

# 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 unconditionally. Therefore, we covenant to be an Open and Affirming congregation welcoming persons of every age, ability, gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, socio-economic status, nationality, ethnicity and immigration status 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,

The following is adapted from a piece on why we give of our time, talent and finances to church:

### I Am "The Old Sloop"

Through me, families are launched in marriage, people are baptized, and the young are trained in Christian character.

I provide Christian formation for everyone and youth activities for young adults and your children.

I provide music to enrich your worship, and preaching and pastoral services to help you live more graciously.

I warm you on cold days and keep you dry on blustery ones. I am much more than just a building, but I do need your love and care.

I reach out to your community and country, witnessing, teaching, healing in Christ's name.

I help to form your ministers and those in discernment, and I provide for assistance to those who retired after years of faithful service to God through the Church.

It is through me that the sick find spiritual strength,

The troubled and the discouraged are steadied.  
I go out into the wide world, preaching the Gospel in every language.  
I carry your word to people of every race, age, ability, gender identification,  
sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, nationality,  
ethnicity, immigration status, and clan.  
I am "The Old Sloop." Believe in me; support me that I may carry  
your name. With your help I make possible all of these  
services, as "The Old Sloop," I am You at work.  
But I do need your help. I do need your support.  
Without your pledges to undergird me, I am helpless.  
Your pledges are my foundation, my supporting walls.  
I am your talent, your gifts, your treasure, your money,  
your prayer, and your concern translated into action.  
I can do only what you, through your gifts of time, talents,  
and pledges, make possible for me to do.  
Together We are "The Old Sloop."

Rev. Derek

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Boston Handel and Haydn Society  
"Messiah"  
G. F. Handel  
Monday, December 2, 2019  
7:00 p.m.  
First Congregational Church of Rockport  
Sanctuary

We are thrilled to announce that Handel's iconic *Messiah*, a treasured holiday tradition, will be performed by the incomparable Handel and Haydn Society in a special chamber arrangement for 13-member chamber orchestra and chorus led by Associate Conductor Jan Watson.

This performance, held in the sanctuary, is part of our developing relationship with Rockport Music. General admission tickets are available by contacting the Rockport Music box office 978-546-7391 or the website, [rockportmusic.org](http://rockportmusic.org). Tickets are already available and are expected to sell quickly.



**The Shower of Stoles Project  
will be on exhibit at  
the First Congregational Church of Rockport, UCC  
12 School Street, Rockport, Mass.  
through November 13**

The "Shower of Stoles Project" is a traveling exhibit that celebrates the gifts of those of the LGBTQ community who serve God in countless ways, while also lifting up those who've been excluded from service because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. The project bears witness to the huge loss of leadership that the church (*universal*) has brought upon itself because of its own unjust policies. It is an extraordinary collection of more than 1,300 liturgical stoles and other sacred items – as well as their personal stories – representing the lives of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people of faith. These religious leaders have served in 31 denominations and faith traditions, and come from six countries on three continents. Our church is blessed to be able to exhibit of 31 stoles from the "Shower of Stoles Project."

**On November 3 at 3 p.m.  
you are invited to experience the "Shower of Stoles"  
in the church Sanctuary followed by a special reception.**

**Rev. Joe Amico, pastor of the Tabernacle Congregational Church of Salem  
will be here to share his story. His personal stole from when he was a  
Methodist minister is on display as part of this particular exhibit.**

## CABINET

### Meeting Minutes September 15

#### Subject to Approval

**Present:** Jack Reed, Moderator and Christian Education Committee; Rev. Derek van Gulden, Pastor; Sue Herron, Diaconate; Bonnie Gray, Trustees; Rev. Liz Rice-Smith, Historian; Bruce Coats, Treasurer; Stewardship Committee; Jay Reed, Treasurer of Mission Funds; Stephen Kalaghan, Christian Outreach Committee; Bob Cannon, Music Committee; Lou Cannon, Personnel Committee; Jim Schell, Membership Committee and recording secretary.

**Handouts:** Agenda; Meeting of Church Cabinet September 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes - Subject to Approval; Year to Date Operating Summary and Cash and Investment Summary August 31, 2019; FCCR/UCC Critical Incident Safety Policy.

#### Action, Discussion, and Follow-up Items:

1. Declaration of a quorum, approval of minutes 8/25/19
2. Emergency Procedures Policy - Bob Cannon
3. Membership Committee request for input for panels
4. The Bell Ringing at Night
5. Modifying the Policy concerning Access to pledge/gifts information
6. Safe Church Policy:
7. New Business and Action Items;

#### 1.) Declaration of a quorum, approval of minutes.

Moderator Jack Reed observed that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:02PM. Rev. Derek Van Gulden led the Cabinet in prayer.

The August 25, meeting minutes needed a few corrections. Pastor Derek Report corrected the name Rainbow of Stoles Project; The Diaconate has authorized up to \$2,000.00 be taken from the Living Memorial Fund to be used to buy a Baptismal Font; Charting the future Report: Discussion/ "High School" needs changed to "non secular"

#### 2.) Emergency Procedures Policy - Bob Cannon

A well thought out Draft was presented First Congregational Church of Rockport/UCC (FCCR) Critical Incident Safety Policy

The prime objective of this policy is to promote the safety and security of congregants, staff and other building users at the First Congregation Church of Rockport.

High lights:

1. **Overview:** "Policies specified herein do not supersede in any way the FCCR Bylaws or the Safe Church Policies and Procedures."

**2. Responsibilities:** "It is the responsibility of the Trustees to reasonably anticipate and put in place practical procedures necessary for addressing Critical Incident Safety issues."

**Safety Center:** A clearly identified Safety Center will be installed and maintained in Fellowship Hall near the door leading to the elevator and restrooms.

a. It will include **Emergency Procedure Instructions**

b. **Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and First Aid Kit.**

c. **Training** all of the above needs training to apply correctly

d. **Periodic Review and Upgrades** is the responsibility of the Trustees.

e. **Person in Charge.** All activities should have an assigned responsible person.

f. **Reception Center.** FCCR is the designated location for Level 3 evacuation of Rockport High School and Middle School.

**3. Firearms and other Weapons:** "Artifacts for violence are not permitted in the FCCR Church building or anywhere on FCCR property."

#### **4. Reporting:**

Reporting of all critical incidents is the responsibility of the Person In Charge (PIC) of any activity in the Church. The Pastor, Trustees or Cabinet should be notified as soon as possible.

#### Discussion:

A noteworthy point was made that **Procedures** are dynamic and always actively changing and updated to what works best. **Policy** should follow what the Procedures indicate is Best Practice, consistent with FCCR values. Pictorial and graphic images help in emergency conditions.

Some announcements should be included in the Log and possibly the Sunday Bulletin.

#### **3.) Officer Reports**

**Pastor Derek:** The **Harvest Fest** is on October 19, and Derek has obtained a table for the Church. He will need volunteers and support. An exhibit from Rainbow of Stoles Project will be on display.

**Treasurer:** Bruce Coates stated that the operating budget has some timing issues due to investment income delay but is not in bad shape. There could be a \$3,000.00 shortfall by years' end.

**Treasurer of Mission Funds:** Jay Reed reported that the Outreach Treasury has \$2,900. Outreach receipts are also behind. Budget is low but will improve in fall.

**Historian:** Report- Rev. Liz Rice-Smith received many complements on the Church history. She has continued work on the 400th anniversary of Pilgrims landing in Provincetown and settling Plimoth Colony.

#### 4.) Committee Reports

**Diaconate:** It was voted up to \$2,000.00 be taken from the Living Memorial Fund to be used to buy a Baptismal Font. Replacing the Bibles in the Sanctuary is being discussed. Current Bibles are not in good condition.

**Trustees:** Bonnie Gray reported that there has been a request to use the Church for photos on December 7 as part of Santa's arrival in Rockport. This is also the week for the Christmas Fair and could be very beneficial for the Church.

**Outreach Committee:** Stephen Kalaghan reported that Community Potluck has been well attended, Family Promise started this week Sept.15th with 3 families.

**Old Sloop Fleet:** Liz Rice Smith noted there is still needs for volunteers for Rides and Other Miracles.

**Christian Education Committee:** Should take the lead on Faith Formation director, and make recommendations.

**Stewardship Committee:** No report.

**Membership Committee:** Jim Schell reported that the dates and times for new members will be scheduled for October. Jim will notify by E-mail the committee chairs what will be needed from them to complete The Panels for Committee activities, and where supplies could be purchased.

**Personnel Committee:** Lou Cannon reported that the cost to the employee for the maternity/paternity leave and long term medical leave will be 0.378% of their wages.

**New Business Action Items:** There was a discussion on who has access to the information on amounts pledged and donated to the church. The discussion was initiated by the pastor with support from the Stewardship Committee and Diaconate. Pastor Derek will draft a proposed resolution which would allow the pastor, chair of the Deacons and chair of the Stewardship Committee to have access to the fore mentioned information. He will present the resolution to the cabinet for further discussion with the goal of bringing it before the congregation at the 2020 annual meeting in January.

Jack Reed has E-mailed the Nominating committee about the next meeting, Sept.29th.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Schell





## TRUSTEES

### Meeting Minutes: September 16, 2019

**Trustee Meeting** – called to order at 7:03 PM. Walter opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Present:** Bruce Coates, Treasurer; Mark Jurewicz; Bonnie Gray; Walter Vining; Chip Kistner; Jim Schell, Diaconate

**Absent:** Bill Elwell; Kevin Love; Rev. Derek van Gulden; Geof Lyon, Building Study Committee

- **Minutes:** Minutes from the September 16, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Bruce presented the Treasurer's Report and noted net income remains behind budget mainly due to delayed billing of the Pastor's Pension and professional fees for Christian Education.
- **Monthly Reviews:**  
**Bank Statements:** Not reviewed. Waiting for Kevin to review May/June.  
**PEX Statements:** Not reviewed.

### Old Business:

- **Building Study Committee (BSC) Update** – The BSC met on October 12th and made the following recommendations on several items they were asked to review:
  - **Narthex Improvement Project (Facelift)** – the estimate to simply paint the acoustic ceiling tiles and walls was \$3,700. Due to that cost the BSC recommendation was to defer that work until a comprehensive plan could be determined to avoid having to redo that work. The space will be tidied up and borrowed lighting will be used to make the space more inviting for the concert. Jim Schell also suggest a group of volunteers wash the walls and woodwork to improve the appearance.
  - **Parsonage Garage Floor** – the garage floor has deteriorated significantly to the point the door no longer closes properly. Dick Cooper evaluated and estimates \$3,000 to repair the worst of the damaged and \$7,000-\$8,000 for the entire floor. BSC recommendation was to have Dick spend a day to work on the worst of the damage and try to better evaluate the conditions of the rest of the floor to make a more concise estimate.
  - **Sanctuary Ceiling Paint** – Kieran Hurley was contracted to paint the "test patch areas" on the ceiling as recommended in the Building Science Corporation report. That report also recommended installation of pans/drain to catch any water leaking through roof/wall vents. The BSC recommendation was to install those pans/drains and to also utilize construction paper to determine any leakage from the center roof vents.

- **Project Priorities Spreadsheet** – the existing spreadsheet was reviewed. Rick Kasten will develop a new spreadsheet based on the BSC review that will omit already completed projects and clarify remaining items.

Trustees approved all BSC recommendations.

- **Exit Door Replacement** – No update.
- **Verizon Progress** – Walter contacted Tom Moylon regarding the expected \$5,000 payment from Verizon. The check is expected to arrive this week.
- **Steeple Lighting** – No update.
- **Critical Incident Committee Update** –The CIC met on October 9<sup>th</sup> and made progress with the creation of a Safety Center, development of an Emergency Procedure Manual and coordination of revision of existing and addition of new emergency signage. The CIC submitted the following funding requests which were approved by the Trustees:
  - Permission to create and highlight Safety Center area in Fellowship Hall using molding/paint/tape – estimate not to exceed \$100. Purchase of Medium Workplace 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Kit, 1 Adult 1<sup>st</sup> Aid/CPR/AED Ready Reference and 2 Pediatric 1<sup>st</sup> Aid/CPR/AED Ready References - \$150.
  - Permission to mount 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Kit and Emergency Procedure Manual adjacent to AED – estimated costs not to exceed \$100.
  - Purchase and installation of 2 illuminated EXIT signs – estimated costs not to exceed \$700.
  - Reprint and mount new and existing Evacuation Plan signage – estimated costs not to exceed \$100.
  - Total funding request not to exceed \$1,150.

Also discussed at that meeting was use of the church as a reception center in the event of a school evacuation. This arrangement is documented in the school emergency plan but it is unknown if the church is aware of the arrangement. The sudden influx of 400-500 students could prove problematic if the church is not prepared. While some Trustees were aware of this it is still unclear exactly what the procedure would be. Derek will contact Rob Liebow for more details.

- **Funding for New Website** – No update.
- **Concert Preparation** – Walter will coordinate cleaning of the pineapple pediment, and painting of the wall behind the cross.

### New Business:

- **Rainbow Day School** – The day school will be leaving the church location at the end of October. A new tenant will need to be found. There was some discussion of utilizing the

space for some other purpose such as retail space, yoga/dance studio, art gallery, etc.

Announcements will be made in the Log and bulletins.

- **Sanctuary Lights** – Walter reported the lights were left on Tuesday night October 15<sup>th</sup>. Unclear who was responsible.

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 8:16pm.

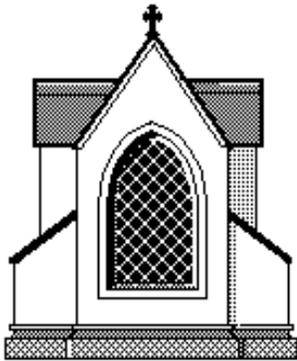
The next scheduled meeting of the Trustees will be Monday, November 11, 2019. The meeting will be preceded at 6pm by the annual Investment Committee review with Fidelity.

Walter Vining

Mark Jurewicz

Chair, Board of Trustees

Recording Secretary



## Stewardship Committee

### STEWARDSHIP – LOG OCTOBER 2019

The 2020 Stewardship Pledge Campaign has begun and runs from October 20- November 10. We continue to focus on our mission of *Living the Love and Justice of Jesus through Scripture, Story, Service and Song*. We invite you to participate and support the good work of The First Congregational Church of Rockport in the coming year.

On Sunday, October 20, Zach Jylkka was our first Witnessing Steward and shared the following:

*...Several years ago, Danielle and I began to look for a church.*

*For anyone who has gone through this process, it's sort of like Goldilocks and porridge. We needed to find a church that had a focus on scripture and building a relationship with God, and that also, most importantly for me, represented our values. Many of those values are listed on this banner [on the front wall in the sanctuary].*

*We sought to find a church that is not only open to everyone, but embraces everyone for who they are, unchanging, as God created them. We wanted to be part of a community that does not shy away from local, national, and international justice and environmental issues, but confronts them head on. Hosting HarborLight ...and leading a community discussion about affordable housing is a perfect example of that.*

*This church, and more importantly The Old Sloop community, reflected our greatest priorities...This congregation may be relatively small, but it is strong, and has an unwavering sense of purpose. The church's generosity, both in terms of donations and mission work, is truly inspiring. Danielle and I were immediately eager to join in, both with our time and our pledge. We choose to pledge because we want to help sustain the work that is being done here, nurture its growth, and ultimately **spread the good word** to others who may be*

*unfamiliar with what the Old Sloop does. That last point is particularly important, as I know all of us would love to see additional youthful and diverse faces filling the seats of our pews.*

Zach's beautiful words illustrate the importance of sharing our stories with each other. On Sunday, October 27, we will hear from Tim Chambers and on Sunday November 3 will hear Sigi Lindo's story. Mary Cresse will be our final speaker on November 10. Many thanks to all of our Witnessing Stewards.

*--The Stewardship Committee*

## Membership Committee

### Practices of Faith of the United Church of Christ

#### Stewardship

For each of the coming 9 months, the Membership Committee will continue to offer a writing on one of twelve practices of faith in the United Church of Christ. We hope that considering these will stimulate your thinking about your faith and the First Congregational Church of Rockport (FCCR).

This month we offer a lightly edited version of the UCC's presentation on Stewardship. Stewardship is more than giving of wealth, but Fall is FCCR's time for the Stewardship pledge campaign, so this comes at an appropriate time.

We invite you to read the following, whether you are new to the church or have been here a long time. If you would like to receive *Practices of Faith in the United Church of Christ*, with the UCC's pamphlets on each of the twelve practices, please contact the church office (978-546-6638).

#### Foundation

*The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 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 9:6-8 (NRSV)

#### Who is a Steward?

A steward receives and recognizes God's abundance.

A steward praises God with generous giving.

A steward recognizes and cares for that which God has entrusted to him or her.

A steward lives in harmony with God's creation.

#### How do stewards live?

Stewards live as disciples of Jesus

*having compassion for all,  
inviting all to receive God's salvation—wholeness, health and truth,  
working for justice and peace, reaching the lonely, sick and troubled,  
feeding the hungry, and celebrating hope with all God's diverse people.*

*(General Synod Resolution, Toward a New Vision of Giving)*

### **How is being a steward expressed in my life?**

Being a good steward can be thought of as giving of *time, self, and wealth*. This does not exhaust the meaning but serves as a guide for living the life of a steward.

Time has great value. We are very busy, and are asked to share some precious time without expecting any return. This may mean working at a church-related ministry, serving on a board or committee, teaching in learning centers or teaching computer skills, leading a Bible study group or helping at worship. It may be community service, working with the poor, hungry or homeless, helping build homes, or advocating for fair housing. By sharing time, the steward helps build something greater than any one of us.

Giving of self is closely related to giving of time. We all have gifts given us for the good of all people. By our sharing, we are putting ourselves at the service of all.

Giving of wealth can be the most challenging of the three. The use of money is intensely personal, yet as stewards we are called into a more generous accounting of our use of money. In the UCC, *tithing*—giving 10% of one's resources—is held as the starting point for faithful use of money. Tithing is sometimes seen as proportional giving. We are challenged to consider what percent of income we will give. We are encouraged to be intentional and, sometimes, are challenged to increase our giving in proportion to what we receive. This decision is a spiritual one.

### **What does it mean to be a good steward in the United Church of Christ?**

Gifts to the local church support not only local ministries, but a wide variety of UCC-related and other programs, justice ministries, mission partnerships, and ecumenical partnerships, to name a few. There are also *special* offerings for UCC projects ranging from disaster relief and compassionate care to new church starts and support for retired church workers.

### **What is our call and challenge as stewards and disciples?**

A steward/disciple is called and challenged to be a voice and a presence for compassion and generosity, shown clearly in Jesus Christ.

We in the United Church of Christ *expect and encourage one another: to be disciples in all aspects of life, to give as each needs to give and others need to be helped, and to decide what gifts are given in and through the United Church of Christ.*

*So let us....invite each other to be giving disciples and give in and through the United Church of Christ.*

*(General Synod Resolution, Toward a New Vision of Giving)*



## Christian Education

### Youth Ministry News

#### NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday, November 3	10:00	Worship with Children in Service
	5:00	Youth Group: Rhythm
Wednesday, November 6	5:15	Creating your story (potluck to follow)
Friday, November 8	TBD	Community Babysitting Night
Sunday, November 10	10:00	Worship with Children in Service
		No Youth Group
Wednesday, November 13	5:15	Creating your story (potluck to follow)
Sunday, November 17	10:00	Worship with Children in Service
	5:00	Youth Group: Movie Night off site
Wednesday, November 20	5:15	Creating your story (potluck to follow)
Sunday, November 24	10:00	Worship with Children in Service
	5:00	Annual Pie Bake

#### **Important Updates from Christian Education**

##### **“Creating your story with God’s story” Bible Study**

Wednesdays @5:00PM.

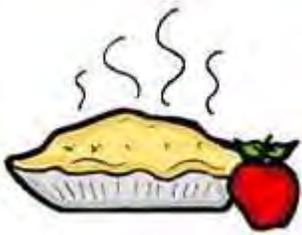
Please join Katie Welch and Rev. Derek for this new Bible study gathering on Wednesdays at 5 pm.

We will listen to the stories of the Bible--God's stories and see where they connect with our own stories. Through this process we will delve deeper into the biblical story. And we will learn different methods of storytelling to tell others our story and its connection with God's story.

We will be meeting in the CE room on the 2nd floor of the law building.

##### **Community Babysitting Night**

Friday November 8th we will be hosting a Community Babysitting night! It will be open to pre-k through 5th graders (6th-12th graders welcome to volunteer). Price is \$8 if you RSVP ahead of time (check the Facebook page @rockportucc) for the link and more information or \$10 if you pay at the door. \$25 cap for three or more children per family (CASH or CHECK).

**Pie Bake.**

Sunday, November 24th 5:00-7:00 pm will be our annual pie bake for Open Door. Weeks leading up to it we will be looking for cash donations to help buy supplies for the pies! We are always looking for volunteers to come and help! Please join us by either donating towards the pie bake (money donations work best) or join us in putting the pies together from 5 - 7pm in fellowship hall!

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**Christian Outreach Committee****MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 16**

Present: Steve Kalaghan, Ann Kistner, Jay Reed, Marge Schell, Darlene Spittle,  
Diane Westman, Wendy Woodbury

Jay opened the meeting with prayer at 7:40 p.m.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Balance as of 9/30/2019 is \$2218.78. We still have some disbursements to non-profits to make by the end of the year. We discussed making a donation to Andover Newton Theological Seminary which is now part of Yale Divinity School. We will also make a donation to the UCC for disaster relief in the Bahamas.

**Pastor's Fund:**

We thank the congregation for donations to the Pastor's Fund. These donations enable us to provide help for rent, heat, and food.

**Affordable Housing:**

Andrew DeFranza will speak to the congregation on Sunday, October 20, during worship with a question and answer session in the Sanctuary following coffee hour. Mr. DeFranza is the Executive Director of Harborlight Community Partners a non-profit based in Beverly, MA, that develops, manages, and advocates for affordable housing. The public is encouraged to attend and the committee was given posters to distribute.

**Social Action Subcommittee:**

The Committee is discussing issues to address. They have worked on Yemen and immigration. Other ideas include economic justice and creation justice. We discussed whether there are local groups with similar missions we could coordinate with.

### **Action Shelter Lunches:**

We prepare lunches for the shelter 10/29

### **Family Promise:**

Our next host week is 11/17-11/24. We plan to invite Rachel Hand, Family Promise North Shore to address the congregation. A date has not been set. The fundraising walk for Family Promise North Shore raised \$33,000. Thank you to all those who donated.

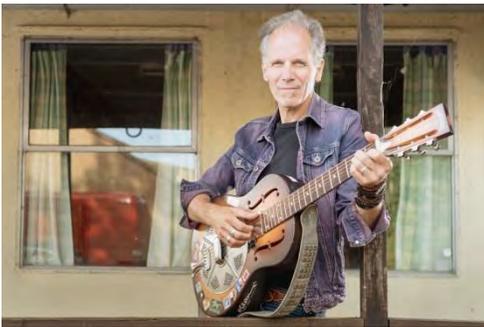
### **Nominating:**

Outreach needs at least one member to join the committee in January. We discussed who we might nominate.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted, Marge Schell

## **OLD SLOOP COFFEEHOUSE UPCOMING PERFORMANCES**



### **Friday, November 1 at 7:30PM – Brooks Williams with opener Prateek**

Brooks Williams hails from Statesboro, Georgia, the town made famous by country-blues legend Blind Willie McTell. Ranked in the Top 100 Acoustic Guitarists, he's a mean finger-picker and a stunning slide guitarist. Plus, "he has a beautiful voice," says AmericanaUK, "that you just melt into." Not one easy to pigeon-hole, Brooks' music is the love-child of country-blues and Americana.

fRoots Magazine says, "Soulful Americana, full-on blues and tasty rootsy grooves. He really rocks!"

Prateek has been described as "Not just any guy with a guitar..." by The Boston Globe and perhaps that's the best introduction to his music besides actually listening to it. He has been a Kerrville Folk Festival New Folk Finalist and has been nominated for Singer-Songwriter of the Year at both the New England Music Awards and the Boston Music Awards.

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 27. The suggested contribution at the door is \$12 for adults, \$5 for those age 18 and under, and \$24 for families.

## Weekly Church Events

WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
POTLUCK DINNER  
6 PM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL



POTLUCK DINNER



THURSDAY MORNING  
BOOK GROUP  
MORGAN CONFERENCE ROOM  
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.



The Fellowship Hour Schedule for November  
November 3 Debbie Welch/ Kevin Love  
November 10 Karen Coffin/ Marge Schell  
November 17 Darlene Spittle/ Walter Vining  
November 24 Jay Reed/ Derek Van Gulden

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

## With Gratitude for our Church Servants for October

### Ushers

October 6 Chip Kistner and Bob Cannon  
October 13 Celene Lyon and Chip Kistner  
October 20 Linda and Steve Rowell  
October 27 Barbara and Jay Reed

### Readers

October 6 David Arsenault  
October 13 Mary Cresse  
October 20 Lou Cannon  
October 27 Hope Norton



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