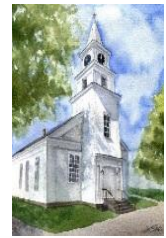




Church on the Cape Newsletter



October 2026

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Eager Candidates!

I've noticed that there are a lot of people running for office this fall—and they seem very eager to be elected! They are spending lots of money, and working hard to win votes and get the positions they want.

We are coming up on what we might call election season in the church too. We have many positions and committees in the church to fill. These jobs are essential to keep the work and ministry of the church going. So we too, are looking for enthusiastic candidates who eagerly desire to be elected to positions in the church!

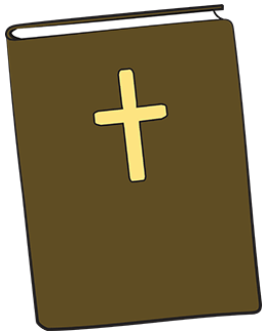
Jesus told a parable about a vineyard owner who had two sons. He told them he needed help working in the vineyard. One son agreed enthusiastically to help, but then never showed up. The other was grumpy and told his father he wanted nothing to do with the vineyard, but then he felt bad and went to work anyway. Jesus intended this to be a story about doing God's work—about giving more than "lip-service" to our faith, but in fact what we need is a combination of both sons. We need eager, willing, enthusiastic volunteers who willingly embrace the work, and then follow through and do the work that needs to be done.

We not only have work to do in the church, but opportunities to grow in faith and spirituality. This fall we have two conversation groups. One meets after picnic lunch on Tuesdays. This group focuses on book discussions. Right now we are discussing "The Story of the Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke. Next we will read "Tuesdays With Morrie" by Mitch Albom. On Wednesdays we have a group that meets to discuss the devotion from the Upper Room. We are guided by the discussion questions provided in the Upper Room. This group meets both in person and over ZOOM.

At the end of November we will offer an Advent Study. This group will meet after lunch on Tuesdays and we are also willing to offer an evening group on ZOOM if there is enough interest. Right now you have the chance to vote on 6 possible study books—but the time for voting is running out!

Please talk to Rev. Smith if you would like to volunteer for church work, or if you want more information about these opportunities to learn and grow together!

Rev. Greg Smith



SCRIPTURE READINGS

- [Matthew 22:15-22](#)



October 4

- [Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20](#)
- [Psalms 19](#)
- [Philippians 3:4b-14](#)
- [Matthew 21:33-46](#)

October 11

- [Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20](#)
- [Psalms 19](#)
- [Philippians 3:4b-14](#)
- [Matthew 21:33-46](#)

October 18

- [Exodus 33:12-23](#)
- [Psalms 99 \(UMH 819\)](#)
- [1 Thessalonians 1:1-10](#)
- [Matthew 22:15-22](#)

October 25

- [Exodus 33:12-23](#)
- [Psalms 99 \(UMH 819\)](#)
- [1 Thessalonians 1:1-10](#)

PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 11 at 11:30 am

A celebration is being planned! 2026 has several significant milestones for Pastor Greg:

- June 9th, 65th Birthday
- 39th year of Full-Time Ministry
- 40th Anniversary of Pastor Greg's Ordination

Therefore, on Sunday October 11th SPRC is planning a special celebration to honor his many accomplishments. So, Save-The-Date on your calendars for this celebratory potluck!

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YEARLY CHURCH CONFERENCE MEETING

Our yearly Church Conference meeting with the District Superintendent, Rev. Arlene Tully, will be on Monday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m. Save the Date!

All Church members are encouraged to attend.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

All Saints Sunday will be observed on November 1st. If you have a loved one or know someone in the community whose name you would like to have recognized during the service, or who has died this past year, please contact the church office at [207-967-5787](tel:207-967-5787) or email: office@churchonthecape.org

FAITHFUL WITNESSES



Many churches observe All Saints' Day on November 1, a time to remember believers who have died in the faith and give thanks for their faithful witness.

The story of Christianity is filled with ordinary people who held fast to Christ in both joyful and difficult seasons. Across the centuries, countless believers have followed Jesus with courage, and many have even given their lives while bearing witness to God's love and the saving grace of Christ. Even today, Christians in some parts of the world continue to face persecution for their faith.

On this day, take time to remember our Christian heritage with gratitude. Give

thanks for those who remained faithful before us and ask God to help us follow Christ with the same courage, hope and steadfast faith.

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September Sunday School News

As the leaves begin to change color, and the weather becomes cooler, we welcome back our Sunday School families. We had a Sunday School kick off Sunday afternoon, September 13th. Many thanks to Pastor Greg and Diana for the hot dogs and hamburgers, and a special thanks to Pastor Greg for figuring out how to cook everything inside, instead of in the rain! The children made Shrinky Dink name tags and watched as they shrank from 5 x 7 to 2 x 3 in the oven; pure magic! They made "What I Love About Myself" worksheets and signed their names on the new attendance sheet.

We welcome back Elizabeth and Drew, and their precious baby son, Joseph, a future Sunday School student! What a joy to see this beautiful family in church.



The first 'official' Sunday School class began on September 20th, with the parable of the Vineyard workers. The children learned that a parable is a story with an important message. They heard about a Vineyard owner who hired workers to pick grapes. The first group of workers began at 9:00 am, with the promise of one silver coin. The second group of workers began at 11:00 am with the promise of one silver coin. More came at 1:00 pm and again at 3:00. All agreed to work for one silver coin.

At the end of the day the 3:00 workers were paid first - one silver coin, then the 1:00, the 11:00 and lastly the 9:00 workers. The 9:00 workers were not a bit happy to see that the 3:00 workers got the same one silver coin

arrived and picked up a few things. The youngest arrived last and picked up two things.

The mom thanked each one individually and then said to the three children. I love you all this much – and she stretched out her arms. The first child said, “wait, don’t you love me more because I did more work cleaning up?” The second one had a similar question. The mom said that no matter what you do, I will always love you all equally. The children then learned that the silver coin in the parable is like a symbol of God’s love. No matter how much you do, or don’t do, God loves everyone equally. Sometimes that is a hard lesson to understand.

Dear Members; Thank you for welcoming these children into the flock. They feel a part of this church in a big way. When you see them, stop and talk with them. They are happy to tell you something about their lives, especially when you were their age.

Article, and photos that follow, by Carol Nason:



as they received. They thought they should get more because they worked longer.

At this point the story stopped and the children were asked – ‘what is the important message in this story?’ No one had an answer. The children heard a second story. A mom had three children. She asked them to help clean up the playroom. The oldest one arrived and picked up a lot of things. The second





Another Free Concert
Sat. Oct 17 2pm
THE DON CAMPBELL TRIO
Maine Favorites
Brought to you by the
McClelland Music Foundation

Submitted by Susie Goodwin



Church on the Cape

A United Methodist Church

We of The Church on the Cape represent various religious and cultural backgrounds and lifestyles. We are young, old, middle-aged, single, married, widowed, divorced, parents, grandparents, and members of extended families.

Above all, we are people who take risks, make mistakes, confess, repent, and try again.

At the center of our community is Jesus Christ, whose life, death, and resurrection are the reasons we are together. The life and hope in this community have more to do with Christ's faithfulness to us than ours to Christ.

Whether you are searching for a faith community or just passing through, we want you to feel at home. Whoever you are, whatever your history, your scars, your gifts; You are among people like yourself.

Join us from wherever you call home. If you like what you see here, we post our virtual Hymn Sing and Sunday Worship Service on our website, www.churchonthecape.org.

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