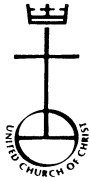


The Seekonk Congregational Church  
United Church Of Christ

The  
Caller

*Gathered 1885*



# Annual Meeting

of the

Seekonk Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

IN THE SANCTUARY  
SUNDAY, JUNE 22<sup>nd</sup> AT 10:30AM

**DON'T MISS THE ANNUAL MEETING!!!!**

*Being present at the annual meeting is a PRIVILEGE  
and a RESPONSIBILITY of Church Membership.*

CHILD CARE PROVIDED

*(If possible, please let us know if children are coming)*

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TO BELIEVE IS TO CARE-----

-----TO CARE IS TO DO !!

## MAY AND JUNE 2025

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ruth E. Shaver  
Director of Faith Formation: Kristin Putney  
Director of Music: Susan Barrow  
Office Administrator: Maria Tavares  
Treasurer: Donna Euell

Kindness  
is  
Magic

Assistant for Operations: Louanne Jennings-Abelson  
Co-Senior Deacons: Tony DeJesus & Lori Ferreira  
Moderator: Stacy Inman  
Parish Nurse: Addie Heelan  
Co-Trustee Chairs: Craig Mace & Linda Sable  
*The Congregation Ministers*

# From the Interim Pastor



## COMMUNICATION IS KEY

For me, the hardest part of being a human being is communicating with other human beings who think differently than I do. I continue to be a student of communication as I seek to both understand others and to be understood, not necessarily for the purpose of agreement in all things but particularly for the purpose of collaboration. You know as well as I do that many elements are factors in our ability to communicate well: personality, experience, education, language, trust, power dynamics, etc. To be willing to work through those factors to build good channels of communication is to have a heart for people in all our intrinsic messiness and loveliness.

I think ultimately that's why God came to us in human form. How else could the Supreme Ruler of the Universe actually come to understand the finite existence of humanity but to live as one of us, from birth to death, through the terrible twos, the threenage and teenage years, and into what at the time was middle age? It's one thing to call a shepherd to lead his people to freedom from the depths of a burning bush. It's another thing to call generations of people to the hard work of loving one another unless one had "been there, done that" and knew for real what the ask is. God through Jesus Christ knows....and even after living in human company, continues to ask us to love not just our groups but our enemies, as well.

I do wish the Bible had a bit more information about how *to communicate* that we're trying to love our enemies, though. Maybe that would make it easier to love them, if we could say to them, "We love you. We want what's best for you and for all of us. We don't need to be in conflict" in ways that actually get through to those who hate us.

Of course, it would be nice if we could say the same thing to those we love with whom we're in conflict, as well. I find it both sad and ironic that churches are often where small communications failures lead to the worst conflict because such failures are very rarely intentional. Someone gets copied on an email they shouldn't have been and a private matter becomes known because the one who received it accidentally perceives it to now be common knowledge. Someone doesn't get copied on an email they should have received and they vent about it to someone who publicly blows it out of proportion. Someone overhears part of a conversation and doesn't understand the context, then goes to get clarification from someone who wasn't party to that original conversation. Rumors fly, feelings get hurt, people take sides, and soon there's a big mess where a simple apology or a clarification with the right person could have solved the whole thing.

Another flavor of church conflict is the type that arises when one or two people skip the board/committee/team process and take upon themselves something that should be addressed by a board or committee or team. This can result in confusion, irritation, hard feelings, and even retaliation. That's not to say that boards, committees, and teams can't empower people to take action, of course; it's simply to say that such groups exist for a reason and going through the proper channels to get something done is almost always the best way. It also means that those groups can't dither about decisions, which can be yet another flavor of conflict in churches.

I bring this up because we are embarking on the profile writing journey and it's vital that the profile be as honest and appealing as possible. There is not a church on this planet that does not have some level of conflict, yet it's the rare congregation that will acknowledge its presence unless the conflict has been destructive. When I was seeking settled pastoral roles, I immediately dumped any profile that denied conflict; I think most of my colleagues would do the same. We want to be able to ask about how conflict is handled and what the congregation has learned about navigating conflict together, which is easier to do when a profile identifies the level of conflict and provides examples of resolutions to previous conflicts or says that the church has learned to live with the tension.

When we gather after worship on April 27 for the first congregational story collecting event, you'll be asked to share honestly and thoughtfully about your experiences of the congregation and the programs of the church—the great, the good, the not-so-great, and even the conflicts that you might have been involved in as well as how those conflicts have been resolved (or not). If you'd rather share your story in a smaller group, members of the Profile Team will be able to facilitate that later in the spring or summer.

In all of these things, communication is key. A good profile relies on good communication from the congregation to the team as much as on the team's ability to tell a compelling story in writing. Much conflict can be resolved when those involved are willing to listen to each side and come up with a solution that meets the needs of all involved. Much more can be avoided, or at least minimized, by communicating first and keeping the channels of communication open all the time.

Like God has. From the Garden of Eden to the burning bush, from the cross on Calvary to the winds of Pentecost, and from the *Mayflower* to Seekonk, God is still communicating with us, calling us to love and serve even our enemies. Maybe it's enough to confuse them with our love until we learn to speak with them in love...

—Pastor Ruth



**APRIL 27: All Church Potluck and Story Sharing After Worship!**

Potluck: bring a lunch or brunch dish to share with others

Need a Quick Dessert option? Buy a May Basket from the Earnest Workers to share.

Childcare for nursery-second grade; third grade and older welcome to participate in the story sharing.

Hosted by the Profile Team: Joyce Almeida, Linda Mace, Cindy Pearson, Jonathan Ryder, Brenda Santos, and Pastor Ruth (with an ongoing assist from Carl Provost)

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM CALENDAR

### MAY 2025 ~

4<sup>th</sup> K- 8<sup>th</sup> grade BEGIN (with family) IN CHURCH

11<sup>th</sup> Regular Classes ~ Mother's Day Café by 8<sup>th</sup> graders

12<sup>th</sup> Monday: 6:30PM MANDATORY COMMUNION CLASS REHEARSAL Sanctuary

18<sup>th</sup> ALL CHILDREN IN CHURCH \*\*\*\*\*CHILDREN'S COMMUNION SUNDAY

25<sup>th</sup> 9:30 Memorial Day Weekend, No church school, Families stay in Worship (nursery & preschool in lower hall)

### JUNE 2025 ~

1<sup>ST</sup> Regular Classes prepare for Children's Celebration Sunday \*\*\*\*\*CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

8<sup>TH</sup> CHILDREN'S SUNDAY! Special Coffee Hour, treats & surprises!  
PENTECOST SUNDAY! WEAR RED!

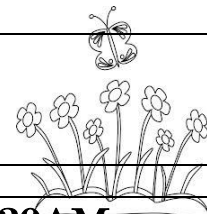
15<sup>TH</sup> Preschool,, K-1<sup>st</sup> go to lower hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and older go to Worship with Family  
\*\*\*MUSIC CELEBRATION SUNDAY\*\*\*

22<sup>ND</sup> Summer Church School begins (Preschool – 6<sup>th</sup> grade go to lower hall)



### ***Mother's Day Café***

Prepared by the 8<sup>th</sup> graders ~~~Sunday, May 11th During coffee hour



**SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS JUNE 22ND @ 9:30AM**  
Preschool - 6th grade...



**Church School & Confirmation Registration** for Fall 2025-2026 classes

*Forms are available in the church, hall or contact Kristin Putney*

**FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE**

*To better update the church records, form needs to be filled out each year!*

### CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE:

#### MAY

May 4 No required Worship - 5-7 PM, **READ Faith Story to Mentors, Pizza, Required**

May 11 9:30AM Worship **Mother's Day**

May 18 No required Worship

May 25 No required Worship, holiday weekend

#### JUNE

June 1 9:30 CONFIRMATION Ceremony! **Required**

June 8 **PENTECOST SUNDAY! WEAR RED!**



# THE DEACONS BENCH

Here's praying that you made it through the Easter season OK. With respect to church seasons, along with Christmas, it is the best two seasons of the year (In My Humble Opinion). Despite these two seasons being behind us now, don't despair, there will be plenty of celebrations coming up.



In a recent service, our Stewardship Committee talked about many of the wonderful things our church does, as a lead-in to the need to pledge. But they astutely went beyond just money, suggesting time and talents as an additional way to help our church.

We have mentioned before in this space that, if you really want to be a part of this church family, you should consider being involved beyond just attending Sunday services. That's where the time and talents come in.

Check the church's weekly email newsletter sent by Donna Euell for upcoming events. Pretty much all of these events will require help of some sort. But her newsletter also tells you what to look forward to on future services. We have many different functions & dinners you can either attend or volunteer your time & talents. We have several different choirs you can sign up for.

Another really good source of information is your Deacon. Hopefully, you know who your Deacon is, but if not, check the great big board outside of the church office in the Hall. On this great big board you will find twelve lists of names, as well as pictures of over a dozen people. These are pictures of our Deacons and Deacons Emeriti. When you find your name on one of these lists you will have also found your Deacon.

Bottom line, thank you for attending our services, and hopefully for being a part of our church family.

**DEACONS:** Lori Ferreira & Tony DeJesus (Co-Senior Deacons)

Dawn Houle	Jim Siegfried	Bonnie DeBlois	Mark Johnson	Brian Burns
Linda Mace	Lesley Daigle	Cindy Pearson	Christina Greene	Tom Heelan
Louanne Jennings-Abelson & Evelyn Watkins (Deacon Emerita)			Jonathan Ryder (ad hoc)	
Donna Euell (ad hoc) Russ Noble (ad hoc)				

*Submitted By: David Graham (Deacon Emeritus)*

**The Deacon's Fund** goes to help those in our faith community in need of emergency help or those who have special needs! For those who give via paper envelopes, the envelopes are GREEN and in the offering envelope box for the first Sunday of each month. OR if you give on-line, go to [www.scc-ucc.com](http://www.scc-ucc.com) and click on the online giving button at the top right hand corner and fill out the online giving form. We thank all who give faithfully and encourage others to consider a small gift for this fund each month.

## CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT PENTECOST THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> AT 9:30AM

Children's Sunday

**WEAR RED**

CELEBRATE GOD'S SPIRIT



# Epic Soundtracks



Join us for an unforgettable evening of music as we bring to life the most **iconic soundtracks from movies, TV shows, and the stage!** Whether you're a fan of soaring cinematic scores or beloved theatrical melodies, this concert promises something for everyone.

*Indulge your sweet tooth while supporting a great cause— our **Dessert Silent Auction** will benefit the Music Fund, ensuring continued support for the Music Ministry of our Church. Admission is open to all, and a free will offering will be gratefully accepted to further support this mission.*

This spectacular event is proudly presented by the **Music and Arts Committee**. Don't miss out on this magical night—mark your calendars and spread the word!

**Friday, May 30th at 7:00 PM**

**Seekonk Congregational Church**  
**Free Will Offering ~ Dessert Silent Auction**

Any questions, see Craig Grant or Director of Music, Susan Barrow

## BINGO NIGHT

JOIN US TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE 2025 HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

Get ready to shout "BINGO!"

Our enthusiastic Bingo caller will guide you through six rounds of the classic game and there will be a prize for the winner of each round! \$10 per person

**SATURDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> 6-9PM**

Snack Bar Available



### Focusing on 4 fiery Bible Stories! "FIRE UP" Creative ARTS CAMP 2025

for 3rd through 10th graders  
Seekonk Congregational Church, UCC  
600 Fall River Ave, Seekonk, MA



~ Music & Art Sessions ~

*Including: Fire Pit Snacks, Fire Slime Toss, Glow Stick Treasure Hunt, Volcano Bursts, Sparkler Celebrations, Frying Pan Wax Creations and More Fiery Themed Surprises!*

**Lead Instructors:** Kristin Putney & Rev. Dr. Ruth Shaver

**Monday - Thursday, (4 days) June 23 - 26. 10:00 AM- 3:30 PM**

**Fee \$160 ~ Sibling Discount: \$50 off (\$110)**

**Extended Hours: 8:30-10:00 AM \$15 per day and 3:30-5PM \$15 per day**

**Registration Required by June 9**

Contact Kristin 774-991-1555 or Maria at the Church Office 508-336-9355

### High School Youth Group Summer Mission Trip 2025

(for incoming 9th-12th graders)

**August 12-15, Tuesday- Friday**

Site work in New Haven, CT with Incredible Days Group.

**Youth Pay \$325** plus participation in mission trip fundraising

**First Deposit due May 1, Balance due July 10**

**Leaders: Miranda Tracey & Kristin Putney**



### VBS 2025 ~~~~~ GOD'S WONDER LAB

*Smash, Freeze, Explode, Ooze, Splat...*

*Fun Science and Concrete Evidence of God's Creativity!*

*Moonbounce, Snacks & Games Too!*

Seekonk Congregational Church, UCC 600 Fall River Ave, Seekonk, MA

**AUG 4 - 8 (M- F) 8:45 AM - 12:15 PM Preschool- 6th grade**

**FEE \$30** for 5 mornings

**Registration Required by July 28**

Contact Kristin 774-991-1555 or Maria at the Church Office 508-336-9355



## FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

On the chance you did not know, our buildings undergo periodic inspections. The fire suppression system in our range hood is inspected annually. A new requirement for the range hood is that it must be cleaned twice a year in order to attain certification for use (You'll now notice an inspection sticker on the side of the hood). Such a requirement is based on use and the amount of people served per year.

Our buildings are inspected twice a year by the fire department, and they are also inspected by the town building department. Recent inspections identified the need to replace batteries in several exit signs as well as a battery in an emergency lighting system. We also had to move items away from exit points in the church, thus the reason chairs are being moved away from the glass doors in the church's Memorial Room and items removed from under stairways.

A significant change in the church regards the lift. Continuous repair needs, absent a funding source, led to its decommissioning. Much thought and discussion occurred before taking this action. Fortunately, the Gardiner Building provides us the opportunity to conduct events that are accessible to all.

We had to have a plumber fix a few plumbing issues in the past two months. We still have an issue with a heating pipe in the church basement.

Bids are being sought to install split unit air conditioning in the Memorial Room. Split units are being sought as they are about half the price of installing a new central air system. In attaining the bids, we learned that the existing church systems are about 20 years old. Unlike previously mentioned repairs, the split unit project will be paid for by a very generous donor.

Coming soon, new room numbers will be posted in the Gardiner Building. You will also see room numbers and door numbers outside of the building. This is being done to improve safety in the Gardiner Building and to facilitate public safety personnel when responding to an emergency.

We are very appreciative of Trish Sweeney's efforts to organize a spring clean up day. Thanks, also, to volunteers that endured some chilly weather to clean up around our campus. Two trailer loads of leaves and branches were gathered and disposed of at a composting site.

As always, if you see something that needs attention, please notify Maria in the office or the Trustee of the Month (May – Craig Mace, June – Tony Sousa). If you would like to tackle a project, please let us know. We would be happy to have the help.

Yours in faith and service,  
Board of Trustees

Brian Burns, Kim Johnson, Jason Langille, Craig Mace (Co-Chair), Ron Rupert, Linda Sable (Co-Chair), Pat Smith, Tony Sousa



## **"HANDICAPPED PARKING "**

Just a reminder to all, please do not park in any of the handicapped parking spots. Even if you are arriving a few minutes late and see an open spot that is designated for handicapped parking. There might be someone that has ambulatory difficulties and may also be arriving a little late and will need that spot.

If you do arrive late and cannot find a spot and are physically able, we do have plenty of parking at the County St parking lot as well as on street parking there. If you do see someone that is having difficulty walking, please notify the greeter at the door and someone will come out to assist them.

Thank you, The Trustee Committee

**Thanks to all who contribute to the  
Mortgage Debt Reduction!  
The Blue envelopes in your box help us meet the monthly expenses.**

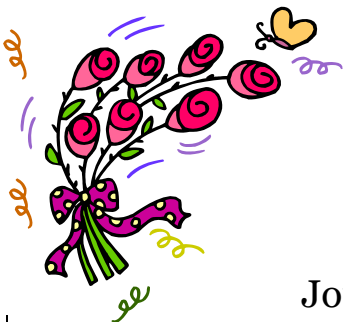
## **COLUMBARIUM NEWS...**

The Columbarium is available to all church members and their families. Use of the Columbarium Includes the inurnment spot, the container, the plaque, and the actual inurnment. Funeral and cremation costs are not included. We encourage anyone who would like more information on the Columbarium to contact Shelley Alves or Linda Sable

## **BLOOD DRIVE**

(make your appointment at) [donate.ribc.org](https://donate.ribc.org)  
**Blood Drive dates 4-7pm in the Hall on Monday June 9<sup>th</sup>**

Our sponsor code is 1545 ~~~~~**There are Many Reasons to Give Blood**



## **VENDORS NEEDED !!! For VENDOR FAIR on June 21 from 9-1PM**

Join us to raise funds for the 2025 High School Mission Trip

We are looking for all types of Vendors, spread the word and let your family and friends know.

\$40 for an 8 ft table and chairs, set up for this event will be 8AM on June 21

Food will be available for purchase

Any questions, please contact Miranda Tracey 401-824-4061

# STEWARDSHIP NEWS



## "IMAGINE Together" Stewardship 2025/2026

**Our Stewardship Campaign for July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 began on Sunday, March 16th. We will dedicate our Pledges on Sunday, April 27th.**

This year's Stewardship Theme is: IMAGING Together as we begin our Search Process and 'IMAGINE Together' who we are and who we wish to be!

Our Stewardship Pledge goal for this campaign is \$300,000.

As of 4/24/2025 we have received the following pledges:

93 Pledges have been returned:

- 21 Increased pledges
- 7 decreased pledges
- 49 stayed the same
- 16 new pledges

Total Pledges as of 4/24/25: \$146,544



We anticipate that there are other members who pledge electronically or give by bank check and have not had a chance to confirm that they will continue or make any changes. Please call Maria to confirm or make changes to your ongoing pledge.

You can send in your pledge card, call the Church Office or use our new QR code to pledge for this new campaign.

We also hope that new members and guests will join our pledge campaign this year!

NEW THIS YEAR is a QR code that allows you to make your pledge directly to VANCO. You will find a QR code in the Sunday Bulletin and in the Weekly Church emails for your convenience.

Whether you give ELECTRONICALLY or with ENVELOPES. Please complete and return your pledge card. Send it to the Church Office or place it in the offering plate, so we can know how close we are to the budget goal. Our Stewardship Pledge Campaign supports the work and activities of our Seekonk Congregational Church, UCC for our next Fiscal Year which starts on July 1, 2025 and ends on June 30, 2026.

For more information regarding Electronic Giving (*forms*) and Pledge Cards, call Maria in the Church Office 508-336-9355 or online at [www.scc-ucc.com](http://www.scc-ucc.com) and click on Online Giving.

You can also use your phone or camera to scan the QR code, click the link and make a recurring or one-time gift or for special events.

Thank you VERY MUCH for your generosity and support of our Seekonk Congregational Church, UCC!

*Your Seekonk Congregational Church, UCC Stewardship Committee*



## BOARD OF MISSION & SOCIAL ACTION



We want to thank all those who made sandwiches, a sweet snack, or provided water or salty snacks to Feed the Homeless on April 13. We will be providing a hot meal in June.

We want to thank all who separate and count cans and bottles for Mission needs. We are looking for someone who would like to take over the job of counting and redeeming the cans and bottles. We usually pick up the cans and bottles every week, store them at our homes, then redeem them once a month at the redemption center on Rt. 44 in Rehoboth. Please see Betty Graham or Bonnie Deblois if you would like to take over this job.

We will be discussing "A New Earth: Awakening to Your Life's Purpose" by Eckhart Tolle. In this book Tolle explains how to transcend our ego-based state of consciousness to achieve personal happiness and to end conflict and suffering in the world. Tolle describes how our attachment to the ego creates the dysfunction that leads to anger, jealousy, and unhappiness, and shows readers how to awaken to a new state of consciousness and follow the path to a truly fulfilling existence. If you are interested in participating in this discussion, we will be meeting at Bonnie Deblois' house on Wednesday, April 30, at 6 pm. Please let Bonnie or Betty Graham know if you will be attending.

We continue to deliver food from Doorways to Seekonk residents who are unable to get there themselves. We have a food pantry in the foyer of the church hall open to any in need.

Earth Day is April 22. Please get out there and clean up your little corner of the world. Thank you.

### MISSION CONCERNS



- **CANS & BOTTLES MA Deposit Only:** Bring donations to the green bins - lift lid - drop in clean bottles and cans. Cans are sorted and brought to a recycling center. Money goes for hunger/shelter/mission concerns
  - **FOOD CERTIFICATES NEEDED...** Gift certificates needed in \$5 or \$10 amounts from area stores to ease the way for those in need. Please give to Rev. Ruth or leave in office any time.
- THE CLOTHING SHED** is at the end of the County Street parking lot. Drop off your clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, curtains, pillowcases or stuffed animal donations in a tied up bag.
- **FOOD PANTRY** (in Porch Area) is for anyone you know who has financial challenges Needed: canned meats, tuna, stew, peanut butter, paper goods, cereals, cereal bars, tuna pouches, crackers

Our \*\*\***ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY** project will once again begin in April! Please check in with office or Mission Committee if you are willing to help out with the "highway" clean-up. We have all the supplies. You can do it on your own time - just let the office know you are going out, **you need to fill out a mandatory release form for Mass DOT**. Our route is 114A, from the church, across route 44, to the state line at the bus turn-around (the end of Ledge Road). *Please leave filled bags on the route, just let the church or Mission Committee know where the bags are and Mass DOT will pick them up.*

## UPDATE ON “BASKETS of JOY “ PROJECT



The Baskets of Joy Committee held our first meeting 3/31/25. We would like to thank all who volunteered to join the committee. We also want to thank the various church committees who allowed us to attend their meetings to share information about the Baskets of Joy project and who provided helpful positive feedback.

The committee discussed continuing to spread the word about the project to our church members, as well to area communities. We are planning to reach out to local publications and media.

We look forward to everyone's participation either individually or creating a group of friends to share a basket! The committee generated a list of some suggested themes for the baskets: car washing kit, house cleaning, charcuterie board & appetizers, family movie night, teen's & children's baskets, yoga, pet care, sewing, knitting, gardening, baking, & Italian dinner night. We certainly invite you to come up with more creative ideas.

We also discussed that if someone is not interested in putting together a basket, that donations or gift cards toward basket materials would be greatly appreciated, too!

The committee will meet again in September to plan an assembly workshop. If anyone has any questions or would like further information about Baskets of Joy please feel free to contact: Bev DelRosso ( [bkdelrosso@aol.com](mailto:bkdelrosso@aol.com)) or Peg Bouchard( [pegbouchard@comcast.net](mailto:pegbouchard@comcast.net)).

Thank you for your support!

**We are asking those who purchased Christmas Wreaths and/or Centerpieces to return their decorations so that we can use them again next year.**

**They can bring them to Church or drop them off outside the Church Office.**

Please wear your **name tags** every Sunday, if you need one, just let Donna Euell know or call Maria at the church office. As you leave each Sunday please place them back on the rack as you walk up the ramp.

**Flower Committee...**Reminds everyone there is a sign-up sheet in Gardiner Building for altar flowers to be given in memory or in honor of a loved one.



## EARNEST WORKERS

**Our Earnest Worker Meeting Schedule for May and June 2025 include the following activities:**

### **MAY 7, 2025 – EARNEST WORKERS PLANNING FOR OUR 2025/26 Earnest Worker Activities**

Meet in the Hall of the Gardiner Building at 10 a.m. Bring your ideas for speakers/programs/fundraising events for the coming year. We will also have nomination and election of officers as well as suggestions for Earnest Workers who may wish to organize and help coordinate some of our events throughout the coming year. Please bring a bagged lunch and a beverage. Dessert and decaf coffee will be served.

### **JUNE 4, 2025 – GUEST SPEAKER JOSH WRIGHT – “STAYING SAFE FROM CYBER THREATS: AI and Beyond”**

We will meet in the Hall of the Gardiner Building at 10 a.m. for a short business meeting. Then we will welcome Josh Wright to share his knowledge. Josh is an expert in Internet Security and this will be a very informative presentation. After the presentation we will have our lunch time together. More details to follow. Please bring a bagged lunch and beverage. Dessert and decaf coffee will be served.

### **JUNE 18, 2025 (third Wednesday) - END OF YEAR LUNCHEON – at Betty McVay's beautiful by the water!**

We will meet at the County Street Parking lot at Church to carpool to Betty McVay's beautiful home at 12:00 noon.

More details to follow.

*Thank you VERY MUCH for all you do to support  
the Earnest Worker Activities throughout the year!!!*



## 2025 Graduates

We will list any graduates in next month's Caller. Please fill in the following information and send or call Maria at the Church Office (508-336-9355), or email at [seekonkucc@gmail.com](mailto:seekonkucc@gmail.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Award(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Future Plans \_\_\_\_\_



# Easter Flowers

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Robert & Dolores Barrow  
Neal Abelson  
John Hopkins  
Loved Ones  
Bud & Shirley Adams  
Carolyn Waller Bradley  
Rob DeBlois  
Grandma, Grandpa, Vo & Shain  
Nancy & Bernard Comeau  
Ken Graf  
Edward & Barbara August  
Our Loved Ones  
My Parents-Lloyd & Lillian Johnson  
Jack  
Loved Ones  
Michael Walters  
Mr. & Mrs. A. Couto  
Joe (Francis) Ferney  
Donna Jean Goldstein  
Democracy  
John Johnson  
My Loved Ones  
My Mom & Dad, Connie and Earl Pearson  
My Sister, Cheryl Ruegg  
My Parents  
June and John Williams  
Howard McVay  
Herb Brown

## GIVEN BY

The Barrow Family  
Louanne, Adam & Kate Jennings  
Lisa Hopkins  
Beverly Martell & Lori Ferreira  
Cheryl Gherardini  
Cheryl Gherardini  
Bonnie, Justin, Eric & Sherry DeBlois  
Michael and Lynelle  
Michele & David Graf  
Michele & David Graf  
Jan & Ron Rupert and family  
Jan & Ron Rupert and family  
Lesley  
Shelley Alves  
Elizabeth Barker  
Nancy Walters and Family  
Nancy Walters and Family  
Alyson, Rick & Gracyn Ferney  
Tammy Ramos  
Linda McClune  
Kim Johnson  
Michelle Darling  
Cindy Pearson  
Cindy Pearson  
Susan Boucher  
Eric and Jennifer Williams  
Betty McVay  
Betty-Ann and Family



## IN HONOR OF

Daisy Strasinger  
Lynelle, Michael and Lydia  
Caroline Hindle  
My 3 Ducklings – Reed, Collins & Annie  
My 11 Blessings... Ehan, Lillian, Henley, Lennon, Ember,  
Cecilia, Vivi, Teddy, Reed, Collins, Annie  
Courtney, Christen, Megan, Bethany,  
Carrie, Molly – My girls  
Our Loved Ones

## GIVEN BY

Her Daughter, Louanne Jennings  
Mom and Dad  
Lesley and Molly  
Mom and Dad  
Gram  
Mom  
Addie & Tom Heelan

## THE GARDEN

Plant three rows of peas:  
Peace of mind...Peace of heart...Peace of soul.

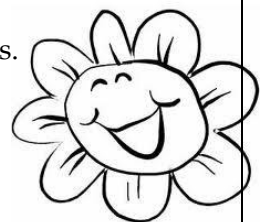
Plant four rows of squash:  
Squash gossip...Squash indifference...Squash grumbling...Squash selfishness.

Plant four rows of lettuce:  
Lettuce be faithful...Lettuce be kind...Lettuce be happy...  
Lettuce really love one another.

No garden should be without turnips:  
Turnip for service when needed...Turnip to help one another....Turnip the music and dance.

Water freely with patience and Cultivate with love.  
There is much fruit in your garden...Because you reap what you sow.

To conclude our garden, We must have thyme:  
Thyme for fun...Thyme for rest...Thyme for ourselves.  
Pretty nice garden, don't you think



**2025-2026 Church School & Confirmation Class Registration Form**  
**Seekonk Congregational Church**  
United Church of Christ  
600 Fall River Avenue, Seekonk, MA 02771

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ BAPTIZED: \_\_YES \_\_NO (DATE of BAPTISM): \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS' NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_



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**CHURCH SCHOOL SESSION**

Entering in **SEPTEMBER 2025** (circle one): Nursery (Birth to 3YR) Preschool 3YR / 4YR Kindergarten

(circle one): 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Confirmation class (9<sup>th</sup>) 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>

**Confirmation Class (9<sup>th</sup> grade or above) 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>**

EMAIL OF CONFIRMAND \_\_\_\_\_

Medication/Allergies/Special Needs (*please notify us*) \_\_\_\_\_  
*If additional space is need please use back of this form)*

Church Activity/Interests (Please check any that your child would participate in)

_____	Sacred Dance	_____	Play Musical Instrument
_____	Bells/Tone Chimes	_____	Drama
_____	Children's Choir (K-5)	_____	Acolyte
_____	Youth Choir (6-7-8)	_____	Other _____

*If you have additional concerns or helpful information, please use back*

**TO BETTER UPDATE THE CHURCH RECORDS**  
**~ THIS FORM NEEDS TO BE FILLED OUT EACH YEAR ~**