

CHURCH ON THE CAPE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 2, 2025



Christ Healing Simon Peter's Mother-In-Law,

Drawing by Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn (1609–1669)

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Church on the Cape

United Methodist Church

Rev. Greg Smith

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* indicates you may stand if you are able

WE GATHER

HYMN SING

Amy Hall

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you Carol Nason and Pinkie Russell for hosting Coffee Hour this week.

PRELUDE **“Trumpet Voluntary in C, Op. 5”**
John Stanley

*SHARING THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 71: 1-6)

Leader: Do not let me be put to shame, O Lord,

People: For you are my refuge.

Leader: Listen to me, hear my plea,

People: And in your righteousness, deliver me.

Leader: Be to me a rock of refuge,

People: A strong fortress to keep me safe.

Leader: Rescue me from the hand of the wicked,

People: And from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

Leader: For as long as I can remember, I trusted you, Lord--

People: You have always been my hope.

Leader: Keep me always in your care,

People: And I will praise you all my days!

*HYMN **“There’s a Spirit of Love in This Place”** (See Insert)

Mark A. Miller

UNISON PRAYER

We gather today, O Lord, to listen for your voice. We hear the stories of how you spoke to your prophets long ago and we too yearn to hear your voice in our time.

We gather today, O Lord to discover your purpose for our lives and our church. We confess to you that we do not always know where to go or what to do. Show us what we can do and then give us the courage and strength to follow you.

We gather today, O Lord, as a community to learn how to love. We ask you to give us that “greatest gift of all” to share together as your people. We do not want to be a “noisy gong or a clanging cymbal,” but instead we want to be people who love deeply and share that love with each other and with the world.

We gather today, O Lord to be with you and with each other. Grant us the gift of your presence and the gift of togetherness through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-10

SPECIAL MUSIC **“Is God a Three Letter Word for Love?”**

Duke Ellington

Soloist: Edd Clark

Questions, answers, strange replies, Proclamations, truth and lies. Let me ask and tell me now: What's important, why and how. Is God a three letter word for love? For all that is goodness, below and above? Some seek a new life, but who will we ply? Who cares if the truth will live or die? The best of all treasures we have is today. And the time and the life and the truth and the way. So why should you think that this question is odd? Is God a three letter word for love?

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:38-44

MESSAGE

The shape of love

OFFERTORY **“Adagio from Voluntary II in D Minor, Op.5”**

John Stanley

COMMUNION setting Faith We Sing #2257 a through d

*HYMN

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

UMH #618

WE ARE SENT FORTH

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Allegro from Voluntary II in D Minor, Op.5”

John Stanley

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Graceanne Barbour
Lillian Bartlett
Alice Bruton
Ada Byrnes
Judy Cadieux
Julie Chase
*Sharon Collins
Mary Heather Cookson
Risha Deary
Scott & Karen Dombrowski
Jose Duddy
*Henry Dynia
Bob & Sally Ewton
Matthew Gould
Steven Horan
Jeanne Howarth
Bethany Hessel

*New to the prayer list

Lesa Kraft Angelos
Emily King
Brett LaCour
Nicholas LaCour
Burt Linscott
Charity Perry Liutai
Chloe McLaughlin
Charles E. Moss Sr.
Marybeth Munroe
Helen Neff
Luverne Preble
Nancy Russo
Lettie Samuel
Roberta Sanborn
Lois Small
Sandy St. Jean
Ryan Sullivan
Chuck Wildes



February 2	Pat Linscott
February 5	Gwen Purushotham
February 8	Jacksen Phillips
February 10	Bobby MacIver
February 11	Gary Schoener
February 12	Elissa Boulier
February 14	Kaitlyn Schoener
February 20	Diane Connelly
February 24	Linda Brock
February 25	Barbara Fuller

If you would like to add someone to the birthday list, please call the office
207-967-5787.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday
February 2
9:45 a.m. Hymn Sing
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
1:30 p.m. Communion at Huntington Common

Tuesday
February 4
10:00 a.m. Chimes
11:30 a.m. Picnic Lunch (Bring Your Own Food)
12:30 p.m. Disciple Bible Study

Wednesday
February 5
10:00 a.m. Knitters
3:00 p.m. Senior Moments

Thursday
February 6
5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday
February 9
9:45 a.m. Hymn Sing
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

Monday
February 10
10:00 a.m. Chimes Rehearsal

Tuesday
February 11
11:30 a.m. Picnic Lunch (Bring Your Own Food)
2:00– 4:00 Cargo Shop Open

Wednesday
February 12
8:30 a.m. Evangelism Committee
10:00 a.m. Knitters
1:00 p.m. Missions Outreach Committee
3:00 p.m. Senior Moments
7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Thursday
February 13
9:30 a.m. Ministry of Caring
2:00– 4:00 Cargo Shop Open
4:00 p.m. Worship Committee
5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday
February 15
10-12 Cargo Shop Open

PARISH NEWS

FROM THE PASTOR

Rev. Smith will be out of the office Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week.

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Your 2024 Statement of Giving documents have been mailed and if you haven't received them, you will shortly.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be an Education Committee meeting on February 19th at 1:00 pm.

Community Meal Program (Bon Appetit)

Bon Appetit Community Meal Program is in need of gently used plastic containers. Donations can be left under table in church kitchen

Free Spaulding Center Memberships Available

The Evangelism Committee is pleased to offer interested congregants a 1 year free membership to the Spaulding Center for Active Living. COTC is grateful to the late Annie and Hank Spaulding for their vision in creating the Center in 1990. The church has sponsored 10 free memberships, 8 of which are still available to interested souls who are at least 50 years old. Check out the Spaulding Center website to see the range of activities. Please let Pastor Greg or Jen (207-967-5787) know if you are interested.

UMCOR LA FIRE RELIEF

Thank you to everyone for your generosity! To date, we have raised **\$11,905.00**. We will continue to collect gifts for a few more weeks, but would like to send our check in at the end of February. Remember you may make your gift by cash or check, but be sure to label it clearly! If you need to use a credit card, please see Rev. Smith.

These contributions are tax deductible and will appear on your statement from the church if you make sure your name is on them. If you need to make a contribution by credit or debit card, please see Rev. Smith. Or use the QR Code Below





Throughout the month of February, Church on the Cape is holding a food drive to help stock the pantry at Community Outreach Services in Kennebunk.

Current Needs:

- PAPER GOODS (especially paper towels)
- COFFEE
- BRAND NAME CEREALS
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- CANNED BEEF STEW
- CHILI
- MAYONNAISE
- MUSTARD
- SALAD DRESSING
- SOUPS (OTHER THAN CAMPBELL'S TOMATO, CHICKEN WITH RICE, OR VEGETABLE)

There is a box in the lobby (underneath the table with the name tags) where you can drop off your donations.

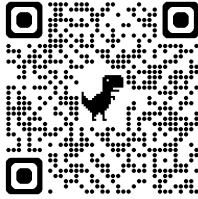
Thank you!



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

Rev. Greg Smith	Pastor
Paul N. Stephan	Music Director
Ivan Collazo	Custodian
Jen Murray	Office Administrator
Mike Kelly	Streaming Coordinator
Jean Baracco	Head Usher
Adrien Baracco	Assistant Usher