

## CALENDAR

MONDAY, February 24

Church Office	9:30-1:30
Chair Yoga (Hall)	9:30-10:30
AA (Hall)	6:30-7:30

TUESDAY, February 25

Church Office	9:30-1:30
Miracle Kitchen	10:30

WEDNESDAY, February 26

Church Office	9:30-1:30
Prayer Circle	9:30
AA Women's Group	6:30—8

THURSDAY, February 27

Church Office	9:30-1:30
Chair Yoga (Hall)	9:30-10:30
Handbells (Sanctuary)	6:00

FRIDAY, February 28

AA	7:00
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SATURDAY, March 1

SUNDAY, March 2

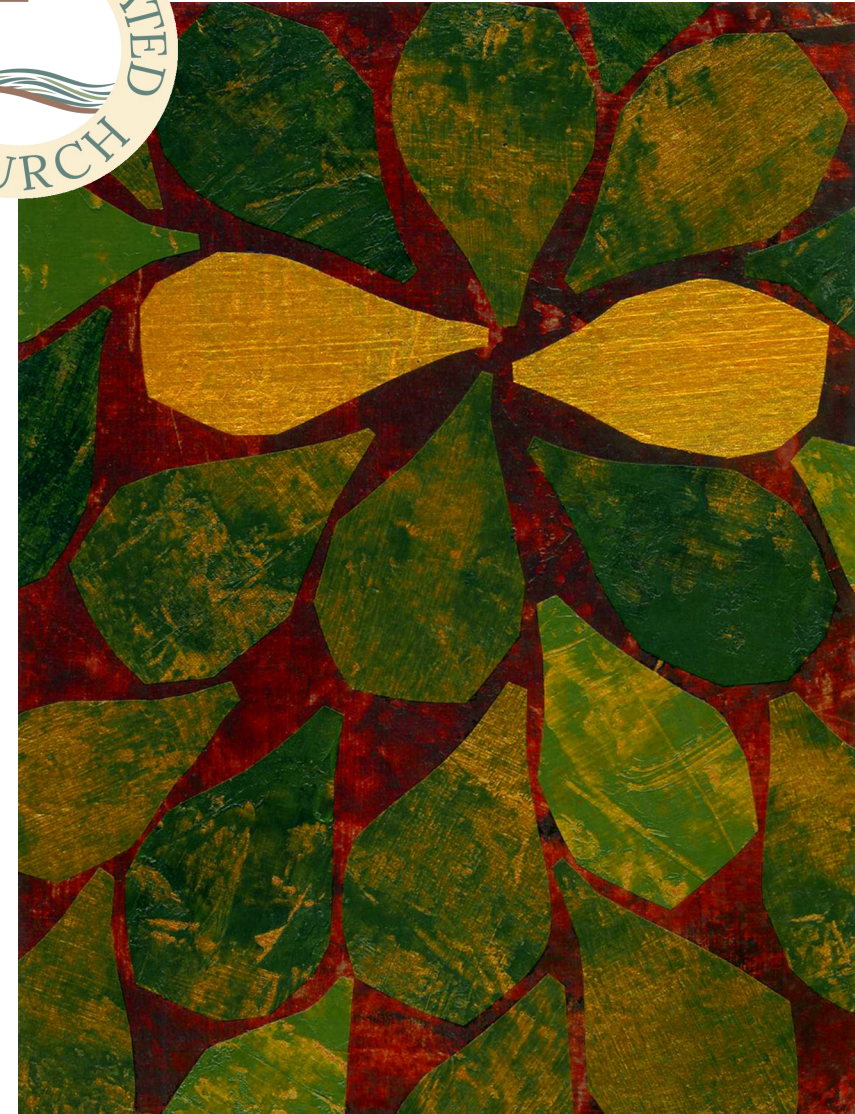
Worship	10:00
Coffee Hour	11:15
Confirmation Class	6:30

REMINDER: If you holding a meeting at Cotuit Federated Church, please let the office know so we can avoid scheduling conflicts. Thank you in advance for your help!

**MOVIE NIGHTS**

DEC 21 **ELF**  
 JAN 11 **LION KING**  
 FEB 8 **FROZEN**  
 MAR 8 **INSIDE OUT**

**6:30 PM IN HAMILTON HALL**  
 COTUIT FEDERATED CHURCH  
 40 SCHOOL STREET  
 COTUIT, MA 02635  
 USE HIGH STREET ENTRANCE  
 FREE POPCORN, HOT CHOCOLATE  
 BRING A WATER BOTTLE, STUFFER, BEAN BAG, CHAIR OR  
 BLANKET TO GET COMFY!



## Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday, February 23 | 10 o'clock in the morning

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### Blessing for Knowing

To receive this blessing,  
it may feel like  
you are peeling back  
every layer of flesh,  
exposing every nerve,  
baring each bone  
that has kept you upright.

It may seem  
every word is written  
on the back of  
something that your life  
depends upon,  
that to read this blessing  
would mean tearing away  
what has helped you  
remain intact.

Be at peace.  
It will not be  
as painful as that,  
though I cannot say  
it will be easy  
to accept this blessing,  
written as it is  
upon your true frame,  
inscribed on the skin  
you were born  
to live in.

The habits that keep you  
from yourself,  
the misconceptions  
others have of you,  
the unquestioned limits  
you have allowed,  
the smallness you have  
squeezed into:

these are not  
who you are.

This blessing simply wants  
all this to fall away.

This blessing—  
and it is stubborn on this point,  
I assure you—  
desires you to know yourself  
as it knows you,  
to let go of every layer  
that is not you,  
to release each thing  
that you hide behind,  
to open your eyes  
to see what it sees:

how this blessing  
has blazed in you  
since before you were born;  
how it has sustained you  
when you could not see it;  
how it haunts you,  
prickling beneath your skin  
to let it shine forth  
in full and unstinting  
measure;  
how it begins  
and ends  
with your true name.

-Jan Richardson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MIRACLE KITCHEN & FAITH FAMILY KITCHEN:

**Thursday, February 13th, Wednesday, February 19th & Tuesday, February 25th**  
The Salvation Army (100 North Street, Hyannis) is back up and running. Miracle Kitchen food will be prepared there on the 2nd Thursday and 4th Tuesday of each month. The Faith Family Kitchen is also back and is the 3rd Wednesday of the month 4:30 -7 p.m. For more information about volunteering for either of these wonderful programs, contact Ken Molloy at [kmacape@comcast.net](mailto:kmacape@comcast.net).

### BIBLE STUDY-LIVING THE QUESTIONS

**Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.**

A new bible study session will begin on January 14th. Study is held every Tuesday at 6:30 in Hamilton Hall. See Weekly Word for more information.

### ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

**Wednesday, March 5th**

Soup supper at 6:15 p.m. in Hamilton Hall followed by Ash Wednesday Worship in sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

### CHURCH WOMEN UNITED-WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**Friday, March 7th**

CFC has been asked by Church Women United to host this year's World Day of Prayer on the morning of March 7. This will include a light refreshments at the beginning, a worship service, conversation, and a meal at the end. Pastor Angie is looking for volunteers to help with hospitality and worship leadership. We will have a planning meeting in the Kraft Room on February 11 at 10am. Please join us in coming together in prayer with our sisters from all over the world.



## TODAY'S SERVERS

Ministers: *The People of Cotuit Federated Church*

Pastor: *Rev. Angela Menke Ballou* | Director of Music: *Megan Anthony*

Deacon: *Carol-Jean O'Toole* | Worship Steward: *Susan Shepherd & Ally Murphy*

Lay Reader: *Bruce Murphy* | Greeters: *Pat Uhlman & Carol-Jean O'Toole*

Director of Christian Education: *Lynne Belfiore*

Admin. Assistant for Ministry: *Shannon Boon*

*Thank you to all those who serve!*

## TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

- **Worship**
- **Coffee Hour**

## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

### PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Jen Nash*

### PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Passing of the Peace is the oldest part of the Christian liturgy and is a special way we welcome each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. You are invited to participate by crossing your hands over your heart, waving or giving the sign of the peace, or offering a hug or handshake.

### WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION

*Bruce Murphy*

One: Gather in — the power of God is in this place.

**All: With gratitude and praise, we come into the presence of the Holy.**

One: Gather in — Jesus welcomes all who seek him.

**All: With trust and hope, we come as we are.**

One: Gather in — the Spirit of love is here.

**All: With joy we gather today to praise, pray and grow together in grace.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Please join in singing.*

TFWS #2236

**Gather Us In**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*Bruce Murphy*

One: Scripture tells us that God knows the plans God has for us plans for our welfare and not for harm to give a future with hope. Confident of this powerful promise, let us confess our sins and shortcomings.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Bruce Murphy*

All: **Gracious and loving God, we remember that Scripture tells us Scripture tells us that You know the plans You have for us, plans for our welfare and not for harm to give us a future with hope. But sometimes, many times, we forget that powerful truth! We get lost in our own thoughts and absorbed in our own actions. And we also admit we have expectations of how you will act, we have plans for you, a box you need to stay in, a system we can understand.**



## OFFERTORY

Invitation to Offering

\*Doxology:

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below,  
Praise God, above, ye heavenly hosts  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Please join in singing.*

TFWS #2120

***Spirit, Spirit Of Gentleness***

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**All: We confess we want you to follow our ways,  
and to explain yourself to us when you go off some other direction.  
We confess we don't tend to the transitions of our lives well.  
Forgive our narrow vision,  
our childish games that miss the point,  
and our arguments about what we think about you while we  
ignore what you call us to do.  
Forgive our focus on ourselves,  
Set us free from our need to figure everything out before we allow  
you to act, and give us the vision to recognize your kingdom at  
work even in ways we do not understand. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

CHORAL ANTHEM

**Be A Candle Of Hope**

Becki Slagle Mayo

(CHILDREN INVITED TO CHURCH SCHOOL)

**\*HYMN**

*Please join in singing.*

UMC #405

**Seek Ye First**

**HEBREW BIBLE LESSON**

Jeremiah 29:11-13

*Bruce Murphy*

**EPISTLE LESSON**

Ephesians 3: 16-19

*Bruce Murphy*

**SERMON**

*Rev. Lin Grace Rohr*

**Transitions: Part Two: What Next?**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Prayer in Song:**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?*

*I have heard you calling in the night*

*I will go, Lord, if you lead me*

*I will hold your people in my heart*

**Gathering of the Prayers**

**Prayer in Song**

**Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive  
us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass  
against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver  
us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever. Amen.*

**Prayer in Song**