

Dennis Union Church

Making a Difference

Sunday – December 17, 2017

FLOWERS: Given by Carlene Brown
"With Thoughts of Loved Ones"

DEACON OF THE DAY: Jane B. Wilson

USHERS: Ken Mills, Jan Gardner, Joan Stout

THIS WEEK AT DENNIS UNION CHURCH

SUNDAY – Dec. 17

10:00 Worship
11:00 Fellowship
12:30 Youth Fellowship

MONDAY – Dec. 18

TUESDAY – Dec. 19

8:30 Auction Crew
5:00 Social Concerns

WEDNESDAY – Dec. 20

9:30 Clergy
1:00 Cape Cod Council of Churches
7:00 Choir

THURSDAY – Dec. 21

7:30 Al-Anon

FRIDAY – Dec. 22

SATURDAY – Dec. 23

COOKIES

Many thanks to all the wonderful bakers who donated Christmas cookies for our sale last weekend. We raised lots of money for our mission! Many cookie containers are in the upstairs kitchen. Be sure to take yours home! Some have names, some don't.

PRAYER LIST – Dec. 17, 2017

Nursing Home

Edith Conti – Liberty Commons
Robert Darling – Wingate of Brewster

Health Concerns

Richard Burnham
Anthony Coccio, Jr. (son of Tony Coccio)
Bob Colpitts (brother of Nancy Aceti)
Doris David
Nancy Fuller
Russell Gillis
Kennedy Joy (member of the Cerbonne Family)
Bob Maclin (father of Betsy Crowell)
Bruce and Carol MacPherson
Geri Noble
Elizabeth Peterson (niece of Laura & Blair Jasie)
Bill Springer (brother of Earl Springer)

Others to Support with Prayer

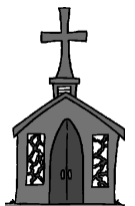
Service men and women serving at home and abroad
Colombia mission project.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

The minister, officers and congregation of Dennis Union Church offer their sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Beth Boyd who died on December 11, 2017...her birthday.

STEWARDSHIP

Many thanks to all who have made a pledge to support the church's mission and ministry in 2018. Your generosity is appreciated! It's not too late to return your pledge card. Pledge cards may be returned in person or by mail.



150th ANNIVERSARY BOOKS

We have a good quantity of wonderful 150th Anniversary Books left. Many more than we need for retention purposes and new members for the next ten years. While the 150th year is still warm, we'd like to offer them to members for \$10 with a suggestion that they could be a Christmas gift for the family. If interested, books can be purchased in the church office.

PROJECT GAIA

The Dennis Union Church welcomed Harry Stokes, Executive Director of PROJECT GAIA in 2015, and the church generously embraced his charity. Maggie kindly organized a special concert with Harry's son, Colin, a cellist along with John Wolfe, organist and Katie Goddard, violinist. We look forward to another concert this coming year.

Nancy Berquist will be at a Project Gaia table during social hour today. A donation of a stove(s) (\$30.00 each) to a needy family makes for a wonderful gift in your name or another's for Christmas, births, birthdays, weddings, anniversaries and memorials.

Project Gaia donates lifesaving cookstoves that remove disease causing pollution from households who normally cook with charcoal. Project Gaia provides clean ethanol burning stoves that allow women and girls, who otherwise would venture outside for firewood, to study and be productive. It saves on average 27 hours per week in foraging for firewood. This allows time for school in a toxic free environment. Each stove impacts an average of 7 people and avoids 20 pounds of fuelwood per day. This contributes to combating deforestation.

REMINDER!

Committee Chairs: Don't forget to turn in your annual reports!

DECEMBER EVENTS – STARTING NOW!

Today, December 17, is **Music Sunday**...with all choirs performing. It's also Secret Santa Sunday!

On Sunday, December 24, we will have three worship services. Our regular service at 10:00 a.m. with "Cranberry Shores" as a guest choir, and **candlelight services** at 4:00 and 9:00 p.m. to celebrate Christmas Eve.

Communion will be served at 8:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room on Christmas Eve.

Our annual "**Lessons and Carols**" service will be on Sunday, December 31, (New Year's Eve) at 10:00 a.m.

The church offices will be closed from noon on Dec. 22 through 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 27, and on January 1.

CPR/FIRST AID

Two different sessions, one for CPR and the other for First Aid, will be available on the Tuesday evenings of January 30 and February 6, 6:00-9:00pm. BOTH sessions for only \$40.00. Sign up during Fellowship, no advance payment necessary.

D-YECH

Another reason why buying food cards is a good idea: U lives with her husband and two young children in the upper Cape region. Both adults are employed, however one's job's hours were drastically reduced for the off season. Only having one car, this month they had to make the choice of getting their car out of repossession status or pay the rent. They chose the car because without it, they can't work. They paid as much of the rent as possible with the money they had remaining leaving a balance of \$314.78. We utilized \$314.78 out of the private prevention funds to pay their rental arrearage.

IRA TAX FREE GIFT NEWS

>> Over 70 1/2 ?

A charitable IRA contribution allows individuals over 70 1/2 to contribute up to \$100,000 to their favorite charities without recognizing it as taxable income. Give DUC a tax free gift from your IRA in 2017. Don't miss this opportunity to take advantage of the special tax laws available right now and make a tax free distribution from your retirement account directly to the church and still benefit from the charitable deduction! Talk to your IRA plan administrator before it's too late.

Give and feel great about your tax savings in 2017! Pre-pay your pledge for 2018 with tax breaks available this year or make a charitable donation to the Dennis Union Church Endowment Fund.

-A message from your Stewardship Committee and Endowment Fund Committee