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Pastor's Message

Greetings to the John Wesley United Methodist Family of faith!

Can you believe it? Thanksgiving is on the horizon, and Christmas is soon to follow. It will not be long before we begin 2012.

I would like to invite you to reflect on the good things God has been doing in your life and through your church. So many wonderful things have been happening at our church. Together we have been reaching out to people at home and people around the world. God has opened some wonderful doors and the John Wesley family has been faithful to step into one adventure after another. God bless you all!

The holiday season provides us with so many different opportunities to serve and give. I want to encourage your gifts of generosity as you look at so many different ministries that catch your eye and your heart. I especially want to invite you to pray about your year-end giving to your church. It is a really powerful way to support the growing ministry of the John Wesley community.

Your gifts support a broad outreach of ministry. Your investment also pays dividends with our own children, youth, music groups, weekly worship services and so much more. We say thank you!

2011 continues to be a remarkable year. Let's close the year with an out-

pouring of service and support for the growing ministries of the John Wesley United Methodist Church. It will be a blessing to many!

As always, I am looking forward to seeing you on Sunday!

God bless you all!

David



Merry Christmas



The Difference Part 2 (ref: Part 1 is in the November Newsletter)

by Sue MacKenzie, Lay Leader

Idoubt very much that Robert Frost had Christianity in mind when he wrote The Road Not Taken and when I first read this poem many years ago, neither did I. It just seemed to be about making choices and I think that's what Mr. Frost probably had in mind.

There was once a time for me to choose – Jesus or no Jesus (that was the question!). I felt no real pressure, just a subtle need and/or nudge to say or to do something. And I said, very quietly, "Jesus, please use me" and I believe that He heard and I believe that there was rejoicing in Heaven

and I believe that He has honored my request.

The "rich young man" was presented a choice and he chose the broader and more obvious roadway – straight ahead and no doubt he went around the curve because we don't hear anything about him again. We only have his "choice" story in Matthew 19:16-30. I can (mentally) see his back (shoulders down) as he walks away down the broader road in the yellow-leafed desktop picture until he disappears 'round the bend.

The road "less traveled" in the picture would be the one on the right - the path through the gate and into the field or pasture. In John 10:7-10 Jesus says that He is the gate and "whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out and find pasture."

In stanza 3 of his poem Robert Frost says that he doubts that he would come back to explore the "first" road. It's possible but I think that few who choose Jesus' "less traveled" way

turn back. Once a person has entered into the Christian way of life, through Jesus, that person does not leave the home pasture. Though sometimes the grass may not be too tasty, sometimes there are thorns along the way, sometimes the other "sheep" are hard to get along with, sometimes the Shepherd seems to be way down at the other end of the pasture, sometimes He looks to be tending all the others but "not me", the Christian just knows that he or she has made the better choice.

The Christian's road may be "less traveled" but it leads to a fruitful life and certainly an abundant life after this life.

If you are looking at or thinking about the yellow-leafed desktop picture and you haven't yet decided whether to walk straight ahead along the broader roadway or to turn into the pasture, think hard on your decision. Because "somewhere ages and ages hence" you will clearly see the difference.

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New Editor(s) Needed For the Wesleyan

It has come time for Mary-Jane and myself to turn over our pens, keyboard and mouse to another Editor. MaryJane and I have been doing the Wesleyan Newsletter for around 20 years and feel it is time for new people to step in. If you are interested in doing this most rewarding way to distribute the ministries of our church please let David or myself know. Thank You Ed Dyer



December 2011

December 4, 2011 -- 2nd Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11, Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13, 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8

Liturgist: Karen Camp

Altar Guild: Betty Bailey and Pat Dinsmore

Greeter: Anna Blake and Ginny Waight

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

December 11, 2011 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, Psalm 126, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28

Liturgist: Nancy Cassell

Altar Guild: Sharon Mulcahy and Eileen Rice

Greeters: Auguste and Phyllis Clough

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

December 18, 2011 – 4th Sunday of Advent

Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16, Luke 1:47-55, Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38

Liturgist: Bud Tracy

Altar Guild: Linda Duane and Ginny Wass

Greeters: Bill and Joyce Ferney

Ushers: Ken Whitcomb, Linda Duane, Jackie Johnson, Barbara Swenson

Saturday, December 24, 2011, Christmas Eve

Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-20

Liturgist: 5pm Youth (to be announced)

7pm Dick MacKenzie

9pm Bill Ferney

Ushers: 5pm – Julie Calhoun, Judy Harbison, Richard Harbison

7pm – Mel Trott, Sally Tracy, Karen Dean, Carlton Hack

9pm – Eric Tinglof will be Greeter and Usher

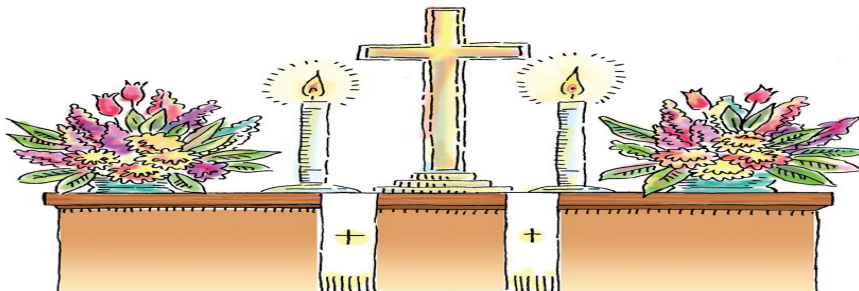
December 25, 2011 – Christmas Day

Readings: Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98, Hebrews 1:1-4, John 1:1-14

Altar Guild: Linda Duane and Karyn Briggs

Greeters: Bonnie and Tim Valade

Ushers: Al Croft



Marilyn Mugno is in need of one usher for the 5 o'clock service on Christmas Eve and three ushers at the 10 o'clock service on Christmas morning. There will only be one service on Sunday morning on Christmas - combining the 8:30 and the 10:30 service, which will be at 10. Our choir will be at the Christmas morning service. Please call and leave a message for Marilyn at 508-564-5283, if you can fill in at either service. Thank You

December 2011

4th Mel Trott, Betty Bailey, Sandra Berkley, Carlton Hack

11th Sharon Mulcahy, Karyn & Larry Briggs, Greg Brown

18th Ken Whitcomb, Linda Duane, Jackie Johnson, Barbara Swenson

Christmas Eve

24th 5 p.m. Julie Calhoun, Judy Harbison, Richard Harbison, _____

24th 7 p.m. Mel Trott, Sally Tracy, Karen Dean, Carlton Hack

24th 9 p.m. Eric Tinglof will be Greeter and Usher

Christmas Day

25th Al Croft, _____, _____, _____

January 2012

1st Mel Trott, Betty Bailey, Sandra Berkley, Carlton Hack

8th Sharon Mulcahy, Karyn & Larry Briggs, Greg Brown

15st Ken Whitcomb, Louise Bailey, Linda Duane, Jackie Johnson

22th Al Croft, Eric Tinglof, Karen Dean, Lorraine Hunt

29th Russell Brown, Dick MacKenzie, Marilyn Mugno

February 2011

5th Mel Trott, Betty Bailey, Sandra Berkley, Carlton Hack

12th Sharon Mulcahy, Karyn & Larry Briggs, Greg Brown

19th Ken Whitcomb, Linda Duane, Jackie Johnson, Barbara Swenson

26th Al Croft, Eric Tinglof, Karen Dean, Lorraine Hunt



Gifts

Have peace within your soul today,
And try to soften your heart;
Be kind and understanding, and,
To others this gift impart.

For when we share our gifts of love,
Compassion and thoughtful ways,
Not only with friends, but strangers,
We help to brighten their days.

Gifts of material value
Comprise one way of giving,
But those which are not tangible
Make life the more worth living.

So wrap up your gifts for others,
And give unwrapped ones as well,
For those are the most valuable
The ones no one has to sell.

God's gift to us was the Christ Child,
Given with peace and with love;
So let us give of each other
As we receive from above.

Joy Stosz
October 17, 2011

Message From Director Of Christian Education

December is filled with three weeks of Advent and concludes on Christmas Day! What a wonderful way to close a month, with the birth of Jesus! During the month, we will be practicing our songs and parts for our Christmas Eve celebration of the birth of Jesus. Our celebration is called "The Christmas Story". We will have a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 17th. Our celebration on Christmas Eve will be at 5:00, with a preparation time beginning at 4:00. We hope you and your children will join us during this exciting time! If you would like to help out, please see Debra Cormier, Director of Christian Education.

New Recycle Bins

The Trustees of John Wesley UMC are pleased to announce we now have two recycle bins located in the Fellowship Hall. Please look for the posted flyers on the bins for allowable products. The bin will be emptied on an every other week basis.





SPRC Message

The SPRC committee (Parish Relations Committee who supports our pastor, parish and employees) would like to thank all the many volunteers who played a part in making our Chicken Pot Pie Dinner on Oct 28th such a great success. Many hands made this possible from setting up to breaking down, volunteer bakers, our cook and kitchen staff, the servers, the tray recycler, the runners who cleaned and reset tables, the "relievers" who took over for others so they could take a break and eat dinner, hospitality, the money handlers who took and "counted" it, Jeannie Amaral who sold frozen pies to take home, and YOU! We couldn't have done it without your support and participation. FYI: Frozen pies will continue to be sold until gone - then if interest continues more will be ordered.

Nancy Cassell & Paul Chaltas,
Co-chairs



Church Christmas Card

It's getting to that time of year! We will have the Church Christmas Card again this year. Would you like to send a card to every member of the church? We will do it for you! Get started early before the hustle and bustle starts.

Each person (family) donating a minimum of \$5.00 will have their name(s) put on our John Wesley Christmas Card that will be sent to all members. Please fill out the form below with the name(s) you want on the card along with your donation and send to the office or put it in the offering plate labeled for Christmas card. For more information contact Sharon @ (508) 457-0950.

Please put the following name(s) on the 2011 John Wesley Christmas Card. Please print clearly.

Name(s) _____

Donation (Minimum 5.00)

Please make checks out to:
JWUMC (marked for Christmas Card)
Place in offering plate or mail to JWUMC

100% of your donation goes to helping balance the budget.

Christmas Cards



Join Us on Christmas Eve

You, your family, and your friends are invited to our Christmas Eve services, on December 24, 2010. At 5:00 p.m. there will be a Family Service complete with singing, a children's pageant, and a Birthday Party for Jesus. At 7:00 p.m. we will be celebrating our Traditional Service. The service will include inspirational worship, special music by John Wesley's choir, a special time with the children, candle lighting, and a time of singing Christmas carols by you! At 9:00 p.m. there will be an Acoustic Christmas worship service with candle lighting. Come and enjoy the real lights of the Christmas Season. Come and see the Lights of Joy and Wonder in the eyes of the children who are an integral part of this congregation. You will see the lights of love on the many faces of family and friends as you celebrate the birth of Jesus, hear the eternal message of God's love for each of us, and rekindle the light of hope in your heart. Come worship with us and be a part of these special services.



Our 14th Autumn Dinner/Dance

Our committee was pleased to have eighty six people attending our Dinner/Dance at the Coonamessett Inn, on Friday, November 4th. It was a very nice evening with delicious food and enjoyable people to socialize with. Of course, the music of The John Salerno Band topped off the evening.

Remember, one does not have to come with a partner, one does not have to dance - and you may invite anyone you wish (this is not a Methodist Family event) - just treat yourself to a great evening out next year on Friday, October 26, 2012. The profits go back into the church to help our missions.

Dick MacKenzie welcomed everyone and lead the Pledge of Allegiance - followed by the singing of America the Beautiful, lead by Dan Fraunfelter. Dick introduced our Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun and he too welcomed everyone and said Grace before dinner.

Marilyn Mugno, Ken Whitcomb and Al Croft drew names for 15 door prizes. The anticipation of one's number being drawn, from their ticket, is always another highlight of the evening.

The Dinner/Dance committee would like our congregation to remember the following merchants, who donated our door prizes, when going out to purchase a gift, dining out or just treating yourself. We truly appreciate their generosity.

Cape Cod Hyline Canal Cruises -
2 Tickets

Falmouth Chorale -
2 Tickets for the March Concert

Holiday Inn - 3 Month Pool Pass

Hot Locks - 4 Gift certificates

Dick MacKenzie -
Flower arrangement and Wreath

Landfall - Gift Certificate

Quarter Deck - Gift Certificate

Roche Bros. - Gift Card

Siena Restaurant, Mashpee -
Gift Certificate

Soprano's Restorante, Mashpee -
Gift Certificate

Wal-Mart - Gift card

Windfall Market - Champagne Basket

We wish to thank the staff of the
Coonamessett Inn
for their cooperation and flexibility
and thank you to the
Falmouth Historical Society
for donating the pictures
of Katharine Lee Bates

A profit of approximately \$2,000.00 was made from the Dinner/Dance. This money will help the community outreach programs to hold their meetings in our church, 10% to missions and for projects within the church.

SAVE THE DATE
FOR NEXT YEAR - IT IS
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2012



Thank You - THANK YOU!

I would like to personally thank my dedicated Dinner/Dance Committee, once again, for all the hard work they do to make our Dinner/Dance a big success. They are:

- My Co-Chair - Sharon Mulcahy
- Louise Bailey
- Karen Bossart
- Doris Bousquet
- Loretta Croft
- Bob Dinsmore
- Carl Hack
- Dick MacKenzie
- Eva Peterson
- Cherylann Randall
- Joan & Dorm Swartz
- Barbara Swenson
- Andrea Taddeo
- Pat Whalen
- Ken Whitcomb

It takes team work to put on a successful fundraiser and I am so lucky to work with people who give their full cooperation to make it all happen. Believe me, I know what time and effort you each put into this affair - plus your own money at times.

In addition to everything else - Bob made up the Save the Date Cards - Louise the tickets and Sharon made the Flyers - Programs and the Table Decorations! Al Croft thank you once again for helping with the door prizes.

All of your team spirit makes it such a joy. When a new year comes around and I see your smiling faces - once again my prayers have been answered.

Thank you and God Bless,
MARILYN

Christmas Poinsettias

We are now accepting donations for Christmas Poinsettias for the altar at John Wesley Church. The cost is \$9.00 each. If you care to contribute to the memory of or honor someone dear, please fill out the form below and give it along with your cash or check to the church office or to any member of the Altar Guild. The deadline is Sunday December 14th.

Unless indicated otherwise, the plants will be delivered to shut-ins during Christmas week. If you wish to pick up your plant, please make a note in the form below.

Thank you for helping to make a beautiful Altar on Christmas Sunday. Your names and those to be memorialized or honored will be listed in the bulletin on December 18th.

(Checks should be made out to John Wesley Altar Guild.)



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS — 2011

Your Name _____

Address _____

Person(s) to be memorialized: _____

or honored _____

Will you pick up the plant yourself? Yes No



Attention Social Singles

The December luncheon will be held on Saturday, December 3rd at Dana's Kitchen, 881 Palmer Ave., Falmouth. This will be our last lunch date for the winter. We will meet again in March of 2012.

Please wear your Christmas shirt, sweater, tie or Santa hat!

If you have any questions, please call, Linda Duane, 457-4407.

ALL SINGLES ARE WELCOME.



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

New Member Invitation.

New members are received into the life of our church on a regular basis at all services.

For more information contact
Rev. Calhoun at
508-548-3050.

John Yankee, Artistic Director

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48th season

On This Shining Night

December 10, 4:00 & 7:30 p.m.

December 11, 3:00 p.m.

First Congregational Church

Village Green, 68 Main St, Falmouth



Joan Kirchner
soprano



John Murelle
baritone

Randolph James, organ

Chamber musicians from New England Conservatory

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With choral works by Billings, Mendelssohn, Palestrina, Rutter and Morten Lauridsen's *Sure on This Shining Night*

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- Market Street Book Shop, Mashpee
- Titcomb's Bookshop, East Sandwich

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Join us on Christmas Eve

Family Service
5:00 P.M.

Traditional Service
7:00 P.M.

Acoustic Service
9:00 P.M.



Christmas Eve
SERVICE