



From Our Pastor

I recently had the wonderful opportunity to share a meal with two of the 250 stars who make The Federated Church what it is – Joan Christopher and Cathy Southworth. During the course of the conversation two questions arose: *What is your vision for the Church? What is your vision for yourself?* What fabulous questions! And how well-timed!

When you receive this edition of the *Parish Visitor* it will be the merry month of May – or as Shakespeare wrote, “as full of spirit as the month of May” -- wonderful, long hours of daylight; Mother’s Day; Memorial Day weekend – the unofficial beginning of summer and the famous Cape Cod summer traffic and admission charges to the beach. But this lovely month also includes one of the most inspiring and transforming days of the church year: May 23 is *Pentecost*. “Oh no,” you may be

thinking – “not another one of these mysterious church celebrations!”

Pentecost marks that day 2000 years ago when the disciples were gathered after the death and resurrection of Jesus. (Please read Acts 2 for full detail!). It was a most unexpected day. Out of nowhere, the Holy Spirit in the rush of a wind came upon the disciples and they were each filled with a strength, and an ability, and a capacity for imagination that they had not had previously experienced. Their lives were transformed. They began to speak the Good News of love and inclusivity and justice with passion. They began to fervently spread the Gospel. They let their imaginations fly, envisioning a new world where the love of Christ would reign.

None of us actually knows if the events in Acts took place the way they were recorded. But that day obviously changed the lives of the disciples in significant ways. None of us can probably definitely say what the Holy Spirit is and does. Indeed, some of us may even doubt that the Holy Spirit exists or has importance to our

faith (after all, we are a Federated Church: UCC and UUA!) But I want to advocate for the Holy Spirit, even if it cannot be precisely defined.

The Holy Spirit is that forward-looking imagination that God has given to each of us. It is the forward-looking imagination that God expects us to use as we consider our individual lives, our church, and our world. And so, the questions that Cathy and Joan and I discussed – *What is your vision for the Church?* and *What is your vision for yourself?* – are the Pentecost questions God is asking of you. These are essential questions for your life, questions that we must always keep at the forefront of our thinking and being. Your imaginative thoughts and actions about the church will ensure its vitality for years to come. Your imaginative thoughts and actions about yourself will ensure your vitality of spirit, regardless of your age. We often think that that we are too old to think about a vision for ourselves. But whether you are 9 or 90, whether you are working or retired, God wants, indeed expects, you to use your imaginative thoughts and actions to speak with passion the

Good News of love that God gives to us: Christ. God needs you to be open to the working of the Holy Spirit in your life and in your world.

What is your vision for the Church? What is your vision for yourself? May these Pentecost questions enliven your spirit and enliven the world just as the day of Pentecost enlivened the spirits of the disciples. Speak with passion the grace and love of God!

Spring blessings to you,

Sally

Imagine the Holy Spirit



FROM THE MODERATOR

Although it is only May, it is not too early to start planning for the 2010 Summer FAIR in August. I want to thank Cathy Southworth, Debbie MacLachlan, and Shirley Smith who have all volunteered to organize this year's FAIR. Please contact them if you want to lend your special talents to the annual fair or if you have quality merchandise you would be willing to donate. This is a very important fundraiser for our church and all are welcome to participate.

A special thanks to both Steve Downs (Property Committee) and Russ Stockwell (Memorial Garden Committee) and all their members and others who did a Spring clean-up of the church grounds and the Memorial Garden in April. The Memorial Garden, as well as the church grounds, have never looked better due to the efforts of all who volunteered their time.

Lastly, thanks to our "publicity committee." Please make sure to check for the brochure in the church pew that has dates and times for services and special

events scheduled for the coming months.

Bob Wright

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Russ Stockwell advised the Trustees of the recommendations to move the garden fountain to the center of the Memorial Garden. The move has been accomplished, and the fountain is a special addition from Art Mattot to beautify our Memorial Garden. Thank you, Art.

We are over our half way to the goal of \$9,600 in the Moving Forward Campaign so let's keep it moving.

An investigation is in progress to determine the best method for accessing the church for handicapped people.

The next meeting will be May 13th at 9:00 A.M.

Jackie Stowell



FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH

**"An Adventure in the Making!
A journey to share with you
now
and in the future"**

Dear Congregation
of The Federated Church,

On April 10th we started a journey down Main Street, left onto Beach Road, and a right turn to Martha Livingston's house; a beautiful view with sun shining on the marsh and ocean. Our Tour Director, Sally, was ready to have us look at the "Map" for our Deacon's Retreat.

The first stop was to address Worship, as we as a board have viewed it in our past, and discussed various ways to address changes in the presentation during a service. This perhaps may involve more participation with the congregation, children, music, prayers, stories, scripture readings and sermons. In sight is creating "Food for Thought," energizing spirit, and bonding us all together in worship.

We as Deacons felt that this was a journey that will take us all

along many roads, avenues, and lanes of spiritual thinking and presentation for us as Deacons and you the Congregation.

We are truly dedicated to this Journey and hope that all of you will join us as we prepare for the future.

Note: Our regular Deacons meeting was prior to the retreat. Several items to note: The Board voted Bill MacLachlan into office as Vice Chair of the Board of Deacons; a subcommittee for Posted Emergency Procedures has been recommended to meet in the near future; and Deacon of the Month will address all events in the Sanctuary for that month.

Complete minutes are always available in the "Board and Committee Minutes" notebook located above the mailboxes in the parlor.

In Faith,
For The Board of Deacons,

Nancy Bush

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

EASTER was a glorious day for all the children! Our children's singing with the Handbell and Chancel Choirs was a wonderful tribute to the resurrection of our friend Jesus. Lots of children ran around the church yard finding Easter eggs of all shapes, sizes and flavors. A wonderful time was had by all the visiting children, too!

FOLLOWING Easter our curriculum has gone from learning about Jesus the child, the man, and the Holy Spirit to the Heifer Project International. We are learning about the mission of Heifer and how it helps families around the world by giving an animal - this year goats - to a family. Heifer teaches the family how to care for the goats, provides food, medicine and a pen for the goats. The goat provides the family with milk and milk products to nourish them. The excess is sold for money which pays for schooling. The school children in turn teach their siblings and parents to read. When the goat has a baby, the kid is passed on to another family providing the same benefits. Passing on the Gift, the gift of

caring for an animal that gives back is the theme of Heifer. Your generous donations have purchased two goats and our minimum goal is three goats. Please help our children to provide for other families less fortunate. Help our goats reach the top of the mountain. See for yourself in the vestry!

EXCITING news for our youth who are eleven to eighteen years old! We have a youth group formed with the Orleans United Methodist Church! Sam Walters and Kallie Hannon will be our representatives with adult leaders Pastor Norris, Nick Muto and Tina Williamson. The Methodist Church will have two children representatives with Reverend Wes Williams and leader Frank Gator. Our first meeting with parents was enthusiastic. We will keep you informed of all their adventures. All children eleven to eighteen and their friends will be welcome at our first meeting TBA. Stay tuned!

MOTHER'S DAY will be celebrated at the church on Sunday, May 9 at 9:15 in the Fellowship Room. Mothers, be looking for an invitation in the mail!

BLANKET SUNDAY will be celebrated on May 9 and 16. We will be asking you to honor a loved one by purchasing a blanket for \$5 each to be given to the Church World Service Blanket Fund. Thank you in advance!

GREAT ANTICIPATION is in the spring air for our celebration of our Sunday school children. See what they have in store to honor you, our congregation. **Sunday, May 23 is Children's Sunday!**

PS Keep saving those flip top can tabs and box tops for children.

LOOKING for somewhere to volunteer only a couple of hours a week, want to feel young and energized, want to read fun stories, do crafts, play games, laugh and have fun? Become a Sunday school teacher for a day, week, month or a year, your choice, but, we really do need you. Call or see Tina and say, "I'll share my time, I'll teach." A curriculum and lesson plan is in place, just do it, you will enjoy it!

Blessings to all of you who are so kind and loving to the children of our church, Tina Williamson

GALACTIC BLAST: A VBS Space Adventure! August 16-19, 2010

Mark your calendars now for a fun-filled voyage into outer space. At Galactic Blast, our space cadets will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on God's creation, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. Galactic Blast will have our cadets developing a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Once again, the Orleans UMC and The Federated Church of Orleans will journey together on this mission. This year we will offer a 4 day, Monday-Thursday program from 9am-12:30pm concluding with our 3rd annual barbecue, this year's theme being Galactic Grub Get-Together at Wesley House Space Center.

There are many opportunities to volunteer your time, talents, \$\$ donations. Watch for more info....May the Force Be With You!!!



MEETING HOUSE PRESCHOOL

3 Special Guests

The preschool has been blessed with three little kids; I should say three baby goats. When my son, Mikey, informed me that the mama goats had their babies, I never thought it was going to be a lesson in caring, understanding, and most of all, love.

Day One: Welcome to the Preschool World: Chad, Izzie, and Wilma. They were so tiny -only about two weeks old and still learning how to use the bottle. In deciding to tell the tale of Three Billy Goats Gruff I knew I would use my normal felt board story and a picture book to tell the tale. But this time I had a surprise. I told the children, I needed more assistance in telling the story and as they sat in their chairs, I brought in each goat. The goats were still wobbly on their little legs and did not know what to make of all the laughter that surrounded them. Each baby explored each child by smelling and jumping around. The preschool children were excited to see the babies; at first I don't think they knew what they were, I guess I wouldn't either. A connection between the preschool

kids and the goat kids was instantly formed. Well, I never finished the story and that was alright by me. While the children ate their lunch the baby goats made high pitch cries from the other room as to say, "Hey, where are you guys? We want to play." After lunch, we brought all the kids to the playground where I showed the children how to feed them -- how to hold each one tightly and try to help them put the bottle in their mouth. After feeding the goats, I carefully watched the preschool children as the baby goats wobbled around the playground. The children were so gentle and kind with them. They knew to be careful.

Day Two: Are they coming to visit? Yes, but this time for our older group of children. The children were intrigued by the goat's behavior. "Why are they doing that, jumping on everything? We need to watch them so the hawks don't get them. Why can't their goat family take care of them?" All very good questions! The mama goats were just not up to the task of feeding their off-spring. So a few of us have volunteered to feed them every 3-4 hours.

During rest-time, it was quite comical to watch the church visitors look around to see where the strange noise was coming from; little did they know we had "kids" in the playground.

Days to follow....The preschool question of the day: are the baby goats coming? As the goats grew stronger, they explored the playground even more. They love going up and down on the ramp of the ship, nibbling on the dry brown leaves, and chasing after the children. As I watched them, a little boy was quoting the rules of the ship to the goats in a very matter of fact manner. "Hey, stop that! No rough housing on the ramp, you can only go up the ramp not down, you can use the slide or the fire pole to get down." We let the goats break the rules.

As the goats get older, they are little bit more curious and getting into everything. They got into a package of connected computer paper and completely wrapped themselves up in it. As I tried to unwrap the goats, a child said, "Mrs. Vigneau, they are not very good listeners!"

Finally, the baby goats were ready to be fed by the preschoolers. On the first day, the goats were crazy, jumping all around. In all the commotion, a bottle slipped out of my hands and spilled all over a little girl. The milk covered her hair and her coat; I give her credit; she was completely fine with the situation. She laughed it off. "Its' O.K. Mrs. Vigneau accidents happen," she said with a big smile. "Thanks for understanding," I replied. The preschool children take turns feeding them. We take them for a walk each day when they visit. I think the goats feel as if the children are part of their herd. Then came time for the preschool families to see them, I could only hope that they would see the experience of the baby goats as a positive one. Their comments: "What are they?" "Are they sleeping under the desk over there, they are too cute." "I just love watching them hop around and run sideways." One family was having a stressful day. They said to me that they felt so much better because the goats made them laugh. Grandparents would share stories of their goats when they were growing up. Stories of friendships they had with their pets. I could tell that the

conversation between grandparent and grandchild would last for awhile as they would skip to the car.

So, how can three little goats change the view of your life? The Baby Goats brought laughter, understanding, caring, friendship, humor, kindness, accidents, patience, and a bond of love that each child and adult will hold close to their hearts and memories that will last a life time.

Thank you, baby goats, we are blessed to have you in our lives.

With a Side Ways Jump,

Maureen Vigneau



MUSIC COMMITTEE

Our successful Afternoon of Songs from the Golden Age of American Music is now behind us with thanks to Richard Busch and Ann Martindale.

The next meeting of the Music Committee will be May 16th. Please mark your calendars.

Jackie Stockwell

LESOTHO FOLLOW THROUGH

Those who attended Mark Behle's Lenten Vesper service detailing his work at Masitise High School in the Kingdom of Lesotho, Africa, were impressed by his efforts to educate the young people of this impoverished nation. As a math teacher his emphasis is on the academic, physical (basketball coach) and spiritual (faculty advisor to the Scripture Union of Lesotho) wellbeing of his students.

Through power point, photographs and Mark's personal anecdotes, we became acquainted with the struggle Lesotho's young people have to secure an education. One of their major problems is finding the funds to pay tuition and purchase books. Many students cannot obtain books. I know when I taught at Masitise for a semester in 2007, I found it extremely difficult to teach when many students did not have books.

At the end of Mark's presentation, the audience asked, "What can we do to help?" Mark answered, "Send funds for book scholarships." I hope that many of you will want to do this.

Please make checks payable to The Federated Church of Orleans and note on the memo line: "Mark Behle-Lesotho." These checks will be accumulated and one check will be sent to Global Ministries for Mark Behle's account.

I know the young people at Masitise High School will thank you. Please be generous!

Jean L. Souther

Board of Mission and Social Concerns

UCC NEW ENGLAND WOMEN'S CELEBRATION VIII

Imagine 800 women worshipping, praying, singing, talking, listening, eating, laughing, crying, and sharing. Yes, that happened at the New England Women's Celebration VIII in Burlington, VT in March from Friday evening to Sunday noon. Cathy Southworth and Barbara Bertram joined these women--mothers, daughters, grandmothers, granddaughters, many high school young women-- a truly intergenerational happening. The ages ranged from 6 weeks to age 90! We heard inspirational speakers talk

about their faith and life experiences. The preaching was awe inspiring as well as the worship services. Many workshops were offered on a variety of subjects. This was Cathy's first time attending and she said that it was an empowering experience. This was Barbara's fifth time and she thought it was the best yet. One of the women said it was her first time and she was a new member of the United Church of Christ. She said after attending the celebration she knew she had made the right decision to join the UCC and was going home to tell her pastor. Now that you have read this far, are you ready to go? The only sad part is that it is only held every four years. So, when the time arrives, Cathy and I will be ready to have you join us for another unbelievable experience.

Barbara Bertram

FUNDRAISING EVENT GUIDELINES

We thought it a good idea to print the following again for those who may be planning upcoming events.

1. Fundraising must be in support of a church related activity.
2. Sponsorship by one of the existing church boards or committees is required (i.e. Christian Education, Music, Mission & Social Concerns, etc.).
3. Sponsor must clear the date with the church office. The office will advise the Senior Pastor of the request.
4. The sponsoring board or committee will present their request for this activity to the Moderator for presentation to the Cabinet. The Cabinet normally meets once a month so this requires prior planning on the part of the sponsor.

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THANK YOU FROM PROVINCETOWN!

The requests for your favorite casseroles were answered with enthusiasm and culinary skills...for which the clients at the Cape Cod AIDS Support Group Tuesday Night dinner were **so appreciative!** We wish we could have recorded their individual "thank you" to you all and the empty dishes! THANK YOU all for a very successful evening, April 13, which we hope we'll repeat in the Fall. And please be sure to thank the folks at Phoenix Fruit for their generous contribution when you frequent their store.

Since we have limited space in their kitchen, we can only take 4 servers, but with some new volunteers, we share this meaningful event!

We shall let you know when we schedule the next meal...and ask for your assistance.

Anita Mewherter, Dick and Helen Perrie, Marje Weidig, Louise and Paul Washburn, Pam and Ken Chase

ANNUAL CHURCH FAIR

The tentative date for our Annual Church FAIR is Saturday, August 14th.

Please feel free to make suggestions or offer to help. We thank all those who have agreed to continue in the jobs they had last year.

Debbie MacLachlan
Cathy Southworth
Shirley Smith



A BIG THANK YOU TO COFFEE SERVERS

The social time following Sunday morning worship has become a traditional part of The Federated routine. But, this opportunity to enjoy fellowship, even for a brief time, requires volunteers to make the coffee, set up and clean up.

To those volunteers the congregation owes a big thank you.

For the coming months the Sunday routine may be a bit different - end of church school, Early Bird programs, summer time. But, coffee and punch will continue to be there. Volunteers will be needed. Sign-up coordinators for the coming months are:

May - Nick Muto and Len Tomat
June - Will Gardner
July - Paul Washburn
August - Jim Gunsalves
September - Rick Wilson.

Please note that Café Salvador distributed by Equal Exchange Fairly Traded Gourmet Coffee has been served for a couple of years.

Len Tomat

OVERNIGHTS OF HOSPITALITY

A recent message from Alan Burt of the Salvation Army informed us that the need is increasing for shelter for the homeless.

I am grateful that our church family participates in caring for women every second Sunday night by providing safe, comfortable accommodations and (equally important) TLC. In 2009 over 60% of the women in this program moved on to independent living.

In March we hosted 4 women and in April 3. Each overnight requires 10 volunteers. Please look into your hearts and call Martha Livingston (255-7089) if you can help by providing breakfast, transportation etc. for these sisters in Christ on Sunday, May 9th (or any other 2nd Sunday).

Thank you.

Martha Livingston

SINGLES BRUNCH

We continue to gather together every first Sunday at 12:30 for a potluck.

May 2nd we will enjoy Ginny Crozier's hospitality - 240-1200

June 6th Cathy Southworth has invited us to her home.

Please look for the sign-up sheets in the vestry and let us know if you are planning to attend and what you'd like to contribute.

Martha Livingston

MAY FUND RAISING EVENTS NAUSET JUICE BAR YOUTH CENTER AND FINCH SKATEBOARD PARK

Spelling Bee: Nauset Together We Can presents the 11th annual Paulie Powers Memorial Spelling Bee at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 7, at the Orleans Elementary School, 46 Eldredge Parkway. Three-member teams will compete for the championship. Registration is \$100 per team. Registration forms are available from the Juice Bar Director at 508-247-0380 or by emailing

director@nausetjuicebar.org. We are sure The Federated Church has wonderful spellers. How about giving the event a try and forming a team??? Come to be part of the enthusiastic audience cheering on favorite teams. This is a fun evening and refreshments are available!!

Chicken Parmesan Dinner:

Our annual chicken parmesan dinner will be held at the Orleans-Eastham Elks Club, 1 McCoy Road, Eastham, from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 20th. Salad and dessert are included for \$10.00 per person, and pasta is available as an alternative. Take out is available also. Please see Chris King, Carolyn Witt, or Pat and Don Powers on Sunday, May 16th or before for advance tickets or call 508-240-0228 to reserve. Tickets will also be available at the door, but advance ticket sales are much appreciated!! Past dinners have been excellent, and we hope to see you there! The Juice Bar and the Skateboard Park are doing well. Many thanks again for the continued financial support from our church and our members for many years.

Chris King

READ THIS ONLY IF YOU CARE

Food Certificates are way down. Only the same few people regularly buy them and last time I knew we all needed to eat.

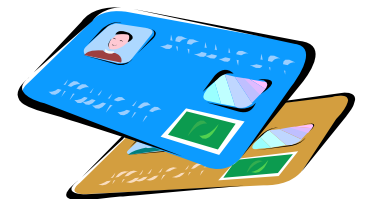
For those of you who may be unaware of how the program works, it is simple. Merely bring your checkbook or cash to church and after the service see Carolyn in the far corner (by the bulletin boards).

Instead of paying at the store, you purchase a food card for the store of your choice (Stop & Shop, Shaw's, Friends, Phoenix). It costs no more than paying at the store. You then use it like a debit card.

Now, here comes the good part. For every card sold, a 5% donation is made to the Homeless Prevention Council in Orleans. They do wonderful work helping prevent homelessness.

Please give it a try. You'll be amazed how good it makes you feel!

Carolyn Witt



MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY

On Friday, May 7, 2010, **Church Women United** will gather at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Hall on Quaker Road, North Falmouth. The theme of the meeting is "Living the Vision" with Beth Murphy, founder of Principle Pictures, as the presenter. Beth will share parts of her film "Beyond Belief," highlighting the extraordinary journey of Susan Retik and Patti Quigley. Both were widowed in 9/11, and they dedicated themselves to empowering Afghan widows ravaged by decades of war, poverty, and oppression-factors they consider to be the root causes of terrorism. They have truly "lived the vision" upon which CWU was found.

We are invited to join together from 2-5 PM for worship, speaker, refreshments, and the presentation of some of our Young Church Women United. The cost of this interesting program will be \$10.00. The fellowship of the Least Coin Offering will be dedicated at this Celebration, uniting us with our sisters all over the globe.

Please sign-up on the sheet in the Vestry if you would like to attend. Reservations need to be submitted by **May 1, 2010**. Make checks payable to **CWU of Cape Cod**. See Nan Cook with your payment check, and if you have any questions or would like to car-pool.

P.S. Check the Vestry bulletin board for a second CWU event May 15, 2010: MA/RI Annual Assembly in Hyannis!

OPPORTUNITIES

Day Retreat Opportunities

Edwina Gateley - June 12, 2010 "Discipleship in Turbulent Times" through exploring scripture and contemporary experiences we will discover how we are called to recognize and nurture God's presence wherever we may be. We will see how God empowers us to move mountains and to make a difference in our world!

Joyce Rupp – September 25, 2010

"Embracing the Heat of Compassion." Compassion can change a heart, change a life, and change a world. Joyce Rupp

explores the depths of this vital quality from many dimensions, including science, medicine, theology, spirituality, sociology, and psychology.

For full retreat details and to register online to www.peaceoncapecod.org or call Kevin York (Board President) at 508 428-6248.

Rose Wagner

THE "MOVING FORWARD" CAMPAIGN – ON THE MOVE!

As of Sunday, April 18, 49 pledge units have paid or pledged over \$5,213. We are a bit more than half way toward our goal for supporting the addition of two essential part-time staff members, Anita Mewherter as Parish Caller and Sarah Tanner as Office Assistant.

The Stewardship Committee suggests that a \$100 additional gift by each pledge unit would provide adequate funding for these two positions. If you have not yet acted on this suggestion, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Please use the yellow card enclosed with the mailing so that we might accurately reflect your wishes when we record your gift. If you cannot locate your yellow card, just call Phil Mitchell at 508 255-1228 and he will see that you receive one, or stop in at the church office.

Many, many thanks for a good response to date.

Your Stewardship Committee

MEMORIAL GARDEN ACTIVITIES

We had our spring clean-up on Saturday, April 10th. The whole (well, almost all) Memorial Garden Committee participated. It was held in conjunction with the whole church clean-up as others joined us and much was accomplished around the Church. Be sure to let the helpers know how spruced up things look.

We also had the major task of bringing the Matott Fountain into the Memorial Garden. A great deal of thanks goes to Don Connelly who is an FCO friend. We used his Bobcat to help us move the fountain's large & heavy pieces from 14 Phoebe's Close to the Church. Others who helped in this endeavor were Steve Downs, Bob Snow, Dave King, and Keith Harrison. We hope we haven't forgotten anyone.

The fountain will run automatically from mid-morning through lunch time daily, after we install a new pump next week. Please take a moment to look at it; it enhances the beauty and serenity of the area – especially when it is gurgling.

We will be having a dedication of the Matott Fountain donation in May. Watch for the date.

Ginnie Crozier & Russ Stockwell

TRIBUTES



The flowers and plants that are placed in our sanctuary, on the landing and the upper narthex each Sunday are given in memory or in honor of others or given in celebration of special life events, and are a very special part of our worship services. The following were given in April:

April 4

Our thanks and appreciation go to our Flower Committee and members of our church for the beautiful spring garden in our Sanctuary on Easter morning.

The flowers on the landing were given by Rose, Joshua and Victoria Wagner in memories of all their family members and friends now rejoicing with the Risen Christ.

The arrangement in the upper narthex was given by Jan Barton and family in loving memory and celebration of the life of Theobald Schmitt.

April 11

The flowers in the sanctuary were given by John Burlingame in memory of loved ones.

The arrangement on the landing was given by Ruth Burnham, in gratitude.

The arrangement in the upper narthex was given by Beverly Thomas in memory of Polly Camp Carson and Kathy Bourque. Beverly is the grandmother of Ellery Lawton Thomas who was baptized on this day.

April 18

The flowers in the sanctuary were given by Marje Weidig in loving memory of her mother, Jessica Wells Lawrence.

The arrangement on the landing was given by Peter and Pat Bampos in celebration of their second wedding anniversary.

April 25

The flowers in the sanctuary were given by Jan Eaton in loving memory of her husband, Frank.

The arrangement on the landing was given by Sheila Kelley in loving memory of her brother, Tom Dahill.

THE FLOWER COMMITTEE SAYS...

The Flower Committee members "in charge" for May are Joan Barnett (255-1930) and Lyn Oleksiak (240-3557). In June Jean Uebele (255-7618) and Louise Washburn (255-2260) share the responsibilities. Our schedule is posted on the bulletin board next to the flower refrigerator in the kitchen. Do contact one of us if you have a time when you would like to contribute. Again, thank you for all your contributions and assistance.

In Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the families of ~



Madge Crossley, who died on March 21st. Her memorial service was held at the Nickerson Funeral Home on April 9; The Rev. Sally Norris officiated.

Ben Falk, who died on March 26th. His memorial service was held at the Nickerson Funeral Home, officiated by The Rev. R. Gordon Major.

Iris Read, who died on April 17th. Her memorial service was held in our sanctuary on May 2nd, and was officiated by The Rev. Sally Norris.

AROUND THE UCC

Dear Friends in Christ,

"No one hears the cries of the poor, or the sound of a wooden bell." Haitian proverb

Thank you for being among the compassionate who have heard the cries of our sisters and brothers in Haiti and have responded with a generous donation to the United Church of Christ Haiti Earthquake Relief fund. We recorded your gift of \$367.00() on 2/28/10 for Haiti Relief as per your request.*

The United Church of Christ is using Haiti Earthquake relief funds to support the relief efforts of several partners including Church World Service, ACT Alliance and Global Ministries.

UCC supported efforts include distribution of water, food packages, blankets, hygiene and baby kits and medicines and medical supplies. We are also engaged in construction of temporary water systems and latrines.



Haiti Earthquake relief funds will also be utilized in the months and years to come, as we accompany our Haitian sisters and brothers on the long, long journey of recovery, restoration and renewal.

Thank you for making the journey possible.

Sincerely,

*Susan M. Sanders
One Great Hour of Sharing
Administrator*

**Note: Our contribution to Haitian Relief is \$3,043 to date.*

Helen, Wells and Martha Grogan want to thank the many friends from the church for their cards, telephone calls, flowers and food that we received in March. Helen is making good progress after her heart surgery and Wells has recovered from his skin cancer surgery. All your greetings, best wishes and prayers were a blessing to all of us.
Helen Grogan

Dear Friends,

I write on behalf of the Board of Directors of Lower Cape Outreach Council to thank you for your generous gift of mittens, gloves and hats. We appreciate your thoughtfulness in making our mission a priority. Thank you for choosing to help your neighbors through Lower Cape Outreach Council.

LCOC tries to help every client as they go through tough times, especially at this challenging point. We are only able to help through the generosity of people and organizations, such as The Federated Church, who make such thoughtful and welcome donations.

*K. Malloy
The Board of Directors,
And Volunteers, LCOC*

UU OPPORTUNITIES

WINE COUNTRY HOLIDAY

The UU's of Napa, California proudly announce a new season of Wine Country Excursions. They offer a variety of options for an inside look at one of America's most beautiful areas, internationally known for fine wines, gourmet dining and spectacular vistas.

There is much to see and do in the Napa and Sonoma Valleys: e.g. wine tasting at renowned and boutique wineries; visits to art galleries and museums; exploring the natural beauty of the hills and valleys on miles of hiking and bike trails or by car on the highways and back country roads.

Two choices are offered: Both start with comfortable lodging in members' homes with full breakfast (up to 3 nights). You can choose a 2-day "Wine Country Excursion; a guided, personalized tour conducted by one of their members – some with wine industry experience – or lodging and self-guided touring. If desired, they provide guidance, maps, etc.

The program runs from April through October. The fees are below market rate for similar services and all proceeds go to their small fellowship. For complete details contact Tom Wilson (707- 254-7443) or 2wilsons1dog@comcast.net.

QUILTING, KNITTING – WOMEN'S CONFERENCES at FERRY BEACH

Quilting Retreat: "You Can Quilt!"

(June 20-June 26) an early summer offering for learners and experienced quilters alike. Barbara Stroup, long time leader of Ferry Beach's Quilting by the Bay conference, will be the beginning quilters' experienced guide.

Fiber Fanatics Festival (July 24-July 31) for anyone who loves to knit, crochet, weave or spin and for anyone who has ever wanted to learn. The Fiber Fanatics Festival is fully embedded in Women's Week and participants will be welcome at all *In the Company of Women* events.

In the Company of Women (August 14 – August 20) brings women together in an intentional community for a nurturing, supportive week of energizing workshops and lasting friendships.

Visit the website at www.ferrybeach.org for more information about all three conferences.

Now in its 109th year, Ferry Beach is a UU Camp and Conference Center on the coast of southern Maine where UU values are fostered. We hope you will join us.

Rev. Fayre Stephenson
Program Director

ON THE WEB . . .

Our website: - www.fedchurchorleans.org

Barnstable Association: -
www.CapeCodUCC.org

Massachusetts Conference UCC: -
www.macucc.org

National UCC website: - www.ucc.org

All offer a lot of good information about our denomination and the work we do as individual churches and together.

Coming in May

May 2 and 9 Blanket Sundays

May 9 Mother's Day Breakfast
for Sunday School Moms
and Teachers

May 23 Pentecost Children's Sunday

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E-mail submissions are most appreciated. This preserves the accuracy of your submission and saves a great deal of time. (We are, however, happy to accept your hand written articles.)

Helpful Hints For E-mail Preparation:

- use MS Word
- use *Times New Roman, Normal, font size 12*
- *no fancy setup – especially bullets!*
We just have to remove them
- include your name and phone number
- e-mail to:
fedchurch.orphans@verizon.net
- deadline is **12:00 noon, 3rd Tuesday of each month**

(no PV is published in July or December).

Articles received after this date will go in the next month's Parish Visitor.

*The deadline for the **June 2010** Parish Visitor is **noon, Tuesday, May 18, 2010**. Of course, we are most happy to receive them before the deadline ☺*

Many thanks to all who participate in the publishing of The Parish Visitor.

SUMMER INCOME OPPORTUNITY

The **Lower Cape J-1 SUMMER HOST HOUSING Program** is looking for local residents to share their homes with one or more J-1 visa international university students who will be working in Brewster, Chatham, Eastham, Harwich, Orleans and Wellfleet Chamber of Commerce member businesses. Students have pre-arranged jobs and dates of employment. Hosts can charge a maximum of \$100 a week per student for a clean, furnished room and the home's shared amenities. Director Gail Meyers Lavin works confidentially with hosts to make matches with students based on the information forms both fill out. For more information you may contact Gail at hostprogram@verizon.net or at 508 255-2792. Host forms are also available in our church office.