



From Our Pastor

September. A beautiful time of dry, crisp air; being able to drive again on the Cape on the main roads; turning off the air conditioning and wearing a jacket in the evening; seeing glimpses of vibrant reds, oranges, and gold in the foliage.

September. Kurt Weill and others wrote songs about it. Wordsworth and Auden and others wrote poems about it. It is a month forever etched in our nation's history. It is a month of paradox: fresh anticipation of new beginnings as schools re-open and we resume our routines of activities and programs that had been suspended for the summer; yet at the same time a sacred poignancy acknowledging that the autumn season corresponds to the autumn of our lives.

One of the lines in Weill's/Anderson's *September Song* is "one hasn't got time for the waiting game." Often I think this is exactly what God would love to

sing to each one of us: "dear wonderful human beings whom I so lovingly created, I haven't got time for the waiting game." The waiting game of waiting for us to tend to our spiritual lives.

As a church, we are a community of care, of fellowship, of mission, of learning. But first and foremost, as a church we are a community seeking spiritual growth, seeking a deeper relationship with God. This September, and in the months to come, I invite you not to wait, but to open your hearts and minds to growing spiritually. Do you have the gift of prayer? Join the intercessory Prayer Group which meets Tuesdays at 11:00. Do you have a zeal to learn about the great thinkers and spiritual leaders of the past? Come to the study on Bonhoeffer in October, and Dostoevsky in November, and the Mystics in December. Do you wish to broaden your knowledge of the Bible? Come to the Friday morning Bible Study, or the Monday evening Bible, or the occasional Bible Studies that will be taught during the year. Do you have a passion for justice? Stay tuned for the work of the Faith and Justice Ministry.

Do you love music? Join the Chancel or Handbell Choirs. Do you love to teach? Share your gifts with the Church School. And..... Come to worship. Many exciting worship services are planned in which we will praise God, and grow in our Christian faith, and sing and share fellowship.

May this September, indeed the whole of this new program year, be a time of spiritual renewal in your life. Don't wait.

Love and blessings to you,

Sally

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

As we enter September we look forward to the kickoff of our church school program and the participation of the youth in our 10 AM Sunday worship services. We can all rejoice that we have so many young people actively involved in our church school.

In July, college scholarships were awarded by the church to five deserving members of our congregation. Congratulations to Kyle & Maddie Walters, Ross Witt-

Long, Diane Williamson, and Lianna Wissman. We wish you all the very best in your future endeavors.

Also in July, thanks to the efforts of Joan Christopher and Boots & Bob Gibson, we had a cookout at the Gibson's which gave folks a chance to meet some of the new members of our congregation. It was great opportunity for all to socialize as well as share their thoughts about the church. Thanks again to Boots & Bob for hosting.

At the end of July, Sally put together a terrific Jazz Vespers Service with Willie Sordillo performing on the sax and David Hunte on the piano on a Wednesday evening. It was great to see that more and more chairs had to be added prior to the service to accommodate this very well attended event. There were many new faces in attendance that evening which is a tribute to both Sally and our "Publicity Committee," who got the word out to the general public about this service.

In August, the Church FAIR was held and the weather could not have been better. Thanks again

to Debbie MacLachlan, Cathy Southworth, and Shirley Smith who helped organize the FAIR and all of the volunteers who donated their time and treasures.

The Trustees and Steve Downs of the Property Committee are hard at work discussing how we can improve both the physical appearance of the church as well as our HVAC needs. More to come on that subject in the coming months.

Thanks again to all the members who give their time and talents volunteering to make this church such a great house of worship.

Bob Wright

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As a result of numerous conversations (complaints) with Church members during the past month the Board is aggressively addressing the need for air conditioning in the complete Church building. In addition, the two heating furnaces in the basement are on their last legs and thus there is a need to solve this problem also. Our Treasurer advises there is a possibility funds could be available to cover some or all of the costs. Contractors have been contacted and we are in the process of receiving three or four proposals for complete new heating and air conditioning systems. Once we select a contractor, approval for the project has to be obtained from the Board of Trustees, the Cabinet and the Congregation. The time line on this may be 2 to 3 weeks to select a contractor and another month for approval. Work could commence and finish later this year.

Stewart Broatch



THE DEACON'S BENCH

As I was sitting on the beach at Great Island, Wellfleet, enjoying the day with our family I hoped that you were all having a good time with friends and family which is a great gift no matter what season of the year. However, I was wondering what I would write for this column. So, here it is!

I hope that those of you who participated in the Early Bird Services which are sponsored by the Deacons were pleased with the offerings. Now that we are back to our fall schedule, remember to contribute to the Deacon's Fund by using the blue envelopes which are found in the pews. During the summer, a sub-committee has been meeting with Rev. Sally to talk about worship, which has been a theme of the Board for this year.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 7.

Barbara Bertram



WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, September 19, we will celebrate as several people become new members of our church family. Have you thought you'd like to become a member, or would you like to know more about us? A "New Member Orientation/Inquirer's Class" will be held on Sunday, September 12 from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm – lunch will be provided – to give you an opportunity to find the answers to your questions. Please contact Rev. Sally or the church office (508 255-3060) to let them know of your intentions.

WALK RESULTS

To date, our participation in the *Housing With Love Walk* resulted in a contribution of \$2,306 to the Homeless prevention Council. Many thanks to walkers and contributors.

Phil Mitchell

CHURCH FAIR A BIG SUCCESS!!!

THANK YOU, thank you, one and all, to everyone who worked so hard to make our Annual FAIR such a success.

Although we don't have an official total yet, it looks like our profit will be well in excess of \$6,000!!! It was truly a team effort, from Priscilla and her cooks in the lobster kitchen, Janie Wilson and her elegant sartorial team of women, and Judy Melikian's army of baking volunteers. Returning for another year were our resident bookseller Sandy Stockwell, bankers Jean Souther and Ruth Burnham, our cheese-heads Russ, Bob & Jim, and Bill "The Toolman" MacLachlan. In addition, we had "Plant lady" Connie Newell, Linda and Jimmy "Mr. Grillman" Dishner, Ellen Whalen and Joan Christopher's toy and doll clothes selections, and everyone who helped with tables of household goods. Carol Sylver did a great job collecting all the wonderful donations that made the Silent Auction so successful and we especially want to thank people who donated goods, services, and vacation properties. Of special note is our

most revered cheerleader, Sally Norris, who personally flagged down cars on Main Street to shop at the FAIR! In addition to all the people who had specific duties and tables to manage, we had many tireless volunteers who helped with everything from setting up the day before, spelling people on Wednesday from their assigned table or task, and taking everything down again at the end of the day. Phil Mitchell did a great job organizing all the table and canopy logistics.

We are truly blessed to have such a dedicated, generous and loving congregation that shines in these special activities. Thank you all for helping to make our FAIR a success.

From your Co-Chairs:

*Debbie MacLachlan
Shirley Smith
Cathy Southworth*

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

Good news. One of our **Overnights of Hospitality** ladies, Jessica, got a live-in

position so she has left the Overnights program. This means that there are 3 women in the Overnights at this time.

Since January 1, 2010, eight women and six men who were part of the Overnights Program have found housing.

Jessica was so happy last night as she told me the great news. She wanted me to express her great gratitude to all the churches and their many volunteers who were there for her in the most loving ways during her time of great need. She said she will greatly miss all of this. "It's hard to believe that in the trauma of being homeless that there is something so beautiful as this for us."

On behalf of the Salvation Army, I want to express my great gratitude as well. Your Love and service, year after year has meant so much to so many of our Overnights guests. Together we have provided over 27,000 beds and have helped 542 men and women.

A number of men and women from the Overnights Program are still living at the Homeless Not

Hopeless, Inc. housing at 310 Ocean Street, Hyannis. These houses would never have happened without your great love and support.

Blessings,

Alan Burt, Coordinator
Overnights of Hospitality Program
Salvation Army (Hyannis Corps)

OVERNIGHTS OF HOSPITALITY

Participation in this mission has been so very important these past few months when many programs to assist the homeless have been endangered. A big Thank You to all who have volunteered!

The second Sunday of every month we provide hospitality to women in this program: volunteers to spend the night with them, drive, serve breakfast, and do laundry are needed. Please call Martha Livingston (255-7089) if you'd like to volunteer or find out more about "the program."

Martha Livingston

SINGLES BRUNCHES TO RESUME



The Singles Brunch will resume meeting in October. We plan to gather at noon the second Sunday of each month.

In October we have rescheduled to the 17th – the third week – so all may enjoy the Stewardship Luncheon and the speaker planned for that date.

Blessings,

Martha Livingston

STORAGE OF TABLES

Martin Gardiner has very generously stored a dozen of our old church tables in his garage for a few years. We find them useful at church fairs. It is now time to find another home for the tables. Do you have room in a garage, shed or barn? Please call Phil Mitchell at 508 255-1228.

A SPECIAL PRAYER SHAWL CEREMONY

One of the quieter but important



ministries at The Federated Church is the Prayer Shawl Ministry. More than one hundred prayer shawls have been knitted, dedicated, and given to members and friends of the church since 2003 when about a dozen members of our church began knitting prayer shawls. The shawls are always presented to the recipient with a prayer of blessing.

During this past July, a special, unique prayer shawl blessing took place in our sanctuary. One of our members had knit a lovely heathery-lavender colored prayer shawl to give to her Granddaughter to be worn on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah.

The shawl was presented in our sanctuary by Rev. Sally Norris who read from Scripture the story of Ruth. Ruth is not only the recipient's middle name – her Jewish name – but was also the name of her other grandmother. Ann Gunsalus read Moses' commandment from Deuteronomy, Anita Mewherter read a blessing and presented the shawl.

It was a special, moving, and ecumenical service.

Anita Mewherter

FEDERATED FRIENDS

You'll see in the September calendar in this issue that The Federated Friends will be meeting on Thursday, September 23 at 10 am. Have you wondered, "What's that"? This wonderful group of Federated Church members each visit some of the ill and homebound members and friends of our church. Anyone who would like a visit, or would like to join in this wonderful ministry, please call Connie Newell at 255-5495 or Sandy Clough at 508 255-3111.

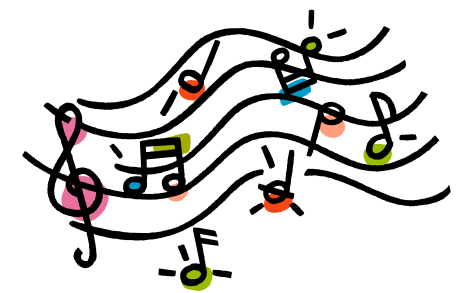
Connie Newell

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Music Director Betty Kelly will begin Chancel Choir rehearsals September 8th at 7:30 P.M. Choir members are reminded that the church will be shared that evening with the Am HaYam congregation to observe *Rosh Hashanah*, so the parking lot might be a bit crowded. New members are invited to attend as all singers are welcome. Choir rehearsals will continue every Wednesday evening at 7:30, and Sunday, September 19th will be the first Sunday when the Choir will return to church.

Jackie Stowell
for the

Music Committee



**WONDERFUL GIFT!
ELDREDGE FAMILY BEQUEST
HONORS FEDERATED CHURCH**

The Estate of Doris T. Eldredge, a dedicated and long-time member of the church, by way of the trust of Kenneth R. Eldredge, has made a bequest of over \$200,000 to the benefit of The Federated Church of Orleans. The first portion, for \$5,000, was received in May. At that time we learned that we would receive 32% of the remainder after other gifts had been made and expenses had been paid. In July we received a check for \$198,632.53, representing the remainder. This wonderful gift is unrestricted as to its use. The Trustees and the Cabinet are developing recommendations for consideration by the Congregation.

Bequests to The Federated Church of Orleans are an excellent way to enable the Church to continue its excellent work with the congregation and with the wider community. The Stewardship Committee would be pleased to assist in offering advice as to the specific terms of a bequest so that it truly

represents the values of the donors.

I would be pleased to answer questions about the Eldredge Bequest.

Keith W. Harrison
Treasurer

**CHURCH SERVICE
CONCLUDING WITH LUNCH**

This is an early announcement of the "Sunday Service Concluding With Lunch" on October 10th. The experience will be enlightening, indeed! More in the next *Parish Visitor*. Please save the date.

Phil Mitchell

BONHOEFFER

Rev. Wesley Williams and Phil Mitchell will offer four sessions on the brilliant and courageous Christian theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

The sessions will be held on Thursdays October 7, 14, 28, and November 4 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm, at the Orleans United Methodist Church.

An exception in terms of time will be the first session, October 7, when a 93 minute documentary film will be shown (different from the film shown at our church a few years ago).

At or before the first session the book, *Bonhoeffer for Armchair Theologians* will be available for \$13.00. The last three sessions will be based on the book. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Vestry the first of September.

Phil Mitchell

LOOKING AHEAD



Yes, there will be another *Reminiscences*, Number V, to be precise, this Fall, and a most interesting program is already in the works. So, mark the date, October 12 at 4 p.m. at the church.

And Don Heines has a beaut lined up: Dostoevsky's *Crime and Punishment*. Fear not; he has plenty of material to share with you to make the journey pleausrably challenging. Starting November 2 at 3:00.

All of this through the planning of the Christian Education Committee.

Don Heines

**TWO MORE COURSES ON
MYSTICS PLANNED**

Don and Jane Wick have agreed to lead two more courses on Mystics during the 2010 - 2011 year. Coming up during Advent will be sessions on mystics of other faiths:

Rumi, a Sufi; Thich Naht Hahn, a Buddhist; and
"a mystic to be named later."

In Lent, sessions on contemporary Mystics are planned. They will include Dag Hammarskjöld, Thomas Merton, Howard Thurman, and others.

Dates and times will be announced later. If you have mystics to suggest, please contact Jane Wick pronto so we can begin to gather information.

Don and Jane Wick

LESOTHO THANK YOU

We surpassed our goal of \$500.00 to provide books for the students of Masitise High School in Lesotho, Africa. In September, we will be sending a check to Mark Behle for \$700.00. A big thank you to all who contributed so generously!

Jean L. Souther



GREAT TIMES A'COMING – MARK THE CALENDAR

Yes, the *Let's Do Lunch* calendar for the fall has three great programs scheduled. Jimmy Parker has invited us back to his *Shipwreck Pub and Restaurant* in North Eastham.

The kick-off luncheon will be on October 20th at noon with a good friend of Phil Mitchell, The Rev. Dr. Andrew Armstrong, as the special guest. Dr. Armstrong, known as Andy to many, recently returned from leading a group

from his Acton Congregational Church to Haiti where they assisted with rehabilitation projects after the devastating earthquake. He will share some of their experiences in a struggling environment. More later.

The November meeting on the 17th will have Ben Martens as a guest. He will bring us up to date on the plight of local fishermen and the objectives of the Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association headquartered in Chatham.

The traditional All Church Pre-Holidays Gathering is set for Wednesday, December first, at the Courthouse behind the Jail House Restaurant on West Road, Orleans. This has developed into one of the highlights of the season and has generated a good turnout.

Do you know how Oxford, England prepares for Christmas? Or, have you heard four hands create music that sets the tone for the holidays?

You and your friends will have to attend to enjoy a delicious lunch and discover what

local "talent" can produce!

Len Tomat

LAY MINISTRY NEWS

Future Lay Ministry Events:

October – Thursdays 3:30 - 5:30 PM "Discovering Your Gifts and How to Use Them."

November 21 – Thanksgiving Bake Sale after church for you, friends who cannot cook, or those without family or places to go. Be thinking of favorite Thanksgiving recipes and/or making extra for the sale.

January 8 or 16 – Cabaret. Time to start planning and rehearsing your hidden talents! Setting will be different from the past, more in the round.

Our new members' picnic, held this summer at Bob and Boots Gibson's, once again was a wonderful display of meeting and getting to know each other better. If you are a new member or shortly going to be a new member and could not be present, try to come next year. You do not want to miss the

camaraderie or the Gibson's backyard. Thanks Boots and Bob for being such superb hosts!

We would like to thank the people who volunteered to send Birthday cards to our parishioners. It is so much appreciated. There is a sign-up sheet on the Vestry table if you would like to help send Birthday cards. If, in the past, you did not tell the office when your birthday takes place and you would like to receive a card, please give your name and birth date information to the office.

Happy Autumn! – *Boots Gibson, Helen (and Dick) Perrie, Betsy Wagner, Alice Weber, and Joan Christopher; also, Honorees Cathy Southworth, Louise Washburn, and Eric and Debra Ehnstrom.*

THE "MOVING FORWARD" CAMPAIGN"

To date, church members have responded generously to the "Moving Forward Campaign" in the amount of \$8,266, plus several pledges to come in. Our goal is \$9,600. Many thanks to all who have participated, to date, to help balance our church budget.

Phil Mitchell

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Federated Church of Orleans Scholarship Fund was established with a generous gift from Max Kerns in memory of his wife, Jean. Additional funds were received from the Ralph and Bertha Knowles bequest, recent donations in memory of Phyllis Burlingame, as well as from contributions by our congregation.

Our congregation is to be praised for supporting our young people and families in achieving their goals. Scholarship Sunday was celebrated on July 25, 2010

with the awarding of five scholarships:

Kyle Walters Maddie Walters
Diane Williamson Ross Witt
Long.....Lianna Wissman

After the above awards, the Scholarship Fund had a balance of only \$14,635.29. We certainly want to continue the support of our young people. Any contributions you could make to "The Federated Church of Orleans Scholarship Fund" would help to rebuild the fund. You may make an immediate contribution and/or consider naming the Scholarship Fund in your estate planning.

The Endowment Committee:

*John Burlingame Steve Downs
Jim Gunsalus Jean Souther
Russ Stockwell*

BIBLE STUDIES

Just a reminder of the ongoing Bible Studies that are available at The Federated Church.

The Friday Bible Study had a summer treat of meeting each week at Skaket Beach. However the rest of the year its members

meet in the Fellowship Room at the church and begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. Refreshments are available. Facilitated by Rev. Don Wick. Please call 508 255-3060 ext. 31 to be sure of their location each week.

On Monday nights at 7:00 pm, The Federated Church and the Orleans United Methodist Church join in a Bible Study, meeting at the Methodist Church. The evening is facilitated by Rev. Sally Norris and Rev. Wesley Williams.

If anyone would like an occasional Bible Study at another time, please let Rev. Sally know.



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MEETING HOUSE PRESCHOOL School Year 2010-2011

The Summer Program was a gigantic success. We had fifteen magnificent children; some from our school year program and some who will be joining us in the fall. The theme of the summer was "Bringing Back the Old: Nursery Rhymes." The teachers and I felt that the good old nursery rhymes that we grew up with are disappearing from our literary works. We wanted to have the children experience the wonderful rhythm patterns and song-like qualities of rhymes. In addition, we wanted to have the

families be reminded of the rhymes that they may have heard in their youth. Well, we had an amazing response to the nursery rhyme theme. The children loved singing and reciting them; the families loved hearing the rhymes. At the end of the day, we could hear the adults and child reciting the rhymes as they skipped to their car. It was a fantastic sight to be seen and to hear. The teachers and I also learned the history behind the rhymes - some were not so pleasant. If you are interested in the history of nursery rhymes just *Google* (via internet) "nursery rhyme history" and you will be amazed what you will find. We were!

I am delighted to report that the Meeting House Preschool was inspected and evaluated by the Department of Early Education and Care of Massachusetts. The preschool passed with flying colors. We were the first preschool on the Lower Cape that was inspected under the New Regulations. The Licensor was very impressed with our facility and our teachers. I am very proud of the Preschool Teachers, Susan Kiklis and Susan Wilcox. They set the standard for all

teachers in the Early Childhood Profession. They have dedicated their time and talents to making the lives of children and families healthier and making the world a safer place for children. A big thank you goes out to Sue and Sue. Another thank you goes to my family, the Vigneau's, Chris, Little Chris, Lili, and Mikey. Plus, I have to especially thank my husband, Chris; he works extremely hard for our family. After working his long days, he spent countless hours helping me get the preschool ready for the State Inspection. Even though he may never read this article, "Thank you, Chris, for all you do for me and for the families of the Meeting House Preschool. I love you." ☺.

The School Year is about to begin and I am eagerly waiting for the children to arrive. The teachers and I have been preparing all summer for making it a smooth transition for the children to enter into this new environment. The preschool has space for a few more preschool age children. So, please tell your family, your friends, and neighbors about the exceptional little school that is located in the lower level of The Federated Church. Tell them we

offer tuition assistance, tell them we support their children even if they're not toilet trained (yes, we do!) tell about all the special activities we do, and have them call us, we would love to show them the Meeting House Preschool.

Thank you to all the friends of the preschool for your support and prayers.

Peace and Good Health,

Maureen Vigneau
Director

Coming in September:

Sept. 6 - Labor Day Office Closed

Rosh Hashanah Observance by
Am HaYam:

Sept. 8, 7:00 P.M. Wednesday

Sept. 9, 10:00 A.M. Thursday,

Yom Kippur Observance by
Am HaYam:

Sept. 17 - 7-10 PM, Friday

Sept. 18 - 10 a.m. to Sundown,
Saturday

Sept. 19 – Rally Day –
Sunday School Kick-off
New Members Join
Film re: Back Bay Mission,

Sept. 26, 10:00 A.M. Worship –
Guest Worship Leader –
Rev. Joshua Crowell.