

# The Old Sloop's Log

A Monthly Publication of  
The First Congregational Church of Rockport, UCC  
The Reverend Derek Van Gulden, Pastor



## Our Covenant

We the members of this congregation welcome you with gladness into our lives. We renew our covenant of faith and offer you our support, encouragement and love to the end that all of us may grow in the boundless mercy of God. By loving and being loved, forgiving and being forgiven, serving and being served, let us go forward together with courage as Christ's disciples glorifying God by being fully alive.

## Open and Affirming Statement

We the members of the First Congregational Church of Rockport are called upon to love one another as God loves us, freely and un-conditionally. Therefore, we covenant to become an open and affirming congregation welcoming persons of every age, ability, gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, socio-economic status, and ethnicity into full membership and participation in our community life and ministry. We embrace and support those who experience rejection and exile from spiritual community and commit ourselves to the struggle against injustice.



Beloved,

After a recent Sunday service, a couple who were vacationing in Rockport and attended worship with us, asked me; "We noticed that you refer to God in a female image at times. We have never encountered

this before. Could you share a little on why you do this?"

What followed was a wonderful sharing of maternal images of God in scripture and my own experience of God as a mother. I shared with them the following pieces of scripture;

*You were unmindful of the Rock that bore you; you forgot the God who gave you birth. (Deuteronomy 32:18)*

*As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. (Isaiah 66:13)*

*Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. (Hosea 11:3-4)*

*May God reward you for your deeds, and may you have a full reward from the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge!" (Ruth 2:12)*

*"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! (Matthew 23:37)*

After sharing these scriptural passages, I shared my experience with a young mother who found a deeper connection with God once she was able to see the maternal aspects of God. She had lost her mother to a tragic accident when she was very young and even though she had a wonderfully attentive grandmother and aunts she always felt something missing. She had an experience of worshiping with a

church where the Lord's prayer always started; *"Our Father, Our Mother who art in heaven"* ... this vision of God as a mother brought her to tears and brought her back to church. I went on to share with them the alternative version of the Lord's Prayer we use every other week from the New Zealand Prayer Book which begins; *"Eternal Spirit Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom is heaven."* They were wonderfully surprised by; "the beauty" of this version and asked where they could get a copy to bring back to their church.

Though I would have loved to continue our discussion I had to leave for another worship service I was scheduled to take part in. Their last comment was that maybe this would be a wonderful topic to discuss in church on Mother's Day, the maternal side of God and how God is both Mother and Father to us all. I thought it was a wonderful idea and if you were in church on May 13<sup>th</sup> please let me know how I did and if you would like to continue chatting about this.

Shalom,

Rev. Derek



## Please Spread the Love... SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF FCCR!

Beginning this week, we encourage you to share stories about what our beloved First Congregational Church of Rockport means to you on social media. Using the tags [@rockportucc](#), [#unitedchurchofchrist](#), and [#weloveourchurch](#) tell your story on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.

Don't forget to tag family members and friends on your post. This will help expand the reach of our stories. Be sure to include a photo with you either inside or outside our church or use the photo above.

At the end of your post, consider inviting friends and family to visit Sundays at 10 a.m.

## Cabinet

### Minutes April 15, 2018 -- Subject to Approval

The Cabinet of the First Congregational Church of Rockport, Massachusetts, UCC was called to order by Geof Lyon, Moderator Pro Tem, at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Geof Lyon, Clerk; Stephen Kalaghan, Christian Outreach Committee; Rev. Derek van Gulden; Michele Coates, Christian Education; Bruce Coates, Treasurer; Susan Herron, Diaconate; Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Rice Smith; Historian, Old Sloop Fleet, & Membership Committee and Walter Vining, Trustees.

Rev. Derek led us in prayer as we opened our meeting.

### ACTION, DISCUSSION and FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

**Meeting minutes:** The minutes of the March 18 meeting were approved as submitted by voice vote.

**Steeple:** Walter Vining reported from the Trustees that American Steeple and Tower's figure to finish the steeple is \$81,200. Steve Lindo, Moderator; Mark Jurewicz, and Bonnie Grey went over the time card figures, receipts, and invoices, to review costs. Bill Elwell reached out to Bob Le Vesque to see why what we have paid is more than what his back-up documents show.

**Display/Memorialization of the Retired Bell:** Liz Rice Smith reported on the work of the Artifact Preservation Ad Hoc Committee authorized by the Trustees. Chaired by Jeff Taylor with Jim Ugone, Geof Lyon and Liz Rice Smith (in her role as Historian for the congregation) have researched and developed plans for a memorial with a bronze plaque and Rockport granite base for the retired bell and its placement on the Church Green at the corner of Main and School Streets. The bronze plaque for this monument will read as follows:

#### MEETINGHOUSE BELL

This bell, cast in 1876 by William Blake & Co, replaced the original Paul Revere bell and served the First Congregational Church and the Town of Rockport for more than 135 years until a crack forced its retirement in 2017. It was replaced with a similar bell cast by Henry N. Hooper & Co. Blake and Hooper were partners and former Revere apprentices.

**Chiming of the new bell:** The Trustees will send out a survey to the neighbors after the new bell is ringing hourly again.

**Verizon:** Walter Vining reported on his meeting with Tom Moylan who said Verizon is ready to go. Verizon paid the church its rental payments for February, March and April. The Day School has been made aware that there will be days when they can't use the playground during construction.

**Rainbow Day School:** Walter reported that Wendy Hyatt started the school on April 2. Walter will follow-up on the insurance status.

**Christian Education Committee:** Michelle Coates and Rev. Derek discussed staffing. Rev. Derek met with Debbie Allen, the Massachusetts Conference United Church of Christ Associate for Christian Education and Youth Ministries, to discuss what we need to do and where we want to go at this juncture regarding the development and vitality of our Christian Education program. Especially

notable are demographic changes and family moves to other communities which result in decreasing numbers of youth (10) and some of those are not from church families, smaller Youth Choir, and fewer Sunday School children. Pastor Derek noted that we must think ecumenically and inter-generationally, which is a good approach.

### **Old Business:**

**By law revisions:** No action

**CORI checks:** Jay Reed has trained Regina Reis, Church Administrator, to do the checks. She will take care of all CORI checks, including those with keys to the building. This is a National program and the checks need to be updated every 3 years.

**Hanging of Jim Fletcher's picture:** Liz Rice Smith reported that she has photos of interim ministers, Revs. Jim Fletcher and Sharon Goss. She will do what is necessary to make these pictures compatible with those of the ministers already displayed, noting dates of their interim ministries. Liz will work with Jim Schell to hang them when the work is finished.

**Welcome back celebration for Pastor Derek:** This celebration will be held on Sunday, May 6. The entire celebration will be integrated with the worship service. Rev. Sue Koehler-Arsenault and the sabbatical worship team will plan this event to share with Pastor Derek what occurred at the church during his time away, just as he will share with us many aspects of his sabbatical experiences. The luncheon will be catered by Classic Cooks.

Bruce Coates asked where in the budget Easter donations should be placed. Suggestions were made, but a decision was not made at this time. Sue Herron, representing the Diaconate, asked if the Deacons could have the names of the donors to the Living Memorial Fund promptly so they can write thank you notes. Treasurer Assistants send the chairs of the Diaconate an email whenever a donation is received, and the treasurer sends a monthly report that shows fund balances and activity.

**Nominating Committee, Chairman appointed? Initial meeting held?** No information available.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

**Treasurer:** Bruce Coates distributed year to date Operating and Cash and Investment summaries.

**Historian:** Liz Rice Smith reported that she has consulted with Jack Reed, who gave a presentation for the Rockport Rotary and has been invited to give a presentation of the history of The First Congregational Church of Rockport at the Sandy Bay Historical Society on May 21, at 7:30 p.m. The address is: 40 King St., Rockport. She will have this information circulated to the congregation in hopes that some will attend.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Diaconate:** The Deacons are preparing to conduct an evaluation of Pastor Derek. A question was raised about our congregation's mission statement. Pastor Derek noted that our Covenant of Membership and ONA Affirmations are key to understanding our mission. Liz Rice Smith also noted mission statements in the document work done by the search committee which brought Pastor Derek to the congregation for their consideration. Rick Kasten and Susan Lillis served as Co-Chairs for that search committee. Also, Bruce Coates asked about the Christian flag that is missing from the

sanctuary. Geof said that it is stored behind the organ and is not in good condition. Discussion regarding plans for this flag will be continued.

### **Trustees**

Concern about dogs: Walter Vining said that Bill Elwell continues to try to address issues of dog waste on the Church Green. Health concerns were voiced. Suggestions were made to use a different sign, but the bottom line is that "it is a no-win situation."

### **Christian Outreach**

Steve Kalaghan reported that the committee had worked hard, thoughtfully, and prayerfully to select the three graduating high school students who will be awarded church scholarships this year. 30 students applied this year. Steve noted that the committee members were pleased with the results of their deliberations in determining which students would receive these scholarship awards.

### **Old Sloop Fleet**

Liz Rice Smith reported that crew captains and members of the crews of the Old Sloop Fleet have been active.

Liz and Debbie Welch (of the Diaconate) co-facilitate the work of the Fleet. Wendy Woodbury, Celene Lyon, Pam Beck, and Lisa Vining are Captains of the different crews for the Fleet. Pastor Derek, David Emerson, and Regina Reis also assist in aspects of the work of the Fleet.

### **Christian Education**

Michelle Coates reported that the committee members are preparing to work with Pastor Derek and MACUCC Consultant Debbie Allen regarding development of the program for the congregation and the community.

### **Membership Committee**

Liz Rice Smith noted that the work of the Team for the Welcoming Ministry of Hospitality/TWMH is now under the auspices of the Membership Committee. One project of the TWMH is the Coffee Hour Hospitality Program, which is coordinated by Wendy Woodbury and Liz, with scheduling assistance from Mark Woodbury.

A second project of the TWMH is the making use of/wearing NAME TAGS, which Pastor Derek spoke about during worship this morning. Wendy and Mark Woodbury faithfully make and distribute name tags and have been doing this now well over a decade for our congregation! A third effort of the TWMH is encouraging the use of the Welcoming Pads during worship, to invite communications from the congregation and to invite visitors and newcomers to share their contact information so that we can follow up with them. A fourth effort of the TWMH is the 12th annual (now) Eastertide film series, with potluck and screening of films each Thursday evening during Eastertide. Liz and Wendy plan and coordinate this series, with considerable assistance from Mark Woodbury, Celene and Geof Lyon, and Steve Kalaghan. This year's film series is going well, with 18 attendees for the first film, HIDDEN FIGURES and 14 attendees at the second film, WONDER.

Plans are in the works to host a new opportunity for prospective members (and any others who wish to consider the meaning of membership in the life of the congregation) to gather for reflection and discernment.

### **Personnel Committee**

The committee is completing its up-to-date employee manual with job descriptions. The job description for the Office Manager will be updated for the Employee Manual. An addendum will be added to Rev. Derek's contract.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM

### **Date of Next Cabinet Meeting:**

The cabinet will next meet in the Morgan Room at 7:00PM on May 20.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Rice Smith and Susan Herron SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

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## **TRUSTEES**

### **Meeting Minutes for Monday, May 14, 2018 – subject to approval**

**Trustee Meeting** - called to order at 7:02 PM. Reverend Derek opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Present:** Mark Jurewicz; Bill Elwell; Bonnie Gray; Bruce Coates; Chip Kistner; Walter Vining; Paul Hurst; Rev Derek Van Gulden; Geof Lyon, Building Study Committee

**Absent:** Kevin Love

- **Minutes:** Minutes from the April 9, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- **Treasurers Report:** Bruce presented the treasurer's report which was approved as submitted. A question regarding the membership of the Investment Committee was raised. Paul will ask Jack Reed if he is willing to remain on that committee.
- **Monthly Review of Bank/PEX Statements:** Kevin has volunteered to review the May statements. Bruce requested the monthly review also include a review of the PEX card statements and the signature of the Trustee who conducts the review. All agreed.

### **Old Business:**

- **Capital Campaign Projects** – review of projects.
  - Steeple Project – Lighting plan for the steeple was discussed. Geof will consult with Spittle Electric and will also contact the Rockport DPW regarding their request to have a blue light in the steeple to indicate a snow emergency. Subsequent email indicates the town no longer has a need for the blue light.
  - Organ Repair – Mark will follow up with Phil.

- Sanctuary Ceiling Paint – Despite several requests from Bill the Benjamin Moor representatives have not provided a written recap of their evaluation of the peeling ceiling paint or their recommendations of church restoration paint specialists. Bill research specialists to contact and get estimates to have further analysis done.
- Other Capital Campaign Projects – not discussed.
- **Verizon Cell Tower** – Verizon was unable to access the steeple because a ladder was removed – that has since been replaced. They also identified areas of bracing within the steeple that will interfere with their antenna installation. Representatives from Verizon, Steeplecom, Structures North and the church will meet on Friday 5/18 to evaluate solutions.
- **Safety Committee** – Paul reported that the Critical Incident Committee (CIC) has been formed and has had 2 meetings in the past month. The CIC will address safety issues solely related to incidents of a critical nature (fire, bomb threats, armed intruder threats, earthquake, disruptive behavior, etc.). A Critical Incident Policy is currently in development (Trustees asked to review prior to June). The CIC is asking the Trustees to evaluate and approve funding to correct the following facility safety/security issues:
  - **Replace 2 exterior doors** – 1 outside the kitchen in Fellowship Hall and 1 in Phil's "Facility Room." Building Study Committee will evaluate.
  - **Install Door Locks** – on doors between day school area leading to stairway. Walter will contact the Building Inspector in regards to egress.
  - **PA System** – to communicate emergency instructions throughout the facility buildings and possibly integrate with the fire alarm system. Paul will contact Lt. Mark Schmink for potential sources.
  - **Escape/Egress Signage** – create or improve existing signage throughout the facility buildings. Bill/Geof both have existing diagrams that be helpful.

In the future the CIC will continue to address identified physical safety/security issues and will also develop emergency communication plans, drills and situational awareness training for church officers as well as members of the congregation.

- **Church Trash Disposal** – The church will need to buy a PAYT permit as well as blue PAYT trash bags. Larger heavy-duty bags are not yet available. Recycling procedures will need to be developed. Derek will ask the congregation for volunteers to work on the recycling procedures.
- **Dog Waste** – Continues to be a problem and has been determined to be a health issue. It was agreed that any future dog restrictions will need to be year-round rather than seasonal.
- **Garage Roof** – No update.
- **Parsonage Garage Doors** – Walter will follow-up with Derek.

- **Insurance Update** – No update.

#### New Business:

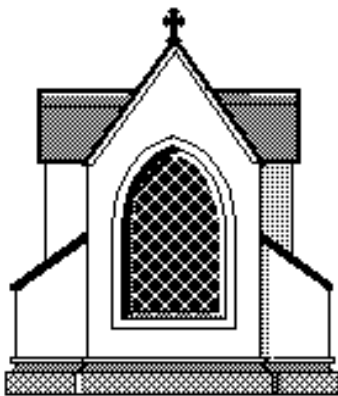
- **Painting of Copy Machine Room** – A discussion regarding paint for the Copy Machine Room identified a need for a more comprehensive evaluation of the function and renovation needs of that space.
- **Building Security** – Geof reported frequently finding doors unlocked. With so many entrance doors and the increasing number of activities occurring at various times it has become very difficult to monitor door security. One suggestion was to develop zones with differently keyed doors to more easily monitor the situation. It was also noted that some of the doors appear to be secured but actually are not. Bill will check the lock mechanisms of the blue doors to the Sanctuary.

A copy of this report will be forwarded to the editor of the Old Sloop Log. There being no further business, the Board of Trustees adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Next scheduled meeting will be Monday, June 11, 2018.

Walter Vining  
Chair, Board of Trustees

Mark Jurewicz  
Recording Secretary



## Stewardship

May 2018

### Sign up for Amazon Smile!

The checks from Amazon Smile are providing a small, steady income. If you are one of those using Amazon Smile when you buy online, thank you! If you haven't signed up yet, please do so. If we all participate every time we order from Amazon, the returns could be significant. Go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and follow the instructions. Pick First Congregational Church of Rockport as your charity. Thanks for making that extra effort!







## Christian Education Youth Ministry News

### May/June Calendar

Friday, May 4	6:00 – 9:00 pm	Babysitting Night
Sunday, May 6	10:15 am	Sunday School
	5:00 – 7:00 pm	Youth Group
Sunday, May 13	9:00 am	C.E. Meeting
	10:15 am	No Sunday School (Mother's Day)
	5:00 – 7:00 pm	No Youth Group
Sunday, May 20	10:00 am	Sunday School
	5:00 – 7:00 pm	Youth Group (S'mores at Katie's house)
Sunday, May 27	10:15 am	No Sunday School (Memorial Day)
	5:00 – 7:00 pm	No Youth Group
Sunday, June 3	10:15	Last Sunday School
	5:00 – 7:00 pm	Youth Group
Sunday June 10	10:00	Youth Service
	5:00 – 7:00 pm	Youth Cookout at the Hale's

### **Sunday School**

For the rest of the year in Sunday school we will be focusing on praying and the Lord's Prayer. We are practicing a song in Sunday school each week in hopes of teaching it to the congregation in June! Check it out! <https://youtu.be/ZqQMxMWXJ7E>

### **Community Babysitting Night**

Last month the teens hosted a babysitting night for the community. We had 13 kids, and 9 teenagers to help! The parents were so appreciative about having a night out, we decided as a group we will continue babysitting nights next year. Each teen ran a station, we had Yoda and Darth Vader, crafts, millennium falcon cardboard building, and Jedi training! It was amazing to watch the teens greet kids at the door, and be so fully engaged, and on a Friday night!

### **Storm Clean Up Fundraiser**

The teens also participated in a storm clean-up fundraiser (mostly involved shoveling a lot of rocks!) Their hard work and dedication was inspiring! Thank you to Regina for setting up this fundraiser for us!

### THANK YOU!

First, I want to thank Michele Coates for being so supportive, and my go to person as we have been going through a time of transitioning. From volunteering in the nursery, to buying the youth group snacks, and to meeting me for coffee, you have been a godsend. You have been such a great help and I am so grateful to have you!

I would also like to thank everyone who has been involved in our Sunday School programming at one point or another this year: Anthony Hale, Stacy Cook, Leap Kasten, and Sarah Chambers. Our Sunday mornings could not run without you volunteering!

Finally, I would like to thank our youth leaders who have been faithfully helping out Sunday, after Sunday, chaperoning weekend retreats, and simply investing in all of our teens lives: Anthony, Jess, Chels and our student leader Katria. I am so very thankful and blessed by each and every one of you. I could not keep our programming running if it was not for all the hours you put in.

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” Helen Keller

Katie

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### Meeting Minutes April 8, 2018

#### In attendance

Katie Welch, Michele Coates, Laurie,  
Anthony Hale, Jack Reed and Jonathan Lilja

The following items were discussed at the April 8th meeting:

1. On-Line Class.
2. Service Day.
3. Community Babysitting Night.
4. Intergenerational Year-End Service.
5. Safe Church Policy.
6. Nursery/Sunday School Space.
7. Personnel Search for a Replacement for Mindy.
8. **The Next Meeting: Sunday, 9 am, May 20th, 2018. Submitted by JELilja**





## Christian Outreach Committee

### Minutes for April 2018

**Present:** Jay Reed, Derek Van Gulden, Charlie Brackett, Karen Coffin, Stephen Kalaghan, Sarah Mowitt, Marje Schell, Darlene Spittle, Diane Westman, and Wendy Woodbury.

Jay Reed called the meeting to order at 11:25 with a prayer.

**Treasurer's Report:** The balance in the Wider Mission Treasury at the end of February was \$6,369.28. Receipts during the month included \$960 from pledges. Disbursements were made during the month to the UCC Massachusetts Conference Basic Support (\$1,150) and to One Great Hour of Sharing, a special offering of the UCC, (\$285). In addition, \$500 was sent to the City Mission Society of Boston, \$500 to Cottage Hill Academy, and \$500 to Healing Abuse, Working for Change. There are adequate funds in the Pastor's Fund.

**Pot Luck:** Jay reported that fewer people have been coming to our Pot Luck dinners.

**Family Promise North Shore Boston:** We will be hosting families from May 20 to 27. A project has been ongoing to interview volunteers to get feedback on the success of the program. Comments have been collected and are being assessed. Consideration is being given to a mentoring program for families in the program. An apartment above the day center has been rented to provide transitional housing for families coming out of the program. Taste the Promise, a fund raiser for Family Promise, will be held on May 2 at Danversport Yacht Club. Church members are encouraged to buy tickets.

**Refugee Immigration Ministry:** A fund raising dinner and auction was held on April 8 for the North Shore Cluster. The auction raised \$3600. A Walk for Refugees will be held on June 24 in Wakefield at 4 pm. Jay will be looking for walkers and/or sponsors.

**Open Door:** We will be serving dinner on May 5. Julie LaFontaine, Executive Director of Open Door, will preach to the congregation next Sunday.

The committee discussed the need for programs about gun violence and about LGBTQ issues.

**High School Scholarships:** The committee selected recipients for three scholarships from the church. Over thirty graduating seniors submitted applications. Two of these are provided by the Maclean-Hooper endowment fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05. Our next meeting will be on **May 6**.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Mowitt

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## **The Old Sloop**

### **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Film Series**

#### **Eastertide into Pentecost**

*Enjoy a fun evening of "Dinner and a free movie!"*

*Thursday evenings, from April 5 – June 7*

*You are welcome to share in a potluck supper  
in Fellowship Hall starting at 5:00 pm.*

*Movie viewing 5:30 to 7:30 pm, followed by discussion.*

***Bring your family and friends!***

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May 24 - No film - Family Promise Week at First Congregational Church of Rockport



The Shape of Water May 31



Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close June 7

**Sponsored by Old Sloop Team of Welcoming Ministry of Hospitality**

**Call 978-546-6638 for more information.**



## Old Sloop Fair Preparations are underway!

We are busy getting ready for the 2018 Old Sloop Fair. The Fair is one of the oldest summer traditions on the North Shore and the most important fundraising event for the church.

### Mark your calendars:

**Rummage Sale - Saturday, July 14, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

Clothes, accessories, shoes, linens, etc.

**Old Sloop Fair - Friday, July 20 and Saturday, July 21, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

White Elephant, Boutique, Yard Sale, Handknits, Art Mart, Jewelry, Ken's Collection, and Snack Bar.

### **What can you do?**

#### Donate!

We welcome donations that are clean and in good condition. You can drop off donations every Saturday, 8-10 a.m. and Sunday from after worship to noon. Come to the "Old Sloop Fair World Headquarters" behind the Law Building. If you need to drop off donations at a different time, please call Jack Reed at 978-546-3221 or the church office at 978-546-6638. Please refer to the website [oldsloopfair.org](http://oldsloopfair.org) or the flyer you recently received by mail for details on what we hope to receive and items we are no longer able to accept.

#### Sign up to help!

Contact team leaders directly, sign up in Fellowship Hall after worship, or contact the church office to be put on the "people power" list. For information on team leaders and more details, go to the Fair website, [oldsloopfair.org](http://oldsloopfair.org).

Looking forward to seeing you this summer at the fair! Your Old Sloop Fair Team

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## **Wipf and Stock publishers & Sharon Chace, Poet Laureate of Rockport, have a gift for you!**

Sharon Chace describes her calling as a calling to do as much as she "can to serve people with poetry." Toward this goal, her publisher Wipf and Stock and Sharon offer a gift, a Free E Book to all who are interested, a copy of Sharon's volume "Cape Ann and Beyond the Cut Bridge."

## Weekly Church Events

WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
POTLUCK DINNER

All are Welcome

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY MORNING  
BOOK GROUP

MORGAN CONFERENCE ROOM

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.



May 6	Michelle Coates
Ma7 13	Debbie Welch and Kevin Love
May 20	Karen Coffin and Marge Schell
Ma7 27	Darlene Spittle and Walter Vining
April 29	Celene and Geof Lyon

If there are any questions or concerns or if you would like to be a part of our fellowship hour by baking or hosting, please contact Liz-Rice Smith or Wendy Woodbury.

## With Gratitude for our Church Servants for April

### Ushers

April 1	Charlene Williams, Marge Schell, Barbara and Jay Reed
April 8	Bonnie Gray and Susan Herron
April 15	Chip Kistner and Jay Reed
April 22	Barbara Reed and Jill Carter
April 29	Charlene Williams and Barbara Reed

### Readers and Storytellers

April 1	Bob Cannon
April 8	Ruth Janet Taylor
April 15	Laurel Juthe
April 22	David Arsenault
April 29	Kathleen Erickson Morgan



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**\*\* All articles are due on the  
18<sup>th</sup> of each month. \*\***

### Church Office Hours

Tuesday – Friday  
9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

### Sunday Worship Service

Nursery Care is available

### Sunday School

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
until June 3, 2018,  
resuming in September.

### Church Staff

#### Pastor

Rev. Derek van Gulden

#### Sabbatical supply pastor

Rev. Sue Koehler-Arsenault

#### Office Manager

Regina Reis

#### Music Director

Dr. Phil Swanson

#### Youth Choir Director

Kristina Martin

#### Youth director and Interim Christian ed. director

Kaitlyn Welch

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