

Church on the Cape
United Methodist Church
September 27, 2026
HOMECOMING
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Welcome to Church on the Cape
Large print bulletins are available upon request.
Please see an usher if you would like a copy.

****all stand if able***
Susie Goodwin

HYMN SING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thank you Pinky Russell and Carol Schoener for hosting Coffee Hour today.

PRELUDE

“Softly Jesus Calls Us”

Rex Koury

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 78)**

Leader: My people, hear my teaching; listen to my words—

People: things we have heard and known,

Leader: I will teach you lessons from the past—

People: things our ancestors have told us.

Leader: We will not hide them from our descendants;

People: We will tell the next generation the deeds of the Lord

Leader: God did miracles in Egypt,

People: God divided the sea and led them through.

Leader: God guided them with the cloud by day,

People: And with light from a fire by night.

Leader: God split open rocks in the wilderness,

People: Giving them water as abundant as the sea!

Leader: God made streams flow from the rock,

People: God made water run like rivers in the desert.

Leader: In the same way, God has led and guided Church on the Cape!

People: Thanks be to God of our ancestors who is still our God today!

***HYMN**

“How Great Thou Art”

UMH #77

UNISON PRAYER

As your people journeyed through the wilderness, O Lord, they were thirsty, they could not find water, and so they were afraid.

There are many times and places in our world and in our lives when we feel like we are journeying through a wilderness. We wonder where we will find the life-giving water to quench our parched thirst.

In this time of worship, we turn to you, our Rock and pray that you will open up streams of life-giving-water for us to drink. Whatever our thirst may be, hear our cry and give us water.

Then, once we have satisfied our thirst, strengthen us to live as your people, trusting you, caring for one another, and telling the story of your power and love to all the world. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

The people are thirsty and they wonder where their God is...

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:1-13

Paul urges us to be humble and to care for others.

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Give Me Jesus”

African American Spiritual; Mark Patterson, arr.

The Church on the Cape Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 23:23-32

Jesus tells a parable of two sons.

MESSAGE

“Living the legacy of faithfulness”

***A HOMECOMING LITANY**

Leader: Give thanks for the Lord is good;

People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: From near and far, we have returned to this place where faith was planted and nurtured. We remember the foundation laid by those who came before us.

People: We thank you, Lord, for the heritage of this church and the generations who have worshipped here.

Leader: For pews filled with familiar faces, voices raised in song and prayer, and the laughter shared in times of fellowship;

People: We praise you, O God, for the gift of this spiritual home.

Leader: For quiet prayers in times of sorrow and the celebrations shared in times of joy;

People: We thank you, Lord, for being our refuge and strength.

Leader: Today we gather as a family of faith. Knit our hearts together in unity and love.

People: Renew our spirits, join us in fellowship, and guide our steps into the future.

Leader: Blessed are you, O God, source of our past, strength of our present, and hope for our future.

People: Welcome us home, Lord, and always be our strength and our sustainer. Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC **“Softly and Tenderly”** (Jesus Is Calling)
Will L. Thompson; Bill Wolaver, arr.

*DOXOLOGY # 95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD’S PRAYER

*HYMN **“Eternal Father Strong to Save”** TFWS#2191

BLESSING

POSTLUDE **“Toccata in C”**
Carlos Seixas

PARISH NEWS

YEARLY CHURCH CONFERENCE MEETING



Save the Date! Our yearly Church Conference meeting with District Superintendent, Rev. Arlene Tully, will be on **Monday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m.** All Church members are encouraged to attend.

FROM THE PASTOR

Neither the pastor or the church office will ever ask you to make a payment on our behalf, purchase gift cards, provide gift-card numbers, or "do a favor" involving any type of payment. These are always fraud.

Worship Attendance

September 13

In Person -55 Online- 69

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sun. September 27 Homecoming	9:45 am	Hymn Sing
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:45 am	Coffee Hour
Mon. September 28	10:00 am	Chimes Rehearsal
Tues. September 29	10:00 am	Knitters
	11:30 am	Picnic Lunch
	12:30 pm	Small Group Discussion
	2-4 pm	Cargo Shop Open
Wed. September 30	11:00 am	Upper Room Discussion
	3:00 pm	Senior Moments
Thu. October, 1	2-4pm	Cargo Shop Open
	5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sat. October 3	10a-12p	Cargo Shop Open

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. October 4 World Communion Sunday	9:45 am	Hymn Sing
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
	2:00 pm	Communion at Huntington Common
Mon. October 5	10:00 am	Chimes Rehearsal
Tues. October 6	10:00 am	Knitters
	11:30 am	Picnic Lunch
	2-4 pm	Cargo Shop Open
Wed. October 7	11:00 am	Upper Room Discussion
	3:00 pm	Senior Moments
Thu. October 8	2-4pm	Cargo Shop Open
	5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sat. October 9	10a-12p	Cargo Shop Open

**For a complete list of activities and events, see our online calendar
at www.churchonthecape.org**

Pastor Appreciation Sunday

Save the Date

Sunday, October 11 at 11:30 am

A celebration is being planned!

2026 has several significant milestones for Pastor Greg:



June 9
65th Birthday



39th year of Full-Time
Ministry



40th Anniversary of
Pastor Greg's Ordination

Therefore, on Sunday October 11th SPRC is planning a special celebration to honor these many accomplishments.

So, Save-The-Date on your calendars for this celebratory potluck!



Signup up to share your favorite
POTLUCK (side, main dish, or dessert).
Signup sheets will be in the lobby.



On the day of the celebration please include a recipe with ingredients as there may be people with allergies, intolerances or preferences.



FYI: All are welcome to be a part of the celebration planning. If interested let the office or any SPRC committee member know.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE

George Acker	Sally Ewton	Chloe McLaughlin
Ada Byrnes	Faith Gilmore	Marybeth Munroe
Judy Cadieux	Harold Falcone	Ann Nelson
Julie Chase	Patty Hutchins	Stewart Pratt
Fran Celnar	Bethany Hessel	Luverne Preble
Cheryl Collazo	Micki Kinney	Steve Russell
Mary Heather Cookson	Lesla Kraft Angelos	Beryl Samia
Micke Cooper	Brett LaCour	Lettie Samuel
Risha Deary	Nicholas LaCour	Lois Small
Beth Dudley	Janet Lennon	Eric Schoener
Henry & Diane Dynia	Charity Perry Liutai	Chuck Wildes
Jean Earley	Lee Maynard	



1	Wendy Emmons
3	Bill Matthews
6	Beryl Samia
8	Paula Farnell & Matt Simmons
10	Debbie Parsons
12	Helen Neff
13	Jim Oppert
16	Bruce Donath
20	Bill Goodwin
21	Russ Pregeant
22	Benjamin Link
24	Ellen Simmons
26	Rohi Atwater
28	Ada Brynes
30	Linda Woodard

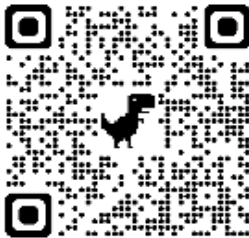


Love Boldly. Serve Joyfully. Lead Courageously.

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

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