

# **THE VOICE of *Second Church***

United Church of Christ

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Attleboro, MA 02703

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

September 2022



**RALLY DAY!**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022, 10 AM**

**COFFEE HOUSE & OPEN MIC**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022, 6 TO 8 PM**

**FAMILY FELLOWSHIP APPLE PICKING**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

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# THE VOICE

*We warmly welcome everyone to celebrate God’s love by joining in dynamic worship, creating genuine community, and serving all with justice and respect.*

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

September, 2022

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Pastor’s Message



“Olly, Olly, Oxen Free!”

I remember yelling this phrase as a kid when the neighborhood gang was playing Hide and Seek.

From Wikipedia:

*“Olly olly oxen free” is a catchphrase or truce term used in children’s games such as hide and seek, capture the flag, and kick the can to indicate that players who are hiding can come out into the open without losing the game; that the position of the sides in a game has changed (as in which side is on the field or which side is at bat or “up” in baseball or kickball); or, alternatively, that the game is entirely over...the phrase may be derived from all ye, all ye outs in free, all the outs in free, or possibly “calling all the outs in free”; in other words, all who are out may come in without penalty.*

Perhaps when you were young you said, “Ollyoxalls” or even “Ollie Ollie in come free.”

It may have been yelled to end the game. It may have been yelled because Mom just called us back for lunch. It may have been called out because the *seeker* was frustrated.

I always think of this expression at the end of August when planning a new church program year. Worship attendance drops in the summer months as people have wonderful plans, or they are off somewhere on a vacation getaway. In many churches it seems like, after Children’s Sunday, the congregation scatters in some magnificent game of Hide

and Seek, only to return on Rally Day in September.

I am calling out, “Ollie Ollie Oxen Free!” It is time to come back. It is time to gather and regroup. It is time to rally and bring our congregation back into the fold—and grow the church! Hopefully we had an opportunity to recharge our spiritual batteries and we can move forward into an awesome future.

As I write this, I am not really sure where we will be in terms of the pandemic. Last year, and the year before, I was hopeful that things would be close to pre-Covid normal. However, that was not the case when September rolled around. I really wish I could say, “Ollyoxalls” to this ‘new normal.’ I hope that on Rally Day this year the sanctuary will be close to full. Full of people, full of hope, full of God’s grace and glory. The church will be filled with beautiful music, filled with thoughtful and passionate members, all the children that Jesus loves so much, and a liturgy that will move the congregation to prayer and action.

Ollie Ollie Oxen Free! We can honor the glory days of the past by creating a glorious future that will be enjoyed by generations to come! Let’s step into our future together. No more hiding. No need to scatter. Let’s come together!

*In Christian Love,  
Rev. Will Sencabaugh*

## COFFEE HOUSE and OPEN MIC, September 10, 6 to 8 PM Fellowship Hall

We took the month of August off- but now its September. Saturday, September 10 (the Second Saturday at Second Church) 6 - 8 pm (please note the time change).

It is free, though a basket will be available for a \$5 offering if you are able.

All are welcome to attend. All are welcome to share a song, reading, poem. If you would like to perform, please be there by 5:45 pm to sign up. Tell a friend. Bring a friend. Make a new friend. All skill levels are encouraged!

This is about building community.

### ROAD TRIP!

Our very own Rev. Amie McCarthy will be having her Installation as the next settled pastor at the Congregational Church of East Hampton, Connecticut on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM!

Would you like to carpool? Would you be willing to drive?

I would be happy to drive folks out if you would like to attend. I do have a van that seats 7. If you would like to be a passenger- please let me know, (email: [revdrwill@comcast.net](mailto:revdrwill@comcast.net)). We would have to leave our church at 12 to get there by 1:45 PM. If we have more than 7 people, we will need to use another car. Not to worry- we will be able to attend Rally Day and partake of the festivities after church at 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*Rev. Will*

### SERVICE NOTES

The Deacon of the month for September is Mike Touloumtzis.

#### September 4

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Communion

Scripture:

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Epistle: Philemon 1:1-21

Sermon: "That's Shocking"

#### September 11

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Rally Day

Scripture

Hebrew Scriptures: Psalm 99

New Testament: Luke 9:28-36

Sermon: "God's Holy Mountain"

#### September 18

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Sermon: "Environmental Justice"

#### September 25

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Reading: Luke 16:19-31

Sermon: "Sign! Sign! Everywhere a Sign!"

Theme: Growing in Faith, one mustard seed at a time

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Greetings and hope you had a wonderful summer! Sunday School will kick off on Rally Day, September 11<sup>th</sup>. If you know of a new family that would like to build community, explore faith, and seek compassionate justice, please feel free to invite them to join us for this special Sunday and throughout the year.

On Rally Day families can register for Sunday School in the Conference Room from 9:30-9:55 or following worship. Toddlers through kindergarten can be dropped off beginning at 9:45 in the Nursery for our Littles Program of stories, songs, and crafts that support building a foundation of their faith. We will not be offering Nursery drop off for infants at this time but welcome families with babies to be together in worship, the Conference Room, or the Nursery. Students in First Grade and up are welcome to sit with their families for the first part of worship and will join their teachers in the narthex when noted in the bulletin. Sunday School this year will seek to expand the mosaic tapestry of each individual student's faith by unearthing parts of our past, deepening our understanding of today's world, and taking action toward a more sustainable future fueled by God's love.

The Christian Education Committee will be hosting a Rally Day *Take Me Out to the Ball Game* Party in Fellowship Hall after worship. All are welcome to wear your favorite jersey or hat and join us for hot dogs, chips, and other favorite treats.

If you have any questions, ideas, or would like to volunteer please feel free to reach out to me!

*Diane Osborne*  
Chair, Christian Education Committee  
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### FAMILY FELLOWSHIP!

Our first Family Fellowship event of the year will be Apple Picking on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at Steere Orchard in Greenville, RI. All are welcome to join us at 11am for a hayride and apple picking followed by story time. Please feel free to bring a picnic blanket or chair, snack, and drink for story time.

*Diane Osborne*

### COMMUNION VISITATION TEAM

The Communion Visitation Team continues to visit folks who are unable to attend services. We are happy to come to your home for a time of fellowship, whether or not you wish to take communion. We will certainly wear masks and observe all precautions necessary. You may communicate with the Church Office or call Wendy or Charlie Oliver at 508-226-2319 to schedule a convenient time. Marcia Weidner and Roberta Zarrella are also part of the team.

*Wendy Oliver*

### OUTREACH & MISSIONS

Outreach and Missions has been on summer vacation. We will be meeting on Sunday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> after church to talk about our next goals and activities. Please come join us to weigh in on what we do next!

Our plot in the community garden did NOT go on vacation: we have distributed many bags (mostly tomatoes) of produce over the summer, to our congregation members as well as the community at large through contributions to food pantries.

*Paula Foresman*

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

PSM will meet on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 in the Parlor. Shawls are a tremendous comfort to individuals experiencing a loss or other traumatic event in their lives. New members are always welcome. Contact me if you have questions.

*Roberta Ferguson*



## Music Notes

### CHOIR SCHEDULES

Our first rehearsals will be Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> (the Thursday after Labor Day), at the regular times: Bells, 6:30-7:30, Adult Choir, 7:30-9:00.

The Adult Choir will sing in church for the first time on Rally Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> and on the remaining Sundays in September. Bells will set a date for playing in church at one of the first rehearsals.

### Summer Music

For eight weeks in the summer, we've been worshipping together with First Baptist Church, in their sanctuary during July and back home in ours during August. My sense is that there has been mutual enjoyment in the two congregations, with good attendance from both churches.

I was away during the first two weeks of July, in Seattle to visit my daughter and son-in-law and to attend the national convention of the American Guild of Organists (AGO), the professional organization of organists and church musicians. But I returned in time to celebrate "Christmas in July," with Rev. Will leading the festivities at First Baptist. Their pastor, the Rev. Rebecca Driscoll, preached at Second Church in August, and I very much enjoyed her series of sermons based on familiar hymns.

Thanks to our choir members for their music in August! Ty Waterman, Cathy Giannetti and Fred Saunders offered vocal solos on three Sundays, and there was an impromptu gathering of the Adult Choir on August 21<sup>st</sup> to sing Howard Helvey's beautiful setting of the words of "Blessed Assurance," Rev. Rebecca's hymn of the day.

*Bill MacPherson*  
Director of Music

### INTERGENERATIONAL SACRED DANCE

Sacred Dance practices will resume in October, please check out next month's VOICE for details. If you would like to be a part of movement in worship all ages are welcome to join the intergenerational sacred dancers. We gather at 9am on Saturdays for about 45 minutes of stretching, learning new dances for

worship, and a little bit of just "fun dance". If you or your child has any questions please let me know at (508)409-7919 or [de\\_saunders@hotmail.com](mailto:de_saunders@hotmail.com). Hope to see you then!!  
*Diane Osborne*

## Did You Know?

Antoinette Brown Blackwell was the first woman to be ordained as a minister in the Congregational church. Rev. Blackwell née Brown was born in Henrietta, New York on May 20, 1825. She was an extremely bright child and often spoke in her church at an early age. Antoinette attended Oberlin College where her professors allowed her to preach but refused to allow her to graduate or receive her degree.

Eventually, she was given a license to preach in 1851, and in September 1853 the Congregational Church in South Butler New York ordained her as their pastor. Antoinette thereby became the first ordained preacher in the United States. As time went on, she became involved with the abolition of slavery, the temperance movement, and was very much involved with the early women's rights movement. Rev. Blackwell was also the author of several books.

Her work with the women's rights movement eventually paid big dividends for her. She lived to be able to vote for Warren Harding in the 1920 presidential election. Rev. Antoinette Blackwell died on November 5, 1921, at the age of 96. In 1993, she was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame.

*Ted Moxham*

Happy September!

We welcomed our new and returning students to playground days in late August. Activities were set out and the children and their parents had the opportunity to meet new friends, share a snack, and have their questions answered. These days help ease parents and children into our school community! They are also a wonderful opportunity for the teachers to get acquainted with some of their students and parents in a relaxed atmosphere!

The teachers reported back on August 29<sup>th</sup> and all signs point to another successful year here at Jack and Jill! We have some teachers who have moved around this year. Brenda Daday will be teaching in Pre-K 2 and Ashlee Taylor will join Christina Renoni in Enrichment and the 3's class. We started the school year with a school wide professional development day on August 30<sup>th</sup> to introduce our new STEM curriculum for the 2022-2023 school year.

We have been blessed with a very active summer, providing tours and registering children over the summer months! All our classes are very close to capacity! I am looking forward to the sights and sounds of little ones and families in the halls again.

We are looking forward to another amazing year of play, fun and learning! We have many exciting community activities planned and will share more information soon.

We will begin our school year on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your continued support of our school!

*Katrina Lay, Executive Director*

*I want to invite you all to join me in celebrating the life of our beloved Katie Simmons on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM in the Sanctuary at Second Congregational Church.*

*Elaine Killough*



## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our Annual Church Fair is fast approaching! We hope you have been saving up gently used toys, recent release books (no magazines or text books please), cd's, dvd's, jewelry, games and Puzzles, household items and items for Grandpa's garage. If any items are large, please save them for the yard sale if you can. Call the church office if you have a question. Items may be left inside the back door on the stage steps.

Women's Fellowship will have a meeting after church on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>; please get a cup of coffee and come over to the meeting in the Parlor. The fair will be discussed, and there will be sign-up sheets for volunteers. Please let Sandy know, thru e-mail, what you would like to help.

For those canning/preserving your garden bounty (Pickles, relishes, jams & jellies, etc.) over the summer, please consider making donations to Ruthie's Pantry. Empty jars may be donated as well. Craft Items and knit goods also be graciously accepted.

We are preparing for another terrific silent auction For our Fair this year. If you have a special item or Talent that you think might work, please speak with Sandy or Fred Saunders or call the office.

Our Annual Holiday Fair is an All-church event, and we need everyone's help to make it successful. Please call or e-mail Sandy if you would like to help: 508-699-2738, [sandrasaunders99@gmail.com](mailto:sandrasaunders99@gmail.com).

Come and shop and be sure to tell your family, friends and neighbors!

Another opportunity to help in preparation for the fair is to join with Jessie Macomber for her apple pie making workshops on Saturdays, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Watch the October VOICE for details!



### September Birthdays

- 5 Ray Guild  
Marsha Richardson
- 6 Michael LaClair  
Joe Nuovo  
Russ Pray
- 9 Laurie Sawyer
- 10 Tisha Lancaster
- 11 Jay Miller Jr.  
John Newport  
Evan Tetreault
- 12 Tom Richards
- 13 McKenzie Blair
- 16 Alex Saunders  
Alex Vecchioli
- 18 Zachary LaClair
- 20 Nancy Smith
- 22 Julie Cormier
- 23 John Brodeur  
April Nuovo
- 24 Sharyn LaClair
- 25 Kayla Johnston
- 30 Erin Bassler



Mike & Russ

FEELING THE SPIRIT OF 'CHRISTMAS IN JULY'

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 9:30 AM Worship/Communion - Second Church, 9:30 10:30 AM Outreach & Missions Committee Meeting	5 Labor Day - Office is closed	6	7\	8 5:00 PM Board of Deacons Virtual Meeting 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	9	10 6:00 to 8:00 PM Coffee House & Open Mic!
11 <b>RALLY DAY!</b> 10:00 AM Worship	12	13	14	15 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	16	17
18 10:00 AM Worship	19 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 PM Facilities Committee Meeting	20 7:00 PM Administration Committee Meeting	21	22 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	23	24 1:00 PM Service for Katie Simmons
25 October VOICE Deadline 10:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM Church Council Meeting	26 3:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution	27	28 7:00 PM PFLAG Meeting	29 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	30	

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