We are never alone. We are bound together in the ways of Christ. Thanks be to God!

OFFERTORY MUSIC “Softly and Tenderly”

Will L. Thompson; Bill Wolaver, arr.

***DOXOLOGY**, hymnal #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***HYMN** **“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”** **UHM # 557**

BLESSING

“Be Thou My Vision”

Traditional Irish, Mark Hayes, arr.
Wendy Hagarty, Ted Hagarty

POSTLUDE

PARISH NOTES

Becoming a Member at Church on the Cape

If you have been making Church on the Cape your church home and would like to take the step of becoming a member, please speak to Pastor Greg. We would like to find a Sunday to share membership vows and welcome new members!

Memorial Service

A memorial service for Carolyn Broad will be held here at Church on the Cape on February 7, 2026 at 11:00 am

From the Cargo Shop

The Cargo Shop will reopen on February 10 at 2:00 pm. The Shop is Open from 2-4 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 10-12 on Saturdays.

Entering the Building

We will not be using the sanctuary door to enter the building. For the rest of the winter, please enter through the lobby door

Pastor Vacation

Pastor Greg is out of the office January 26-28th

Newsletter Deadline

The newsletter deadline for February, is January 27, 2026.

Please send your submissions to Charlie Benore sail-chess@gmail.com.

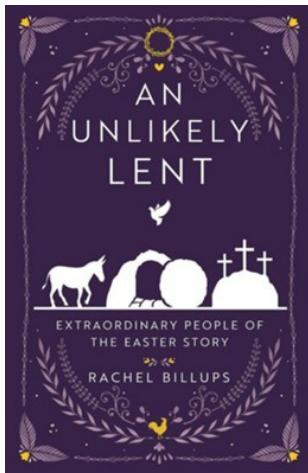
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Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

There are no volunteers signed up for Coffee Hour for the next several weeks. If you would like to sign up for Coffee Hour and have never done so in the past, please reach out to Ginny Hammar , 207-985-9189, to schedule a brief tutorial on how to host. If you have hosted Coffee Hour before, your help is needed. Thank you!

Bible Study for Lent



Our group will read and discuss "**An Unlikely Lent**" by Rachel Billups. This study introduces us to the overlooked characters in the Passion narrative, from Mary of Bethany to the servant girl, Barabbas, and Simon of Cyrene. Billups helps us see how these unlikely voices reveal God's surprising grace. If there is enough interest we will offer the same times we did during Advent: Tuesdays 12-1 p.m. and Thursdays 6-7 p.m. The book will cost \$18. Sign up today!

Storm Closing Reminder

If the church is closed due to inclement weather, please tune in to NewsCenter Maine or on the web go to <https://www.newscentermaine.com/>

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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| Judy Cadieux | Patty Hutchins | Marybeth Munroe |
| Julie Chase | Bethany Hessel | Luverne Preble |
| Fran Celnar | Micki Kinney | Steve Russell |
| Mary Heather Cookson | Lesa Kraft Angelos | Nancy Russo |
| Micke Cooper | Brett LaCour | Lettie Samuel |
| Risha Deary | Nicholas LaCour | Eric Schoener |
| Beth Dudley | Janet Lennon | Jane Smith |
| Henry & Diane Dynia | Charity Perry Liutai | Chuck Wildes |
| *Jean Earley | Chloe McLaughlin | |
| Sally Ewton | Jean Moulton | *New to Prayer List |



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| January 1 | Stedman Seavey |
| January 4 | Rebecca Hathorne |
| January 5 | Joan Cole |
| January 7 | Carol Olster |
| January 8 | Gail Browning & Vivian Murray |
| January 11 | Linda Caroll & Ruthie Clark |
| January 14 | Ruth Lovejoy |
| January 17 | Susan Hathorne |
| January 21 | John Zarrella |
| January 23 | Jean Barraco & Guy Freeman |
| January 29 | Armit Pak |

If you would like to add someone to our birthday announcements,
please let the office know. 207-967-5787

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

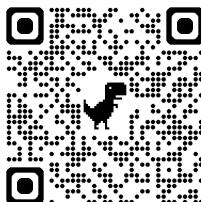
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| Sun., Jan. 25 | 9:45 am | Hymn Sing |
| | 10:00 am | Worship |
| | 11:00 am | Coffee Hour |
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| Tue., Jan. 27 | | Newsletter Deadline Today |
| | 10:30 am | Knitters |
| | 11:30 am | Picnic Lunch |
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| Wed., Jan. 28 | 2:00 pm | Senior Moments Rehearsal |
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| Thu., Jan. 29 | 5:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal |
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LOOKING AHEAD

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|---------------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| Sun., Feb. 1 | 9:45 am | Hymn Sing |
| | 10:00 am | Worship |
| | 11:00 am | Coffee Hour |
| | 2:00 pm | Communion at Huntington Common |
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| Tue., Feb. 3 | 11:30 am | Picnic Lunch |
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| Wed., Feb. 4 | 2:00 pm | Senior Moments Rehearsal |
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| Thu., Feb. 5 | 5:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal |
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| Sat., Feb. 7 | 11:00 am | Carolyn Broad Memorial Service |



Everyone is welcome at Church on the Cape, UMC, without exception. What matters most to us and 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 make followers of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



*Join us from wherever you call home:
If you like what you see here, we post our worship, music, children's messages and sermons online - you can find them via our website :
www.churchonthecape.org*

Church on the Cape Staff

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| Adrien Baracco | Assistant Usher |