



The Foreside Community Church United Church of Christ

June 2022



*Connecting
to God*

*Nurturing
Community*

*Discovering
how our Lives
Make a
Difference*

“Since the fifth century, some Christian churches have been ringing bells for spiritual and practical purposes such as to call the faithful to worship, to highlight a particular stage during a church service, to remind the faithful of God’s presence in their daily lives, and to announce important occurrences to the local community. FCC proudly carries on that tradition weekly.”

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Pastoral Notes

Last Sunday...

...my neighbor Anne emailed me that she had just seen an oriole and a hummingbird. I had already seen a hummingbird, so I didn't mind that. But I had not seen or heard the Baltimore Oriole, so I did mind that. I took up the challenge. For several days I looked for flashes of orange and black in the trees as I picked up the paper and walked the dog around the block, with no luck.

Finally I broke down and got a new app for my cellphone called Merlin. Merlin, my friends have been saying, is from Cornell, the temple of American birding. When it hears a bird singing, it identifies it. I have been resisting Merlin for months, on the grounds that I didn't want high tech interfering with my mystical oneness with nature. But the oriole had me stumped, so I caved.

In 2 minutes on the first day I downloaded it, Merlin identified 9 birds in my back yard, including the oriole and three other migratory treasures I had no idea were there. As soon as each bird sang, its picture came up and its name lit up on the screen. Wunderbar I was hooked. Merlin was telling me who was out there; neighbors I never knew I had were singing their hearts out in the trees and bushes.

Merlin has given me a new angle on neighbors for the summer. It's not only our human neighbors that the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke reminds us to care for. It's our animal neighbors, too, including some we didn't even know were there. My wish for each of you this summer is that as you enjoy the sunny weather, you will encounter new neighbors, and marvel at them, and look out for them.

It took me a few days of listening with Merlin and looking up for the sound, but I have seen the oriole several times, and it has been singing for days. Maybe it will even nest here. And as for my fear that tech would hijack my relationship with nature? I think tech may have a role, a supporting role, that's as far as I will go at the moment.

Susan



Dear FCC Congregation:

I am pleased to be providing pastoral coverage during the period Saturday, May 21 through and including Sunday, June 12 while Pastor Geoff is on parental leave.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me by cell phone (call or text): (207-310-0329) or by email:

susanogilpin@gmail.com

***Cheerfully in Christ,
The Rev. Susan Gilpin***

We have returned to worship in the sanctuary!

Attendance on Sundays is open to all with the following prevention protocols in place:

- Masks will be required for all attendees.
- We ask households to give each other good social distance.
- Windows will be opened enough to increase ventilation.
- Worship will also be live-streamed for any who cannot
- or do not feel comfortable - attending by going to:

<https://www.youtube.com/ForesideCommunityChurch>

Laura Rodas Receives 2021 Bob Fuller Award



The Governing Board is delighted to announce that Laura Rodas is the recipient of the 2021 Bob Fuller Award.

Recently we celebrated Laura's 'retirement' after eleven years as Sunday School Administrator. Her ministry with the children of FCC, both in-person and on-line, was caring and innovative, and included such projects as creating the rainbow welcome bench, developing Faith Boxes for the kids to use at home during the pandemic, and writing and directing the Christmas pageants, including the inspired virtual News Broadcast of the Nativity in 2020.

But Laura's commitment to the church goes far beyond the classroom. She pretty much grew up here. While still in high school, Laura gave a sermon from the sanctuary pulpit. Last year, she led one of the small group discussions on anti-racism, diversity, and inclusion. When we first tested the waters of social media, Laura was there to put a professional touch on our website and Facebook page, and she was our technology expert when Geoff was on leave. She was instrumental in our effort to reunite Toto with her family, securing the venue for the fundraiser as well as arranging airfare for her husband and children. She was co-chair of the Search Committee that called Geoff, collaborating on the church profile, and setting up the candidate interviews over Zoom, (which was still a novelty to many of us at the time). And most recently, she was our travel guide on a virtual trip through Portugal, Italy, and Greece.

Laura is always a source of good ideas, and she is a dedicated and energetic supporter of the church. Please join the Governing Board in expressing our sincere appreciation to Laura for her faithful service to FCC. A donation in Laura's name will be made to a charity of her choice.

The Bob Fuller Appreciation Award was created by the FCC congregation in 1990 to remember and appreciate the work of long time FCC member Bob Fuller, who served on and chaired the Board of Trustees for nearly two decades. This award is given at the discretion of the Governing Board to anyone who has served the church in the same spirit with which Bob served for so long.

UPDATES, REPORT OUTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us for Monthly Mocktails on the Patio

Summer is a time we all go our separate ways. In order to stay connected in community, Fellowship invites everyone to stop by the church for a refreshing mocktail, a few light snacks and some friendly conversation on the third Thursday in June, July and August.

Dates: June 16, July 21, August 18
Time: 5:30 - 7:00 pm

To keep set up and clean up to a minimum, please bring your own glass and, if able, a camp chair (if you'd like one). There will be a few chairs for those who cannot lug one.

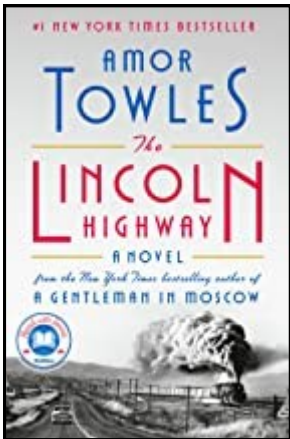


Rain cancels!

Questions? Call or email Debra Coyman
(dlcoyman@me.com or 207-781-0998)

The Foreside Book Club...

...ended up this season with a thoughtful discussion of Me Before You by JoJo Moyes and even shared a delicious cake baked by Chuck Erb. Thanks to everyone who has made this such a successful and rewarding group. I have learned so much from all of your different insights and look forward to many more conversations. We will resume gathering in September when we will talk about The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles.



The Lincoln Highway might just be one of the best novels of this decade, which is a feat considering *A Gentleman in Moscow*, also holds that distinction (in this reviewer's mind, anyway). Set in the 1950s, *The Lincoln Highway*

is filled with nostalgia as well as the gentle naïveté and hijinks of those who are young, optimistic, and on a mission. The story follows four boys who set out to travel the country in search of a fresh start: Emmett and Billy want to find their mother who left them when they were young, and Duchess and Woolly are on the hunt for a stashed wad of cash. Sometimes their dreams are aligned but often they are not. In other words, adventure

ensues: There's train hopping and car stealing, and with that comes the inevitability of trouble sparked from both good and bad intentions. Each of these young men is chasing his dreams, but their pasts—whether violent or sad—are never far behind. A remarkable work of storytelling that is a 2021 favorite. —*Al Woodworth, Amazon Editor*

We will plan to meet at the church on Wednesday, September 15 at 4:00 p.m. Hope you all have a wonderful and safe summer reading whatever you like and consider joining us in September for another season of Foreside Book Club. FMI: mimihinkel@gmail.com

Justice & Outreach Ministry Announces Next Mission Moment

John Messer of Falmouth spent two weeks working for World Central Kitchen (WCK), a US based NGO founded by Chef José Andrés. While WCK has over 100 locations in Poland and Romania, John was working in the main industrial kitchen located in Przemysl in southeast Poland. On several occasions he visited and worked overnight at various locations where Ukrainian refugees were living near the Ukrainian border in Poland and Ukraine.

Come and listen to John relive his experiences of “cooking with one ton of beef”, “making banana bread with 1,000 bananas and puréeing cooked fruit with a 3 1/2 foot immersion blender to make baby food. Since the first bomb dropped in Ukraine, WCK has served over 10 million meals with 6 million pounds of food. John will be speaking on Sunday, June 12, at 9:30 and will remain after the service to answers questions.



Cordon Bleu chef John Messer of Falmouth stirring the pot in Poland for Ukrainian refugees.

UPDATES, REPORT OUTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)



Thank you to all who walked or supported walkers for the 4 Community Walk to support Habitat for Humanity! It was a lovely day, and it was wonderful to see the smiles on the faces of the walkers as they set

out. An amazing \$15,000.00 was raised to support families who could not imagine finding a safe and affordable home without you. We hope that you will have a chance to visit either Freeport or our upcoming project in South Portland to appreciate the impact you have had. Thank you again. Resa Jones



Caroline Herter's daughters helped demonstrate toys



...and we collected money.....



...and then we rested!

It was a hot day, but was good fellowship and community building, and we should probably do it every year!

We had a great yard sale at the church on May 14th!

We cleaned our garages, traded some family treasures...



and made shoppers happy.....

We collected money for Ukraine and demonstrated electric vehicles and tools.....



June Birthday Greetings

Our Geminis ~ are quick-witted, excitable and inquisitive, they are curious about everything. They take a highly intellectual view of the world. Represented by the twins, they may have two sides to their personalities:

- 6 - Trevor Lavenbein**
- 10 - Wendi Maynard**
- 11- Pete Ventre**
- 16 - Reverend Jim Gertmenian**
- 20 - Deb Gray**

Our Cancers ~ are sensitive, emotional and receptive, they often put their hearts fully into anything they believe in. They are especially nurturing. Cancers have a hard shell to crack before you can get to their softer side:

- 25 - Shirley Pyles**
- 28 - Clifford Gilpin**

UPDATES, REPORT OUTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

**FCC's Men's Monthly
Breakfast Group**

cordially invites all gents to join them
in the FCC coffee area
on June 4
for great morning fare &
an energizing thought exchange
helpers should arrive @ 7:30 a.m.
breakfast served @ 8:30 a.m.
for more information
please contact John Bischof
@ jegbischof@gmail.com / 781-2391

July/August *Steeplenotes*

**Deadline Is Friday,
June 17, 2022**

The updated Members and Friends Directory
for 2022~2023
is now available.

Hard copies can be picked up in the office,
or either emailed or snail mailed to you directly.
Please email or call the office with your request.
781-5880 csklarz@foresidechurch.org

**WHY IS THIS SPACE EMPTY?
BECAUSE
YOU DID NOT TELL US
YOUR STORY!!**

Steeplenotes is your newsletter, and a powerful communication tool. Max it out!

All notices, articles, events related to members and friends, church events and
community doings are important and worth sharing.

Contact the church office. Let's talk!

COMMUNITY UPDATES

ATTENTION

ALL YOUNG MUSICIANS at FCC!!

This summer during the week of **August 1 through August 5**, a unique opportunity is available to any student entering grades 6 thru 9.

During these 5 days, you can gather with other musically inclined youth, no matter the level of experience, and play your hearts out! The training event will end with a “free to the public” recital on Friday afternoon, **all right here in the Fellowship Hall of The Foreside Community Church.**

You do not need to be an attending friend of member of the church, nor do your parents need to be affiliated. **This is open to all. Tuition is just \$150.00 for the week.**

For more information contact Tim Moyer at tmoyer92@gmail.com.

More details to follow on this event.

For now, you can also scan and review




MAKE MUSIC - MAKE FRIENDS - MAKE MEMORIES

SOUTHERN MAINE JAZZ CAMP

340 Foreside Rd, Falmouth
 August 1 - August 5
 Open to students entering grades 6 - 9
 Tuition: \$150

tmoyer92@gmail.com

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 9:30 a.m. hybrid worship schedule - <i>Rev. Susan Gilpin guest pulpit</i> (see pg. 3 for details)	6	7 9:15 a.m. Tues Morn Study Group 1 p.m. Knitting Group via Zoom 6:00 p.m. Bayside Condo lrg clssrm 6:20 p.m. Chancel Choir 6:45 to 9 p.m. Large AA Group 7:15 p.m. Bell Choir	8	9 9:00 a.m. "Bells of Casco Bay" practice in sanctuary	10 Church office closed. Staff on PTO.	11 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast (see pg. 7 for details) 9:00 a.m. Grounds Clean-Up Continues!!
12 9:30 a.m. hybrid worship schedule - <i>Rev. Susan Gilpin guest pulpit</i> (see pg. 3 for details) Mission Moment (see pg. 4 for details) 4:00 p.m. Youth Group	13 Church office closed. Staff on PTO. 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Ministry Mnthly Mtg.	14 9:15 a.m. Tues Morn Study Group 1 p.m. Knitting Group via Zoom 6:20 p.m. Chancel Choir 6:45 to 9 p.m. Large AA Group 7:15 p.m. Bell Choir	15	16 9:00 a.m. "Bells of Casco Bay" practice in sanctuary 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Mocktails on the Patio (see pg. 4 for details)	17 July/August Steeplenotes material submittal deadline	18
19 9:30 a.m. hybrid worship schedule - <i>Rev. Chuck Erb guest pulpit</i> (see pg. 3 for details)	20 7:00 p.m. Governing Board Mnthly Mtg.	21 9:15 a.m. Tues Morn Study Group 1 p.m. Knitting Group via Zoom 6:20 p.m. Chancel Choir 6:45 to 9 p.m. Large AA Group 7:15 p.m. Bell Choir	22	23 	24	25
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Daily Lectionary Readings for June 2022

Wed., June 1

Psalm 29
Ezekiel 3:12-21
Luke 9:18-27

Thurs., June 2

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Isaiah 32:11-17
Galatians 5:16-25

Fri., June 3

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Isaiah 44:1-4
Galatians 6:7-10

Sat., June 4

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 2
Kings 2:1-15a
Luke 5:1-11

Sun., June 5

Acts 2:1-21 or
Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17 or
Acts 2:1-21
John 14:8-17 [25-27]

Mon., June 6

Psalm 48
Joel 2:18-29
1 Corinthians 2:1-11

Tues., June 7

Psalm 48
Ezekiel 11:14-25
1 Corinthians 2:12-16

Wed., June 8

Psalm 48
Numbers 24:1-14
Luke 1:26-38

Thurs., June 9

Psalm 8
Proverbs 3:13-18
Ephesians 1:17-19

Fri., June 10

Psalm 8
Proverbs 3:19-26
Ephesians 4:1-6

Sat., June 11

Psalm 8
Proverbs 4:1-9
Luke 2:41-52

Sun., June 12

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

Mon., June 13

Psalm 83
Genesis 31:17-35
Galatians 3:1-9

Tues., June 14

Psalm 83
2 Samuel 19:31-43
Galatians 3:10-14

Wed., June 15

Psalm 83
Malachi 3:5-12
Mark 2:1-12

Thurs., June 16

Psalm 42 and 43
Genesis 24:1-21
Romans 2:17-29

Fri., June 17

Psalm 42 and 43
Job 6:14-30
Galatians 3:15-22

Sat., June 18

Psalm 42 and 43
Proverbs 11:3-13
Matthew 9:27-34

Sun., June 19

1 Kings 19:1-4 [5-7] 8-15a
Psalm 42 and 43
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

Mon. June 20

Psalm 59
2 Kings 9:1-13
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Tues., June 21

Psalm 59
2 Kings 9:14-26
Ephesians 2:11-22

Wed., June 22

Psalm 59
2 Kings 9:30-37
Luke 9:37-43a

Thurs., June 23

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
1 Kings 22:29-40, 51-53
2 Corinthians 13:5-10

Fri., June 24

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
2 Kings 1:1-12
Galatians 4:8-20

Sat., June 25

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 2
Kings 1:13-18; 2:3-5
Luke 9:21-27

Sun., June 26

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

Mon., June 27

Psalm 75
2 Kings 2:15-22
1 John 2:7-11

Tues., June 28

Psalm 75
2 Kings 3:4-20
Ephesians 5:6-20

Wed., June 29

Psalm 75
2 Kings 4:1-7
Matthew 10:16-25

Thurs., June 30

Psalm 30
2 Kings 4:8-17
Romans 7:14-25



STEEPLENOTES

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