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# The Church Bell

## *Chiming in...*

It hardly seems possible that September is here already. It is the month of many transitions - season to season for most of the globe, summer to autumn for the northern hemisphere - back to school for all the families to which that applies - and a month of many "rites of passage" for this congregation.

It is a summer which I have very much enjoyed spending with you. We have celebrated weddings with the Finnegan and the Snow extended families, baptized two more babies brought to us by the Tansill and the Case families, and remembered Don Conaway's long, generous life at his memorial service. We've also had Brass Sunday, Tent Sunday, and Beach Sunday (minus the beach), had a delightful time at the summer fair, the benefit piano and vocal concert, and a picnic or two. Anybody tired yet from the "slow season"?

As of this writing, I have two more Sundays-in-a-row with you...September 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>...before you welcome Rev. Rebecca into your lives and the pace picks up (!)

Thank you so much for the hospitality of your sanctuary and your spirits. I have always enjoyed guest preaching in Little Compton, but eleven consecutive weeks among you has been a whole 'nother degree of opportunity, getting to know you more, and receiving many blessings in the process. Thank you for your receptive presence at worship, at board meetings, and at your homes. I am also glad to know that the sermon series on The Lord's Prayer has met with such appreciation. In response to requests for print-outs, these will be made available in the narthex and the church office so that you can pick up the one(s) you particularly requested. The series will conclude on September 13<sup>th</sup>, as I say farewell for a while. But then my interim period will end by officiating at a wedding on October 10<sup>th</sup>, and leading Sunday Worship on October 11<sup>th</sup>. This is an arrangement made at the request of the Deacons during my interview process with them last June.

Your new resident Pastor and your Deacons will continue to be the go-to people for potential scheduling of baptisms, weddings, and memorial services. They will handle, as well, any need for pulpit supply during the normal course of events in a church year. And you will be well served in the future as you have been through a long, fruitful history.

Blessings to you all in the journey ahead!

*Rev. Leslie*

**~IMPORTANT~**

If you have a **pastoral emergency, you may call** Deacon Debbie Kelchner at 401-524-2007 and/or The Rev. Dr. Leslie Simonson (through September 13<sup>th</sup>), who can receive messages at the church office (635-8472) or via email at [revleslie@ucc.necoxmail.com](mailto:revleslie@ucc.necoxmail.com).

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE NEWS**

For more information on any of the following committees, please contact the church office at 635-8472 or email Dawn at [dawn@ucc.necoxmail.com](mailto:dawn@ucc.necoxmail.com)

**Board of Deacons**

*Debbie Kelchner, Chair*

The summer time is a time when the Sunday Services are a bit more causal and laid back. This summer we have enjoyed Tent Sunday, Deacon/ Laity /Fair Thank You Picnic Sunday and Beach Sunday.

The Board of Deacons are interested in receiving feedback on these Sundays. What you liked about them, what you didn't like and also what you might like to be included in these more casual summer services.

The Deacons are always examining these services, their popularity and trying their best to include those ideas in plans for the future. So please let us know! Did you enjoy the fellowship of the all church

picnic? Did you like having a chance for your favorite hymn to be sung at the Sunday service? Do you want the Deacons to be in charge of the Sermon?

**Bells are ringing...**

**Baptisms**

*A warm welcome from our church family to:*

**Wesley Tobler Tansill**

Son of Douglas & Sarah Tansill. Baptized on August 2, 2015.

**Abigail Nora Case**

Daughter of Ethan & Jennifer Case. Baptized on August 30, 2015.

**Weddings**

*Our congratulations to:*

**Samuel Philip Rothschild & Cary Bogle Finnegan**

Married August 8, 2015.

**Travis Davison Snow & Samantha Michelle Augustine**

Married August 29, 2015.

**Passings**

*Our sympathies to the family of:*

**Donald E. Conaway (M)**

July 27, 2015.

**Flower Committee**

*Holly Billings, Chair*

The Flower Committee is looking for a new monthly chairperson to see to the flowers in the church for the month of September. It is really easy and rewarding! Give me a call and I

can explain the process. If you are interested in donating flowers, at any time, please see Holly Billings after church or contact her at 635-2451 or [hgbillings@gmail.com](mailto:hgbillings@gmail.com)

**ORDINATION OF AMY EDWARDS**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>**  
**4:00PM**

We are pleased to announce that Amy Edwards has been called to serve as the Settled Pastor of The Federated Church of Martha's Vineyard in Edgartown. All are invited to attend Amy's Ordination on Sunday, September 27, 2015 at 4pm here at our church. A reception will follow in the vestry. Please join Amy in this celebration and milestone of her faith journey. Amy says, "Little Compton has been such a huge part of my ministry. I would love to see any and all on this joyous occasion." This will also be the grand send-off as Amy will have officially moved to Martha's Vineyard on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday School**

*Heather Helger*  
*Director of Children & Youth*



**S.S. Faithful**

Sunday School will begin "informally" on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. During that time kids will be introduced

to the theme of the year "Trust in the Lord with all your heart." ~Proverbs 3:5 as well as our first story of the year about Moses as a baby. Following this, we will use our remaining class time to prepare to welcome our new minister, Rev. Rebecca on the following Sunday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, which will be our official Rally Day Sunday. Rally Day will be an All Ages Worship and children will remain in church for the entire service.

Our first Youth Group meeting of the new S.S. Faithful year will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup> after church, beginning at 11:15am in the Youth Room. Youth Group is open to any youth in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Youth Group will continue to be held after church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month from 11:15am-12:15pm. Youth group is led by Heather, Emily Goodman and Louise Goodman and we would love for a male to volunteer to help us with this group as well. Let Heather know if you might be interested in volunteering. At our first meeting of the year, we will participate in a prayerful activity that will guide us through discerning what our hopes and plans are for youth group this year. We can't plan without the input of all who wish to be part of this group, so we hope that youth will make every effort to attend and share their thoughts.

As we are headed back to a new Sunday School year, it would be helpful to find out who in our congregation might be interested in serving as a volunteer in our Sunday School programming. There are a great variety of ways you can work

with and get to know our children. Please contact Heather if you are interested. You do not have to be a parent to volunteer, in fact there are great benefits to our children's faith formation when they are cared for and known by members outside of Sunday School families. It is also extremely important that we have male volunteers in addition to the many wonderful females that usually serve in this role, as young boys' faith formation is negatively impacted by the absence of male church Sunday School volunteers.

If you and your children were unable to attend the Beach Sunday service and the Blessing of the Backpacks, please feel free to contact Heather for a very easy blessing that can be done at home. This new offering was a wonderful way to remind the children, youth and adult educators of our congregation that they were headed back to school with God's Holy Spirit and our congregation's support on their side.

Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup> after church (exact time tbd.) there will be a special educational workshop event targeted at 2<sup>nd</sup> graders AND their parents, to help them come to a better understanding of the meaning of the sacrament of Communion. Older and younger children and their parents are also welcome. This date has been chosen specifically to take place the week prior to World Communion Sunday. Please RSVP to Heather if you are interested in attending this spiritually meaningful workshop with your child(ren).

The hope is that this will become an annually offered event.

Plans are in the works for a Family Dinner Day pizza meal together as a greater S.S. Faithful family. Family Dinner Day is recognized annually in September, as eating dinner together boasts many positive effects on children and youth; to learn more, check out this great article on family dinners: <https://giving.massgeneral.org/the-science-of-family-dinners/>. *(Special thanks to Jen Thomas for sharing this article.)* This event will be a great way for Rev. Rebecca to get to know our families, children and youth early on in the year. The date is still tbd, but keep your calendars open for Mon., Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> (actual date of Family Dinner Day) or sometime the weekend of Oct. 2-4<sup>th</sup>.



### **Thursday Thrift Shop**

*Nancy Webb*

Be sure to stop in and see the fall and winter clothing now on sale at the Thrift Shop! A large selection of lovely styles fill the racks, as well as an ever-changing array of accessories.

Winter consignments and donations are now being accepted.

Drop-off days and times are Mondays from 1:00 – 3:00, and from 10:00 –12:00 each Saturday

as well. Shopping hours are Thursday and Saturday, 10:00 – 3:00.

The Thursday Thrift Shop is made possible through the work of church and community volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering to help at the sales desk please contact the church staff or stop by the Thrift Shop. It's a great way to see old friends and make new ones!

## Office News



A new digital recorder has been purchased in memory of Don Conaway by the generous donation from his children. This will allow us to again record the Sunday services and provide CDs to those who are unable to attend in person.

### IMPORTANT

Please inform the church office if you know of anyone who may be in the hospital or if any member or friend has passed away. Also, please let us know if you know of any members who are planning to relocate.

Please feel free to fill out a yellow **KEEP IN TOUCH** card (KIT) [which can be found in the pews] if you need to update your information with us and place them in the offertory plate.



The United Congregational Church can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet.

Visit the church website at [www.ucclcri.org](http://www.ucclcri.org)

## A Blast From the Past!

*Marjorie Simmons, Church Historian*



**Circle Time brought outside for Rally Day, September 19, 1998**

## Coming in Our Next Issue...

- Committee News
- More news and fun
- Blasts from the Past
- Children's Page
- October/November Calendar



### Back to School Survival Kit

**The penny** is to remind you that you are valuable,

**The star** is to remind you to always try your best,

**The eraser** is to remind you that it's okay to make mistakes,

**The lifesaver** is to let you know that you can always talk to me,

**The tissue** is for drying your tears and those of others,

**The bandaid** is to let you know that together we can make things better,

**The chocolate hug** is to remind you that you are cared for,

**The sticker** is to remind you that we always stick together.

*~author unknown*

**Our deadline for the October Newsletter is Thursday, Sept. 17th.**

# GROWING UP FAST!

In September, Monarch butterflies migrate to warmer climates. In God's wonderful design, these butterflies have gone through an amazing transformation. This craft will remind you of the ongoing transformation that God has planned for you, too.

## What you need:

- Clear, one-gallon zipper baggie (with no writing)
- Colored tissue paper
- Scissors
- Wooden, one-piece clothespin
- Pipe cleaner
- Black permanent marker
- Glue and wiggly eyes (optional)
- Magnet tape

## What you do:

1. Turn the baggie inside out and rub it on your head to create static cling. Then turn the baggie right-side-out again.
2. Cut tissue paper into 2" x 2" squares.
3. Fill the baggie with tissue squares.
4. Press excess air out of the bag and zip it. Lay the baggie on its side (this will form the butterfly's wings) so the zipper is at the top.
5. Pinch the baggie with the clothespin so it divides the baggie into two equal parts to create the butterfly's head and body.
6. Thread the pipe cleaner through the hole atop the clothespin to form the antennae.
7. With a permanent marker, write "Romans 12:2" on the bottom half of the clothespin.
8. Draw on eyes (or glue on wiggly eyes).
9. Attach a strip of magnet tape to the back of the clothespin. Then display the butterfly on your refrigerator.



# PUZZLE

## STAY NOURISHED

Eating nutritious foods such as apples helps keep our bodies healthy. But Proverbs tells us about other important sources of "nourishment."

*Directions: Use the words in the apples to complete Proverbs 3:7-9, NIV.*



Do not be  in your own  ;  
 the  and shun  .  
 This will bring  to your   
 and nourishment to  bones.  
 the LORD  your wealth,  
 with the firstfruits of  your .

PROVERBS 3:7-9, NIV

Answer: Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.

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Happy Fall!!

## Bible Trivia

*So Many Children*

How many of the following can you answer?  
(Answers in next month's newsletter).

1. What judge had 70 sons?
2. Who is the first child mentioned in the Bible?
3. What king of Judah had 28 sons and 60 daughters?
4. What book mentions how wonderful grandchildren are?
5. Who was Jacob's favorite son?

## To Our Sunday School Teachers

We give thanks that you will lead us in the ministry of Christian education. We offer you our pledge of support. As you teach your students, may all be open to God's truth and be inspired to live the Christian life as fully as possible. Remember that we appreciate greatly the time and effort you expend as teachers of our church family. May God grant you strength and joy in your important role.

~ The Newsletter Newsletter



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## Did you know?

Before erasers were invented, the best way to erase graphite was with a rolled up piece of white bread.

It is believed that a single pencil can write 45,000 words and draw a line 35 miles long.

Crayola produces nearly 3 billion crayons each year – an average of 12 million daily.

Blue is the most popular Crayola color.

School buses are yellow because yellow attracts more attention than any other color.

## Apple

### Lady Bug Treats

*(Recipe from allrecipes.com)*



#### Ingredients:

- 2 red apples
- ¼ cup raisins
- 1 tablespoon peanut butter
- 8 thin pretzel sticks.

#### Directions:

Slice apples in half from top to bottom and scoop out the cores using a knife or melon baller. If you have an apple corer, core them first. Place each apple half flat side down on a small plate.

Dab peanut butter on to the back of the 'lady bug', then stick raisins onto the dabs for spots. Use this method to make eyes too. Stick one end of each pretzel stick into a raisin, then press the other end into the apples to make antennae..

**PREP TIME: 10 min.**

**READY in 10 min**

**SERVINGS: 4**





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# SEPTEMBER 2015

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday | Saturday  |
|--|--|---|---|--|--------|---|
| <p>30</p> <p>Baptism "Case"<br/>Guest Organist<br/><b>QUARTERLY MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE</b><br/>10:00 AM Worship Service</p>   | 31   | 1   | 2   | <p>3</p>  <p>Religious Education<br/>7:00 PM Religious Ed Meeting</p> | 4      | 5   |
| <p>6</p>  <p><b>COMMUNION SUNDAY</b><br/>10:00 AM Worship Service<br/>11:15 AM Shawl Ministry</p>   | <p>7</p>  | 8   | 9   | <p>10</p>  <p>6:00 PM Deacons Meeting</p>                             | 11     | 12  |
| <p>13</p>  <p><i>Sunday School "unofficially" begins</i><br/>10:00 AM Worship Service<br/>11:15 AM Shawl Ministry<br/>11:15 AM Youth Group</p>      | 14   | <p>15</p>  <p>Finance Committee<br/>10:00 AM Visiting Committee Meeting<br/>6:30 PM Finance Committee Mtg.</p> | 16  | <p>17</p> <p><b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b></p>  | 18     | 19  |
| <p>20</p>  <p><b>We warmly welcome our new Minister, Rev. Rebecca Floyd Marshall!</b><br/>10:00 AM Worship Service<br/>11:15 AM Shawl Ministry</p> | 21   | 22  | <p>23</p>  <p><b>AUTUMN BEGINS</b><br/>6:30 PM Trustees Meeting</p> | 24   | 25     | <p>26</p>  <p>5:00 PM Rehearsal "Haffenreffer"<br/>3:30 PM Wedding "Haffenreffer"</p> |
| <p>27</p>  <p>10:00 AM Worship Service<br/>11:15 AM Shawl Ministry<br/>11:15 AM Youth Group<br/>4:00 PM Ordination for Amy Edwards at UCC</p>     | 28   | 29  | 30  | <p>1</p> <p>7:00 PM Religious Ed Meeting</p>   | 2      | 3   |

# OCTOBER 2015

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday                             | Saturday   |
|--|---|--|--|---|------------------------------------|--|
| 27<br>10:00 AM Worship Service<br>11:15 AM Shawl Ministry<br>11:15 AM Youth Group<br>4:00 PM Ordination for Amy Edwards at UCC   | 28  | 29   | 30   | <br>7:00 PM Religious Ed Meeting | 2                                  | 3  |
| <br><b>NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</b><br>10:00 AM Worship Service<br>11:15 AM Shawl Ministry      | 5   | 6  | 7  | <br>6:00 PM Deacons Meeting      | 9<br>3:00 PM Rehearsal "Schofield" | <br>3:00 PM Wedding "Schofield" |
| 11<br><br>10:00 AM Worship Service<br>11:15 AM Shawl Ministry<br>11:15 AM Youth Group   | 12<br><br>Columbus Day | 13   | 14   | 15  | 16                                 | 17<br>Circle of Friends  |
| 18<br><br>10:00 AM Worship Service<br>11:15 AM Shawl Ministry                          | 19  | 20<br><br>10:00 AM Visiting Committee<br>6:30 PM Finance Comm. Meeting | 21   | 22  | 23                                 | 24   |
| 25<br><br>10:00 AM Worship Service<br>11:15 AM Shawl Ministry<br>11:15 AM Youth Group | 26  | 27   | <br>6:30 PM Board of Trustees Mtg. | 29  | 30                                 | <br>Happy Halloween           |

