

# The Old Sloop's Log

A Monthly Publication of  
The First Congregational Church of Rockport, UCC  
The Reverend Derek Van Gulden, Pastor



## Our Covenant

We the members of this congregation welcome you with gladness into our lives. We renew our covenant of faith and offer you our support, encouragement and love to the end that all of us may grow in the boundless mercy of God. By loving and being loved, forgiving and being forgiven, serving and being served, let us go forward together with courage as Christ's disciples glorifying God by being fully alive.

## Open and Affirming Statement

We the members of the First Congregational Church of Rockport are called upon to love one another as God loves us, freely and un-conditionally. Therefore, we covenant to become an open and affirming congregation welcoming persons of every age, ability, gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, socio-economic status, and ethnicity into full membership and participation in our community life and ministry. We embrace and support those who experience rejection and exile from spiritual community and commit ourselves to the struggle against injustice.



Beloved,

*"God, whose giving knows no end, make us glad recipients of your generosity. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear and hearts to remember your abundance, that we might share it with the world. Amen."*

*(Walter Brueggemann, Devotions for Advent, Celebrating Abundance, Page 9)*

I would like to share with you some thoughts on stewardship as we prepare to enter into our Stewardship Campaign for 2018. We at The First Congregational Church of Rockport, UCC are a diverse group of people. We strive to be a community dedicated to God's mission of justice, compassion, reconciliation, and love. We are a warm, nurturing, and compassionate group of Christians who laugh and cry together. We share our stories, our concerns and we celebrate with great joy. We welcome all who wish to join us on our communal faith journey.

God is at work in our congregation both locally and globally. The worship, prayers and work done here radiate throughout God's created world. All of our many and varied ministries are made possible through the generous financial support from all of you. Giving is a spiritual discipline, a sign of commitment to spiritual growth, along with regular worship and daily prayer. When we

intentionally give to what we believe is God's work, we feel closer to God and to the community that keeps God at its center.

*"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work".*

*(2 Corinthians 9:8 NRSV)*

Though we are not a large congregation, we are known throughout the Massachusetts Conference of the UCC as a generous congregation that gives from a spirit of abundance not one of scarcity. Over the last six-plus years, we have been recognized as one of the top giving churches per member in the Northeast Association and throughout the conference. This includes Fellowship Dues, United Church Mission, Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support, One Great Hour of Sharing, Neighbors in Need, Strengthen the Church, and Christmas Fund.

As a congregation we practice generosity by giving of ourselves, our talents, and money to support all the varied ministries of the church. I ask for your continued generous support and gifts for the work of our beloved church.

May God's blessing be upon each of you and our church as we continue to live the abundant love and generosity of Jesus.

Shalom,  
Rev. Derek

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## Biblical Storytelling



Long before the narratives of the Bible became "scripture" ("writing") they existed in oral form as stories shared in the faith community and passed down from generation to generation. Even the early written records were regarded as notation for the performance of the stories as oral/aural events.

*(From the network of biblical storytellers)*

As many of you know I studied biblical storytelling during my sabbatical. My experience learning biblical storytelling has opened up scripture to me in new and delightful ways. I would love to share this experience with anyone interested. So I am offering a different type of bible study based on Biblical Storytelling. My plan is to start in October. We will study the scripture of the nativity story. We will learn the different ways to tell the story following scripture and with hope and prayer be able

to tell the Nativity Story on Christmas Eve in biblical storytelling form. If memorizing things is not your strong suit don't worry it is not about memorizing anything.

Please let me know if you are interested and we will come up with a day and time that works best for the group. I hope many of you will take this chance to experience scripture in a different and amazing way.

Rev. Derek

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## CABINET

### MEETING MINUTES September 23, 2018

#### Subject to Approval

The Cabinet of the First Congregational Church of Rockport, Massachusetts, UCC was called to order by Moderator Steve Lindo at 7:07PM.

**Present:** Steve Lindo, Moderator, chair, and Personnel Committee; Rev. Derek van Gulden, Pastor; Sigrid Lindo, Stewardship Committee and Music Committee; Sue Herron, Diaconate; Stephen Kalaghan, Christian Outreach Committee; Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Rice Smith, Historian and Membership Committee; Bruce Coates, Treasurer; Jay Reed, Treasurer of Mission Funds; and Geof Lyon, Clerk and recording secretary.

Rev. Derek led us in prayer to open the meeting:

#### **Action, Discussion and Follow-Up Items:**

**Meeting minutes:** The minutes of the September 19 meeting were approved as submitted by voice vote.

**Steeple Dedication - Jazz on the Green:** We discussed open issues related to the September 30 event. The event will begin at 11:30AM and end at 1:00PM. The opening prayer will be at 11:30, and readings and blessings will follow. The jazz quartet will begin to play right after the bell strikes noon. Food will be served in the narthex, and the sanctuary will be open. The event will move to Fellowship Hall in the event of bad weather, and the weather decision will be made Saturday morning.

**Steeple and Bell Strike:** Treasurer Bruce Coates reported that the steeple project has cost about \$940,000 to date. Concern was expressed that the congregation does not know the cost. The press release includes the number, and it was printed in the worship bulletin September 23. So that parishioners who were not in attendance don't see this figure for the first time in the newspaper, Geof Lyon will send an email blast about the September 30 event that includes the press release. Concern was expressed about the position on the bell at which the clock hammer strikes it. Geof reported that Marc Brosamer, whose firm sold us the bell, said that a strike too close to the lip could chip the bell. Geof will contact Church Specialties in Vermont about the matter.

**Budget:** In years past we have had a draft budget by the end of September, and concern was expressed that there seems to be no budget activity yet this year. Bruce will prepare the reports that have been used for budget preparation in the past and send them to Trustees chair Walter Vining. Personnel Committee chair Steve Lindo will send Walter cost of living adjustment figures.

**Christian Education Staffing and Restructuring:** Rev. Derek reported that consideration is being given to engaging a consultant who would be responsible for helping to developing future plans for Christian Education. He will meet with Sue Koehler-Arsenault this week to discuss this further.

**Church Website:** A committee to work on the website is being formed. Recommendations were made to look at the excellent websites for Wellesley Hills Congregational Church and Old South Church in Boston.

**Bylaw Revisions:** Last year's bylaw review committee made several suggestions, but there are still outstanding issues. It was observed that the current bylaws specify numbers of members for committees that are increasingly difficult to meet.

**Nominating Committee:** The nominating committee is having trouble getting started. Steve Lindo and Rev. Derek will attempt to convene the members for an organizational meeting.

**Interim Minister Photographs:** A motion was made that the photographs of interim ministers be hung in chronological sequence along with the photographs of settled ministers. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote. The Cabinet approved including a photograph of Rev. Derek in the same place and sequence.

**CORI Checks:** Rev. Derek reported that the CORI checks will be completed soon.

### Officer Reports

**Pastor:** Rev. Derek reported that Rev. Sue Koehler-Arsenault is moving along in the process for obtaining ministerial standing in the UCC and asked that we support her in the ordination process.

**Treasurer:** Bruce Coates distributed year to date Operating and Cash and Investment summaries. He pointed out that income is \$7,500 more than budget and expenses are \$9,100 less, so the church is \$16,727 better than budget at this point. Some of this will even out but Bruce thinks we are genuinely ahead. The Capital Campaign fund balance is about \$14,000 and the steeple fund is empty, so we are nearing the end of the funds for the steeple. The major maintenance fund balance is about \$35,000 and growing from contributions.

**Treasurer of Mission Funds:** Jay Reed reported that there is about \$5,000 in the treasury which is good.

**Historian:** Liz Rice Smith reported that this week she will prepare the history exhibit in the sanctuary for the September 30 event.

### Committee Reports

**Diaconate:** Sue Herron reported that the Diaconate has agreed on a method for evaluating the pastor's performance.

**Trustees:** There was no representative, but Rev. Derek reported that CTS Telecommunications has been working in the steeple lantern preparing the antennae and radio heads.

**Stewardship Committee:** Sigi Lindo reported that the Stewardship campaign will begin in October. They will forego their customary kickoff event this year because of the steeple event. There will be a dinner fundraiser at Shea's Riverside Restaurant the evening of October 11.

**Outreach Committee:** Stephen Kalaghan reported that everything is going well. We just completed a Family Promise week. The presentation and meetings about refugees and immigrants have been well received.

**Christian Education Committee:** There was no representative, but Rev. Derek reported that there will be a confirmation class with 2 or 3 students. Katie Welch has been working with Kristina Martin on children's choir participation in worship. Our youth group is getting together with the youth group from the UU church.

### Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM.

### Date of Next Cabinet Meeting:

The cabinet will next meet in the Morgan Room at 7:00PM on October 21.

Respectfully submitted,

Geof Lyon, Clerk

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

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## TRUSTEE

### MEETING MINUTES September 10, 2018

#### Subject to Approval

**Trustee Meeting** - called to order at 7:02 PM. Reverend Derek opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Present:** Mark Jurewicz; Bill Elwell; Bonnie Gray; Bruce Coates; Walter Vining; Rev Derek van Gulden; Chip Kistner; Paul Hurst; Kevin Love; Geof Lyon, Building Study Committee

#### **Absent:**

- **Minutes:** Minutes from the August 13, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- **Treasurers Report:** Bruce presented the treasurer's report which was approved as submitted.
- **Monthly Review of:**

**Bank Statements** – Kevin reported no issues identified with March/April statements and will review May/June.

**PEX Statements** – Not reviewed. Bonnie will follow up with Regina. It was noted that documentation for PEX expenditures should follow the same guidelines as payment by check – 2 signatures.

#### Old Business:

- **Capital Campaign Projects** – review of projects.
  - Steeple Project – All agreed the remaining AST balance of \$3,174.44 should be paid. Walter will communicate with Regina.

Geof presented information regarding the steeple lighting design used at the First Beverly Church. It has become obvious that lighting the steeple will require considerable thought due to the complexity of the structure and the impact on neighbors. A professional lighting designer would be helpful. Geof will investigate.
  - Organ Repair – No update.
  - Sanctuary Ceiling Paint – Bill communicated with Betsy Petit from Building Science Corporation. They would need to arrange an initial assessment before providing an actual estimate for a full evaluation. Bill will schedule.
  - Front Façade Paint – Project deferred to early spring to allow Trustees time to evaluate the scope of the project and identify painting contractors.
  - Other Capital Campaign Projects – not discussed.
- **Verizon Cell Tower** – Awaiting update from Tom Moylan regarding the location of utility shed.
- **Critical Incident Committee** –
  - Critical Incident Policy – CIC will meet in September to begin work on training plan development.
  - Exit Door Replacement – Estimate for 3 aluminum clad replacement doors (Kitchen, Phil B's Utility Room and Phil S's Music Room) from Building Center is \$12,310. Awaiting estimate from Seaside Glass. Walter will follow up. The kitchen door will receive top priority due to its poor condition.
- **Day School Door Crash Bar** – Additional signage to more clearly identify the best emergency route from Fellowship Hall and a procedure to ensure those doors are unlocked during FH events is pending. It was noted these doors have been found locked after school hours several times since the locks were installed.
- **Sound System Upgrades** – Actual quote received from Spittle Electric was several hundred dollars higher than anticipated. Geof will seek an explanation. Trustees agreed to fund the additional amount if necessary.
- **Garage Roof** – Bill will follow up with contractor.
- **Kitchen Fire Extinguishers** – Kitchen extinguishers have been swapped out with extinguishers in Fellowship Hall and are now compatible with the fire suppression system above the stove. Trustees unanimously agreed it would be wise to have all FH extinguishers replaced with compatible extinguishers to eliminate any possibility of the wrong extinguishers being used in the kitchen. Walter will coordinate.

- **Bell Ringing Schedule** – Walter provided a response to the request to alter the bell schedule and explained the current mechanism does not allow for an altered schedule. There has been no further communication since.

#### New Business:

- **Sexton Coverage** – It was suggested that some responsibilities could be performed by school students looking for community hours. Derek will draft a proposal.
- **Lawn Event** – An event to thank the community for support with the steeple project will be held on 9/30 and will include a blessing/dedication of the steeple and bell, a jazz quartet on the front lawn and public tours of the steeple.
- **Parsonage Repairs** – Rev Derek identified several issues that need repair. Bill will check the rotted bulkhead and problems with the garage doors. Derek will coordinate with Bruce Rowell for bathroom electrical issues. The refrigerator also needs replacement.

A copy of this report will be forwarded to the editor of the Old Sloop Log. There being no further business, the Board of Trustees adjourned at 8:34 PM.

To avoid conflict with Columbus Day the next scheduled meeting will be Monday, October 15, 2018.

Walter Vining

Chair, Board of Trustees

Mark Jurewicz

Recording Secretary

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## DIACONATE

### MEETING MINUTES September 11, 2018

#### DRAFT

#### ADMINISTRATIVE

**Present:** Janice Ramsden, Debbie Welch, Barbara Reed, Karen Chambers, Mercy Duffill, Sue Herron, Jim Schell and Rev. Derek Van Gulden.

**Minutes** of our August meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

#### **Next Communion worship:**

**On September 16, 2018.** Janice and Sue will prep. Karen, Mercy, Janice and Sue will help serve. Karen will read part of service with Rev. Derek. The bread and juice is all set. All contribute to clean up.

**October 7, 2018 Communion;** Barbara and Deb will set up, Deb, Barbara, Karen and Janice will serve.

#### ONGOING BUSINESS

**Pastor's report:**

- Rev. Derek reported on individuals and families he has met with and updated their wellbeing status.
- Rev. Derek met with Katie Welch and Christina Martin regarding youth ministry and creating a multigenerational service program. To or three possible confirmands will be meeting for this year.
- Rev Derek is planning an Animal Service and blessing Oct. 14.

#### Updates:

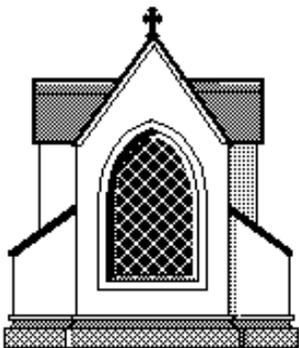
- Parament Book- Karen is formatting pictures to create book.
- Baptismal Font- on hold, awaiting email confirmation.
- Evaluation Process- Rev. Derek attended and reviewed the Marks of the Faithful Book explaining how it works. Deacons agreed with his suggestion that he completes a self-assessment using the guidelines of the book. Once completed, Rev. Derek will meet with the Deacons to discuss and set goals. Rev. Derek has asked that this process be changed from once a year to every six months allowing for a more fluid progression of goal and assessment.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- **Roles of Deacons:** Mercy working on update.
- **Nominating Committee:** Barbara attended Cabinet to get status of the Nominating Committee. She is looking for suggestion for one person to fill Deb Welch's spot.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM      **NEXT MEETING – Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 11:30 A.M.**

Respectfully submitted *Karen Chambers, secretary*



## Stewardship

October 2018

### Stewardship Pledge Campaign for 2018 Begins

October launches our stewardship season. As we consider our pledges and donations to the church, let's look back at two significant events of the past year for which we are truly grateful.

First, Pastor Derek embarked on a three-month sabbatical, during which time the congregation embarked on its own sabbatical. Both our pastor and congregation experienced important self-discovery.

This summer, we rejoiced as our steeple project was completed, and our worthy replacement bell began ringing the hour. As you read this, the congregation will have celebrated with a special worship service, followed by a blessing of the tower and bell. This was followed by "Jazz on the

Green", a performance of on the church's front lawn by the newly formed "Old Sloop Jazz Quartet", to which the town and contributors were invited in thanks for their generous support.

We are invigorated by our sabbatical experience and uplifted by the completion of the steeple. We hope you share the satisfaction and reassurance of the enduring presence of our cherished congregation and home, the Old Sloop. We are abundantly blessed.

**Campaign Theme:** It is from this place of abundant blessings that our campaign theme emerged: "Giving from Abundance, Living the Love of Jesus." By financially supporting the Old Sloop, we can continue to practice our ministries of worship, welcoming, and outreach. We can continue to live the love of Jesus by feeding the hungry in our own community; sheltering the homeless north of Boston; educating ourselves through Bible study, discussion; and storytelling; and much, much more.

**Why Pledge?** As you consider your pledge, consider this important question: *Why is pledging important to the church?* Financially, a commitment to regular payments by the church family helps the church more effectively plan for its expenses. Personally, pledging is a commitment you can make to support our church where you have chosen to worship. If you haven't pledged before, consider trying it this year. Of course, sometimes, people's circumstances change and they no longer are able to continue their pledge payments. There are no bills sent, only payment acknowledgements and thanks. While many choose to give by donating their time or talent, stewardship season is the time we focus on giving financially.

**Campaign Season:** Four Sundays are dedicated to this season of giving.

**October 14: All-church photo.** Immediately after worship, weather permitting, we will gather in front of the sanctuary building. We intend to use this photo as part of Our Ministries 2018. You may recall this summary from two years' past of our church's ministries and how our church spending is allocated.

**October 14, 21, 28, November 4: Witnessing Stewards:** You will hear personal stories from church family members about their relationship with the church.

**October 21: Distribution of the Pledge Material:** Please read this carefully and prayerfully over the following few weeks, and try to attend worship to hear the stories of our witnessing stewards.

**November 11: Dedication Sunday:** Please consider putting your pledge card in the offering plate on November 11, if you haven't yet done so. Extra pledge cards and donation envelopes will be in the pews.

If you are wondering "HOW MUCH?", a UCC minister once said, "Give until it feels good!" We are grateful for your generosity. Thank you for caring.

Thursday, October 11, 4:30-9:30 p.m.

Join us at

### SHEA'S Riverside



122 Main Street, Essex

Call 978-768-6931 to make a reservation *right away*

Enjoy great food and the beautiful view of the Essex River



If at least 20 supporters of the Congregational Church of Rockport show up, Shea's will contribute 10% of their entire evening's proceeds to the church.

The Church's share will be applied to the  
Save the Steeple Fund!

50:50 Raffle. Drawing at 9:00 p.m., that evening.

Winner need not be present.

Have you bought Rockport Cooks yet?

A beautiful new collection of recipes from family and friends of the Old Sloop was published in July. It combines iconic Rockport photography with delicious favorites of many parishioners and church friends. Contact Marcia Myers at [cliffnevis@aol.com](mailto:cliffnevis@aol.com) Sigi Lindo at [sigilindo@gmail.com](mailto:sigilindo@gmail.com) or Regina Reiss at [office@rockportucc.org](mailto:office@rockportucc.org) for copies for yourself and friends. The price is \$18. Net proceeds will be donated to the steeple fund.

### Sign up for Amazon Smile!

The checks from Amazon Smile are providing a small, steady income. If you are one of those using Amazon Smile when you buy online, thank you! If you haven't signed up yet, please do so. If we all participate every time we order from Amazon, the returns could be significant. Go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and follow the instructions. Pick First Congregational Church of Rockport as your charity. Thanks for making that extra effort!

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## Christian Education

### Youth Ministry News

#### OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sunday, October 7	10:15	No Sunday School
	5:00 – 7:00	No Youth Group
Sunday, October 14	9:00	CE Meeting in Youth Space
	10:15	Sunday School
	5:00 – 7:00	Youth Group
Sunday, October 21	10:15	Sunday School
	5:00 – 7:00	Youth Group: Halloween Party
Sunday, October 28	10:15	Sunday School
	5:00 – 7:00	No Youth Group: RHS Play

Welcome Back! I hope you all have gotten into the swing of things and back into your routines for the new school year. We are excited for the upcoming year. A big goal for this year is to start incorporating more and more intergenerational ministry opportunities. Rev. Derek Kristina and I have been meeting regularly to see how we can start making it happen. So stay tuned!

There will be a confirmation class this year, so if you are a 9th grade or older, there is still time for you to sign up! We will be meeting twice a month. Contact Katie or Rev. Derek if you would like any more information.

For youth group this year we will continue to meet Sundays from 5-7pm in our newly renovated space! It is starting to feel like home now. Can't wait to see what God has in store for this year! We are booked for Encounter Weekend January 18th-20th (MLK weekend). An \$80 deposit secures your spot! <https://monadnockchristianministries.org/encounter/>.

Also, this year we are looking to go to the UCC's general synod in Milwaukee, Wisconsin being held June 21st-25th. <https://monadnockchristianministries.org/encounter/>.

Be blessed!

Katie



## Christian Outreach Committee

### Meeting minutes, September 9, 2018

**Present:** Jay Reed, Charlie Brackett, Stephen Kalaghan, Sarah Mowitt, Marj Schell, and Wendy Woodbury.

Jay Reed called the meeting to order at 11:52 with a prayer.

**Treasurer's Report:** The balance in the Wider Mission Treasury at the end of September was \$4,235.60. Receipts during the month included \$777.88 from pledges. Disbursements were made during the month to the UCC Massachusetts Conference Basic Support (\$1,150), as well as \$500 to Refugee Immigration Ministry. Members of the committee agreed to send \$200 to the LGBT Asylum Task Force Gala scheduled for October 27 in Worcester. Contributions of over \$100 have been collected for the efforts of Faithful Witness at the Border.

The Pastor's Fund has adequate funds.

**Neighbors in Need:** The celebration for this special offering will be held on October 7. The emphasis this year is for serving our immigrant neighbors and communities. Jay is looking for volunteers to speak on Sunday mornings to promote contributions for this fund.

**Faithful Witness at the Border:** A meeting will be held on September 13 to further our discussions on this issue.

**Action Lunches:** On August 28, we made 35 sandwiches for Action. We will make sandwiches again on October 30.

**Family Promise:** We will be hosting two or three families during our week from September 16 to 23. On October 13 there will be a walk to aid the program in Beverly. People may sign up to walk or to support walkers on the Family Promise Northshore Boston website.

**Refugee Immigration Ministry:** The family from Nigeria will be graduating from the program in record time after finding employment and an apartment. On November 18, this program will host an International dinner to raise funds.

Jay showed the committee thank you letters from Open Door and the Massachusetts Council of Churches. He also showed invitations for benefits of HAWC on October 18 and for Lifebridge on September 20.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25. Our next meeting will be on October 14.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Mowitt

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### Scholarship Thank You

Outreach Committee, Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship. I feel truly blessed to have been awarded this especially from a place so close to my heart. From the very moment I started going to this church I felt welcome and at home. I believe this community has made a great impact on my life. Thank you for all the love and support through the years.

Sincerely, Sarah Chambers

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## Old Sloop Coffeehouse Upcoming Performances

### Friday, October 19 at 7:30PM - Bettman & Halpin

Multi-award winners Bettman & Halpin have a well-earned reputation for hypnotizing performances filled with irresistible lyrics, transcendent harmonies and roof-raising instrumentals. Their concerts



combine high-energy upbeat bluegrass/roots inspired compositions, beautiful ballads with soaring vocals and heartfelt lyrics, and groovy feel-good songs that audiences will be singing in their heads for weeks thereafter. The Pasadena Star calls them "storytellers in the fireside tradition". Bettman & Halpin create an authentic connection with their audience. And they have become as known for their storytelling and playful banter as for their hooky whole-hearted songs and instrumental wizardry.

Tickets for this concert can be purchased in advance for \$10 from the coffeehouse web site at [oldsloopcoffeehouse.org](http://oldsloopcoffeehouse.org), at John Tarr Store in Rockport, at The Bookstore of Gloucester, and at coffee hour following worship on Sunday, October 7. The suggested donation at the door is \$12 for adults, \$8 for those 65 and older, \$5 for those younger than 18, and \$24 for a family.

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### Weekly Church Events

WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
POTLUCK DINNER

Wednesdays at 5 pm



POTLUCK DINNER

THURSDAY MORNING  
BOOK GROUP

MORGAN CONFERENCE ROOM

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.



#### The Fellowship Hour Schedule for October

October 7	Jack Reed and Steve Lindo
October 14	Wendy and Mark Woodbury
October 21	Rick Kasten and Kathleen Morgan
October 28	Charlie Brackett and Jill Carter

If there are any questions or concerns or if you would like to be a part of our fellowship hour by baking or hosting, please contact Liz-Rice Smith or Wendy Woodbury.

#### With Gratitude for our Church Servants for September

##### Ushers

September 2	Linda and Steve Rowell
September 9	Linda and Steve Rowell
September 16	Steve Rowell & Janice Ramsden
September 23	Linda and Steve Rowell
September 30	Linda and Steve Rowell

##### Readers

September 2	John Coonley
September 9	Ken Perry
September 16	Bob Cannon
September 23	Sue Herron
September 30	Lou Cannon



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**\*\* All articles are due on the  
18<sup>th</sup> of each month. \*\***

### Church Office Hours

Tuesday – Friday  
9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

### Sunday Worship Service

Nursery Care is available

### Sunday School

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

### Church Staff

#### Pastor

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#### Office Manager

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#### Music Director

Dr. Phil Swanson

#### Youth Choir Director

Kristina Martin

#### Youth director and Interim Christian ed. director

Kaitlyn Welch

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