

Amicable Congregational Church United Church of Christ

Friendly Messenger

April 2021

Worship Service



For the next several weeks, our Sunday morning worship "gatherings" will continue to be live through the Zoom Room, and we can expect "the invitations" to that will be issued the day before (Saturday) each week until a further news bulletin is issued.

Sunday, April 18th, our worship leader will be The Rev. Beverley Edwards, "live from Little Compton" who'll be sharing word and wisdom from the post-Easter biblical narratives ~ this one featuring the events on the road to Emmaus ~ when two disciples left Jerusalem and met the Risen Christ on the way out of town.

April 25th is the Sunday nearest Earth Day. We'll be sharing song, poetry, reflections, and prayer arising from Earth, giving thanks for Earth, and recommitting ourselves to the caring stewardship of Earth this morning and all our mornings moving forward. The Earth Day service will be briefer than "usual." 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in your Zoom Room at home, leaving time to travel, bringing your own Coffee Hour takeout or a full-fledged picnic lunch. That "coffee hour plus option" begins at 11:30 a.m. or whenever you arrive at the North Parking Lot at church for actual, real, long-anticipated "face time!" Outdoors, with masks except for the actual chewing and swallowing ... a folding chair for each of your bodies ... seated in household clusters for the dining portion when masks come off ... meet and greet with masks on as we gather or before we depart. Roll on Springtime!

On **May 2nd**, it is Communion Sunday again. Be ready to bring your own table, desktop, picnic bench where you've set up your laptop ... etc., your own version of The Bread and the Cup. That very morning is Orthodox Easter, so the season of celebration continues and even widens our fellowship.

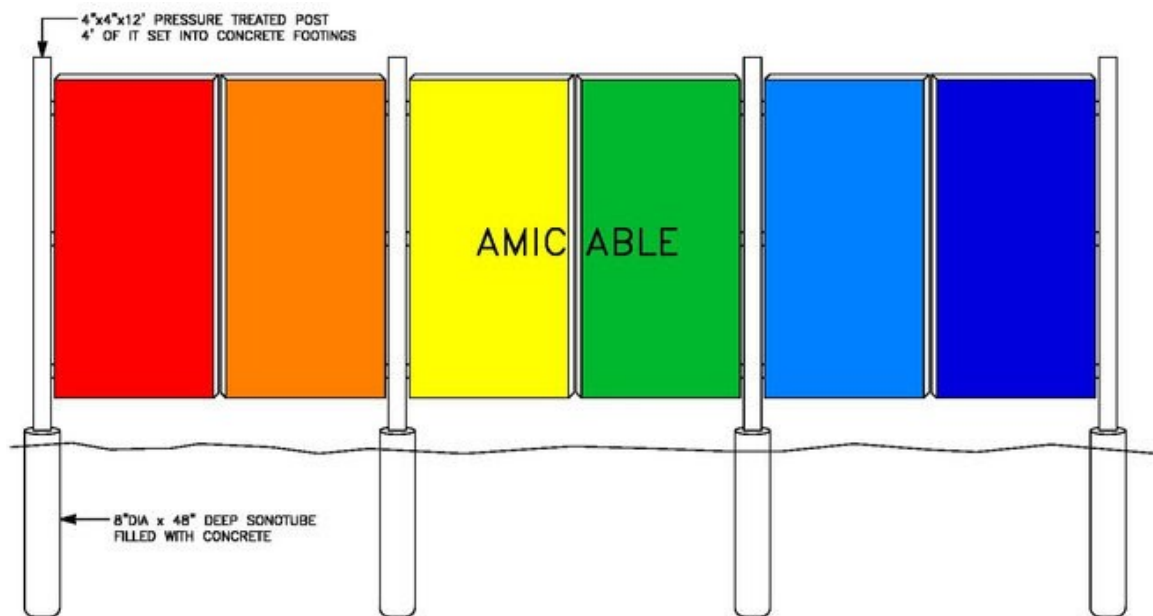
On **May 9th**, our guest worship leader is The Rev. Cindy Maybeck ~ founder and voice of "Spirit Story." Out there in the big world it is also Mother's Day. Don't be surprised if that is her focus for the morning, be pleasantly surprised by how much she may go about it ...

"See you in church" ~ since church is wherever God's people gather and however we do so.



Rainbow Doors

Amicable Church does the Doors. No, not the music but our Rainbow Doors. Jim and Ray created this plan in 2019. We are looking for volunteers to help us create a permanent installation on the west side of the church. The installation will require some hard work. The plan is to set four 4x4 pressure posts in concrete and attach pressure treated 2x4s horizontally. The doors will be attached to the 2x4s with galvanized carriage bolts for easy removal to maintain the church building. We are also looking for ideas to create a garden area around the doors that lead to our Peace Pole. We expect the installation to happen in May. If you are interested, please contact Ray at 401-266-9388.



Pastoral Care

During this period of time where we are in search of an Interim Minister any requests for Pastoral Care should be made by calling the church phone: 401-624-4611. Pat Campion will be checking voicemails and will ensure that your request is addressed.



Employment Opportunities

There are two employment opportunities currently available at Amicable Church. The first is the Church Secretary position which is a part-time 10 hour per week role. The second is the Church Custodian position, also a part-time position. Weekly hours dependent on candidate skill level. If anyone is interested please



Financial Notes of Interest - March 2021

- 2021 remains in a general “Church Closure” mode, with weekly Worship Services still being presented via Zoom and/or Amicable’s Facebook page.
- Cleaning, maintenance, and utility expenses remain lower than budgeted during this period.
- Regular pledged and general donation receipts remained steady. One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) donations during late February and March were very good.
- The Thrift Shop continued having very good receipts during March, well above the budgeted amounts so far.
- No big expense surprises, although we had an unexpected small maintenance expense regarding a furnace zone circulator that had to be replaced.
- We are still operating without a Secretary or Custodian so that these normal expenses are not accumulating at present. The Trustees have initiated searches for both part-time positions.
- As the search for an Interim Minister remains on-going, there were no minister expenses in March. Therefore Guest Minister expenses were higher than normal, but of course nothing approaching typical full-time ministerial expenses.

Respectfully Submitted: Treasurer, Roger Gauthier



Church Spring Clean-Up

Please join the Trustees in sprucing up the church grounds on Saturday, April 17th from 9 a.m. to noon. Please call and leave a message at the Church Office or send an email to office@amicablechurch.org if you are interested.



Brian Medeiros III	04/04
Jean Galipeau	04/06
Jamie Poulton	04/06
Diane Medeiros	04/07
Rosalie Durfee	04/11
Barbie Lewis	04/12
Carrie Cellemme	04/12
Peyton Winn	04/13
Barbara Beckman	04/16
Raymond Medeiros Jr.	04/16
Allison McMillan	04/21

Becky & Gary Priest	04/12
Keith & Barbie Lewis	04/20
Don & Judy Dufour	04/25



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 EASTER SUNDAY Worship 10:00 AM	5	6	7	8 ACTS Open 10-2	9	10 ACTS Open 10-2
11 Worship 10:00 AM	12	13	14	15 ACTS Open 10-2	16	17 ACTS Open 10-2
18 Worship 10:00 AM	19	20	21 Choir Zoom Chat 5:30 PM	22 ACTS Open 10-2	23	24 ACTS Open 10-2
25 Worship 10:00 AM	26	27	28	29 ACTS Open 10-2	30	ACTS Open 10-2