

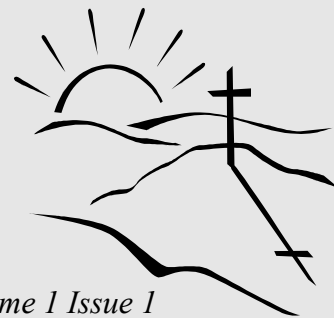
# Good News!

## South Chatham Community Church

*Standing together with one spirit and one purpose* Phil 1:27



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### Sunday Service: 9 A.M.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here. SCCC is an interdenominational church with members of all faiths. We have come together to discover the joy of God's love through his Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Come take the journey with us!

### Bible Study, The Place To Be...

At 7:00PM On Wednesdays in Fellowship Hall, you'll find a group of 15 to 20 folks gathered together to examine the significance of Biblical Prayer.

**Trudy Dumont** is the group leader guiding us, in her gentle manner, toward a fuller understanding of what it means to be in God's awesome presence through prayer.

This 8-week course will be followed in June by a new study to be announced.



*"In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God."*

*John 1:1*

### Letter From Our Leaders

It is good news indeed, from the SCCC! After five months without permanent pastoral leadership, and some stumbling along the learning curve, the trustees and deacons of our church are pleased to report that the transition is moving ahead, with Christ Jesus leading and loving us, every step of the way.

We have been blessed by four Christ-filled, inspiring ministers who have nurtured us through this time of healing and learning, with their spirit-filled, elevating sermons from our pulpit. A heartfelt thank you goes out to **Reverends Bill Barker, Donna Alexander, Thom Christian and Dr. John DeBrine**. Their preaching, support and discernment during these months of growth, challenge and change have shown us the handiwork of the Lord, everywhere we look. Please read about them on Page 3 ("Our God-Sends"). Trudy Dumont, M., Div., currently teaching our Wednesday bible study will be preaching to us on June 27.

Rev. Thom Christian has been a special mentor to our leadership team. In addition to preaching to our congregation in February, he met with our team for

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### Summer Celebrations!



Birthdays & Anniversaries

#### June

- 3 Moe & Herbert Olson  
Amy & Brian Carlson
- 6 Christopher Leach
- 7 Charlie Goble  
June Herold
- 19 Ryan Leach
- 21 Evelyn & Gordon  
Baker  
Jim & Maraide  
Sullivan
- 23 Herb Olson

#### July

- 1 Karen Williams
- 4 Bret Saylor
- 8 Judy Johansen
- 12 Lillian Eldredge
- 15 Armando Luna
- 20 Laurie & Pierre Bonin
- 22 Katherine Emery  
Mark Farnham
- 29 Harriet Chandler
- 30 Carl Johansen

#### August

- 3 Diane Zinnanti
- 4 Wendy Vincent
- 5 Sue Farnham
- 11 Ted Sandy
- 14 Carol & Ted Sandy
- 17 Elizabeth Baker
- 20 Irene Hamian  
Diane & Lou Zinnanti
- 29 Judy & Carl Johansen

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two hours to help guide us to the next step in calling our interim. Upon his recommendation, we conducted a church self-survey to identify what the Congregation was looking for in a pastor and in our church services. The results are posted in the Fellowship Hall, and can be sent to any out-of-town folks upon request. Thom will not be in our pulpit this Summer due to his own senior pastor responsibilities at his home church in New Hampshire, though he continues to be an active mentor.

After posting our interim position on the Gordon-Conwell website, and working with the Evangelical Fellowship on calling our intentional interim pastor, we have narrowed down our pool to four excellent candidates. The Pastoral Search Committee will be interviewing them over the next two weeks. We hope to have an intentional interim candidate to present to the Congregation within the next several weeks.

Our intentional interim will be conducting Sunday Services, teaching bible study, providing pastoral care for our Congregation and working with our leadership team in preparing us to call our permanent pastor. We will keep you posted on our progress.

We are excited that Summer is rapidly approaching and are looking forward to the return of all of our church family. We pray for travel mercies for you all.

Please know that the Lord is ever-present at SCCC and we are all prayerfully going forward, seeking His will, with each step..."and we know in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

In Him,



Kay Paff, deacon  
for the SCCC leadership

*Pastoral Search Committee:*

**David Farnham, Jo Vachon, Irene Hamjian,  
Wendy Vincent, June Herold, Dallas Jones,  
Kay Paff**

## The Benefit Shop, Transformed!



Walking into the shop that has been located on the basement floor of the church for so many years is a totally new experience these days. It's almost like entering a little boutique – A bargain boutique! From doll houses to designer gowns...from dishes to everyday duds – It's all there!

Thank you Benefit Shop volunteers for the wonderful merchandising, the friendly atmosphere and the best budget-stretching prices in town!

The creative team: **June Herold, Jane Eldredge, Ann Eldredge, Sally Powles and Diane Zinnanti.**



## Five Star Rating for SCCC Chefs

On a recent visit to South Chatham, 5 Year old Riley, Granddaughter of **Liz and Dallas Jones**, was quite enthusiastic about the idea of going to church the next morning. When asked what she liked best about church, she replied:

"I love the songs and I love the stories.



But, best of all  
I love the **FOOD!**"

## Prayer Corner

*Sharing A Family Treasure*

It has been a practice of the church over the past 6 months for the deacons and trustees to take turns leading the Sunday service. They have done a remarkable job! Once when it was June Herold's turn at the pulpit, she brought with her a long lost family treasure.

It was a little book costing only 40 cents back when it was published in 1943 and purchased from The Old Corner Bookstore in Boston. After their mother passed away, June and her sister Jane found the book in a drawer containing their Mother's keepsakes. The book, entitled "Prayer for Girls" has provided them with a precious remembrance of their mother who having had 4 daughters, no doubt found this book an inspiration. Containing a prayer for every occasion it was written "with the ideal of helping a girl to face life with God, and to teach her to give true expression to her devotion." June has chosen this prayer:

### *Prayer for Vision*

*O Lord, grant that my thoughts may not be bounded by what my eyes can see in the immediate presence. Give me grace to discern spiritual things. Make me able to look through the outward forms to the spirit within. Give me largeness of vision, that I may not be absorbed in the petty details of this life, but see the ideal and strive to reach it. Perfection dwells beyond this world. If I can see that it exists, I shall struggle towards it. Let me not lose the vision, nor mar it by doubts of its final attainment. For Jesus' sake. Amen.*

## Our God-Sends...

We are truly blessed, during this time of transition to be led by the finest group of ministers imaginable; each different from the other, but all inspirational and Spirit-filled. They have taught us; mentored us; and led us in the ways of Jesus Christ. We thank God for their presence and will always hold them dear to our hearts:

**Reverend Donna Alexander** has been in ministry for 30 years and a highly popular, dynamic guest speaker at women's conferences and church events for 25 years. She and her husband, Frank, are currently pastors of the Grace Chapel Assembly of God in South Wellfleet. They have three children and seven grandchildren and are in the process of relocating to the Cape from Kingston, MA.

**Rev., Dr. William Barker** was educated both in the U.S. and Scotland, serving Presbyterian congregations in Pennsylvania and at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and Moravian Seminary. He was also the voice of Elsie Jean Platypus and Dr. Duckbill Platypus on Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood for 30 years. Since retiring to the Cape in 1991, he has served as an interim minister and guest pastor at many Cape churches. Bill and his lovely wife, Jean, reside in South Wellfleet and are the parents of two children and the grandparents of seven.

**Rev., Dr. Thom Christian** holds a Doctorate of ministry degree from Bethany Theological Seminary. He is a 22 year veteran from the U.S. Air Force returning as Chief Master Sargent. He is the senior pastor of the First Christian Church in Wolfeboro, NH. Thom is married to Sue Christian and they have three children.

**Dr. John DeBrine** is the spirited and spirit-filled President and host of Songtime USA, the premier not-for-profit Christian radio ministry. He is a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award, NRB. His ministry as guest speaker takes him to churches located all over the country. Dr. John holds a Masters Degree from Boston University and a Doctorate from Houghton College. He lives on Cape Cod with his beloved German Shepherd, Barney.

**Trudy DuMont, M. Div.** is a candidate for ministry and ready to receive a call in the Presbyterian Church (USA). She graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary with a Masters of Divinity. She did a Clinical Pastoral Education chaplaincy at Children's Hospital in Los Angeles and served as Hospice Chaplain for over three years. Trudy has been preaching Pulpit Supply for Pilgrim Congregational Church in Harwichport and other churches. She is currently teaching a popular bible study course here at SCCC. Previously, Trudy pursued a career in television for a number of years and was working on the Roseanne Show when she felt the call of the Lord.



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***Thank you Emery Family...***

Our church has had a number of new beginnings. It is a history of growth and rebirth...of facing the challenges of transition and, with the Lord's helping hand, returning stronger than ever. What SCCC has become (and what it will be} is deeply rooted in its past.

The story of our church began exactly 100 years ago in 1910. In that year, the land where the church is currently located was donated by Winfred and Phoebe Emery, the grandfather and great grandmother of our **Paul Emery**. The intent of the Emery family was to provide property for a church dedicated to the gospel of Jesus Christ. One year later a church called the Bethel Church was built on these grounds by the Ladies Circle, a group formed in 1883, dedicated to work for the benefit of the Bethel Church.

Sadly, the church burned to the ground just 6 years later. Undaunted, these inspired women began again the process of planning and fund raising for a new church. When the second building was completed, its crowning glory, the bell, was installed in the steeple. Proving too heavy, it was safely removed to its current location in the side yard of the church. One wonders what disaster was averted!

The church building has grown physically over the years to include Fellowship Hall, a class room, the narthex, an office, the Benefit Shop and an elevator, making the building fully accessible to those with disabilities.

Meanwhile back to early 20<sup>th</sup> century, in the Spring of 1919, the church was transferred to the Methodist Episcopal Church and continued in the Methodist tradition until 1969. It was then that The South Chatham Community Church of today was created. A vote by its members transitioned the church to an independent interdenominational church.

Today we are a church that is congregational in its governance, evangelical in its witness and commitment to Biblical authority and dedicated in its support of missionaries around the world and of the needs of the disadvantaged locally.

It seems certain that Winfred and Phoebe Emery, all these years later, would be pleased.