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ST. PETER'S MISSION STATEMENT

Centered in Christ and empowered by God's Spirit, we love, grow and serve.

Our core values:
Christ-centered
Open-minded
Caring
Welcoming
Generous

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9 am to 3:30 pm
Mondays - Thursdays



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Affirmation of Welcome

Welcome to new visitors and old friends.

We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation and strive to welcome people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socioeconomic status, marital status, ability and challenge.

Welcome to believers and questioners, and to questioning believers. Welcome to all who seek Christ's love and grace.

This is a place where you are welcome to rejoice and lament, seek healing and offer service. Welcome in the name of Jesus.

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St. Peter's 2024 Advent Theme

Our Advent theme this year will be "Patience." Utilizing the Gospel lessons, we will gather to reflect, request, and utilize patience as a portion of our spiritual journey on both the corporate and individual paths. One writer described patience as the quiet virtue of the Christian faith.

One of my personal favorite quotations about patience comes from a twentieth century author and businessman, Arnold H. Glasgow: "The key to everything is patience. You get the chicken by hatching the egg, not by smashing the egg."

Patience and preparation walk hand in hand. Though we celebrate the season of Advent, we will discover or remember together the lessons of the Wisdom literature, the voice of the prophets, and, yes, the "silence" of God. Do not be surprised to hear again some of the lessons often associated with Lent.

I pray you will join us, either in person or via the internet, as we observe fully the season and lessons of Advent.

Blessings one and all,
Pastor Roger Dennis

Blue Christmas Worship on Sunday, December 17 at 11:15 am

Please note that this year, St. Peter's will offer a Blue Christmas worship service instead of the "Longest Night" service. Numerous strands of Christian traditions converge in a service that acknowledges the reality of darkness (pain, heartbreak, loss of loved ones, personal setbacks, etc.) while pointing to the light that cannot be extinguished (Jesus' life, death, and resurrection) that provides both assurance and hope.

Some say the service puts Christ back into Christmas. It is so much more. The service proclaims community, promise, healing, and mystery to those of us that feel separated or isolated by the various and sundry inroads of faith.

As Rishi Shukla recently wrote, "Attendees find solace....in the music and message that acknowledges that not everyone celebrates with unbridled joy. They sense communion, realizing they are not alone in their feelings. The traditions woven into these services serve as a gentle reminder that the holiday season can be navigated with grace, even amidst the complexities of the emotional terrain."

Second Service to Continue Once a Month

Our second service meets on the first Sunday of the month at 11:15 am. This service has a focus on healing. We'll have this service on December 3 and January 7. Please join us!

COVENANT FOR INTENTIONAL INTERIM PASTOR

The Pastor agrees:

It is my privilege to support the mission and ministry of St Peter's Lutheran Church in Harwich, MA, as intentional interim pastor.

In prayerful conversation with the Congregation Council I have discussed the Healthy Transitions policies and expectations of the New England Synod, ELCA, and I enter into the following covenant:

Pastor Roger Dennis agrees:

- + to pray for my predecessors in their new ministry for the sake of the mission of the church;
 - + to speak well of my predecessors with respect as siblings in Christ and valued pastoral colleagues;
 - + to assist the members of the congregation to find comfort and come to closure after the departure of my predecessors;
 - + to engage the congregation in the developmental tasks of intentional interim ministry;
 - + to preach and preside at all regular liturgies of the congregation, to provide pastoral care to members and pastoral leadership for the meetings and activities of the congregation.
 - + to be responsible for the parish records;
 - + to communicate regularly with the congregation and with the Office of the Bishop as to the progress of the interim work.
 - + to make clear to all concerned that my service as intentional interim pastor excludes me from consideration for the regularly called pastorate of this congregation;
 - + to engage the congregation in the developmental tasks specific to this congregation, as identified by the council:
1. Acknowledge the appointment as intentional interim minister as full-time, preach and preside each Sunday during extent of this Covenant with exception of 4 weeks of vacation days, work remotely from home off-Cape on weekdays one week out of four, and be available by phone, email, or Zoom on remote days.
 2. Participate actively in monthly and ad hoc Congregation Council and monthly Council Officers' meeting to set agenda and provide a monthly Interim Pastoral Progress Report to Council.
 3. Participate actively in Finance and Worship Committee regular meetings.
 4. Provide leadership and pastoral input to paid church staff (minister of music, administrator, business/fiscal administrator, and custodian) through participation in weekly staff meetings, review of draft documents and communications, and periodic mentoring. Participate in periodic Staff Support team meetings in person, by Zoom, or through conversation with team chair.

5. Coordinate annual paid staff evaluations, ad hoc requests for time off, and other supervisory or disciplinary actions with Staff Support committee and Council.
6. Review 2022 Annual Meeting document, and work with Council, paid staff, and lay leadership to prepare for and participate in Congregation Annual Meeting.
7. Coordinate preparation of 2023 Congregational Annual Report and other reports to the Synod.
8. Meet with congregational members to update congregation's constitution and submit it to the Synod.
9. Meet with leadership of church tenants (Cape Cod Christian Academy and Saint Mary Magdala Ecumenical Catholic Church) soon after arrival, and coordinate with church staff and council liaison on any problem assessment to work towards solutions.
10. Acknowledge differences in the congregation regarding the acquisition and installation of the new organ, meet with chairs of Planning and Construction Team and Pipes for Praise soon after arrival, and participate when feasible. Review minutes of meetings and provide ongoing pastoral input.
11. Facilitate more efficient financial reporting and a resolving of differences of the financial team.
12. For all other active ministries and committees (Pastoral Care, Safe Harbors, JustPeace, Spiritual Formation, Property, Stewardship, Welcome, etc.) make contact with leaders and/or council liaison to identify ongoing accomplishments, barriers, and concerns.
13. Meet periodically with Transition Team chair or team to facilitate staff and congregational support of the transition process.

The Congregation Agrees:

- + to support the work and ministry of the intentional interim pastor and to pray for him/her and the congregation's transitional tasks
- + to adopt the developmental tasks outlined above
- + to begin the call process for settled pastor only after the interim ministry goals and developmental tasks have been adequately achieved
- + to pay the intentional interim pastor according to synod compensation guidelines.

Effective dates of this Covenant: November 6, 2023 – November 5, 2024. This covenant may be terminated by either party with 30 days written notice.



New England Synod Assembly SAVE THE DATE!

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's New England 2024 Synod Assembly will be June 6-8 at the DCY Center in Worcester, MA. At this 3-day assembly, we will elect a new bishop of the synod. Check the church's kiosk where more information about the Assembly is posted.

Dulcimer Fellowship Group Update

The Dulcimer Fellowship group will meet twice this month: on **Wednesday, December 3 from 4 to 5 pm** and again on **Sunday, December 10 from 11 to 12 noon**.

This fellowship group is off to a great start. We met three times in October and November so far and have an unduplicated count of seven people. Others have dropped in to ask questions and still others plan to come soon. We are NOT working toward a performance. The goal is "connection not perfection", and the joy that comes from learning something new and making music together.

To join this group, you just need to "come and see." Thanks to a grant from the Anderson fund and a generous gift of a dulcimer, we have three instruments to loan out and pass around. So far, that is working very well. If we have the happy problem of running out of dulcimers, I can provide "air dulcimers" to take home. (What's an air dulcimer?? Come and find out!) You don't need to be able to read music, and you don't need to know anything about dulcimers. We will always start at the very beginning to include new folks. We are working on some simple tunes that we can eventually play as rounds. Feel free to bring a friend. If you have any questions, please contact MJ Pattison at mjpattison@gmail.com



So, Who is St. Peter's New Pastor?

Pastor Roger Dennis is our new interim pastor. He and his wife, Barbara, reside in Agawam, Massachusetts. He will serve St. Peter's full-time. He recently completed a nearly two-year interim pastorate at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Holyoke, MA.

More than forty years have passed since his graduation from the Lutheran School of Theology of Chicago and subsequent ordination at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Prior to entering the ministry, he served as an armored calvary officer on active duty and served additional years in the reserves.

Barbara and Pastor enjoy grandparenting (three sons and four, soon to be five, grandchildren). All their grandchildren residing on the East Coast motivated their decision to retire from positions in Kansas and relocate in Agawam.

Interim Trivia: which one, or both, have done the following:

- Jumped willingly from a perfectly good airplane?
- Did an internship in England with delinquent boys?
- Parents interacted with A level celebrities?
- Was invited by the Russian War Department to visit Russia?

Talk with Pastor or Barbara for the answers.



Transition Happenings:

St. Peter's Transition Team is counting on you to help discern the future direction of our church. By now you should have received an email or letter providing instructions on completing the CAT (Congregation Assessment Tool) Survey. It takes about 30 minutes to fill out and must be completed in one sitting. Please set aside time soon to make your voice heard. Contact the church office or any member of the Transition Team if you have any questions or need to complete the survey using a paper copy for any reason. The survey will remain open until December 8. Thank you for participating in this important survey!

Transition Team Members: Claudia Bellis, Elaine Davis, Kathy Glifort, Jim Merriam, Ken Thomas, and Jane Wordsworth

Submitted by Claudia Bellis



Finance Update

Financial Status September 30, 2023

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	Over/ <u>Under Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$24,911.18	\$26,784.62	\$325,384.74	\$280,429.96	\$44,954.78	\$369,014.00
Expense	\$33,727.27	\$33,406.00	\$326,729.47	\$330,339.33	\$ 3,609.86	\$420,759.00
Net Income	-\$8,816.09	-\$ 6,621.44	-\$ 1,344.75	-\$ 49,909.37	\$48,5664.84	- \$ 51,745.00

The good news is that as of September 30, 2023, we projected a Budget deficit of - \$49,909.37. The actual deficit is - \$ 1,344.74.

Financial Status October 31, 2023

The profit and loss Financial Statement for October has not been submitted to council; however, our Year-to-Date Balance is back in the black \$7,526.17.

We have 95 Estimates of Giving for 2023 for a total of \$281,251. towards a goal of \$280,000.

Pledged amounts through October should be \$234,375.83 vs. the amount received of \$237,233.28 which puts us ahead by \$2,857.45.

Non-pledge amounts though October are estimated at \$29,166.67, and we have received \$20,880.00. We are behind by -\$8,286.67 in non-pledge giving. So, our net year-to-date envelope giving is behind by \$8,286.67 in ad by -\$5,429.22.

St. Peter's Pipes for Praise: Fundraising has received gifts as of October of \$275,731.16 and the reserve from the General Fund has been reduced to \$74,268.84.

The available General Fund after the organ project reserve and the projected budget deficit is \$264,481.84 and the Designated Reserve Fund balance is \$44,200.67.

Submitted by Russ Olson
St. Peter's Treasurer

Stewardship Thanks

Thank you to everyone for your generous offerings to-date to St. Peter's. As you continue with your giving, please note that **December 31, 2023** is the ending date for recording 2023 offerings. Any offerings received after that date will be entered as 2024 giving.



Our 9:30 am Sunday in-person worship
is live streamed on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/StPetersLutheranChurchHarwich>

NOTES AND LETTERS

*Dear St. Peter's Lutheran Church,
Thank you for always being there when I need you the most. I
value you in my life. Thank you for the beautiful bouquet of
flowers from the altar on Sunday, October 19. Brian had surgery
on October 30, and he's home, recovering nicely. We are grateful
for the wonderful faith community of St. Peter's. You are truly a
blessing! Love,
Jetty Sousa Lampson and Brian Lampson*

Tips to Stay Healthy This Winter!

Although we do not want to think about it, we are now in late Fall and fast approaching Winter. These seasons will bring with them unwanted illnesses including flu, RSV, COVID among other cold-weather ailments. As a reminder, if you haven't received your vaccines for this year now would be a good time to schedule them. Also, remember if you are not feeling well, i.e., chills, fever, cough, achiness, please do not come to church for services or meetings. Our Sunday morning services will continue to be live-streamed and meetings can be set up on Zoom to enable participation from home. It's also important to practice good hygiene techniques: wash hands often with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds, sneeze or cough into your elbow, and wear a mask if you will be in contact with a large number of individuals.

Hopefully we can all stay healthy during this coming season!

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Beggs, FCN (Ret)

Jane Wordsworth, FCN (Ret)

Master Calendar

If your committee or ministry team would like to meet at the church, please let Ministry Administrator Susan know. She'll get you on the master calendar and reserve a space for you.

We love to hear from you!

Send your updates to: ...
office@StPetersCapeCod.org or
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Youth Acolytes Beginning in Advent.

St. Peter's worship often begins with the lighting of candles to symbolize the "light of the world" in our midst and the procession of the Cross calls us to follow Christ.

Thus, carrying the cross symbolizes Christ leading us to worship. In many churches youth serve as acolytes and perform this liturgical task which also calls to mind the words of the prophet *Isaiah 11:6*: "*The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.*"

The worship team would like to begin to have youth acolytes again and is working with our church schoolteachers to recruit and train our church school participants. We are planning to use some of the Church school time immediately following worship on **December 3** to practice the routine. If you have children or grandchildren who would enjoy performing this task occasionally, please join the class on December 3. We will continue to train interested children and youth. For questions or additional information, please contact mjpattison@gmail.com who is working on a schedule.

The Nauset Interfaith Association, of which St Peter's is a member, has adopted the following statement in response to the Israeli-Hamas conflict.

Nauset Interfaith Association's Response to Middle East Crisis

We watched in horror on October 7 as Hamas carried out a terror attack against the Jewish people of Israel. We condemn this action, and our hearts are heavy with grief for the many who suffered loss. We stand with and extend our love to our neighbors in Am HaYam Havurah, praying along with those who have loved ones in Israel, and for the release of all hostages. We also commit ourselves to stand against those in this country who would pursue acts of antisemitism during these dark days.

We grieve equally for the suffering people of Gaza, recognizing that all of us are children of God. Our hearts tell us that answers are to be found not in violence, and we abhor the deaths of innocent men, women and children on both sides. We pray for a cessation of this conflict, and for peace with justice for both Israelis and Palestinians. We also stand with our Muslim neighbors, and deplore the presence of Islamophobia in any form.

We recognize that among our various faith communities, differences of opinion will exist over what is the faithful way forward in this crisis. But let us together at this time affirm the strength of our interfaith bonds, and stand against all hateful words and actions.

"Put away violence and destruction, and practice justice and righteousness." Ezekiel 45:9

LOCAL GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

- Run by Broad Reach Hospice's bereavement coordinator, Rebecca Chesbro, this grief support group is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse. It meets twice a month, on Tuesdays at 2 pm on December 5 and 19, in the Luther Room at St. Peter's.
- The Northside United Methodist Church, 701 Airline Road, Brewster, has a grief support group at their church for all who are experiencing some type of grief that meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 2 pm.

P.S.A.L.M.
People Sharing and Loving More

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Holiday Blessings to you and yours!

May you enjoy a New Year filled with joy, hope, blessings and good health.

THANK YOU to everyone who baked cookies for Cookie Lane, baked amazing pies, made soups, contributed to Attic Treasures, and prepared so many wonderful things for the Cranberry Fair. Thank you for making the Cranberry Fair a success!

Proceeds from the Cranberry Fair from Esther Circle and the PSALM Group - \$13,000 will be used to support a Covenant to Care family, Nurturing Cape Cod Foster Families, Cape Cod Council of Churches Hands of Hope, and homeless and at-risk children in neighboring communities.

Without YOUR support
We couldn't make this happen!

God's Work Our Hands

WE THANK YOU!

The P.S.A.L.M. group will meet on:

- December 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm for fellowship and to assemble the gift bags for our Homeless Students Program.
- December 14, 2023 at 7:00 pm for fellowship and business meeting
- January 11, 2024 - *No meeting - time to settle down for a long winter's nap*

**Chase the cold winter BLAHS and
join us for a night of warm fellowship on December 7th.**



St. Peter's Ministries



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The St. Peter's Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Friday, December 1 and Friday, December 15 at 1:30 pm in the Luther Room.

Please consider joining us for some prayerful work and pleasant conversation as we create the shawls that continue to be in demand. Yarn, patterns and needles are available if needed.

ESTHER CIRCLE

Thank you to all who helped make the Cranberry Fair a success. We are thankful for the funds we raise to donate to the organizations that we support.

The St. Peter's Esther Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 12 at 12:30 pm in the Luther Room. In addition to our regular business meeting we will continue discussing Joan Chittister's book, The Gift of Years.



SACRED SORROW



"Grief is neither a problem to be solved nor a difficulty to be overcome. It is a sacred expression of love; a sacred sorrow."

On Sunday, December 10 the St. Peter's ministry for bereaved parents will observe The Compassionate Friends Annual Worldwide Candle Lighting with the theme "that their light may always shine." Each year on the second Sunday of December participants light a candle in memory of their child (ren) at 7:00 pm. This creates a wave of light that travels around the world in memory of our children. The group plans to meet on Thursday, December 21 at 1:30 in the Luther Room. If you have suffered the misfortune of losing a child please consider joining us. It can be especially challenging to face the holidays and it helps to share with others who understand your loss.

For more information about the Prayer Shawl Ministry, Esther Circle, or Sacred Sorrow, please contact Marianne O'Boyle at 508-775-2757 or marianne@oboyle.net.



Food Pantry Update

Loaves and Fish Pantry

Monday: 1:00 - 3:00 pm **Tuesday:** 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Wednesday: 12:30 - 2:30 **Friday:** 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Thanks to a dedicated and growing Loaves and Fishes Pantry team for keeping everything running smoothly while I was recuperating from knee replacement. They were amazing. November and December are always busy because many of our families return or use the pantry more often because they find it difficult once heating bills go up.

There have been so many things going on besides our regular pantry shopping hours. Almost 100 coats provided by OperationWarm.org have been delivered, bundled into family orders and most have been distributed. Then on November 17, thirty- seven turkeys with fixings were passed out.

Currently we are signing up families for a special Lower Cape Outreach Council event allowing parents to select gifts for their children during the week of December 11. All of the donations are used for children of the clients served by the 9 LCOC pantries. Last month our Loaves and Fishes pantry provided food for over 75 different children and we think of them as a part of our St. Peter's family. Thanks to our generous congregation, over 5 bags of gifts have been collected and we will have the bin out until Sunday, December 10. Any toys, games, stuffed animals, new clothing or craft items are needed. Shopping for teens is more difficult so gift cards are always useful. Target, Old Navy, CVS, Marshalls, TJ Maxx and Amazon or VISA cards are just a few that have been very popular.

Brown paper grocery bags are desperately needed so please clean your closets out and drop them in our barrels. Although we have had to limit the number of groceries that families can take each visit, we estimate that we use over 800 bags a month. Thanks for caring and keeping our neighbors fed!

Ruth Brenneman
St. Peter's Food Pantry Coordinator



**Gift Donations
for LCOC
Families.**

**Wayne Glifort and Ross Gorman
passing out turkey dinner fixings.**



Through the Lens of Science with Doug...

Doug Kenney is a retired science teacher who lives at Regal Care of Harwich and joyfully shares a monthly newsletter article with us. Call him at 508 430-6309. December 2023

Ancient Celestial Observatories

Over 5,000 years ago, a religious cult named the Druids from southwest England, decided to worship their God and heavenly bodies in the sky. They envisioned tall monuments between which celestial bodies could be observed. It took over a thousand years to locate and haul many tons of blue stones from quarries located in Wales (Southern UK). Hundred of men pulled on long, leather ropes, tied to huge sledges on rollers, transporting tons of stones over land to Amesbury, UK. Deep, square holes were dug in the ground of chalk. Another 1,000 years went by before any monuments were erected, but during that time, Neolithic residents of the Orkney Islands in north-eastern Scotland began building temples and monuments such as the King of Brodgar, probably the earliest known celestial observatory. It must have been these craftsmen that inspired the Druids to build Stonehenge in southern Britain. The Orkney monuments were discovered many decades after the Druid monuments were discovered because the Orkney Islands are much farther north, close to 60 degrees latitude.

The building of Stonehenge was accomplished in three phases over a period of 1,700 years or 1.5 million working days involving about 1,000 men at a time! Phase 1 began in about 2750 BC nearly 200 years before the Egyptians began building pyramids. The Druids constructed a circle of six-foot high stones, 380 feet in diameter, surrounding a ditch. Then they built a second circle of stones inside the ditch. On the northeast side of Stonehenge, there is a sixteen foot high stone known as the Heel Stone. Standing in the center of the inner circle, you can see the sun rise over this stone on midsummer's day. Phase 2 began about 2100 BC when 80 more stones were erected in Stonehenge's center. Phase 3 lasted from 2000 to 1100 BC. Bronze agers removed the inner circle of stones, replacing them with thirty 13-foot high sandstone uprights, topping them with horizontal lintels so they could watch the sun as it appeared to move back and forth, north and south, across the horizon.

All during the construction phases, ancient observers kept records of seasonal changes making Stonehenge become an ancient celestial observatory at 52 degrees N latitude. Today the observatory is a popular tourist attraction visited by people from all over the world.

Pastor Dennis' Commentary: Observing the heavens has and will continue adding to our understanding of the unknown. Science and faith are not mutually exclusive. The Psalms and the story of the three wise men, of which numerous scholars were astrologers, among other Scripture readings, speak of the ancients utilizing the heavens to discover or interpret signs of God's activity in human affairs.

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 2 Cheryl Nixon
- 3 Tom Christensen
- 4 Justin Sontag
- 6 Wayne Anstey
- 8 Bill Crocker
- 8 Skyeler Sandison
- 10 Marge Stramowski
- 11 Christine Johnson
- 14 John Padgett
- 22 Sam Hammond
- 23 Aaron O'Gorman
- 23 Megan Kaser
- 25 Linda Czech
- 26 Gretchen Widegren
- 26 David Coomber
- 27 Kathy Glifort
- 27 Nicholas Kulak
- 28 Doris Copoulos
- 28 Anastacia Athas
- 29 Peter Huey

Update
your information in
St. Peter's Directory!

If you have any changes or if we don't have your birthday or anniversary listed, please send to:

Office@StPetersCapeCod.org

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



- 17 Keeton & Beverly Arnett
- 27 Bill & Marianne O'Boyle
- 30 Bruce & Suzanne Bassett

Flowers are placed at the altar to the glory of God on a woman's 75th birthday.



If you know someone with this special day coming up, please let us know.

December 2023 at St. Peter's

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Room Guide: CR Conference Room DN Downstairs Narthex FH Fellowship Hall FP Food Pantry LR Luther Room N Narthex S Sanctuary Z Zoom				1 Church office closed 10a Loaves & Fish FP 1p Monomoy Bridge FH 130p Prayer Shawl LR	2 4p SMMC Worship, Sanctuary
3 9:30a Worship Sanctuary 11:15a Healing Service Sanctuary	4 9a Monomoy Bridge FH 1p Loaves & Fish FP 5p Girl Scouts FH 6p Men's AWOL LR 7p Girl Scouts FH	5 8:10a Sojourners Pkg Lot 9:30a Staff Mtg CR 1p Monomoy Bridge FH 2p Broad Reach Grief Group LR 2p Bell Choir S 3p Choir S 3:30p Loaves & Fish FP	6 12:30p Loaves & Fish FP 1p Kathy's Bridge FH 4p Dulcimer Fell. Group LR	7 10a Staff Support Meeting LR 7p PSALM Meeting, LR	8 Church office closed 10a Loaves & Fish FP 1p Monomoy Bridge FH	9 4p SMMC Worship, Sanctuary
10 9:30a Worship Sanctuary 11a Dulcimer Fellowship Group LR	11 9a Monomoy Bridge FH 1p Loaves & Fish FP 1:30p JustPeace Meeting LR 6p Men's AWOL LR 7p Girl Scouts FH	12 8:10a Sojourners Pkg Lot 9:30a Staff Mtg CR 10a Centering Prayer S 12:30p Esther Circle LR 1p Monomoy Bridge FH 1:30p Finance Mtg CR 2p Bell Choir S 3p Choir S 3:30p Loaves & Fish FP 6p N.A.M.I. Meeting LR	13 12:30p Loaves & Fish FP 1p Kathy's Bridge FH 4p Y.O.H. Meeting LR 7p Girl Scout Leaders Mtg FH	14 10:30a Pastoral Care Team Meeting LR & Z 7p PSALM Meeting, LR 7p Girl Scouts FH	15 Church office closed 10a Loaves & Fish FP 1:30p Prayer Shawl LR	16 10a Freimuth Visitation LR 11a Inv Freimuth's Memorial Service S 12p Freimuth Lunch FH 4p SMMC Worship, Sanctuary
17 Home Communion Sunday 9:30a Worship Sanctuary 1115a Blue Christmas Service, Sanctuary	18 9a Monomoy Bridge FH 1p Loaves & Fish FP 4:30p Faith Family Kitchen 6p Men's AWOL LR 7p Girl Scouts FH	19 8:10a Sojourners Pkg Lot 9:30a Staff Mtg CR 1p Monomoy Bridge FH 2p Bell Choir S 2p Broad Reach Grief Group LR 3p Choir S 3:30p Loaves & Fish FP 6p Council Meeting LR	20 12:30p Loaves & Fish FP 1p Kathy's Bridge FH	21 1:30p Sacred Sorrow LR	22 Church office closed 10a Loaves & Fish FP 1p Monomoy Bridge FH	23 4p SMMC Worship, Sanctuary
24 9:30a Advent 4 Worship Sanctuary 4p Christmas Eve Family Service, Sanctuary 10p Christmas Eve Service Sanctuary	25 10:00a Christmas Day Service, of Lessons & Carols, Sanctuary	26 Church office closed 8:10a Sojourners Pkg Lot 10a Centering Prayer S 3:30p Loaves & Fish FP	27 Church office closed 12:30p Loaves & Fish FP 1p Kathy's Bridge FH	28 Church office closed	29 Church office closed 10a Loaves & Fish FP 1p Monomoy Bridge FH	30 4p SMMC Worship, Sanctuary