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THE *Circuit Rider*

Bourne United Methodist Church Newsletter

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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From the Pastor

On March 12, the Small Group discussed a sermon written by theologian and author Diana Butler Bass entitled *The Holy Thursday Revolution*. She surprised us with insights about the importance of Thursday—not as a ‘run up’ to Good Friday, but as the culmination of the teachings of Jesus; the final and best illustration of the kingdom of God as those gathered around the table.

For Jesus, the table was the center of life—with his disciples, with friends, with those he healed. Everyone was welcome around his table, much to the chagrin of the religious authorities.

We shared our own our table experiences—the family dinners, the special celebrations. The joy of sharing food and wine and conversation with people you love. The affection we held for the wooden furniture, marred and gouged by generations of use.

Diana Butler Bass wrote “This night is the final night of dominion, the end of slavery; and this night is the first night of communion, the beginning of true freedom: “I will no longer call you servants but friends.” This table is the hinge of history. The table is the point. Thursday is the Last Supper and the First Feast. “

So join us as we gather as a community of faith around *all the tables*—the communion table, the tables for coffee fellowship, the table of welcome. We offer hospitality to friends and to strangers in hopes of making our table longer and longer, and having every seat filled.

See you at the table.

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Welcome New Member Shirley Dawkins!

Shirley was received as a member on celebratory Sunday, Shirley has been familiar with BUMC for years, and she is a member of the Finance Committee.

Please continue to hold her in your prayers and introduce yourself if you haven't yet met.



A Big Shout Out To...all the hardworking volunteers who have cleaned the church grounds, picked up sticks, trimmed the trees and bushes and have made the grounds look so clean after such a winter. Thank you all!

Thank You For Our Thrift Store Volunteers

April 19 we are going to celebrate the Thrift Shop which has made \$500,000 dollars for the church since it began in 2009.

There will be a cake and celebration at coffee fellowship, but also we will recognize the volunteers during the service,

Please plan to attend, to say thank you, and remember to give and shop as you can!



Souper Sunday raised \$477 for great causes. Congratulations to all involved!

BUMC Will BE Hosting A Very Special Event

Richard and Barbara (Meier) Frye were married on May 7, 1966 in Bourne, MA.

Their reception was held at Bourne United Methodist Church, possibly the first event held in the newly created Crain Hall!

Fast forward almost 59 years and 11 months! They are about to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary at BUMC.

Barbara grew up in Bourne, and is a proud member of the graduating class of 1964 from Bourne High School.

Richard and Barbara maintain a second home allowing them to spend time with family who continue to live in Bourne and the surrounding area.

Barbara's mother, Alice, 98 years old, is a vibrant member of the family who loves to share memories and garden.

Barbara continues to attend services at BUMC when she is available.

The family is having a luncheon get together in Crain Hall in May to celebrate and reminisce! But it is a surprise party so SHHHHHH!!!!!!



BUMC Lower School Class

Our Lower Sunday School children made Valentines cards for loved ones in class. They continue to show curiosity and eagerness to learn about God, Jesus and his disciples. The Bible stories and crafts reflect all things Good!

A very special thanks to our wonderful Sunday School teachers!

The New Directory is Coming!! The New Directory Is Coming!!!

We are producing a new directory this Spring, YAY! We have added new members and friends in the community so we will be producing a fresh directory so we can get to know our neighbors even better.

Mailboxes Are Overflowing With ????

All Committee Chairs and the Sunday School classes plus others have mailboxes as you enter Crain Hall. Please check them frequently to empty them of detritus, gold or critical information. Thank you!



The United Women In Faith will be meeting Monday April 6th (the day after Easter!) at 12:00 in Crain Hall. Bring your lunch, and beverage and dessert will be provided. Welcome spring as we hear Marcia Willmott from Aptuxet Garden Club talk about Gardening, Conservation and Civic Planning.

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

INVITATION TO SMALL GROUP

True Belonging

GIVING UP "FITTING IN" AND BECOMING AUTHENTIC



- IN PERSON -

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026 at 7:00PM
BOURNE UMC—CRAIN HALL

*email: paxkarenlilli@icloud.com
to receive preparation materials*

April Birthdays

Dick Anderson 4/1

Debbie Dow 4/1

Aubri Hall 4/4

Bruce Parker 4/4

Karen Arnold 4/8

Sue Gregory 4/15

Tim Johnson 4/18

Lorraine Theriault 4/19

Bob George 4/26



SPECIAL HOLY WEEK SERVICES



MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 2, 2026 AT 7:00PM

BOURNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
37 SANDWICH RD, BOURNE

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 3, 2026 AT 7:00PM

SWIFT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
10 WILLISTON RD, SAGAMORE BEACH,



EASTER SUNRISE

SCUSSET BEACH AT 6:00 AM

Alleluia!

April 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Maundy Thursday BUMC 7	3 Good Friday SWIFT 7 The Thrift Store CLOSED	4
5 Easter Sunday 6:00 Scusset Beach 9:30 BUMC	6 UWF 12-2	7	8	9 Trustees Meeting 4-5	10	11 NOTE Children's Clothing Exchange 10-12
12	13 Aptucxet Garden Club 10-3	14	15	16 Finance 5:30 Council 6:30	17	18 2 Sound Bath Yoga Sessions 1- 2:30 3-4:30 Crain Hall
19 Celebration of The Thrift Store Volunteers During Coffee Hour	20	21 Newsletter pix and articles Due	22 Aptucxet Garden Club 4-8	23 7 Small Group RSVP to KLP for handouts	24	25
26	27	28 Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30 Office Open		

Weekly Events

Sunday:

9:30am Worship

7pm Women's Bible Book Club via Zoom

7pm Narcotics Anonymous, Crain Hall

Monday:

10:30 am: Meditation

6pm: AA, Classroom

7pm: Narcotics Anonymous, Crain Hall

Tuesday:

8pm: AA, Crain Hall

Wednesday:

7pm: AA, Classroom

7pm: Choir, Perry Room

Friday:

12pm: Al-Anon, Classroom

The Swift Memorial Monthly Men's Breakfast

happens the first Saturday of every month
from 8:00-9:00 am.

All BUMC men are welcome to join.

The Swift Memorial Monthly Women's Breakfast

happens the second Saturday of every
month from 8:00-9:00 am.

All BUMC women are welcome to join.

**Please confirm on the Swift Memorial
website before attending.**