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Pastors Message Be A Part Of The Success

During the Fall season, many churches enter what we euphemistically call “stewardship season.” The theme of our “stewardship drive” at John Wesley this year is, “Be a Part of the Success!” We all have so much to be thankful for. Our church is rich with programs, people of all ages, and a hunger for a relationship with God. God promises abundance to God’s people. Abundance is having enough--to survive and even thrive. Americans live among plenty. The world’s majority envy such prosperity. These people who suffer want, are victims of unjust economic systems, war, famine, or disease. Oddly, we Americans exist as if we lived in a circumstance of scarcity. I recently heard a radio personality describe a scene where team officials at the door of a bus passed out “per diems” for meals and incidental expenses to multimillion-dollar athletes. The commentator described these athletes receiving their “lunch money” as waifs and strays opening presents on Christmas Day at an orphanage. Millionaires with few fears about material security living as if they occupied a world of scarceness. There are times in which it is necessary (and proper) for us to be receivers, but no gracious gift should be interpreted as entitlement. We should always be grateful to someone for everything.

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Stewards manage their decision about what to do with what God has loaned them. God provides all, and loans it to us to build up God’s realm. Thus, God and Christian stewards are partners. God provides the wherewithal; stewards handle God’s resources. For faithful stewards, the gift of managing God’s resources, regardless of any auxiliary reward, is the end product of righteous living. Jesus himself proved that a life lived to perfection has disastrous consequences from the human point of view. We are stewards of the mysteries of God because Jesus is the steward of our soul.

This is an important “season” in the life of our church, and together we can work with God as partners on the journey. In difficult economic times

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people often ask the operative question, "What can I do, I am only one person?" Jesus reminds us that "for God, all things are possible." Whatever gifts we bring to God's realm, whether great or small, God multiplies our offering. Whatever we offer, God increases. When God provides, even by use of our hands, then there is always enough. Our lone task in life is receive God's bounty and pass along the gift.

In the days and weeks to come, you will be hearing more about "Being Part of the Success." Please be in an attitude of prayer and ask God what it is that God would have you do. Our acts of faithful stewardship loom large in our helping God to build our little piece of God's great realm.

Your Minister
David



My decision some four years ago to remain here in Falmouth at John Wesley Church upon the death of my wife has been outstandingly confirmed. Your response to my recent illness and operation in the form of prayers, calls, cards and visits bears out my deep feelings that this is a church with special people who have deep feelings concerning others and are willing to "reach out" without reservation when need is identified.

Thank you so much for your kindness expressed in so many ways.

This is truly a "Church of God". May we continue to carry the banner forward.

Dan Fraunfelter

Dear John Wesley UMC,

Thank you so much for your hospitality on the day of the Falmouth Road Race. The men in the Chapel were real brothers in Christ. I have been keeping them and the church in my paryers.

In Christ,
Michael Bird

Growing Closer To God

It seems like everything we read and everywhere we look speak of dangers in the world, political controversy, and fears for the future. If you would like to have four hours of peace that will center your soul, bring you closer to God, and let you leave relaxed and spiritually renewed, come to the Silent Prayer Retreat. It will be held on Saturday, October 2nd, from 9

AM to 1PM. Drinks, snacks, materials, and guidelines will all be provided for you. Come be in communion with God and with others who are actively seeking to know Him. You will be glad you did. Please leave your name at the Church Office or with Bobye Anderson. If you forget, please come anyway; you will be very welcome.

Singles Together Lunch

OCTOBER 2 AT 11:30AM

Any member or friend of our Church of any age who is single, widowed, or divorced, is invited to join us for Lunch, inspiration, and fellowship at La Cucina Sul Mare Restaurant, 237 Main Street, Falmouth on Saturday, October 2nd, at 11:30am for our monthly gathering. If you wish, you can bring any photos you have of past meetings, or a poem or story. In addition, we will discuss possible ways to reach out to others during Thanksgiving week and/or Christmas time. Our meetings are held at different local restaurants, finish by one o'clock, and are usually the first Saturday of each month, except on holiday weekends or if there is a special event at our Church. For further information, or if you need a ride, contact Rev.Barba-



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G O D ' S
W O R D



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

October 2010

Sunday, October 3, 2010 – World Communion Sunday

Readings: Lamentations 1:1-6, Psalm 137, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10

Liturgist: Ted Burt

Altar Guild: Pat Dinsmore and Betty Bailey

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

Sunday, October 10, 2010

Readings: Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7, Psalm 66:1-12, 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19

Liturgist: Betty Smith

Altar Guild: Sharon Mulcahy and Eileen Rice

Ushers: Sharon Mulcahy, Janet Brooks, Milton King, Greg Brown

Sunday, October 17, 2010 – Laity Sunday

Readings: Jeremiah 31:27-34, Psalm 119:97-104- or Psalm 19,

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8

Liturgist: Janet Brooks

Altar Guild: Andrea Taddeo and Ginny Wass

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

Sunday, October 24, 2010

Readings: Joel 2:23-32, Psalm 65, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14

Liturgist: Bud Tracy

Altar Guild: Linda Duane and Barbara Swenson

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

Sunday, October 31, 2010 – Reformation Day

Readings: Habakkuk 1:1-14; 2:1-4, Psalm 119:137-144,

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12, Luke 10:1-10

Liturgist: Bill Ferney

Altar Guild: Betty Bailey and Nancy Leger

Ushers: Russell Brown, Dick MacKenzie, Andy Taddeo & Marilyn Mugno



THIS USHERS MONTH

Marilyn Mugno (508-564-5283) is *Always Looking For More Ushers To Fill In*. 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.

Head Usher In Bold

OCTOBER 2010

- 3rd** Mel Trott, Betty Bailey, Sandra Berkley, Carlton Hack
- 10th** Sharon Mulcahy, Janet Brooke, Milton King, Greg Brown
- 17th** Ken Whitcomb, Linda Duane, Jackie Johnson, Barbara Swenson
- 24th** Al Croft, Eric Tinglof, Karen Dean, Lorraine Hunt
- 31st** Russell Brown, Dick MacKenzie, Andy Taddeo, Marilyn Mugno

NOVEMBER 2010

- 7th** Mel Trott, Betty Bailey, Sandra Berkley, Carlton Hack
- 14th** Sharon Mulcahy, Janet Brooke, Milton King, Greg Brown
- 21th** Ken Whitcomb, Linda Duane, Jackie Johnson, Barbara Swenson
- 28th** Al Croft, Eric Tinglof, Karen Dean, Lorraine Hunt

DECEMBER 2010

- 5th** Mel Trott, Betty Bailey, Sandra Berkley, Carlton Hack
- 12th** Sharon Mulcahy, Greg Brown, Milton King, Janet Brooke
- 19th** Ken Whitcomb, Linda Duane, Jackie Johnson, Barbara Swenson
- Christmas Service will be in November newsletter.**
- 26th** Al Croft, Eric Tinglof, Karen Dean, Lorraine Hunt



Come On Along

by Sue MacKenzie

**"Come on a long,
Come on a long
Let me take you by the hand
Up to the man
Up to the man
Who's the leader of the
band..."**

Do you remember this old favorite! (My thanks to Alexander's Ragtime Band's author.)

Well, "Come On Along" could be a Christian slogan! I think that "Coming On Along" is one of the essences of Christianity.

On the shores of Galilee Jesus said it to Simon (Peter) and Andrew—"come, follow me and I will make you fishers of men" (Mark 1:17). He said it ("follow me") to Levi (Matthew) the tax collector (Luke 5:27). And also to the "rich young man" of Matthew 19:16-22 he said "then come, follow me". As we know Simon and Andrew did come and follow Jesus and so did Levi. The rich young man turned him down. I wonder, if this man had said "yes", would there have been a thirteenth disciple?

When Jesus called Levi, Levi right away prepared a banquet for Him. Can you imagine what fun it would have been to sit down to a meal with Jesus and to listen to him talk (even if the Pharisees were there too)? Can you imagine how incredibly wonderful it would have been to be one of the twelve and to hear Him preach and teach and sometimes even to have him talk to you alone, one on one? Can you feel sadness for the rich young man who had the opportunity of a lifetime and turned it down (for money yet!)?

Most of Jesus' teaching was presented to groups in places other than formal synagogues. He called people to

come to Him at places like hillsides, lake shores and peoples' homes. It must have been like "Come on along, let's go to _____ and sit down and have a lesson and a talk and a discussion". I'm sure that He was always open to answer questions too! Now some of Jesus' groups were large as when He sat and taught the Beatitudes (and much more) recorded for us by Mathew in chapters 5, 6 and 7 of his Gospel, and sometimes Jesus' groups were smaller as in John 12:1-8 where he is at Mary and Martha and Lazarus' home having dinner.

St. Paul was a believer of group teaching and learning. After his conversion and after having something to eat at Judas' house on Straight Street, the first thing he did was to have some group sessions with the disciples in Damascus (Acts 9:18-19). He himself often spoke in synagogues but certainly he advocated "house churches." I think the best known (today) of these was held at the home of Priscilla and Aquila in Ephesus (1 Cor. 16:19). Another group met at the home of Philemon in Colosse (Philemon 1 and 2).

John Wesley also believed strongly in the worth of small group gatherings. He called them "classes" which were pastoral and instructional by nature and were leader oriented and "bands" which provided more intimate settings for discussions, accountability and spiritual growth.

And so, you can see that, when we say "Come on along" this fall and join up with a small group(s) at John Wesley UMC, this is not without precedent!

This October Pastor David is again leading a Writing Your Life Story group. I was privileged to be a member of the last Life Story "class" and I cannot say enough good things about this experience. Watch for sign up information and come along to perhaps one of the most rewarding times of your life!

Gus Clough and Dick MacKenzie will be facilitating a group which will feature discussions on a book called *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel. This book tells the story of a serious journalist (an agnostic) who seeks to discover the truth about Christ and how he (Lee) discovers true faith. Come on along to this group which will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm beginning on October 5. Signing up for this "class" is available or call Gus (548-5654) or Dick (548-3237). (No, it's not too late!)

Beginning on Monday, November 22 (and for the next three Mondays - four in all) at 1:30 pm Sally Tracy (540-6987) and I (548-3237) will again be leading an Advent study using the book called *Setting the Christmas Stage* by John Indermark. This book provides a chance to explore connections between the story of Jesus' birth and our own spiritual Advent journey as we erect the backdrop, construct the scenery, gather the choruses and cast the characters in the drama that is Christmas.

All of these groups' activities are open to all!

Small groups like these are certainly a way to come closer to Jesus and His life and teachings and He is, I am sure, waiting to meet you through your participation.

So, "Come On Along" up to the Ultimate Leader Of The Band!





AUTUMN DINNER DANCE

Friday, November 5, 2010

Featuring
The John Salerno Band

COONAMESSETT INN

(Corner of Jones Road & Gifford Street, Falmouth)

6:00 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres

7:00 p.m. Three Course Meal

Choice of Prime Rib or Stuffed Shrimp

Door Prizes
\$60 Per Person

**Sponsored by the
John Wesley United Methodist Church**

Reservations call:
Marilyn Mugno 508-564-5283
Sharon Mulcahy (508) 457-0950

Please do not forget to pick up your tickets for the dinner/dance!
Pick them up on Sunday, in the Narthex, starting October 10th, or from anyone on the committee.



Become Part Of The Success All Is

Stewardship is our response to God's grace in our lives. John Wesley church has many programs that reflect that fact. This year's stewardship campaign will highlight some of these programs to encourage us all to get more involved. The campaign will bring special information to you during worship on four Sundays - the 24th and 31st of October, and the 7th and 14th of November. But some details are provided here to whet your appetite.

We have a variety of programs to meet your needs at various stages of life. Recognize that life is not simple and static. Everyone has complex and changing needs and questions. Keep your eyes open for new and ongoing programs that may speak to you. And don't forget to look for areas where you can become active helping others.

We can mention only a few activities here; there will be more information coming about these and many others. You can also talk to Pastor David Calhoun or call the church office and ask about specific programs.

This year's vacation Bible school was a blast. In fact it was a Galactic Blast with lots of noisy kids (and adults) getting excited about knowing Christ.

For years we have embraced Fal-mouth's Road Race weekend by open-

ing the church to the public for a spaghetti supper, special worship and other facilities needed by runners and spectators alike. What a great feeling to meet these enthusiastic people. Over and over we were told how much they appreciate our love and generosity.

Another Old Time Gospel Hour is coming with considerable expectation. These are exciting musical events that speak to our spirits at many levels.

Our church has been providing worship services in nursing homes for many years. This is done by a quiet group of dedicated souls whose reward is the appreciation they see in the residents they serve.

Join us for dinner and a movie. That is an invitation and also the name of a new small group that we hope to get started soon. Interested?

"The Case for Christ" is a journalist's personal investigation of the evidence for Jesus. This is a book study that will be forming soon. Be challenged and increase your faith in an interesting small group setting.

These are exciting programs that may appeal to you as a participant or a supporter. If so we hope you will step up and express your interest.

Remember there are several ways you can actually support a program. Obviously you can sign up to participate in the program. You can offer to help organize it (or at least help occasionally). If you see something that you think is important but cannot become involved you can pray for its success (many of our shut-ins participate in this way). You can offer material support in the form of gifts or money. These are all important means of support and during the stewardship campaign we especially encourage you to participate in any way that feels right for you. Become part of the success.

Forgiven

In his short story "The Capital of the World," Ernest Hemingway writes of a young man named Paco who had been kicked out of his home. Paco was wandering Madrid's streets, hoping to become a bullfighter.

Paco's father, desperate to mend the rift between them, resorted to putting an ad in the local newspaper. It said, "Paco, meet me at the Hotel Montana at noon on Tuesday. All is forgiven!"

On Tuesday, 800 young men named Paco showed up at that hotel, longing for restoration and forgiveness.

Like Paco's dad, our heavenly Father takes the first step. He invites us prodigal sons and daughters to meet him at the empty tomb. God won't turn away or disappoint anyone. He offers total forgiveness, without conditions, to all.

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you."

Ephesians 4:32, NRSV





Autumn On Cape Cod

The days are growing shorter,
And nights are getting long;
Cool air is so refreshing,
And winds are much more strong.

Birds are flying to the south
To spend the winter there,
Coming to the Cape again
When weather becomes fair.

The beaches, which were crowded,
Are once again bereft
Of swimmers and sunbathers
Since most of them have left.

The leaves are turning color
And soon will fall to earth,
Leaving trees mere skeletons
'Til spring sees a rebirth.

The stars seem so much brighter;
The air is crystal clear;
Such beauty in all nature
Assures us God is near.

Joy Stosz • August 17, 2010

A TASTE OF GRACE

Because Jesus died and rose for us, we have the free gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. That's the meaning of grace: "God's Riches At Christ's Expense."

Celebrate God's grace by "spelling it out" with this fun, nutritious recipe.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- 2 bowls
- Mixing spoon
- 1 Tablespoon yeast
- 1/2 cup warm water
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1 1/3 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Cutting board
- Cookie sheet



What you do:

1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees.
2. In a small bowl, stir the yeast with the water and honey. Let the mixture sit for five minutes.
3. In another bowl, stir the flour and salt together.
4. After five minutes, add the bubbly yeast mixture to the flour and salt mixture.
5. Stir everything together, first with a spoon and then with your hands. The dough is ready when it's still a little crumbly.
6. Put the dough on a cutting board with a little flour. Knead it into one big ball.
7. Divide the dough into 12 pieces, and roll each piece into a snake shape.
8. Form the letters G R A C E (twice). Then form the two extra pieces into any shape you choose.
9. Bake your letters and shapes on the cookie sheet for about 10 minutes. Let cool, and enjoy!



New Small Groups Coming

Join up to grow in MIND, BODY, and SPIRIT:

- MIND - a new Book Study on "The Case for Christ"
- BODY - get exercise this fall with "The Autumn Strollers"
- SPIRIT - learn life lessons from our elders in "The Wisdom of the Ages"

Learn more and sign up on Sunday, October 3rd

- Boby

Church Christmas Card

We will have a 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! 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 call: Sharon Mulcahy @ (508) 457-0950

Please put the following name(s) on the 2010 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.



Childlike Faith

One Sunday, a retired professor heard his pastor invite children to come to the chancel steps for a message. As the children walked forward, so did the professor. As the children sat on the steps, so did he.

The pastor wasn't surprised. Knowing that the congregation would be curious, he mentioned receiving a call from the professor a few days earlier. The professor said he'd recently read again how Jesus called a child to stand before him and then told the crowd, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3, NRSV).

May we all have such a childlike faith.