



THE STEEPLE BELL

September - 2017

Dennis Union Church – United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

**WITH JESUS AS OUR ANCHOR AND COMPASS,
GOD BIDS US TO BE A BLESSING IN THE WORLD**

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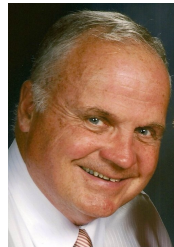
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Route 6A was exceptionally busy on the first two weekends in August. The Pan Mass Challenge slowed the traffic on the first weekend and the annual Dennis Union Church Auction & Bazaar slowed the traffic on the second weekend. In my mind I couldn't help but draw parallels between these two events.

The Pan Mass Challenge raises money for cancer research. The goal of this year's 38th annual ride was \$48,000,000. Reaching this goal involves "thousands" of riders and an army of 4,000 volunteers. The full route from Sturbridge to Provincetown is 192 miles, but there are 12 shorter routes that allow less experienced cyclers to be involved. The Pan Mass Challenge is a success, the largest "a-thon" in the world, because it is carefully organized and orchestrated. Everyone – organizers, riders and volunteers – works together and moves in the same direction toward a common goal. And certainly the positive spirit of everyone involved enhances the experience for all participants. Perhaps you were inconvenienced by the riders on Route 6A as you headed for church on August 6th, but surely you can celebrate their great effort and even greater accomplishments. Preparations are already underway for next year's Pan Mass Challenge.

On a slightly smaller scale, but no less inconvenient to the drivers on route 6A, was the 63rd annual Dennis Union Church Auction and Bazaar. In spite of challenging weather, we raised \$48,500. The Auction and Bazaar, like the Pan Mass Challenge, involves careful planning and well executed orchestration. It, too, takes an army of volunteers, and good leadership. We thank Joanne Ashby and Ralph Aceti for serving as our leaders. We also thank all the volunteers who ranged in age from 10 to 90+.

I was so impressed with the number of folk who showed up on Friday morning to unload the trucks and get everything set for Saturday. My guess is that we had more than 100 volunteers on Friday and an even greater number on Saturday. And by 4:30 P.M. on Saturday *everything* was cleaned up!

Friends, great things happen when people work together with a positive spirit and move in the same direction toward a common goal!

Blessings,
Terry



WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

September 3 @ 10:00 A.M.

Sermon: The Courage of Goliath

Text: I Samuel 17:1-11

September 10 @ 10:00 A.M. – RALLY SUNDAY

Worship will be led by Cindy Fiscus with our children and teens

September 17 @ 10:00 A.M. –

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS (@ 11:00 A.M.)

Sermon: A Fish Tale

Text: Jonah

September 24 @ 10:00 A.M.

Sermon: Daniel In The Lions' Den

Text: Daniel 6

Please remember that all worship services are at 10:00 A.M. for the remainder of 2017

WE INVITE YOU TO COME AS YOU ARE... AND DISCOVER WHO YOU CAN BE.



The annual Blessing of the Animals will take place following worship on Sunday, September 17th on the Village Green.

You are invited to bring your favorite animal(s) to the green for a special blessing. Please make sure they are on a leash or contained.

TARGETED DONATIONS

During the month of September, we will be collecting healthy school snacks for the Dolphin Fund of D-Y High School. All donations should be free of nuts. Many students, including high school students, do not have enough to eat. Your donations allow the guidance department to insure that no students go hungry.

In October we will be amassing a mountain of Jello and pudding mix with a goal of **500 boxes** for the Food Pantry.

GENEROSITY

Our 2017 Stewardship Theme is *Our Journey to Generosity*. You will be hearing from our Stewardship Team in October.

In preparation for the stewardship season, I invite you to write a brief essay on this topic: *What Generosity Means To Me*. With your permission, your essay may be used as part of our stewardship campaign.



FELLOWSHIP DINNER & PIE AUCTION

Chicken Dinner with all the fixin's

TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 26th

5:30 P.M.

Sponsored by The Stewardship Team

A \$5.00/person donation is suggested

Please call the church office to make a reservation

Please contact Terry if you would be willing to bake a pie for the "Pie Auction"



- Sept. 3 Given "In loving memory of Paul Woudenbergs's birthday, from his Family."
- Sept. 10 Given by Skip & Nancy Walsh "In memory of our parents."
- Sept. 17 Given by Ed and Bev Brink "In memory of our loved ones."
- Sept. 24 OPEN

*Please note that we have an opening for flowers on September 24th. If you would like to give flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please contact Nancy Walsh. Flowers cost \$45.00.

NON-PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

There are new NON-Pictorial directories available all over the church. They have a lavender cover and include members who have joined in the last year. Please pick one up! The Pictorial directories should be here in September!

DAY OF HOSPITALITY

September 24, 12:30-2:00pm

We require volunteers to drive our guests from Salvation Army to church and BACK again to Hyannis. Drivers meet our guests in the parking lot of Salvation Army after their worship service at 12:00 p.m. When our lunch concludes at church at 2:00 p.m., drivers take guests back to the same parking lot. ALSO, we invite you to help host the lunch; sit down with the guests and share a meal, or volunteer for set-up or clean-up.

Donations of drinks (coffee, soda, ice tea), baked goods of ANY kind, NEW socks for men or women, and toiletries (except toothpaste) are ALWAYS welcome. Thanks!! We will also accept gently used COOL WEATHER clothing.

Please let Cindy Fiscus know if you can drive and/or help with the lunch. 774-487-8005

"AFTER THE DUC AUCTION 2017"

Driving down Rte 6A last night, Josh and I passed through a silent candlelight vigil held as members of the Brewster UU Church stood on both sides of the road...and I was moved again to think of our worship service "the day after the auction"...a service with great rejoicing, deep expressions of faith by our musicians, pastor and all of us as we felt the pain of so many in Charlottesville and through our nation..... and then I came home to find my very rumpled and water stained listing of all the service organizations that came and retrieved goods (left-overs) once bound for dumpsters/landfills.

After the Auction....items support the Hands of Hope Outreach Center to keep people fed and in their homes....A Baby Center supporting families with little ones.... The Animal Rescue League providing beds for animals in need...Habitat for Humanity's ReSTORE gathers furnishings. Dennis Yarmouth Women's Club, Lower Cape Cod, Eastham Kiwanis Club, Family Pantry of Cape Cod and Second Chance Boutique, Hyannis Garden Club, ..all gathered items for their outreach and expressions of caring for others. Flower Angels in Yarmouth....some of us met the delightful 92 years young woman as she gathered boxes of containers for arrangements going to hospitals and nursing homes all over the Cape...now seeking small plastic containers, too, as they reach more patients in dementia care. Even all those books go on with new purpose. New this year... Yarmouth VNA.

A program to help paralyzed children play basketball has been added to our list for 2018. If you know of service groups to add, please let me know as we grow our caring outreach...after the auction.

-Bette Anne

PARKING

- If you are able, please park a short distance from the church to allow those who have difficulty walking to park closer to the church.
- Please fill the Carlton Hall parking lot before parking along Old Bass River Road.



When in worship, please consider "checking in" with Facebook.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Service opportunities!

Faith Family Meal, September 1st, 3:30-6:30 at Faith Assembly of God Church, Hyannis

On the first Friday of each month, we continue to serve our neighbors-in-need at Faith Assembly. We would LOVE new participation in this mission. We no longer cook the meal. Instead, volunteers greet guests, set up dining tables, help serve the meal, and assist in cleaning up afterwards. The comradery of the volunteers and the smiles on the guests' faces make this a wonderful way to spend an hour or two on a Friday afternoon. Please let Sarah Carpenter or Cindy Fiscus know if you are interested in helping.

Sarah: scarpentervascik@gmail.com

Cindy: cindyfiscus@hotmail.com



RALLY SUNDAY + SOFTBALL + PICNIC

Rally Sunday is September 10th. Cindy Fiscus, with our children and teens will lead the worship service.

At 12:30 P.M. on Rally Sunday you are invited to join us at the Seaside ballfield, adjacent to Corporation Beach, for a softball game and picnic. Hot dogs, chips, and beverages will be provided by the Christian Education Committee. *Everyone* is invited - players, spectators, and picnickers.

D-YECH SUPERMARKET GIFT CARDS

Have you tried our easy way to do your part in homelessness prevention? Using our gift cards helps to provide necessary funds to the Housing Assistance Corporation in their effort to minimize family homelessness. Five percent of card sales go directly to this much needed program. Cards can be purchased during our Fellowship Hour or in the church office. In addition to supermarket gift cards, we can order gift cards for many other stores.



10:00 am

- Sept. 3 Wilfred & Adele Diaz
 Sue Day
- Sept. 10 Betty White
 Nancy Aceti
 Louise Armstrong
- Sept. 17 Francis Sellers
 Gary Forrister
 Barbara Lussier
- Sept. 24 Lois Andre
 Earl Springer
 Linda Gillespi

USHERS

Are you willing to usher occasionally for Sunday morning worship? Please be in touch with Earl Springer or Cheryl Cerbone to volunteer.



Are you on the church email list? If not, please sign up for emails on our church website (duchurch.org) Each Friday the latest church news is sent by email.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bill Bacon	Sept. 2
Mary Asetline	Sept. 6
Laura Foss	Sept. 9
Allison Vandersall	Sept. 10
Linda Hildebrant	Sept. 10
Alicia Peirce	Sept. 11
Margaret Clancy	Sept. 14
Connie Bickford	Sept. 15
Sue Schofield	Sept. 15
Bill Beimler	Sept. 18
Jane B. Wilson	Sept. 19
Marc Hildebrant	Sept. 19
Nellie Stidham	Sept. 21
Gordon Bellemer	Sept. 22
Bridget Foss	Sept. 26
Ginnie Haskell	Sept. 28
Beverly Larson	Sept. 28
Cal Mutti	Sept. 30
Ruth Lund	Sept. 30

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

John & Marcy Stanton	Sept. 1
Bob & Doris David	Sept. 2
Peter & Judy Berrien	Sept. 11
Josh & Bette Anne Crowell	Sept. 12
Tom & Joan Clapp	Sept. 17
Rick Bishop & Mary Ann Agresti	Sept. 20

SAVE THE DATE!

Seth Crowell and Enid Guilmartin are getting married on **October 28 at 2:00 p.m.!** All church members have a standing invitation. Please call the office and let Nancy know if you would like to be there.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SCHEDULE

RALLY DAY, September 10, 10:00 am
 LOTS happening on this day~
 Kids lead worship
 New Presentation Bibles, Cake
Amazing Animal Ambassadors after worship.
BALL GAME and PICNIC at Seaside Ball Field (near Corporation Beach),
 12:30-3:30.

RALLY DAY CHALLENGE

Calling all student essayists, poets, and artists:

Write your thoughts, a poem, create a drawing, or painting for~

"What does it mean to me that our God is an AWESOME GOD?"

Your contribution will be included in the worship in print, spoken, or displayed on Rally Day, September 10.

September 17, **Blessing of the Animals**,
 10:00 am

We will process into the Sanctuary with our animal puppets at the beginning of Worship. Wild Care Cape Cod will be present on the Village Green!

September 24, **Day of Hospitality**

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP encouraged to help with this luncheon for our guests from Salvation Army. You may help set up the dinner and dinnerware, help by making a salad, frost cupcakes, and sort clothing and other donations for the guests. Set up begins after Sunday School and ends at 2:00pm.

September 30, Saturday, 6:00pm

FIRST OVERNIGHT for the Youth Fellowship. Normally, our overnights are on the **FIRST SATURDAYS** of each month. The Apple Festival is on October 7, so let's meet one week earlier!!



CALLING ALL BAKERS AND HELPERS **FALL IS APPLE FESTIVAL TIME!**

Our Ninth Annual Apple Festival will be on Saturday, October 7th from 10AM to 3 PM. The Apple Fest Committee is very excited to have the Activities Committee joining the Fest this year. They are sponsoring a Quilt Show in the Sanctuary with no admittance fee.

Fresh apples for purchase, baked apple goods, local crafters on the Village Green, delicious food, children's crafts and face painting, plus a boutique, live music and some new surprises will be featured.

Besides promoting great outreach into the community, everyone has a great time. We will need help with setting up and clean-up on the day. Apples for pie baking and other apple treats will be provided. Also, we will need people to work in the various booths. Look for sign-up sheets for these tasks during September in the Church Foyer.

From your Apple Fest Committee: Judy and Peter Berrien, Maggie Bossi, Sue Schofield, Emily Woudenberg and Judy Chesley

CONCERT

Although we are aware that personal conflicts may preclude your attendance, we want you to know that our daughter, Lisa, violinist, is giving a concert at the new Eastham Library on Samoset Rd., in Eastham, MA, on Thursday, October 19 at 4:00 p.m. She will be accompanied by pianist Adrienne Kim and cellist Tomoko Fujita, Admission is free.

-Noel & Elizabeth Tipton

As part of our Apple Festival – October 7 – we will have a Quilt Show in the sanctuary. Please call Enid Guilmartin at 774-934-8053 or Betty Boothe at 774-330-2191 if you would like to share your quilt with us! (Old or new!)

PASTORAL VISITS

Our interim minister, Terry Martinson, welcomes the invitation to visit our church members. If you would like a pastoral visit, please make your request known to the church office.

Nursing home residents and hospital patients are called upon regularly, but please let us know about folks we may have missed.

HIPPA regulations do not allow Hospitals and nursing homes to communicate new admissions to us as they used to.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

The minister, officers and congregation of Dennis Union Church offer their sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Richard Fox (husband of Terry) who died on August 10. They also offer their sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Sheldon (Buzz) Gardner, who died on August 15.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Elmer Eschenburg sent his new address! He would love to hear from you all!

Elmer Eschenburg
1200 Wright Ave.
Alma, MI 48801-1133