

# THE Wesleyan



John Wesley  
United Methodist Church  
The Official  
“Welcoming Congregation”

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## Pastors Message Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

Wishing to encourage her young son's progress on the piano, a mother took her boy to a Paderewski concert. After they were seated, the mother spotted an old friend in the audience and walked down to greet her. Seizing the opportunity to explore the wonders of the concert hall, the little boy rose and eventually explored his way through a door marked, "NO ADMITTANCE." When the house lights dimmed and the concert was about to begin, the mother returned to her seat and discovered that her child was missing. Suddenly the curtains parted and spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on the stage. In horror, the mother saw her little boy sitting at the keyboard, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." At that moment, the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano and whispered in the boy's ear, "Don't quit." "Keep playing." Then leaning over Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a base part. Soon his right arm reached around the other side of the child, and he added a running obbligato.

Together, the old master and the young novice transformed what could have been a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience. The audience was so mesmerized that they couldn't recall what else the great master played that evening. Only the classic, "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." Perhaps that's the way it is with God. What we can accomplish on our own is hardly noteworthy. We try our best, but the results aren't always graceful flowing music. However, with the hand of the Master, our life's work can truly be beautiful.

The next time you set out to accomplish great feats, listen carefully. You may hear the voice of the Master, whispering in your ear, "Don't quit." "Keep playing." Never give up. Trust how God works in the "long run." An old friend once reminded me that "when you are down to nothing, God is usually up to something."

Your Minister,

*David*



## A Few Thoughts On John 14:1-4

(which is about accommodations and the way to them)

by Sue MacKenzie  
Lay Leader

I know that you're receiving this Church Newsletter in early September. I'm writing this in August. And I'm asking you to remember last July! (Actually, you may wish to forget last July!) In recent years has there been a more consistently humid month? Did it not seem like it would never give up? I'm sure that lots of us just stayed inside as much as possible with our fans going full blast and/or our air conditioners providing relief. I'm a "fan person" but I'll admit to resorting to a/c this time.

Some mornings (before the full blast of heat and humidity) but mostly in the evening, I ventured to the front porch just to get a bit of fresh air.

Our next door neighbors' yard holds two or three mature holly trees, one of which is very large and ex-

tremely bushy. This summer many, many small birds have called this tree "home" and in the early evening, especially, they fly in and out calling (talking?) to each other. I do wonder what all this twittering means - are they really communicating with each other? (Perhaps they are talking about where the best food is or which neighborhood cats are on the prowl?) From time to time they swoop or fly out of the tree and for at least an hour there is much noisy coming and going.

Dick, my husband, says that he thinks that the tree is a "birdie condominium"!! I do agree.

When Dick said this, it made me think of Jesus' words to his worried disciples. "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare

a place for you. And, if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going." John 14:1-4, New International Version of the Bible.

Well, I thought that as our neighbors' holly tree was providing those many sheltered places for the birds, would our "many rooms" be something like this? - a place for everyone and lots of sharing going on after the day's activities. Will there be friendship, companionship, exchanges of news? Why not?

God cares for the birds (Luke 12:24) and He tells us not to worry or be anxious because he considers us to be more valuable than birds. So, if He provides a big, bushy holly tree for their well being here on earth, how much more can we look forward to?

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## The Second Dinner Dance Meeting Thursday, September 16th At 7:00

Our committee would truly welcome anyone in our church to join us to help make our affair bigger and better than ever before. It is a very special evening and while you are enjoying yourself - you are also raising money for our church and the many outreach programs that take place in our church.

Please come to our meeting and hear more about it. One does not have to come to every meeting to help, there are a lot of things that can be done from your home. Our Save the Date cards will be ready for this meeting. Should you know of some-

one that you think would be interested - sending out a short personal note on our post card has improved our attendance a great deal. If you can not make the meeting please pick up the Save the Date card in the Narthex and send one out. We are in need of new contacts - we need to make sure people are aware of our event and let them know that everyone is welcome.

This is our 13th year - please join us - it really can be very rewarding. The next meeting will take place September 30th at 7 o'clock.





**WORSHIP**  
SCHEDULE

**September 2010**

**Sunday, September 5, 2010**

*Readings:* Jeremiah 18:1-11, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, Philemon 1-21,  
Luke 14:25-33

*Liturgist:* Henry Brown

*Altar Guild:* Pat Dinsmore and Betty Bailey

*Greeters:* Carl and Dottie Hack

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

**Sunday, September 12, 2010**

*Readings:* Jeremiah 4:11-12, Psalm 14, 22-28. 1 Timothy 1:12-17,  
Luke 15:1-10

*Liturgist:* Ted Burt

*Altar Guild:* Sharon Mulcahy and Eileen Rice

*Greeters:* Don and Lois Atkinson

*Ushers:* Sharon Mulcahy, Greg Brown, Judith & Richard Bolinder

**Sunday, September 19, 2010**

*Readings:* Jeremiah 8:18-9:1, Psalm 79:1-9 or Psalm 4,  
Luke 16:1-13

*Liturgist:* Ellen Barber

*Altar Guild:* Barbara Swenson and Linda Duane

*Greeters:* Lorraine Hunt and Harriett Alexander

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

**Sunday, September 26, 2010**

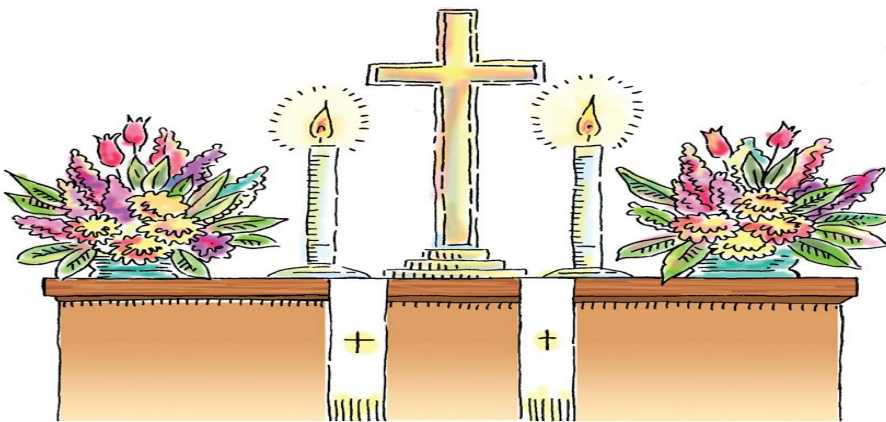
*Readings:* Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15, Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16, 1 Timothy 6:6 -19,  
Luke 16:19-31

*Liturgist:* Jan Brooks

*Altar Guild:* Andrea Taddeo and Ginny Wass

*Greeters:* Phyllis and Gus Clough

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



**THIS**  
**USHERS**  
**MONTH**

Marilyn Mugno (508-564-5283) is *Always Looking For More Ushers To Fill In*. She would appreciate any help you can give our team.

**Head Usher In Bold**

**SEPTEMBER 2010**

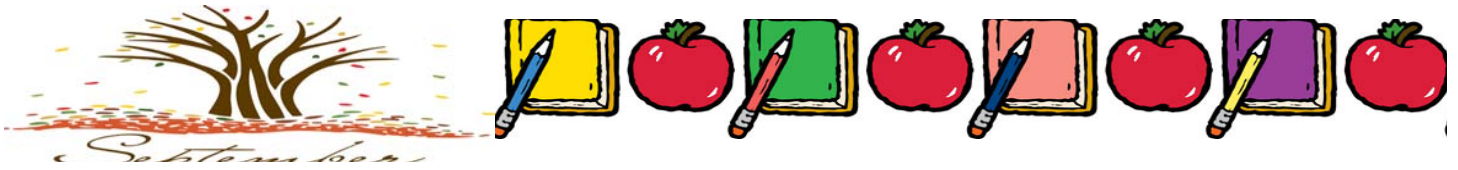
- 5th** Mel Trott, Betty Bailey,  
Sandra Berkley,  
Carlton Hack
- 12th** Sharon Mulcahy,  
Judith & Richard Bolinder,  
Greg Brown
- 19th** Ken Whitcomb, Linda Duane,  
Jackie Johnson, Barbara Swenson
- 26th** Al Croft, Eric Tinglof,  
Karen Dean, Lorraine Hunt

**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, Louise Bailey

**NOVEMBER 2010**

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



# 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

Cyndy Jones 508-539-2689



# Capital Fund Summary

August 15, 2010

The Capital Fund Drive has completed two years of its three year term. A total of 113 commitments have been received totaling \$351,972 which, along with other assets, come to about \$421,000 (out of a goal of \$500,000). As of August 15th our actual income was close to \$300,000 of which \$235,000 was from pledges. These figures signify that 84% of our goal has been committed, and 66% of our commitments actually has been received. At the two-thirds elapsed time we are about 60% of income to goal. This is understandable in view of current economic times, but it is hoped that as we continue the third and final year of our drive we will narrow the gap and come close to our goal.

Aside from campaign and other expenses, disbursements have gone to

the following campaign objectives as follows:

Church Repair & Improvement	\$ 94,323
Mortgage Reduction	\$131,113
Church Growth	8,522
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$233,958</b>

As additional funds are received, efforts will continue as planned. A key objective is to pay off the mortgage (now at \$68,890). Otherwise, it will be a burden to the Operating Fund.

It is hoped that those who have not yet made campaign pledges will reconsider and do so, and that our full goal will be reached by June 30, 2011. If anyone has any questions, please contact Bob Dinsmore, Campaign Treasurer.

# Singles Together Fellowship

Because of Labor Day weekend the beginning of September, the next meeting of the Singles Together Fellowship will be the first Saturday of October at a local restaurant. Members of the congregation and their friends of any age who are single, widowed, or divorced are invited to join us for lunch, inspiration, and fellowship. Come, see photos of the group taken in the past. Those who wish, are invited to bring a favorite poem, story, or photo to share. We will discuss a possible project to reach out to others at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please bring your ideas. For further information and suggestions, contact Rev. Barbara Brand-James (508/495-1549).

# Upper Cape Bocce Festival

Have a ball at the 3rd Annual Upper Cape Bocce Festival to benefit The Samaritans on Cape Cod and the Islands on Saturday, September 25, 12:00 - 3:30 p.m. Fun for all experience levels! Help The Samaritans, a non-denominational, non-profit organization whose mission is to prevent suicide, by registering to play

at \$40 per person or \$140 for a team of four. The festival will take place on the grounds of Falmouth Academy, 7 Highfield Drive, Falmouth. For more information or to consider sponsoring the event, contact The Samaritans, 508-548-7999; ccsamaritans@verizon.net; www.capesamaritans.org, or Peter Clark: pelaclark@aol.com.

# Lay Visitation Team

During the summer, several of our Lay Visitation Team were away on vacation or still recovering from illness or surgery. This month, those who can are planning to be back to their usual schedule of visits to folks who are in Nursing Homes or homebound, to add to the visits by the pastors. They usually bring CD's of our Sunday morning Worship Services, prayer shawls, good wishes from members of our congregation, and share in prayer. Our special thanks to Eileen Rice who helped with pastoral visits to the Nursing Homes. Their next meeting as a Team will be in October. If you know of someone who would like a visit, contact Rev. Barbara Brand-James (508/495-1549).



Dear Rev. Calhoun,  
On behalf of People for Cats, I want to thank you and the John Wesley United Methodist Church for allowing us to have our annual flea market on the church premises.

The event was a great success. We, raised over \$7,000!  
With sincere gratitude,  
Joy Stosz



# Summertime On Cape Cod



Long, lazy days and cool night air,  
Cape Cod in summertime,  
Warm sunshine, soft, gentle breezes  
Make living here sublime.



Flowers adorn the properties  
In every rainbow hue,  
White, puffy clouds sailing aloft  
Amid a sea of blue.



Beach goers lie upon the shore  
Relaxing on the sand,  
Sailboats cruise the peaceful waters  
Escaping from the land.



Fishermen cast their lines at sea  
Hoping to get a bite,  
Ferries crossing on Vineyard Sound,  
Children flying a kite.



Barbecues and ice cream sundaes,  
All part of summer's fare,  
The birds' sweet songs,  
the fresh-mown lawn,  
Summer is everywhere!



Joy Stosz – May 24, 2010



**Choir Workshop  
on Saturday,  
Sept 11  
Our first  
Sunday of singing  
is Sept 19th.**

If you are new or might like to be a new choir member, here's the drill:

On Saturday we will meet in the Church Hall at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and goodies. John Yankee would be glad to meet for a few minutes before we start with any new members to help them find their part. We will all sing with John from 10 - 12.

If you are new, I will have music for you in the Hall. If you are already a choir member, you will pick up your music (or return with the folders you still have since last June) in the choir room.

There will be a regular choir rehearsal on Wednesday, Sept 15 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary as usual.

Hope To See You There.



# Sunday School KICKOFF

## Registration

**Sunday, September 12, 2010**

**Please join us throughout the morning.**

Sunday School is fast approaching! We are very excited to begin our new year! Our first meeting for our teachers will be on registration Sunday, 9/12/2010 at 9:30. We are looking forward to beginning a new year with all of you! Parents, we are still in need of teachers. Please consider joining our Sunday School Team for 2010-2011.

Our Sunday School and WOW ages will be changing this year. The changes will be as follows; Sunday School ages three-Kindergarten, grades one and two, grades three and four, grades five-eight and grades nine-twelve. Wow One will be Kindergarten-Grade Two and WOW Two will be Grades Three-Five.

This is the year of new CORIS for all. Please be sure to fill out a form. If you have any questions, please contact Thank-you All

*Director of Christian Education, Debra Bostwick.*



# Smart cookies

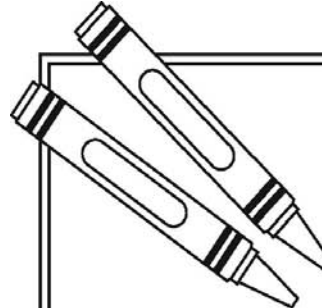
September is an exciting time, as you begin growing in wisdom with a new year of school and Sunday school. Be a "smart cookie" by making this special container for your kitchen. Change the pictures as your year goes by. Or fill the container with cookies to give as a gift.

### What you need:

- 2 identical disposable plastic containers (rectangular and clear) 
- 1 lid 
- 4 photos or drawings 
- Scissors
- Sticky bow or ribbon (optional) 
- Cookies 

### What you do:

1. Cut four different pictures or drawings to fit the sides of your container. Allow the edges to slightly overlap around the four sides of one container.
2. Gently set one container inside the other. Then slide the pictures or drawings down between the two containers to cover the four sides. Press the inner container down to secure the pictures in place between the sides.
3. Fill the container with cookies, and put the lid on top of the inner container.
4. You can put a sticky bow or ribbon on the lid to make the container look like a present.



## Just for KIDS

# GOD'S INSTRUCTION

The Bible is a guide for how we should live. In Sunday school and at home, we learn how God loves and saves us. Solve this puzzle to find Proverbs 4:13 (NIV), which tells about the importance of God's Word.

First, write the word that means the opposite of the one given. Then write the correct letters on the number-coded lines below.

young    death    cold    come

1 2 3      2 6 7 8      4 1 5      9 1

sweet    can't    no    later

10 1 11 12      13 14 15      16 8 10      15 1 17

"H


4 1 2 3      1 15      5 1

6 15 10 5 12 11 13 5 6 1 15 ' 3 1

15 1 5      2 8 5      6 5      9 1 ;

9 11 14 12 3      6 5      17 8 2 2 ' 7 1 12

6 5      6 10      16 1 11 12      2 6 7 8 "



"Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life." (Proverbs 4:13, NIV)

Answers: old, life, hot, go, sour, can, yes, now