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THE Circuit Rider

Bourne, Cataumet, West Falmouth Parish United Methodist Newsletter

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THE TIME OF PUMPKINS

The season of pumpkins is here again, and we support two ministries near and dear to the heart of Methodists—our local Food Pantry, and the Native Americans. Over 2,000 pumpkins will arrive on Oct 1 from Navajos in New Mexico, and many volunteers from all three churches in our parish will sell them every day: Each weekend from 10;30-6:00 and Sundays from 12:00—6:00, rain or shine. Buy pumpkins, talk pumpkins with your friends, and volunteer for a couple of slots to sell them. *Pumpkins are love in action!*

From the Pastor

October is my favorite month for weather; beautiful blue skies and leaves turning every glorious shade of red, gold, and orange. The days warm up from cool mornings, and windows are opened for fresh air while sleeping.

The autumn leaves remind us of our own mortality. They fall to the ground with such grace; without a struggle. Maybe now is a good time to reflect on Kentucky poet Wendell Berry's words:

...now more than ever you can be
generous toward each day
that comes, young, to disappear
forever, and yet remain
unaging in the mind.
Every day you have less reason
not to give yourself away.

Joyfully giving ourselves away is what love looks like.

See you in church.
Karen Lilli Pax

Gather the children…

Sunday School has begun again. This fall we will be using Genesis as our guide. If you know of children who would like to join us, please bring them to Pastor Karen's attention. Currently we have children in the middle school age range but are willing and prepared to set up classes for other ages, if others would like to attend. Sunday School is fun and the teachers learn from the children as much as the children learn from the teachers! The teachers are Joan Davis, Susan and Tom Goux, Stu Parsons, Rod Weston.

What Love Looks Like

Our church is full of people who give to God from the gifts they have been given. During the Stewardship moments during the service in the month of October, we will witness what love looks like in our church. Whether we give gifts of service or gifts of money, we are giving to God a portion of the gifts He has given to us. Watch for the Stewardship letter in mid October to be reminded about the monetary needs of the church. Watch the PowerPoint at the beginning of each service to see What Love Looks Like in our church.

United Women in Faith

Monday, October 2nd, United Women In Faith will be meeting in Crain Hall at **12:30**. Bring a bag lunch, beverage and dessert will be provided.

Our speaker is Kari Phinney from the Bourne Council on Aging who will be sharing information on services available to us here in Bourne.

Need a ride? Contact Joan Davis at 508- 759-2104.

Friendship and Fun Community Playgroup

The Friendship and Fun Community Playgroup is bursting with new children and plenty of energy! The kids continue to play unstructured, practice potty time, learn how to share and express themselves. New advertisements will be put out to the community to grow our group as many have begun preschool, feel free to spread the word. Every Thursday from 10-12 in the downstairs nursery. Welcome fall!

Dining For A Cause

The Upper Cape Chaplaincy is hosting a fund- raiser at Stir Crazy on MacArthur Boulevard **Thursday, October 5th from 3-8pm**. You can enjoy a delicious meal and 20% of the bill will be donated to the Chaplaincy. It is a win for everyone!

F A I T H P R O F I L E S

Allen Mattson

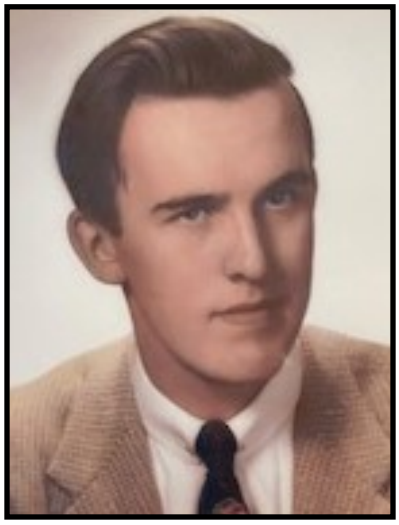
Bourne UMC

I was born and raise in Boston. My father died while my mother was pregnant with me; she raised five boys singlehandedly. We grew up going to the Stanton Avenue United Methodist Church which was a twenty minute walk from home. One of my brothers joined the Navy, one the Coast Guard, one the Army, and another brother and I both joined the Air Force. My youngest son served 30 years in the Army, his older brother served in the Air Force. We are a military family; I have 9 great-grandchildren and they are all Army brats!

When I got out of the service, I worked in Boston as a commercial/newspaper pressman. I met my wife Ida May, because I was coaching the church league basketball team, and one of her brothers was on the team. She wanted a ride to the jamboree and I offered her one, and we had coffee. We got engaged on Valentine's Day in 1963 and married on May 24, 1964. We brought a house when we got married because we wanted to give our children the opportunity to have it better than we had. Ida May stayed home to raise the children; we had three children of our own and then decided to foster as well. We did that for about three years, and had four at a time. We lived in Randolph, Holbrook, and then Bridgewater.

In 1983, Ida May wanted to take a trip, so I saved my vacation and sick time, bought a pop-up, and went cross-country with AAA triptiks. We saw California, the Grand Canyon, Yosemite, and Las Vegas. We were bitten by the travel bug!

When I retired, Ida May said "Let's go!" so we sold everything and spent eight years traveling in our motor home.



We moved to Buzzards Bay in 2014 and spent a few years attending Swift UMC, then came to Bourne UMC in 2016. The people are so friendly there! I serve on the Finance Committee, help with taking collection and do counting after services.

My favorite hymns are *Be Still, My Soul*, and *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*. I loved it when we used to hold hands at the end of the service and sing *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*. We had to stop during COVID, and I miss that.

FAITH PROFILES will be a regular feature of our newsletter each month to help acquaint members of the three churches with each other.

CHOIR FESTIVAL

Making a Joyful Noise unto the Lord!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023 AT 3:00PM

HOSTED BY

BOURNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PARTICIPATING CHOIRS

Bourne United Methodist Church

Bourne, MA

Tatsiana Mazheika, *music director*

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Pocasset, MA

John Brennan, *music director*

Swift Memorial United Methodist Church

Sagamore Beach, MA

Performances by each choir
& choirs combined

ADMISSION IS FREE
ALL ARE INVITED!

Reception following the performance

Calling all women!

The Bible Book Club is starting a new study and all are welcome. Starting **Sunday, October 8th at 7 pm**, the group will be studying Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers, using the Immersion Bible Study book as a guide. This is a continuation of our last study of Genesis, which was very thought provoking. Genesis is full of all the familiar stories of creation, Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Joseph and others. Reading this book thoughtfully and carefully brought new insights into the stories we all thought we knew. The story continues with Moses and others in Exodus. A group from Bourne meets on Zoom with several members out of the area. If you would like to join in, please contact Susan Goux at sgoux10@gmail.com for more information and the Zoom link.

The Patch is Open!

Pumpkins, pumpkins, pumpkins! What a wonderful parish-wide effort to set up the patch and launch our community project to support the Bourne Food Pantry and the Navajo Nation farmers.

We're looking forward to many sunny days and maybe a few rainy days selling pumpkins to neighbors and visitors. October is a full month of outreach, fellowship and mission.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

INVITATION TO SMALL GROUP

Poetry as Theology

EXPRESSING EXPERIENCES OF GOD WITH WORDS

- IN PERSON -

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023 at 7:00PM

BOURNE UMC—CRAIN HALL

October Birthdays

Kim Crocker Crowther 10/2
Connor MacLeod 10/5
Alan Chiappini 10/7
Barbara Briggs 10/9
Rich Dow 10/17
Tami Trask Good 10/17
Jim Long 10/18
Sally Walter 10/18
Harriett Crocker 10/20
Carol Ann Dubois 10/22
Nathan Carr 10/25
Tom Spence 10/25
Robbie Cotter 10/27
Bob Burt 10/28
Karen Jackman 10/30
Steve Hewett 10/30

A note from Vicki

Online conference forms are to be filled out online and completed by **10/8**.

Written reports for the Conference book are due **10/10**.

If you are having trouble and not sure about what to do, please call/email or swing by office — please do not wait until the last minute.

Prayer List

Elwin Barnes, Yvonne Beatty, Fred Bartholomew, the Carr family, Taryn Cusolito, Dottie & Robbie Cotter, Carol Ann Dubois, family of Former Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar, Brenda Fielding, Donna Frink and family, Amy, Eric and Cheryl Johnson, Priscilla Manning, the family of Linda Maxa, Joyce McLane, Jen and Ashley Moran, family of Helen Prior, Peter Smith, Wilma and Max Smollen, Arlene and Ed Wheeler, Bishop Peggy A. Johnson, District Superintendent Wanda Santos-Perez.

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 **3pm Choir Festival Rehearsal**	2 **12:30pm UWF Meeting**	3	4	5 **7pm Small Group**	6	7 **10am Children's Clothing Exchange**
8 **3pm Choir Festival**	9	10	11 **4pm Trustees Meeting**	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 **4:30pm Aptucxet**	19	20	21
22 **Annual Conference**	23	24	25	26 **5:30pm Finance** **6:30pm Council**	27	28
29	30	31				

BUMC Regular Monthly Events

Sunday: **10:30am** Worship
7pm Bible Book Club

Monday: **10am** Meditation
8pm AA

Tuesday: **7pm** AA

Wednesday: **10am** Prayer Group (2nd &4th)
7pm: Choir Rehersal
7pm: AA

Thursday: **10am** F & F Community Playgroup
7pm AA

CUMC Regular Monthly Events

Sunday: **8:15am** Choir Practice
9:00am Worship
7:30pm AA

Monday : **7:30pm** NA

Tuesday: **7:30pm** AA

Thursday: **6pm** AA

WFUMC Regular Monthly Events

Sunday: **8:15am** Worship

Wednesday: **9:30am** Al-Anon

Our Thrift Shop is Open everyday except Sunday from 10am-3pm.