

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS January/February 2016

News from the Moderator



At our Annual Meeting on May 31, 2015, our congregation voted to let us try out a new way of establishing the members of our Church Council, as we believed that the past structure was not working effectively.

On Sunday, May 10, 2015, I prepared some remarks to help our members understand the thinking behind the request. I'd like to share some of those comments again before giving you an update on how things are going.

“Since 2010 we have been researching, studying and discussing our Board and Committees [*sic*] Structure. Let me quote from our 2010 Moderator's Report by Lynne Devnew 'I've noted this topic in prior updates; we are seeking ways to have fewer congregants involved in committee meetings and more congregants involved in actual ministry activities. Several of our neighboring UCC churches have made organizational structure change they are very excited about. The Scituate and Norwell churches have switched to a ministry teams structure and the church in Stoughton is a discipleship church. Council has approved a study team to explore these options, and others they might identify, to propose a new organizational structure to replace the current Board and Committee structure for Pilgrim Church.’

Currently, our structure calls for seven boards, nine standing committees and three other groups. If all the boards and committees had a full complement of members that would be 118 individuals needed to fill out all these groups. The Church Council, subject to the decisions of the congregation, is empowered to be the executive body of the church. And its members are:

Senior Pastor	Clerk
Moderator	Treasurer
Chairs of:	
Deacons	Stewardship
Trustees	Strategic Planning
Christian Education	Flowers
Outreach	President of Women's Fellowship
Music	Men's Group
PCCP	

This year at Council we have continued to discuss how to most effectively provide governance for Pilgrim Church and this spring determined that the best approach, after studying this for almost five years, is to try out a new structure.

In this new structure Church Council will continue to be the governing body of the church but, how its membership is determined would be different. One of our greatest concerns is the lack of continuity that comes from our current structure. The Chairs of our Boards change every year and depending on where individual interests and concerns lie sometimes determines the direction of our efforts. Our proposal would serve to provide continuity, as well as to allow our members, who wish to give generously of their time and talents, to do so in a way that is meaningful, and also takes into consideration our changing world and the demands from family, jobs, other volunteer interests and all the other competing and sometimes unforeseen circumstances that occur in our busy, busy lives.”

In order to address the main concern of a lack of continuity with the structure of Council, members of last year's Council were surveyed to determine their interest in remaining on the new Council for anywhere from one to three year terms. Those individuals, along with three new members, were voted on at the May meeting when the congregation agreed to try out this new structure. As you may know the members who chose to remain were: Lynne Devnew, Bob Mustard, Nancy von Stackelberg, Sandy von Stackelberg, Jan Zabilski, Kay Drake, Clerk, and Kate Sturgis, Moderator. And we added three new members: Lynn DeHart, Bruce Hadley & Rosemary McGreevy. The other individuals who regularly attend Council meetings are: Jim Garrett, Treasurer, Emily Kellar, Associate Pastor and Angeliq Kania, Church School Superintendent.

Understandably, as with any new undertaking, there are things to be worked out to make everything run smoothly. One of the ways we hoped to make communications effective with the various standing committees was to ask each member of council to be a liaison to a committee. The liaisons are: Deacons, Jan Zabilski; PCCP, Lynne Devnew; Music, Sandy von Stackelberg; Christian Ed., Lynn DeHart; Outreach, Bruce Hadley; Trustees, Rosemary McGreevy; Flowers, Kate Sturgis; Hospitality, Kate Sturgis; Stewardship, Nancy von Stackelberg; Men's Group, Bob Mustard.

Another way we hope to provide communication to the congregation is for the minutes of our meetings to be posted on our website as soon as they are done so that everyone has access to what happens in our meetings. During the fall, we learned that although we thought we had established an effective communications system with council members organized to be the contact for committees, it became clear that we still needed to do a better job of how, what and when we communicated. Although Church Council is the

executive body of the church, the intention of this council isn't to dictate to our committees but to make suggestions about various activities.

Council began meeting in July and worked on establishing a long list of possible priorities. Ultimately, we settled on three:

1. Address the needs of children and families
2. Communications
3. Governance

Our very capable Christian Education Board does a wonderful job addressing the needs of our children and youth. And they brought Council a plan for changing what has been the annual youth Mission Trip. They did an admirable job of developing a new program for our youth with the Mission Trip taking place every other year instead of every year with numerous outreach activities throughout the year.

Another new initiative is the service that will take place on the Second Sunday of the month where the service will begin with dinner at 5:00 pm followed by worship and the dinner and the service will end at 6:30 pm. This new program begins in 2016.

In our discussions about priorities, we recognized that fellowship at Pilgrim Church is very important and a group of Council members developed a list of fellowship programs that began in December – coming up will be a bowling get together in January and the Progressive Dinner in February. We hope that other members will come up with additional ideas for fellowship and we plan to put together an annual calendar so that everyone will know in advance what's planned.

Advertising is another new initiative this year. Pilgrim has a robust schedule of services during Advent and Christmas and if you are a church member you know about all the services. We decided that letting the general public know what's happening at Pilgrim Church would be a good plan, and perhaps would attract some visitors, and also remind members who have been away that there are a variety of worship services they could attend. From my personal perspective I think we have seen an increase in attendance during Advent and Christmas.

One of the interesting learnings that came from running four ads during the month of December is that it turns out our own PCCP has an annual advertising contract with the Clipper. As Pilgrim Childcare and Preschool is our school, we are entitled to various discounts to run advertising which we just discovered this year when putting the advertising plan together.

Finally, governance is next on our agenda. Beginning this month the Chairs of Music, Trustees, Outreach, Christian Education, PCCP and Deacons will be meeting with Council to review their work, as well as review what our By-laws say about their Board, including things such as how many members are supposed to be on each Board and what the By-law states is supposed to be the mission of each Board. Our plan will be to evaluate whether we need to make any changes. Due to the amount of work taking place Church Council will now meet twice a month. The first meeting is on the second Monday of the month and the other meeting is our regularly scheduled meeting which is the fourth Monday of the month.

The schedule for the reviews is as follows:

- Jan 11: Music – Barbara Shultz and Trustees – Tom Brayer
- Feb 8: Christian Education – Gary Williamson and Outreach – Steve Schaeffer
- Mar 14: Deacons – Patti MacLennan and PCCP – Lynne Devnew

Our regularly-scheduled Council meetings on the fourth Monday of the month are open to all; however if you would like to attend a meeting please be advised that we would like you to give us notice two weeks in advance so that we may adjust our agenda accordingly.

If you have any questions about the information in this article or about the work being done by Church Council, please don't hesitate to contact me at: katesturgis@comcast.net or 617.688.3765.

From the Associate Minister



I have a leave of absence from the church this summer to complete a final requirement for my ordination. I will be gone from May 23rd through August 4th. This final requirement is called Clinical Pastoral Education or CPE. Sometimes CPE is described as chaplaincy residency. I will go to a health care site and complete 400 hours of training over a ten week period. The purpose of CPE is to better develop my skills in pastoral care in an intense and concentrated educational setting.

I will be doing CPE at Hebrew Senior Life in Roslindale this summer. I will be exploring topics such as pastoral care with persons with dementia and looking at Jewish palliative care. We will also explore the topic of bereavement and the Holocaust experience in health care. I will delve into the role of prayer in Jewish pastoral care as well. I have chosen a more academic program and I must say the unfolding of the application and interview experience has been profound.

I drove to the Dedham campus of Hebrew Senior Life a few weeks ago for the interview. I had heard of the CPE program there and truthfully did not know if I would get accepted. It was a beautiful sunny Friday. The Rabbi came down to the lobby to get me for my interview. We had a wonderful conversation on the elevator ride. She spoke of being open to possibility and I began to wonder what the interview would have in store for me. The Rabbi and a UCC clergy person interviewed me for an hour. They talked of their lives as they sat with pages of my life poured out on paper. The application was very long and detailed. It had asked about my life journey and spiritual journey. I listened to them and then the questions commenced. I answered the many questions and we laughed and we cried. I felt like the interview had been a dance. We had all taken part in the dance. I walked into that interview thinking it was a slim chance and truthfully a less rigorous program in the city appealed to me. I walked out of that interview into the sunshine and laughed and cried walking to my car. Possibility when I was not even looking for it.

On December 23rd the acceptance letter arrived. I have accepted a position with Rabbi Beth Naditch and the Rev. Mary Martha Thiel for the summer for CPE. I will study the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) and pray and be open to possibility. For you see sometimes, the Divine moves in unknown ways. I thank you in advance for the generosity of a chance to take a leave from my position at the church and complete this final requirement for ordination. As I type this article on December 30th, I have 136 days until graduation from Andover Newton. I am grateful for your companionship on this journey!

Emily Kellar



And from the Senior Minister

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'*

Matthew 2

For most of the church year, the central image of our faith is the cross. This is as it should be, of course; but for a few brief days late in Advent, our gaze shifts to something very different: to a star. The Bethlehem Star holds a special place in the Christian imagination. It not only heralds the birth of a child in whom we have placed our hopes for deliverance and salvation; but it invites us to consider how we might participate as well, in the mysterious notion that God is born into the world, that God chooses to make a place beside us in our lives.

Every now and then, I find myself standing in the presence of people who have really embodied the Christmas notion of God-with-us, and God-through-us. In the weeks leading up to Christmas, members of the Duxbury Interfaith Council set out to determine how they can make the holiday joyful for families in our community. They invite donations of gifts and put together bags and bags of presents and boxes and boxes of meals. 115 in all, for families in our community; and another 30 for our neighbors in Plymouth, Pembroke and Kingston through Head Start. The basement of Holy Family is a remarkable place while all this is going on, as those of you who volunteer there know very well.

But in addition to all of this, every year I receive a call from our own Kay Drake asking if we know of families outside of Duxbury who could use help as well. So this year, we were able to deliver gifts to people we've come to know through the Ministers' Discretionary Fund. And then were those among us who donated gift cards to provide for Christmas to still other families; who helped to put presents under trees and food on Christmas dinner tables. Our thanks to all of you for your generosity. I know for certain that it was deeply appreciated.

But perhaps the most profound lesson of the season for me was learning how very powerful a cookie could be. As I mentioned at the late service on Christmas Eve, I have a new-found respect for the power of a home-baked cookie. When we put out a request for 12 dozen cookies to add a personal touch to the gift cards the Outreach Board provided to the residents of the transitional housing community that Pine Street Inn runs in Dorchester, I had no idea how a seemingly small act generates such profound response. Matthew and I dropped off the baskets and the 3 or 4 dozen cookies that you baked; and I was amazed at how moved people were.

We all understand the wonderful feeling of knowing that someone has made time for us, has given care to providing us with something personal. I cannot begin to imagine how that feels to people whose lives are often bereft of such experiences. So thank you, as well, to all those who made Christmas special for that small community of people moving towards a more hopeful life this coming year.

Following the Star

When we hear the story of the Magi following the star to Bethlehem, we typically think of Christmas, of 3 or sometimes 4 or 5 children dressed as kings walking solemnly down the aisle of the church as the congregation sings "We Three Kings." Historically, though, the church has understood the visit of the wise men to have come in the weeks or months after Jesus' birth. The event is celebrated as the Feast of Epiphany, the revelation of Christ to

the world outside of Israel, symbolized by foreigners traveling hundreds of miles to pay homage.

In the modern church, Epiphany might serve as a useful reminder that Christmas is not the end of something, but the beginning. Despite our very real need to find rest after Christmas, to catch our breath a little, the birth of Christ remains a call to us. And Epiphany, with the great light of the star as its guiding image, offers us an opportunity to consider what stars we might follow in the coming year, and how our lives might serve to reflect the light of Christ into the darkened places in our world this year.

So I invite you, as the light comes back into our world, to consider what star you will follow this year? To reflect on where you hope God will lead you? And to what transforming encounters God's presence will draw you?

Peace to you all. And may God bless and enrich the coming year for you.

Todd

Weather Alerts



Pilgrim Church's intention is to always be open for worship. In the event of extreme weather conditions, however, delays may occur. At such times, we hope that each person will use their discretion about coming as we do not want anyone to risk their safety. With a fair amount of winter weather ahead of us, we'd like to remind everyone that any change to the worship schedule is immediately posted to our church voicemail (781-934-6591) and on our website's home page (www.pilgrimchurchofduxbury.org).

It's time to clean out the Lost & Found

You may not be aware that the Church has a lost and found area located in the office hallway. It's currently holding items unclaimed over the past year; so it's time to either toss them or find them a new home.



Throughout January lost and found items will be left in a box outside the secretary's office. Please stop by and see if any of these items might belong to you. At the end of the month we'll remove any leftover items and our new collection will begin!



oinonia – Fellowship, Study & Prayer

Koinonia held its January meeting at the home of Jill Bostder on January 11th. Watch your late January Sunday worship bulletins for the location of the meeting on February 8th. Also, note that we are now meeting at 2:00 PM. Questions about Koinonia may be directed to Elaine Guilfoyle.

TO ALL MEMBERS OF PILGRIM CHURCH:

In accordance with Article III, Sec. E (2) of the By-Laws of Pilgrim Church, the Annual Budget Meeting will be held Sunday, January 31, 2016 following the worship service. This meeting is open to all members for the purpose of approving the annual budget.



Pilgrim Pantry

Just a quick reminder to please consider including a donation to the Pilgrim Pantry in your weekly or monthly offerings. Please look for the labeled baskets in the narthex and at the side entrance to the church. We supply two bags of grocery item staples (peanut butter, canned fruit, vegetables, chicken or soup, tuna, beef stew, fruit juice, pasta and pasta sauce) each month to 8-10 families in need, and rely on your support to continue, and grow, this effort. If you'd prefer to make a cash donation, just look for the brown envelope in your pew and leave it in the offering plate.

Thank you to everyone who has supported, and continues to support, Pilgrim Church's efforts to help those in need.



A Note from Jeanette MacKenzie on Roses

Roses are one of the most popular gifts for Valentine's Day portraying love. Roses, however, have a long history of many meanings. With the rise of Christianity, the rose took on Christian-related symbolisms. The white rose became a symbol of the Virgin Mary and purity. The briar rose with its thorny, prickly stem was said to have sprung from Christ's blood as He wore the crown of thorns.

In the Gothic age (12th – 16th centuries) elaborate rose windows made of colored stained glass were used in cathedrals in Western Europe. The round windows had layered radiating panels giving them the look of an open rose.

Using the “Language of Flowers” which was popular in Victorian times, each flower had a special meaning. All roses say, “I love you,” but each color has its own connotation. Red roses are for love, pink means grace & gentility, yellow for joy, white & red mixed stand for unity and white rosebuds mean you are too young for romantic love. It may be no coincidence that June, the month when roses first bloom, has always been the month of brides.

Pine Street Inn

The festivities and celebrations are over but for those guests who frequent Pine Street there aren't many celebrations. It is still such a pleasure to see the men we greet and serve when they go thru the food line. So many greet us with smiles, thank you's, and questions as to where we are from. They appreciate our presence. Those who have served have told me often how much they have enjoyed the experience. I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to be one of the servers. It is not difficult, as the food is passed from one server to the next as we fill their plates. The last server is the luckiest because they get to hand it to the guest as they go thru their line.



Probably the most difficult thing about attending is driving there. We always serve on the last Friday of the month. We must be there by 5 promptly, preferably 4:45. That means leaving Duxbury by 3:45 or so. Traffic is usually bad, but the pleasure of being there is worth it. Dinner is over exactly at 6. Some people stay in Boston and take advantage of a night out at one of the awesome restaurants in the South End. If you would like to consider being part of our group, email me at sbondlow@yahoo.com, or phone me at 782-934-0616 or sign up on the poster while you have coffee after church. If you have any questions or would like more information I would love to talk with you. Thanks for your consideration,

Sandy Bondlow



O U T R E A C H

Outreach Board Update

The Outreach Board has some exciting plans for 2016; but first, a review of the last few months. The Habitat project has made great headway. Thanks to our volunteers, we have continued to meet our commitment to provide 10 enthusiastic and variously-skilled workers the second Saturday of every month and to supply each of our teams with a

delicious lunch. Virtually all of the outside work is finished except for landscaping in the spring, so the remaining work will be inside until then.

We restarted our Meals for Missions dinners in November with a talk by Kay Drake on the role of the Interfaith Council in our community and supported their Thanksgiving baskets with contributions of non-perishable food items and \$228. In December, the dinner was followed by reflections on CitiReach by Jen and Ethan Devine. We collected 120 pairs of socks to support the high school youth group's trip to CitiReach in March and \$453 to purchase gift cards. The gift cards were distributed as Christmas presents to Pine St Inn's participants in the Adopt-a-Home program for residential transition and for the families supported through the Pilgrim Pantry.

Looking ahead to 2016... We continue to seek both skilled and unskilled volunteers for the Habitat project. In the cold months ahead, the work will be mostly indoors. We will continue our Meals for Missions the first Monday of the month starting January 4th with a discussion of the role of the Endowment Trust Fund's Outreach component and how we might use it to further God's work in our community and our world. The February 1st dinner topic has not been determined. Also, we will be reviewing our on-going contributions through the congregation's generous support to the Plymouth Coalition for the Homeless, the Friends of the Council on Aging, Head Start, and the South Shore Women's Center.

The Outreach Board would like to thank you all for your continued support as we look forward to making 2016 as exciting and impactful as 2015. If anyone is looking to join our small group, please feel free to contact one of our members – Steve Schaeffer, Jim Grim, Dan Arkema, or Karen Barry.

ADL Director to speak at MLK Prayer Breakfast



Martin
Luther
King Jr.
Day

The Duxbury Diversity Committee and the Interfaith Council will once again sponsor the annual MLK Jr. Prayer Breakfast on Monday, January 18. The event will take place at St. John's Church, 410 Washington St., Duxbury. Breakfast will begin at 8:15 AM and the service will begin at 9 AM. Tribute to the life and legacy of Reverend King will be made and Robert Trestan will be the featured speaker.

Robert Trestan is Executive Director of Anti-Defamation League's Boston office where he oversees the League's program delivery, advocacy initiatives and leadership development. He is an experienced Jewish professional dedicated to developing community partnerships and initiatives that provide justice, equality and fair treatment for everyone. Most recently

he represented the League at the White House Summit on Countering Violent Extremism where he raised concerns that anti-Semitism remains at the core of extremist ideology. Before taking the helm of the Boston office, he served as ADL's Civil Rights Counsel for 8 years where he led the League's Cyberhate Response Team and played a key leadership role in developing an industry response to cyberhate. In Massachusetts, he built a state-wide coalition which was responsible for drafting one of the most comprehensive anti-bullying laws in the country. Internationally, he has consulted and provided expertise on hate crimes to NGO's and civil society groups in Austria, Israel, Poland and Turkey.

Commit to combating prejudice by joining us in prayer. There will be a requested donation of \$5 per person or \$10 per family. For more information please contact the Interfaith Council at [781-934-8388](tel:781-934-8388).



Fair Trade News

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Fair Trade Ministry during October through December. Your support of this program has been overwhelming. Once again in December we topped our sales from the previous year. Non-food items were very popular this year which meant that you not only helped small farmers around the world achieve a sustainable income but also artisans, many of whom are women.

We will continue in 2016 to sell Equal Exchange coffee, tea, chocolate, and snacks on the third Sunday of the month. Look for us in the vestry after church during coffee hour on January 17 and February 21.

We now carry 7 varieties of coffee, 7 kinds of teas, 8 different chocolate bars, and 5 other food products. Our coffee comes from Equal Exchange who partners with various co-ops around the world, the longest standing one being from Nicaragua. The coffee product journey begins with small farmers who sell to their co-ops, to Equal Exchange who buys and processes the coffee to the brew in your cup. This is a 4-step process as opposed to a 7-step conventional coffee journey from farmer to cup. You can learn more at www.equalexchange.coop.

As we move forward into the new year, we are looking forward to expanding this ministry. We have had a few people express an interest in helping us and we are excited about the possibilities. If you are interested in helping – more hands, hearts, and ideas are always welcome. Just let us know. judycjones@comcast.net, 508-224-1578. See you 'round the Fair Trade Table!

Judy and Jeff



2016 Schedule

Middle School Youth Group/Confirmation/High School Youth Group

- January 3** Middle School youth group 4-5 PM
Confirmation class 5-6 PM
High School youth group 6-7 PM
- February 7** Middle School youth group 4 -5 PM
Confirmation & mentor dinner 5-6 PM
High School youth group 6-7 PM
- February 21** Confirmation class 5-6 PM
High School youth group 6-7 PM
- March 6** Middle School youth group 4-5 PM
Confirmation class 5-6 PM
High School youth group 6-7 PM
- March 20** Confirmation class 5-6 PM
High School youth group 6-7 PM
- April 3** Middle School youth group 4 -5 PM
Confirmation & mentor dinner 5-6 PM
High School youth group 6-7 PM
- May 1** Confirmation service 10:00 AM
Middle School youth group 4-5 PM
High School youth group 6-7 PM



Healing Prayer Ministry at Pilgrim Church

Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

The Bible gives the strong impression that part of God's unchanging character is to desire wholeness for every creature. Confident of that, we pray for healing. Tilda Norberg

Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. James 5: 15

PARISH POST

We want you to know that there is a small group ministry at Pilgrim Church which meets regularly to learn about healing prayer and to pray for ourselves and others. We are here to pray for you and with you if you so desire.

One of the ways we pray for your concerns is to honor, faithfully and tenderly, and with strict confidentiality, the prayer request cards which are available in the pews and beside the wooden prayer box in the entry way to the church. We also are available to meet personally with any who desire to receive prayers, spoken in love; and if desired, through the laying on of hands and anointing with oil.

How we began . . . Our group began in fall of 2012 with a six-week study of the book *Stretch Out Your Hand: Exploring Healing Prayer*, by Tilda Norberg, a United Methodist minister and practicing psychotherapist, and Robert D. Webber, who is ordained in the United Church of Christ and is professor of New Testament at Lancaster Theological Seminary. The experience inspired our deeply-felt call to continue in learning and prayer in order to provide a loving ministry of support and healing within our church community.

From our study we have learned . . . Christian healing is not magic. It is not manipulating God to do what we want; rather it is surrendering to God's healing work in us. Christian faith in healing is not a prediction of what God will do; it is simple trust that God loves us and is at work in us already. Christian healing is not proof that we are faithful or holy but a sign of God's love.

Christian healing is a process that involves the totality of our being—body, mind, emotion, spirit, and our social context—and that directs us toward becoming the person God is calling us to be at every stage of our living and our dying. Whenever we are truly open to God, some kind of healing takes place, because God yearns to bring us to wholeness. Through prayer and the laying on of hands, through confession, anointing, the sacraments and other means of grace, Jesus meets us in our brokenness and pain and there loves, transforms, forgives, redeems, resurrects, and heals. Jesus does this in God's way, in God's time, according to God's loving purpose for each person.

Coming up . . . A new study of *Stretch Out your Hand: Exploring Healing Prayer* offered for six weeks beginning January 15, 2016 on Friday mornings 10:00-12:00 noon. If you are interested in learning more about healing prayer, contact Polly Hare (774-413-5268; pollyhare@verizon.net) or Sandy Bondlow (781-934-0616; sbondlow@yahoo.com) . If you would like to participate in the study, or simply read the book, let us know soon so we may order a book for you at an individual cost of \$11.00.

Prayers of Healing

Mike Tenney – Lee Bishop – Norma George – Chris Blake

Prayers of Comfort & Solace

For the family and friends of Gary Menard, Mary and Charles Breidenthal's son-in-law.

For the family and friends of Peter Sinnott, Tom Sinnott's brother.



Happy Birthday wishes to our January birthdays!

Terri Clark – January 5	Diana Cybulska – January 8
Hannah Morton – January 8	Brody Zisko – January 8
Brad Sampson – January 8	Lynn Walker – January 10
Dawn Backlund – January 12	Tucker Sampson – January 15
John MacLaren – January 17	Bob Warrington – January 18
Kelsey DeWolf – January 29	

And February birthdays!

Doug Wiley – February 2	Neil Fields – February 11
Dick Wonkka – February 11	Don DeHart – February 17
Chasey Sampson – February 27	



Our warmest wishes for a very happy birthday to everyone born in January and February. Do you have a name to add? Email Terri Clark at tlclark@pilgrimchurchofduxbury.org or call 781-934-6591 ext. 100. We'd love to include you.



2016 Flower Chart

The 2016 Flower Chart is now posted on the bulletin board in the vestry. If you are interested in donating the Sunday chancel flowers, please sign up on the chart. Flowers can be donated in honor or memory of family members or a friend, or to commemorate a special event. Prior to your donation Sunday, a member of the Flower Committee will contact you for your dedication wording and floral preferences. After the worship service, you may elect to take your arrangement or donate it for delivery to a member who may not be able to attend worship. Any questions may be directed to Barbara Kelley, Flower Committee chair.

Fuel Assistance available

The Duxbury Senior Center has a fuel assistance program for Duxbury residents aged 60 and above who meet low income eligibility guidelines. For more information, see the flyer posted outside the church offices or call 781-934-5774 ext. 5730 or 5731.