

The Courier

First Trinitarian
Congregational Church
of Scituate, UCC

November, 2011



The Rev. Says...

Lately, our church's leaders have been trying to finish this sentence: "We think God is calling us to do/be more...." The task of completing that same sentence will be arriving at the door of the sanctuary on Sunday morning, December 4.

Our worship that day will focus on what it means to "discern" as opposed to "decide," and then we'll use a period of silence for the congregation to wonder and pray about what we believe God is calling us to do/be right here, right now.

Several of the church's leaders met for a Saturday morning retreat to ponder this question, and we do have some on ideas about what we think God may be inviting us to be and do. However, from the beginning we have been aware that the whole congregation needs to be part of the conversation.

On December 4, we won't be doing any voting, we will be praying, wondering, and listening together.

Between now and then, I invite you to be thinking and praying about this question. Our goal is to walk with God, to be followers of Christ, to be open to the Spirit – in short, to be who we are called to be and to do what we are called to do.

You wouldn't think this would be an unusual question for a church whose roots go back to the dawn of the Nation's birth, but sometimes the most obvious questions are the very questions we forget to ask.

As one of our leaders keeps saying, "What business are we in, anyway?!"

Between now and then, Thanksgiving will arrive. May our hearts overflow with gratitude for the extravagant grace of God.

Peace to you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Dunfee".

Mike Dunfee



TO BE REMEMBERED
IN OUR PRAYERS

Ed Devine at home
Carol Boscow at home
Marcia Sprague Gantshar at Wingate in
Kingston
Betty Luce at home
Margaret Allen at Life Care Center
Ann Trudeau, Doug Trudeau's mother
Mary Lindsey, Elizabeth Naylor's mother
Ryan Hathaway, leukemia (Maureen
McCarthy)
Linda Pallota (Maureen McCarthy)
Jeanne Fay, lung cancer (Dot Sime's sister)
Bill Van Note at Braintree Manor Rehab.
Olivia Everett (Karen & Pete Rhoten)
Dottie Fiori, ALS (Marge Manning)
Mark Eikenberry, Colon Cancer (Jane &
Jack Warner's Nephew;
Rob Moore, liver cancer (Joy & Howie
Kreutzberg);
Kevin Ballantine, Leukemia (Barbara & Bill
DeMers grandson)
Brian Oldenberg in Iraq;
Neil Pallotta in Afghanistan (Maureen
McCarthy)



TOGETHER IN WORSHIP
IN OCTOBER

October 2 – 125
October 9 – 75
October 16 – 135
October 23–



FOR NOVEMBER

11/7 Brenda & Claude Brassard (30)



FOR NOVEMBER

11/01 Bill Backus
Conrad Conlin
11/02 Bill Southworth
11/03 Don Uppendahl
Margie Wollam
Jeff Murray
11/04 Nancy D'Onofrio
11/05 Peter Rhoten
Pamela Dawson
11/06 Dene White
11/07 Katie Rivero
11/11 Richard Hom
11/12 Emily Hermance
11/19 John Niland
Rebecca Glowac
11/26 Jean Comfort
11/27 Diane Roder
11/28 Marshall Litchfield



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FAIR TABLE

Dottie Tyler is asking for help setting up on Friday, December 2nd and help the day of the fair, December 3rd. If you have some Christmas decorations that you do not use anymore and if they are in good condition please drop them off at the Church Office. This will be the last year Dottie will be doing this table. She is looking for someone to take it over next year.



REMINDER: Turn your clocks back one hour November 5th. Be on time for Church on November 6th.



The Power of Myth

A Study and Discussion Program

What is this all about?

Bill Moyers, in 1988, produced a PBS series entitled *The Power of the Myth* with Joseph Campbell. The series is a set of interviews with Joseph Campbell presenting his ideas about comparative mythology and the ongoing role of mythology in human society. The concepts of mythology have a deep root in Christian beliefs. In these sessions, we will view the six episodes of the series and discuss the relevance of mythology to Christianity today.

When will we do this?

We will meet six times in the library from 7:00Pm to 8:30 PM .in November, January and February. Below is our schedule of exciting topics.

Nov. 9th—The Hero's Adventure (Intro)

Nov. 16th -- The Message of the Myth

Jan 11th —The First Storytellers

Jan 18th —Sacrifice and Bliss

Jan 25th —Love and the Goddess

Feb 1st —Masks of Eternity

Who can participate?

Anyone can come who wants to participate. However, please sign up soon as possible so that we can get a good estimate of the number of attendees. You can sign up after church or by calling Joy in the office.



New Member Committee News

The New Member Committee was very busy last year, as you may have noticed! We are excited to announce that during the September 2010 – June 2011 church program year, 18 new people joined the church. Following is a list of new members that we welcomed into the FTCC family last year:

Maryann Cohan
Bruce & Ruth Marshman
Roy & Maureen Manns
Gordon & Denise Price
Michael & Heather Paduck

Susie Schollin
Jamie Schweer
Joanne & Walter Tibbetts
David & Carrie Keller
Jonathan & Catherine McNeilly
Charlie Powers

If you come across these new members, please take the time to introduce yourself and welcome them into the church.

The goals of the New Member Committee are to invite, inform, and integrate new members into the life of the church. If you (or someone you know) are interested in joining the church or just learning more, please visit our table at coffee hour over the next few weeks or look for us...we're the ones wearing the **red name tags!**

Whether you are just visiting or have been coming for many years, we would love to talk with you.

The New Member Committee

Mike Dunfee, Sarah Smith, Marissa Glowac, Diane Roder, Maureen McCarthy, Lisa Huffman, & Carrier Keller



The annual ingathering of food for the Scituate Food Pantry takes place in November. Please bring donations to the church and put them in the basket on the porch, beginning November 6th. The food pantry provides the ingredients for preparing a Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner for all the families they serve. You can donate boxed stuffing or mashed potatoes, brownie mix, or canned green beans.

Additionally, items they are chronically short of include: canned meat (chicken, beef stew, chili, ham), salad dressing, juice (1/2 gallon bottles), shampoo.



Hello, it is Christmas Fair time! This year Rebecca Graziano and Tom Hall will be co-chairing the event, which, as you know, has been *the* event of the holiday season in Scituate for many years. It is also one of our biggest fundraisers. The Fair is scheduled for December 3rd from 9 am to 2 pm.

Below are the heads of each of our major departments. Please consider helping out in these key areas. We are especially interested in expanding our greens/wreaths area, and developing a 'country store' concept to include more fromage, jellies, and fudge, along with our baked goods.

If you can help, please contact the appropriate person below, or Tom and Rebecca directly:

Silent Auction	Maureen McCarthy and Jim Hall
Set Up	Mike Holland
Luncheon	Kim Trudeau and Kent Karlberg
Christmas Decorations	Dottie Tyler
Secret Santa/Kids Table	Marie Fiddler and Tanya Stenson
Gift Table	Gail Varrasso
Gift Baskets	Priscilla Ellsworth
Baked Goods	Martha Ball
Greens/Wreaths	Ruth Dodds
Jewelry	Doris Hastie and Catherine McNeilly
BoxWoods	Pat Michaud
Publicity	Shirley Southworth
Candy Table	Laurie Hall, Pam Dawson and Cathy Hall
Hayride/Caroling	TBD
Fromage/Jellies	TBD

Thanks! Tom (781 424 8525 and Brandworks@comcast.net) and Rebecca (Rebecca_Graziano@yahoo.com)

FAIR GIFT BASKET TABLE

Please make sure your Gift Basket Theme bags are filled and returned to the church by Nov. 12. We are in need of **CLEAN OR NEW BASKETS/CONTAINERS** for a group of creative talented folks to arrange the items in to be sold at the fair. You can drop them off at the church office between 9:00 and 2:00 Tuesday thru Friday. Anyone willing to help please call Priscilla Ellsworth 781-837-9801.

**Schedules and Assignments
November, 2011**

	November 6	November 13	November 20 Thanksgiving Sunday	November 27
Preaching	Rev. Mike Dunfee	Rev. Bob Naylor	Rev. Mike Dunfee	Rev. Mike Dunfee

Music	Senior Choir	Senior Choir	Senior Choir	Senior Choir
Liturgist	Steve Collins	Dot Sime		Tyler Trudeau
Greeters & Ushers	Priscilla Ellsworth, Lindy Backus, Patsy Oehl, Kim Trudeau	Marshall Litchfield, Marty Morrill, Peter Leavitt, Peter Stanley	Diane & Mark Roder, Martha & Mike Holland	John Berton, Penny Cohen, Phillips Weeks, Nelson Beveridge
Acolyte				
Servers	Dan Hodgkins, Jennifer Smollett, Tom Hall, Anna McCarthy, Dana Blanks, Mary Ann Hermance			
Coffee Hour	Church School	Rebecca & Alec Graziano	Gail Varrasso	Joanne Tibbetts
Flowers	Merrilyn O'Brien	Penny Cohen	NEEDED	Mary Smith
Special Events			MAINSRING	