

Fall 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Dear Friends,

Autumn weather has arrived. This beautiful season is inspiring! When there are fewer people on the island, people may struggle with loneliness or feelings of solitude. Union Chapel is a caring community of faith where we value uplifting one another in friendship. If you are looking for an accepting, open-minded, and friendly community of faith, we are always glad to welcome you!

We have created more opportunities to share fellowship and learn together through a new weekly Bible study, monthly Pizza and Games Nights, and classes in the Media Lab for Good. This is a great time to deepen your faith, learn something new, and get to know your neighbors better!

This fall, we are also bringing back the Fall Fair on Columbus Day weekend on Saturday morning. We will continue beloved traditions of Senior Lunch and the Advent book group. As always, we meet for worship on Sundays at 10 a.m. in person and via live stream.

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30). God graciously offers to come alongside us to be present and work with us. When we respond, the Lord lightens our load and helps us go forward with hope, renewed energy and strength.

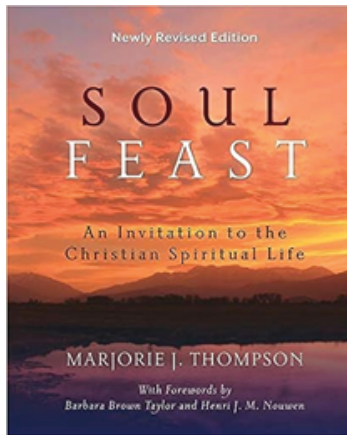
Did you know that I write a weekly email message of encouragement with a photo and news about events at Union Chapel? You can sign up for it here. <https://fiunionchapel.org/mailling-list/>

May you be blessed with peace in Christ.

Pastor Rosanna



BIBLE STUDY



Everyone is invited to join us for our fall Bible study on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Our group chose the book *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Tradition* by Marjorie Thompson. She is a beloved Presbyterian author who prepared a feast of ways to practice nurturing Christian faith in our daily lives, such as devotional reading, contemplative prayer, and Sabbath keeping. This is a classic book with forewords by Barbara Brown Taylor and Henri J. M. Nouwen. We will use the recently revised edition.

We will meet at Union Chapel and online via Zoom from September 20 through November 29. If you would like to participate remotely here is the link:

<https://fiunionchapel.org/event/autumn-bible-study/>

GO BIBLE STUDY!



It's safe to say that the group of 10 of us who gathered weekly this summer finished our discussion of the book *Beholding and Becoming* feeling not only closer to the Lord but bonded to one another. We didn't all know each other at the beginning, but delving into the same passages together we shared our thoughts with respect - and laughter! No doubt the study of *Soul Feast* will be as enriching and further one's faith journey. Do join us!

Anita Fritze

PIZZA AND GAMES NIGHT



Students in grades 5 through 12 and their parents are invited to join us for an evening of pizza and games! Enjoy dinner and conversation around the tables in Fellowship Hall. We have a wide range of board games and card games, including Uno, Sushi Go!, The Number, Munchkin, Munchkin Deluxe, Codenames Top Secret Word Game, Exploding Kittens, Marvel United, Enter the Spider-Verse, Stet! Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza, Scrabble Alphabet Scoop, Proof!, and Prime Climb the Beautiful, Colorful Mathematical Game.

Call Pastor Rosanna at 788-7898 by noon on the day of the event to give the number of people and your favorite pizza. We will make sure to have enough for everyone!

Join us 5:30 - 6:30 pm Friday, September 29, October 20, November 17, and December 15.

SENIOR LUNCH



Autumn brings the return of Senior Lunch. Heather Burnham, her group of dedicated volunteers, and selected chefs will be serving lunch in person on the third Thursday of the month at noon. What is a senior at the Senior Lunch? Anyone age 60+. As always, if you need a vegetarian option, please let us know beforehand. Please RSVP by the Sunday before the event to [Heather Burnham hfburnham@gmail.com](mailto:hfburnham@gmail.com) or call (860) 617-3264.

Fall Dates: October 19, November 16, December 21

MEDIA LAB FOR GOOD



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The Media Lab for Good at Union Chapel launched in August. The first video was produced and posted on YouTube, an episode of "Tea Time with Pastor Rosanna" featuring a review of *The Beach at Summerly* by Beatriz Williams, the Fishers Island Library book group's selection for August. Currently, a group of teens is working on an animated video. Students of Ms. Hall at Fishers Island School will use the podcasting equipment for class projects. We look forward to creating other podcasts as well as collaborating with other island organizations.

To watch the video, here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4m4Yt4u8yzk&t=1s>.

FALL CLASSES AT THE MEDIA LAB FOR GOOD

Friday, September 29 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Introduction to the Media Lab (Clifford Anderson)

This workshop will provide an orientation to the Media Lab for Good, covering the use of the camera, microphone, lighting, and podcasting equipment along with basic post-production utilities.

Friday, October 20 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Introduction to DaVinci Resolve (Clifford Anderson)

This workshop will introduce time-based editing using DaVinci Resolve 18. In this workshop, you will learn to compose video clips on a timeline, create simple graphic effects, and adjust sound levels to produce high-quality videos.

Friday, November 17 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Introduction to Podcasting (Clifford Anderson)

In this workshop, you will learn how to record and edit high-quality podcasts using the Rode RODECaster Pro II Studio along with Audacity open source audio editing software.

UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A hearty thank-you to all those who came together this summer to help Union Chapel thrive!

Sunday mornings are always a team effort. Whether you arranged flowers, baked treats for coffee hour, read scripture, offered your musical gifts, or invited someone to join you at beach church, we thank you for adding to our worship and welcome.

The Thrift Shop recently concluded a successful summer season under the leadership of Louisa Evans and Susie Renna and assisted by Susie Ferguson, Leslie Tombari, Bernice Auger and Cathy Peishoff. Janio Spinola answered a plea for muscle by moving heavy furniture when Bob Evans and Thomas Evans were not available. Dave Denison and Mary Pankewicz continually supplied good-as-new golf balls. Courtney MacDonald took photos of items to post on the Dock Beach Ladies FB group and to send to Jane Ahrens for FishersIsland.net. John Peishoff took items that could not be used to the dump. Tom and Elizabeth Parker advised on the value of certain items. Thank you to all of these faithful volunteers and to everyone who helped by donating and purchasing for this environmentally friendly resource in our community. Together we raised **\$17,000** for the mission and ministries of the church!

The generosity of the island community is also evident in the response to both our Annual Appeal and the Building Project Campaign. To date we have raised nearly **\$90,000** toward our goal of **\$125,000** for the Annual Appeal. For the Building Project, we have about \$160,000 left to raise and are profoundly grateful for gifts to date of more than **\$665,000**. Thank you to everyone whose generosity makes so much possible.



WE CELEBRATED VESPERS ON THE BEACH ON THURSDAYS
JOINTLY WITH ST. JOHN'S CHURCH THIS SUMMER.

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FALL FAIR COURTYARD AT UNION CHAPEL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:00 AM - NOON

Artists and bakers will sell their creations.
We will provide freshly-brewed coffee and hot tea.

- Diana Fiske's fall plant sale
- Steve Head's photographs
- Diane Dexter's painted rocks
- Bake Sale Table
- Shop for treasures and much more!

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