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Pastor's Message

Believe In Advertising

A salesman seeking advertisement for a local newspaper went to see a prospective client who owned the village grocery store. Upon presenting his card, he was surprised when the proprietor said, “Nothing doing. Been established eighty years and never advertised.” The salesman asked, “Pardon me, sir, but what is that building on the hill?” “that’s the village church,” answered the grocer. “Been there long?” asked the salesman. “About three-hundred years,” was the reply. “Well,” said the salesman, “They still ring the bell.”

Most people who are in the business world would see a great deal of truth in this little story. Advertising is the “life blood” of a company that is interested in growth potential. Media advertising is expensive for churches, but most experts in the field agree that it is essential to reaching people. There is however, an additional medium for advertising John Wesley Church that can maximize our results. This type of advertising is highly cost effective, and it doesn’t cost the church a penny. It is also something that every mem-

ber of the church can do. It can be a powerful method that inspires courage and stimulates action, it can be the most effective means of advertising known. This method of advertising takes place every time a satisfied member of our church shares the good news about John Wesley with a friend or relative and extends a warm invitation for them to come and visit us!

At the last Church Counsel meeting we were discussing ways that we can grow as a congregation, and make more Disciples for Jesus Christ. Robert Schnase, in his book *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* believes that people are searching for a church shaped and sustained by radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission service, and extravagant generosity. People of all ages hunger for congregations that embrace these qualities. John Wesley has many of these qualities, but we still have work to do!

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Christian hospitality refers to the active desire to invite, welcome, and receive people into the congregation. Every one of us can “market” our church to the community. If we continue to share the exciting news about our church with enough people, then most certainly we can look into the future and hear bells ringing above John Wesley United Methodist!

Your minister

David



An Anatomy Lesson

by Sue MacKenzie
Lay Leader

This month my Newsletter offering is based on the book of James, chapter 3 and verses 3,4 and 5.

This section in my Bible is called "Taming the Tongue" and chapter 3, verses 3,4 and 5 read "when we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body but it makes

great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by, a small spark." (NIV)

Lots of years ago I learned to sail. The family sailboat was called a "Win-about" and ours was about 17 foot and rather roly-poly but it was a good "learning boat". This little boat which to my knowledge never had a name carried me back and forth and all over Red Brook Harbor in Cataumet and out beyond Bassett's Island. We never did go much beyond the ends of Scraggy Neck or Wings Neck and we would run back either the big or little narrows into the safe harbor once again and into the cove and to the mooring, a stone's throw from the end of the dock, down the wharf (watch out for splinters!) and home.

This boat had the usual equipment - one mast, two sails, one centerboard, floorboards, lines galore, seats along both sides, one tiller, one rudder. One of my "jobs" when I was learning was to fit the rudder into place. This was not always easy for small hands especially when a stiff breeze was blowing, as the rudder had to be rather carefully slotted down a "runner" which was bolted to the stern. However, I remember that once it was in place, there was a change in the action of the boat, second only to the time when the sails finally snapped and bellied and we were off. The change that I felt when the rudder was in place was much subtler. The rudder caught the currents down in the water and left to swing freely and by itself, would wag from side to side, this way and that way, uncontrolled, at the whimsey of whatever the tugging currents directed. The way to bring the rudder, and therefore the boat, under control was, of course, to insert the tiller in the slot at the top of the rudder. Then I was able to guide our "Win-about" and once we cast off the mooring, we'd be underway.

In our scripture we see that James likens our tongues to rudders. Rudders

(tongues) are influenced by the currents of this world, influenced perhaps by the naggings of our childhood, by the tuggings of our adolescence, by the swirlings of our "mature" years.

Our tongues can take the circumstances (currents) of our lives and translate them into verbiage for everyone to hear. That which we allow our current-moved tongues to speak can make sailing smooth or rough for us as well as for others who hear our words and are helped or hurt by them. How we steer our boat (or our life), how we move our rudder (or our tongue) can have such a great effect on so many people. The size of the steering mechanism is of no importance. The effect of the steering mechanism is powerful! The sailor can control the direction which the boat will take even though the buffeting currents are strongly affecting the rudder. The sailor can steer in the direction which he wishes to follow. We can control our tongues!

I think that an important thing here is "whose hand is on the tiller?" Our own hand must certainly be there, holding the tiller that moves the rudder of our tongue. We must take responsibility for what we say to others and we do have a control over our words which we allow our tongue (our rudder) to speak.

However, when we learn to sail, we don't embark alone. Someone who is more knowledgeable, more skilled, is with us to instruct and to guide; and a good sailor always listens to the "old salts"; a good sailor is always sensitive, always listening and learning.

Feel God's hand close over yours on the tiller of your boat. Relax in the knowledge that He will steer you through the "narrows" of your earthly life. He will help you to control your rudder, your tongue, as you feel the currents of your daily life buffet you and He will, if asked, bring you to a safe landfall. You'll walk down the wharf (no splinters) with Him, and be home.

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WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

March 2011

March 6, 2011 – Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Readings: Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 99, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9

Liturgist: Bill Ferney

Altar Guild: Betty Bailey and Pat Dinsmore

Acolyte: Clayton Calhoun

Greeters: Harryette Alexander and Anna Blake

Ushers: Mel Trott, Betty Bailey, Sandra Berkley & Carlton Hack

March 9, 2011 – Ash Wednesday

Readings: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, Psalm 51:1-17, 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Liturgist: Dick MacKenzie

March 13, 2011 – 1st Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Time Begins

Readings: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

Liturgist: Betty Smith

Altar Guild: Eileen Rice and Sharon Mulcahy

Acolyte: Liam Clinkscales

Greeters: Janet Brooks and Ginny Waight

Ushers: Sharon Mulcahy, Greg Brown, Karyn & Larry Briggs

March 20, 2011 – 2nd Sunday in Lent – Spring Begins

Readings: Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17

Liturgist: Karen Camp

Altar Guild: Andrea Taddeo and Ginny Wass

Acolyte: Nina Clinkscales

Greeters: Bonnie and Thomas Cribben

Ushers: Ken Whitcomb, Linda Duane, Jackie Johnson & Janet Brooks

March 27, 2011 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

Readings: Exodus 17:1-17, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42

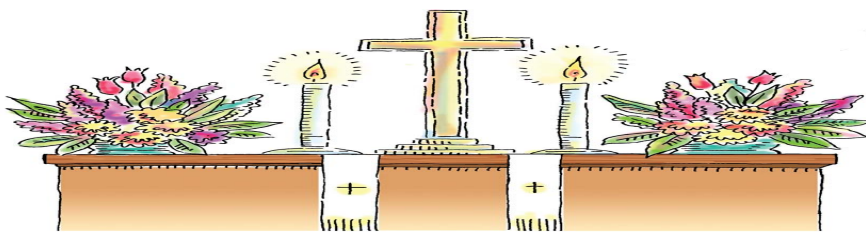
Liturgist: Janet Brooks

Altar Guild: Barbara Swenson and Linda Duane

Acolyte: Julia Roy

Greeters: Bonnie and Tim Valade

Ushers: Al Croft, Eric Tinglof, Karen Dean, & Lorraine Hunt



USHERS

THIS MONTH

Marilyn Mugno (508-564-5283) is LOOKING FOR MORE USHERS TO FILL IN DURING THE WINTER MONTHS. Please team - do not forget to help straighten up the pews after the service so it looks nice for the next service or function. Thank you. HAVE A HAPPY WARM WINTER!

MARCH 2011

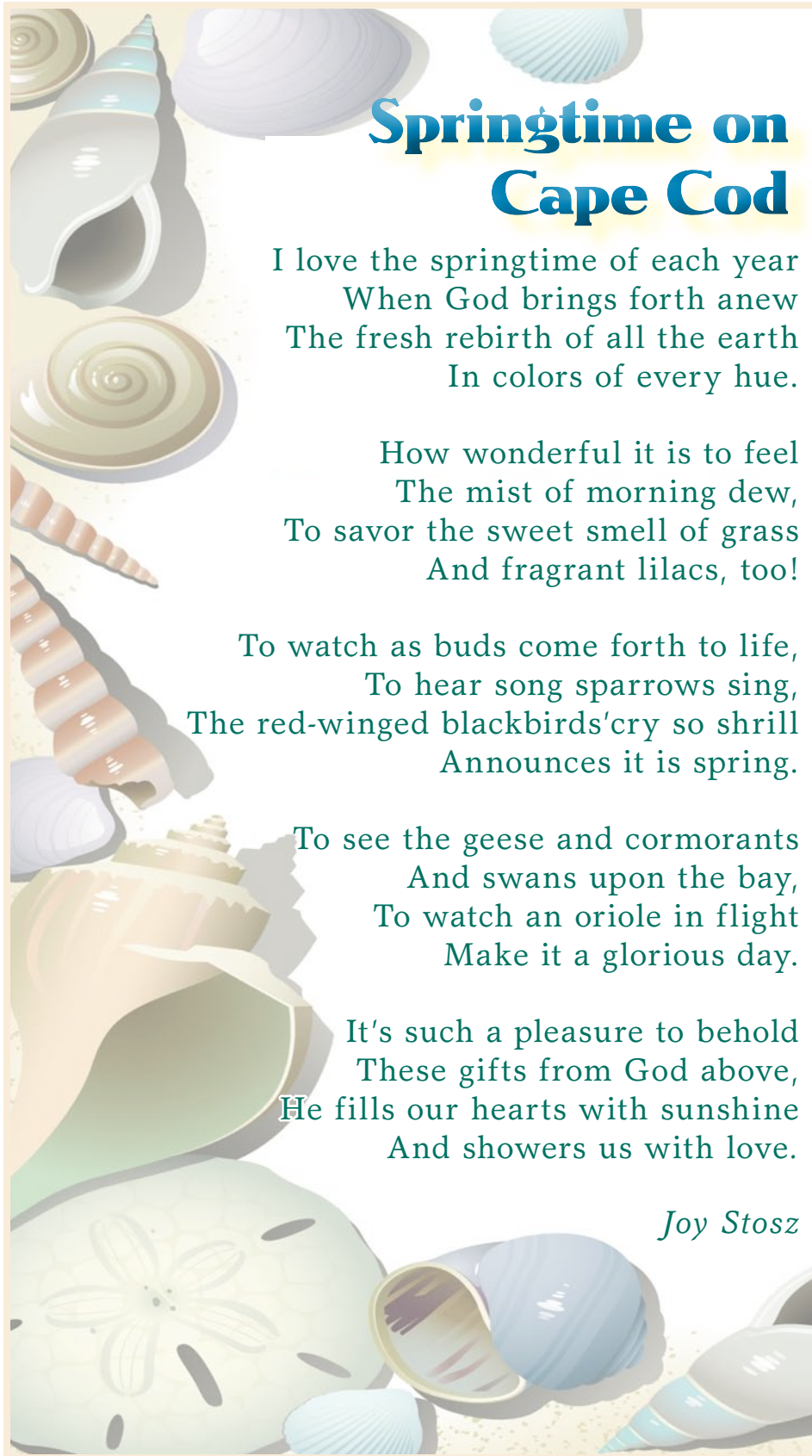
- 6th Mel Trott, Betty Bailey, Sandra Berkley & Carlton Hack
- 13th Sharon Mulcahy, Karyn & Larry Briggs, Greg Brown
- 20th Ken Whitcomb, Linda Duane, Jackie Johnson, Janet Brooks
- 27th Al Croft, Eric Tinglof, Karen Dean & Lorraine Hunt

APRIL 2011

- 3rd Mel Trott, Betty Bailey, Sandra Berkley & Carlton Hack
- 10th Sharon Mulcahy, Karyn & Larry Briggs, Greg Brown
- 17th Palm Sunday
Ken Whitcomb, Linda Duane, Jackie Johnson, Jack Berube
- 24th **Easter Sunday**
8:30 Service
Mel Trott, Robert McIntire, Jackie & Gary Bernhardt
10:30 Service
Al Croft, Eric Tinglof, Karen Dean & Lorraine Hunt

May 2011

- 1st Mel Trott, Betty Bailey, Sandra Berkley & Carlton Hack
- 8th **Mothers Day**
Sharon Mulcahy, Karyn & Larry Briggs, Greg Brown
- 15th Ken Whitcomb, Linda Duane, Jackie Johnson, Janet Brooks
- 22th Eric Tinglof, Dick Sherman
Karen Dean & Lorraine Hunt
- 29th Russell Brown, Dick MacKenzie, Andy Taddeo & Marilyn Mugno



Springtime on Cape Cod

I love the springtime of each year
When God brings forth anew
The fresh rebirth of all the earth
In colors of every hue.

How wonderful it is to feel
The mist of morning dew,
To savor the sweet smell of grass
And fragrant lilacs, too!

To watch as buds come forth to life,
To hear song sparrows sing,
The red-winged blackbirds' cry so shrill
Announces it is spring.

To see the geese and cormorants
And swans upon the bay,
To watch an oriole in flight
Make it a glorious day.

It's such a pleasure to behold
These gifts from God above,
He fills our hearts with sunshine
And showers us with love.

Joy Stosz

Can You Help?

by Sue MacKenzie

Our church is blest with a group of folks who are willing to provide meals! This ministry is focused on short term needs of church members and involves taking a meal and having a visit with the recipient. I have been coordinating this function for several years and have a list of providing angels but there is always room for more to help.

Also, it would be very helpful if you hear of anyone who might need our services, to please let me know. I think that it's important to use me as a "clearing house" so we don't overload some people with food and not provide for others. So, if this is something you feel you might like to do, please give me a call at 508-548-3237.

By the way, the visits are as important as the food - I've had lots of people tell me how much they enjoyed the fellowship.

Thanks for considering this as one of your ministries.



Time to
Spring Ahead
March 13



Capital Campaign – Four Months To Go

The JWUMC Capital Campaign commenced on July 1st 2008. Planned for a three year drive, it will terminate on June 30th 2011. The campaign goals still remaining are to pay off the mortgage and to undertake major repairs and improvements to the school roof; and, of course, 10% going to support church growth.

In order to meet our remaining goals, it is urgent that campaign pledges be fulfilled. All who have

made commitments to the drive are asked to review their pledge status and, if possible, plan to complete their commitment by July. It is appreciated that those whose changed economic status may not allow further contributions. No notification is necessary. Conversely, those who can are invited to gift a bit more.

Any questions can be directed to Bob Dinsmore, Campaign Treasurer, at (508) 540-2183 or rpdinsmore@aol.com.

Endowment Fund Awards

Applications are now being received for the 2011 Permanent Endowment Fund Awards. These awards are for the purpose of supporting initiatives in Church ministry and outreach. In the past, awards have supported programs including Missions, Education, Bible Study, Church Leadership, Retreats, and Youth Projects.

Applications should be in the form of a letter stating the purpose for which the request is made, the benefits expected to accrue from the award, and the amount requested. Applications should be addressed to the Permanent Endowment Fund Committee, and delivered to the Church Office.

Deadline for applications is March 20th.

Lenten Soup For The Soul

**Lenten Wednesdays starting
March 16th thru April 20th**

Please mark your calendars for our Wednesday Noontime "Soup for the Soul" series.

A variety of local Pastors will be speaking each Wednesday throughout Lent, followed by lunch. You will be fed in body and soul.

Come join us for fellowship and a closer walk with God.

**What
Are You Giving
Up?**



Singles Together Fellowship - March 5

If you are single, widowed, or divorced, you are invited to join us on Saturday, March 5th, at 11:30am for the monthly lunch meeting of John Wesley UMC's Singles Together Church Fellowship. We will again meet at La Cucina Sul Mare restaurant on Main Street in Falmouth. The February lunch meeting had to be canceled because of the

weather and slippery roads and sidewalks. Our thanks to Deenie Reeves who shared so many of the telephone calls. Come, join us for fellowship, inspiration, and delicious food. It will be good to be able to get together again. For further information, or to reserve a place, please call Rev. Barbara Brand-James by the preceding Thursday (508/495-1659).



Dear, dear family at JWUMC,

How blessed we have been for your abundant outpouring of love, support, prayers, hugs, cards, calls, emails, words, stories, caring, and more as we grieve over the loss of our beloved John - husband, dad, granddad, relative, pastor, and friend! A big, warm thank you to all those who spoke, shared, attended, ushered, sang, read as well as our pastor, pianist, secretary, and media team at the celebration of the life of Rev. John L. Camp! Many thanks to all who organized, called, baked, cooked, set-up, and cleaned up at the lovely and generous collation after John's celebration of his being "birthed to heaven". May God bless you all abundantly and fill you with His great joy!

With much love and
joyful thanksgiving,
Karen, Joan, Mary Beth, & family

Dear friends at John Wesley:

As many of you know, I have been dealing with an aggressive and somewhat mysterious health issue for almost a year. I'm happy to report that in early February the symptoms stopped. Although a relapse is possible, my system now feels entirely different and going in the right direction.

I have been acutely aware of the John Wesley family's concern for me during this time. From David and the Choir, to staff, prayer groups and individuals everywhere, I have felt your support as well your respect for my privacy. You have helped me greatly through this experience. I am deeply grateful.

John Yankee

A New Once-A-Month Service At John Wesley

Starting on Sunday, April 10 A new once-a-month JWUMC Service will be held on the 2nd Sunday of the month. A Taize Service at 6:00 - 7:00pm held in the Chapel.

This service will adapt the music and singing traditions of the Taize Community of Faith in France. Join us for an hour of prayer, meditation, and chant-like singing in harmony to deepen your connection to God in the peaceful atmosphere of the JWUMC Chapel. Songs will be taught at a community-sing the evening before, but learning the songs in advance is not necessary.

A warm thank you to our JWUMC family for how you/they wrapped us in Christ's love during our deep sadness at Rev. John L. Camp's passing to his heavenly reward. No words can convey our sorrow, but you've helped us dearly. We're blessed to be part of such a loving church family. Thank you for the notes, cards, hugs, support, service support, sharing, and so much more!

God bless you all!

Love in Christ,
Karen & Joan



Annual Brown Bag Auction & Potluck Supper

Saturday, March 12th
5:30 pm



Proceeds to: Sunday School
Heifer Project

All are welcome

Bring food to share.
Beverages will be provided.

Also bring an auction gift in a brown
bag to be auctioned off by one of our own
famous auctioneers.

Mark bag with value of item and if it is for an adult male or female or a younger boy or girl.
Gift should be a new or unused item. Funny or fresh baked is good.

Bring family and friends. It will be great fun.

(child care will not be provided.)



Forgiveness BRACELET

Jesus died on the cross to forgive our sins, and he tells us to forgive other people, too. Make and wear this craft as a reminder that you are forgiven — and should be forgiving.

What you need:

- Clear plastic bottle (about 16 oz.)
- An adult to help
- Scissors
- Construction paper
- Permanent black marker
- Glue or clear tape
- Thin ribbon or yarn
- Small hole punch

What you do:

1. Remove any label from the bottle. Have an adult help you cut the bottle in half, width-wise. At the middle, cut out two identical half-inch-wide strips.
2. Cut out paper the same size as the plastic strips.
3. On the paper, write "Forgive, and you will be forgiven" (Luke 6:37, NIV).
4. Place the paper between the two plastic strips.
5. Cut and glue the ribbon or yarn to run along the top and bottom of the verse, framing the words.
6. Punch a hole at each end, through all three layers.
7. Tie the bracelet to your wrist with ribbon or yarn.

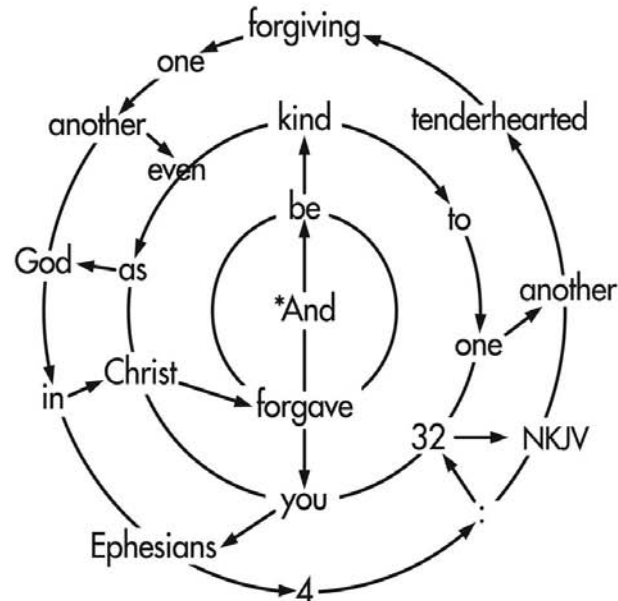


WHY FORGIVE?



This Bible verse teaches an important lesson about how we should treat others — and why.

Directions: Start with the asterisk in the center circle and follow the arrows. Write the words in order on the blanks below.



"And _____ ,
 _____ , _____
 _____ , _____
 _____ ."
 _____ , _____

Answers: And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32, NKJV