

SEPTEMBER
2019



What's new at
THE OLDE WHITE CHURCH



Love in Action

Greetings Friends in Christ,

Well, it seems the leisure of summer is officially gone. Vacations are coming to an end, school busses are out in full force, and things are buzzing here at The Olde White Church! There are so many ways of worship and fellowship coming our way; it can sometimes be a bit overwhelming. That said, I want to encourage each of us to walk slowly together through the remainder of the year and enjoy each moment that it brings. The media and the malls want us to jump seamlessly from “back to school” to Christmas. My challenge for us is to resist this fast forward, and live in the moment of each day.

Now, if you are like me, the concept of “living in the moment” pushes back against my natural instinct to plan. I love to plan, look ahead and be ready. But remember, living in the moment and planning are not mutually exclusive. It is important to practice planning ahead; the danger comes when our planning turns into worry. If we read the scriptures, nowhere does it ask us **not** to plan...we are, however, told not to **worry**. The difference between planning and worrying lies in the fear of the unknown. Planning allows us to fill in the blanks about what may come. Worry causes us to fear the disconnect between now and then.

Matthew 6:31-34 says “Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

I am not suggesting that we cease planning; I am simply asking that we practice fully enjoying each and every opportunity of worship and fellowship that we have; and in those moments of worship and fellowship, release the anticipation of the next one from our minds.

Blessings,

The Reverend Doctor Holly Nowick

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Church Office Hours will be Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Pastor Holly's church office hours will be Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 – 3:00 pm and she will be working from home on Wednesdays available by appointment.

Pastor Holly would love to have you over for a visit; please call or text her at 808-371-4701 to let her know your coming!

Please call the church office at 508-673-7179 or Pastor Holly at 808-371-4701 for assistance.

Care Team Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Care Team on Saturday, September 28 at 9:00 am at Chris Roy's home at 77 Edwards Avenue, Swansea. Please call Chris at 508-642-4568 to let her know if you are not able to be present. Thank you!!

Empty Egg Cartons Needed

If you are able, please save your empty egg cartons and bring them in to Bob Baker who is able to recycle them for use. Thank you in advance!!

**No Crochet Class in September.
The Class will resume again in October on
Tuesdays from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.**

Dunkin' Ministry

All are invited to our Dunkin' Ministry each **WEDNESDAY** from 5 – 6 pm in the lounge area of the Wilbur Avenue Dunkin' Donuts in Swansea. Stop in and enjoy a cup of coffee and fun fellowship with Pastor Holly and your friends and family. All are welcome!!

IN OUR PRAYERS:

- **Gwen Donald and her family.** Gwen's brother, Michael Donald, passed away on August 14 and a funeral service was held for him on August 19 at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Swansea, MA. Our prayers and support go out to Gwen and her family during this difficult time.
 - **Haylie Schwarzenbach and all our students, for another safe school year whether they are near or far.** Haylie's new address is 2241 Kapiolani Blvd, Unit 1007, Honolulu, HI 96826.
 - **Bob Eddy**, who is at Fall River Healthcare, 1748 Highland Avenue, Fall River, MA 02720 and **Jane Eddy**, who is home at 159 Wood Street, Swansea, MA. Cards and well wishes are appreciated.
 - **Bernice Church and Rosemary Marshall**
 - **Wallace and Diane Lake of Warren, RI.**
 - **Toosie Margolies, Becky Chace, Edna Cartin, Dot Wiggins and Marie Erickson**
 - **Hope Douglas, Betty Stiles, Pat Hayden, and Ken and Nancy Bosworth**
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Celebration of Baptism

Cora Mae Furtado,
daughter of Jennifer & Nelson Furtado,
was baptized in our sanctuary on August 18, 2019
by Rev. Dr. Holly Norwick

Happy Anniversary!!

**Ken and Nancy Bosworth celebrated their 66th
Wedding Anniversary on August 8, 2019!!
Wow! Congratulations and best wishes to a
wonderful couple!!**



Rally Day for Sunday School

Calling all Children!!

Join us on September 8th at
10:00 am for
Rally Day.

This will be a Celebration of the first day of
Sunday School!!

There will be Crafts! Games! And Fun!

We look forward to seeing you there!!

Children's Sunday School



Exciting News! A new infant/toddler area has been developed in the hall located adjacent to the Sunday School. Mats on the floor creating a shoe free space and bins of age appropriate toys provide a pleasant atmosphere for the little ones. The space will be available every Sunday from 9:30 am until 11:30 am. The plan is to employ a qualified person as soon as possible who will provide familiarity, security and stability for these young ones. Until that time adult volunteers will supervise this area.

Registration forms for all age groups can be found on the table in the narthex.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

- **To all the members and friends who participate in our AmazonSmile Charity Program.** We received a donation of \$15.49 for this past quarter just by purchasing as we normally do and choosing First Christian Congregational Church as our charity of choice.
- **To Home Depot** for their donation of 8 Carbon Monoxide Detectors for the church. This donation is worth over \$400 and we are very appreciative to have Home Depot as a local partner and encourage members and friends to show their gratitude through potential future purchases.
- **To Rev. Dr. John Wilson** for leading us in worship on August 11.
- **To the Deacons** for leading worship on August 18 & 25 while Pastor Holly enjoyed vacation time with her family.
- **To Chris Roy, Evan Colbert and the Deacons** for a wonderful movie night held on August 10.
- **To John Chace, the volunteers and the vendors** for making our Swansea Market Place on August 10 such a success!

MUSIC NEWS....

Choir and Tone Chime Rehearsals begin!!

Choir will start rehearsals on Tuesday, September 3rd from 7:00-8:30 pm in the sanctuary and resume our previous practice schedule of Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30 pm and Sundays from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. Previous experience and ability to read music is NOT required. Choir is open to anyone, high school or older. Come join us!

Tone Chime rehearsals start again on September 4th. We meet on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 pm in the sanctuary. Please contact me if you'd like to participate so I can have music prepared for you.

Blessings,
Danielle Avery-Desmarais
Director of Music Ministry
508-844-9611 voice or text
danidandco@yahoo.com

THANK YOU, DEB!!!



A huge thank you to Deb Allard for these last couple of years as our Director of Children & Youth Ministry. She ended her time with us at the end of June, and we wish her the very best in her journey after lovingly taking care of our children for the past two years. We greatly appreciate Deb's dedication and caring for our children and families.

Dear Members & Friends,

It is with a heavy heart and great sadness I share with you that my letter of resignation as director of education here at First Christian Congregational Church was submitted at the end of June. That resignation beholds several interpretations for my departure but foremost it holds my decision to move forward as new doors open at a time when church finances no longer support my salary. So it is.

I want to thank you for the opportunity and honor of working with your children at the Olde White Church the past two years while bringing the best of Godly Play to our kiddos. It is a remarkable program which I hope will continue to flourish in my absence. I will miss storytelling and being a witness to the children's understandings through art and play, and I will miss my work as Faith Formation leader at FCCC. I will continue to work with children in varying roles and look for new opportunities with which to share my faith and love of learning with children.

I want to thank Martha Curtis, the Chace family, and Toosie for their support of children's programming the past two years, and Jill Buxton for her support in the classroom. Their love for children and commitment to The Olde White Church is apparent. Thank you again for the opportunity of leading Faith Formation at FCCC. I will miss you all.

Namaste.

In Christ,
Deb Allard

Thrifty Shoppe Opens for 45th Season at The Olde White Church

The Olde White Church Thrifty Shoppe will open for its 45th Season on Saturday, September 14. The Shoppe is located at The Olde White Church, 1113 GAR Highway, Swansea, MA and is open each Saturday from 9:30 am – 1 pm and each Wednesday from 10 am – 4 pm.

The Shoppe will be open for business and also for receiving goods. The Shoppe accepts donations, tax donations and consignment items. For any questions on items that are able to be accepted, please call 508-673-7179 during business hours.

Please stop on by and check out our new inventory of deals on clothing, games, puzzles, books, jewelry, household items and much more!!

If you are interested and able to volunteer to help out in the Shoppe, please speak with Karen Rebello or Joyce Buxton.

3rd Edition of The Olde White Church Cookbook Begins.....

The process of collecting recipes for the 3rd edition of The Olde White Church Cookbook has begun. Each month we will be asking for different types of recipes. We ask that you write or type out your recipe on a specific card which Karen Rebello and Joyce Buxton will give you when requested.

For the month of September, Karen and Joyce are collecting casserole recipes. Please ask Karen or Joyce for your recipe card if you have an awesome casserole recipe you would like to share.

Thank you all for your help!



**Swansea Market Place
at The Olde White Church**
1113 GAR Highway, Swansea, MA

September 14

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Calling all CRAFTERS, MARKETEERS,
VENDORS and FARMERS!!!!**
Contact the church office at 508-673-7179 or
swanseawhitechurch@meganet.net or go to
www.theoldewhitechurch.org

\$20 a space; \$30 w/table
Bring your own tent
(12x12 limit)
(Special price for registered Farmers)

**Please join us and take advantage of all
the local produce & products!!!**



Fellowship News....

What a fun time we've had at fellowship this summer! Seems like everyone has enjoyed being together; conversation has been lively and much laughter has filled the hall.

We are so fortunate to have such faithful members that make sure we have delicious snacks as we visit with our friends. Many thanks to Bette Cahoon, Lisa and Joanne Thomas, Barbara Monize, Charlene Carlson, Susan Boucher, Nancy Smalzel, Bev Toppin, Bob Paige, Marie Erickson, Chris Roy, Louise Slowe, Janina Asselin and Madeline Carvalho.

I know it looks like a lot of names, and there are many, but think about this – there are about 60 – 70 people every week that are so happy to see such great desserts! Remember, homemade is not necessary.

I will be visiting my sister in California during September so if you want to help Louise with fellowship, I know I'll feel better and so will she.

Thank you,
Sara

Save the Date!!

We have quite a few fall events that we are very excited about and want you to be able to include on your calendars!

- Rally Day for the start of our Sunday School Season on Sunday, September 8th at 10 am
- Swansea Market Place on Saturday, September 14 from 10 am – 2 pm
- Walk to End Alzheimer's at Bristol Community College, Fall River on Saturday, September 21 with Registration at 8:30 am and the Walk beginning at 10:00 am
- Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, September 21 from 4 – 7 pm
- Fall Breakfast on Saturday, October 19 from 7 – 10 am
- Our 12th Annual Veterans Meat Pie Supper on Friday, November 8 from 4 – 7:30 pm
- Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 23 from 9 am – 2 pm

If you are able to help with the Spaghetti Supper or Fall Breakfast, please contact Karen Rebello at 774-644-4178 or the church office at 508-673-7179.

If you are able to help with the Holiday Craft Fair, please contact Nancy Smalzel at 617-335-9014 or the church office at 508-673-7179.

Please see Sara Lundquist or contact the church office if you wish to help with the Veterans Meat Pie Supper. Thank you!!

Community Service Team

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ - Matthew 25:34-40

We are excited to announce the formation of the new Community Service Team here at The Olde White Church. We are currently exploring what it means to serve our community near and far. This Team began out of a passion for living our faith in public. We wish to do for all what we do for one another here at the Church.

We are still forming and looking for others with that same kind of passion. Our first Community Service Adventure is going to be participating as a Team in the 2019 Walk to End Alzheimer’s on Saturday, September 21 taking place at Bristol Community College in Fall River with Registration at 8:30 am and the Walk beginning at 10:00 am.

It is events like this and other community needs that we hope to be able to participate in as we seek to further find what God is calling us to do in our larger community. We would love for you to join us as the Community Service Team. We also invite anyone to join in any of the Community Service Projects in which we participate. The invitation extends to both members in the church and friends outside of the church and in the community.

We want the Community Service Team to be a place where people both in the Church and outside of the Church would come together as a Community at large. For those of you interested in the Walk or the Community Service Team, please speak with Susan Hardy.

Keep a lookout for the next meeting date of the Community Service Team and join us!

Walking in the footsteps of Jesus exploring what our faith looks like in public.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Saturday, September 21, 2019 -- 4:00 – 7:00 pm

First Christian Congregational Church, 1113 GAR Highway, Swansea

Anyone wishing to purchase Tickets, please fill out this form and mail payment to the Church Office at 1113 G.A.R. Highway, Swansea, MA 02777 or contact Karen Rebello at 774-644-41 or the church office at 508-673-717. Please make checks payable to First Christian Congregational Church with “Spaghetti Supper” in the memo. Thank you!

The Dinner will include spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, garlic bread, dessert and a beverage.

The cost is \$10.00 for Adults and \$5.00 Children 5 – 10, Children 4 & under eat free.

We will deliver to shut-ins if tickets are paid for in advance on September 21 at an additional charge of \$5.00 per household.

Name _____

Phone Number _____ # of Tickets _____

Please check if you wish it delivered _____ Please add address _____

All proceeds go to First Christian Congregational Church’s general fund!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship Service 10:00 am NA 7:00– 8-30 pm	2	3 Choir Rehearsal 7 – 8:30 pm	4 Dunkin’ Ministry at DD on Wilbur Ave. 5 -6 pm Tone Chime Rehearsal 7 – 8 pm	5 Leadership Team Meeting 6-7:30 pm	6 AA 7 – 8:15 pm	7
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The Reverend Doctor Holly Norwick, Pastor

Pastor Holly's Phone: 808-371-4701

Worship Service at 10:00 am

Sunday School and Child Care provided

Coffee and fellowship following worship

Church Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Pastor's Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday from 9 am – 3 pm

Pastor's Home Work Hours –

Wednesday by appointment

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

All are Welcome!!

Dunkin' Ministry at Dunkin Donuts on Wilbur Avenue	Each Wednesday from 5 – 6 pm
Choir Rehearsal	Each Tuesday from 7 – 8:30 pm and Each Sunday at 11:30 am
Tone Chimes Rehearsal	Each Wednesday from 7 – 8 pm
Crochet/Knitting Class	Starting in October on Tuesdays
Leadership Team Meeting	Thursday, September 5 at 6:00 pm
Sunday School Rally Day	Sunday, September 8 at 10 am
Deacon Team Meeting	Monday, September 9 at 6:00 pm
Finance Team Meeting	Wednesday, September 11 at 6:00 pm AT DUNKIN'
Property Team Meeting	Thursday, September 12 at 6:00 pm
Swansea Market Place	Saturday, September 14 from 10 am – 2 pm
Executive Council Meeting	Monday, September 16 at 6:00 pm
Walk to End Alzheimer's	Saturday, September 21 at 8:30 am
Spaghetti Supper	Saturday, September 21 from 4 – 7 pm
Care Team Meeting	Saturday, September 28 at 9:00 am at Chris Roy's home, 77 Edwards Ave, Swansea, MA