



THE STEEPLE

April 2025

"We aim to be a loving, caring family of God, with Christ as our head, reaching out amongst ourselves and to the larger community to address spiritual beliefs, social needs and moral issues, guided by the teachings of Jesus."

Congregational Christian Church of Somerset, UCC



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Pastor Notes -----

Can you believe that it is already April?

We have entered Spring and Lent is half over. We have much to do this month as we prepare to honor and praise the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Here are some of this month's happenings.

*Let us start in worship on Sunday mornings at 10am while children have time of Stories and Crafts. Then following we'll enjoy fellowship with one another. Often there are meetings on Sundays that follow fellowship.

*Join us at 11am on Monday mornings at the Rise Café. Come and enjoy some sharing of conversation and fellowship. Everyone is welcome and we now have people from three churches gathering to spend time together.

*Grief Support continues Wednesdays at 11am. This has served as a valuable resource to many in the local and Greater Fall River communities.

*By-Laws Task Force currently meets on Wednesdays at Noon.

*Lenten Bible Study is at 1pm on Wednesdays and will wrap up the Wednesday following Easter. However, we tend to ask lots of questions and discuss much, so it is likely we may continue an extra week or two.

*New Prayer Group begins at noon on Saturday April 5th. We will meet at the church and decide how we should move forward at this meeting. This prayer group will not be included with our Sunday prayers and those listed in Announcements. This group shall be more confidential in nature. If you wish to participate or have prayer requests, please contact me via text or phone (774) 454-9341 or via email revsomerset@gmail.com or you may message me through Facebook.



Pastor Cheryl Cont. —

*Yoga, Zumba, and Women's Health Groups continue to meet regularly.

*Auction to be held on Saturday, April 12th .

*Palm Sunday, April 13th begins Holy Week, and our children have something special planned during our worship time. You do not want to miss this.

*Maundy Thursday worship and simple soup and bread supper will be held at the Somerset Baptist Church, 6pm on April 17th .

*Good Friday, April 18th from 9am - 3pm our church sanctuary will be open for prayer and reflection. We will ring the bell nine times at 9am to represent the nails be hammered through Jesus' body. At noon, we shall offer prayer and scripture reading. At 3pm we shall ring the bell three times and offer a closing prayer.

*Easter Sunday at 6am, we shall gather at Waterfront Park along with the Somerset Baptist Church and anyone else who may like to join us. Together we shall rejoice and worship that our Messiah has been raised from the dead! Then at 10am, we shall gather in our church and worship in the Sanctuary. Following worship and praise celebration in the Sanctuary, you are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for conversation, an Easter Egg Hunt, and Breakfast of Breads.

*Maybe you know someone who could use an Easter dinner? Or, maybe to be invited to Holy Week or Easter festivities?

Some other things your Pastor is up too:

*Home, Nursing Home, Hospital, and shut-in Visitation.

*Availability to church members, friends, and community, for pastoral care and support, as needed.

*Prepare weekly bulletins and worship services. Along with preparations for bible study and grief groups.

*Support to all church committees and church meetings.

*Attends Community of Practice each month on the 4th Tuesday morning.

*Attends Old Colony Association and Conference meetings.

*Meets with other local clergy for support to wider community.

*Additional training is required for clergy to stay up to date on the issues of our days.

Some of these training events are Racial Justice, Gender in Society Today, Immigration, Boundary Awareness, Safety for Churches (this was through Homeland Security), along with others. Generally, I try to attend at least two or three training events a month. Sometimes these are via technology and sometimes I travel. There is a Racial Justice Training via Zoom I will be attending all day Saturday, April 26th.

*Earth Day is Tuesday April 22nd so come along and join us for a picnic and cleanup of Dighton Rock State Park on Sunday April 27th .

I continue to prayerfully find events and topics that will be interesting and faith formation opportunities for you. Please be aware that as an affiliate of the United Church of Christ (UCC) you can use the UCC website and find all kinds of information and events you may be interested in.

May we keep growing in faith and love and let us keep worshipping together and inviting new and old friends to come and join us in the name of the One who leads us, the Risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Peace,

The Reverend Cheryl L. Rieder



Can't make it to service this week? *We will miss you!*

But.... you can watch and worship with us via Facebook from your home
Here's the Link facebook.com/CongregationalChristianChurchSomerset

Ways & Means

Ways and Means would like for everyone to start getting ideas together for an upcoming meeting in April (date is TBD)

Ways & Means will set up and clean up for Easter Breakfast of Breads with suggestion to make all self serve this year as then everyone has the opportunity to enjoy. Tablecloths and napkins have been donated. Sign up sheet should will be available for food items.
Blessings, Toni-Jean

Library/Historical Committee

A copy of "You Will Be Peter" has been donated to the library and is available to borrow.

Church photographs are being sorted and are in need of identification. A table will be set up with pictures that have post it notes on the back. Feel free to write on the note if you recognize anyone. There are some great memories there.

Donation book plates have been purchased so we can note the donor of books we have been blessed to receive.

Faith Community Coordinator/SAM

Easter Flowers - Order sheets are available to order flowers for Easter Sunday. There is a choice of lilies, tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths. We will be ordering them on April 8th from Araujo's Garden Center in Dighton.

Veterans Supper - Our supper to support Somerset veterans will be held on Friday May 23th . We will need helpers to set up the tables and chairs on Thursday evening after the Zumba class and Friday morning to set the tables and prepare the serving tables; and from 3:30pm to 8pm to help with preparing and serving the meal and clean up. A sign up sheet will be available on May 4th .

Prayer Chain - For those interested in joining, we will be having an organizational meeting on Saturday April 5th at noon for our Prayer Chain. This is for those who request prayers that they do not want to be broadcast on the Sunday church.

***See you at
Dighton Rock
Sunday, April 27, 2025***

Park Clean Up. Speaker. Tour.
Cookout with 'Chef Poss'

Bring your friends!



2025 EASTER ALTAR FLOWER REQUEST

Flowering plants that will grace our chancel on Easter Morning.
Complete form and leave with check (payable to Nancy James) at the church office.
Deadline to order April 8th.

Your Name: _____ **Tel #** _____

Plant Given by: (if different than name above) _____

Given in: ☐ Memory of _____

☐ Honor of _____

☐ I will pick up my plant after service. ☐ Please deliver to a shut in.

Select Plant(s):

_____ Tulip Orange - \$10.	_____ Hyacinth Pink - \$10.
_____ Easter Lily 1 Stem - \$15.	_____ Tulip White - \$10.
_____ Easter Lily 2 Stems - \$25.	_____ Tulip Red - \$10.
	_____ Tulip Purple - \$10.
_____ Daffodil - \$10.	_____ Tulip Pink - \$10.
	_____ Tulip Yellow - \$10.
	Total: _____

Any questions, contact Karen Rousseau (508) 415-2922. Flowers will be ordered from Araujo's Garden Center in Dighton.
Thank you for support.



Gracing the Altar - Giving to the Glory of God

Social Action Mission "SAM"

Local Author Steve Manchester will be speaking at our church on Sunday, April 13th at 1pm. We will have a luncheon with him at 12noon followed by his presentation.

He is a best selling author, called New England's Storyteller, who has written more than 2 dozen books with 4 of them being national best sellers. He will be discussing his newest release "You Will Be Peter", the story of Simon, a fisherman, who will become the first Apostle chosen by Jesus to be the founder of the early Christian Church.

There will be a book signing with books available to purchase after the presentation.

Meet & Greet Award Winner Author Steve Manchester

Sunday, April 13th at 1:00pm
Congregational Christian Church of Somerset
1411 County St, Somerset, MA 02726



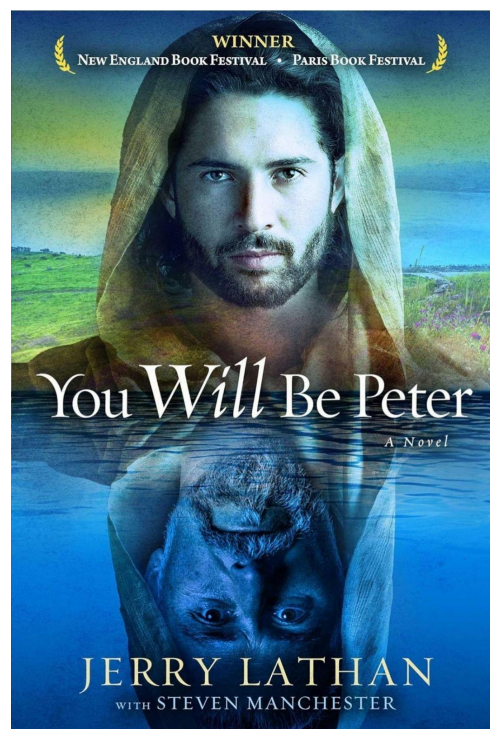
You Will Be Peter captures the three-year ministry of Jesus Christ through the eyes of Simon Peter, a rough and brazen fisherman who becomes Jesus Christ's first chosen Apostle and Founding Father of Christianity.

Living in Capernaum in Galilee more than two thousand years ago, Simon Peter struggled—as we all do—to make the right decisions. In search of the Messiah, he met Jesus on the banks of the Jordan River. "You are Simon," Christ told the impetuous man. "You will be called Peter." As Jesus knew, Simon Peter was the kind of friend anyone would be lucky to have—until he was not.

In *You Will Be Peter*, the timeline is accurate, depicting the actual steps taken by Jesus and his early followers. Just imagine what the men and women who followed Jesus Christ were thinking. Imagine the dialogue shared between them, as they unknowingly followed Jesus into history.

Winner of the Paris Book Festival and New England Book Festival, *You Will Be Peter* is a heartfelt tale of faith and surrender, of betrayal and redemption. It is a unique perspective—enhanced by sights, sounds, and smells—of the greatest story ever told. If Simon Peter, the Everyman, could start a movement that lasts two thousand years, what can his amazing story teach us today? Just imagine...

CREDIT COPYRIGHT *You Will Be Peter* - Jerry Lathan with Steven Manchester



Book Signing

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THIS GROUP IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Please call (774) 454-9341 to join this group.

WHY: To help you find comfort.

WHO: To all who are 18 or older who are experiencing grief and loss.

WHERE: Congregational Christian Church of Somerset, 1411 County St, Somerset
We will meet in the Library Resource Room on the upper floor.

The group is held to confidentiality. You are welcome to attend one or up to all sessions.

FACILITATOR: The Rev. Cheryl Rieder will facilitate the group. The group is not intended to be religious, nor is it intended to make you so. However, grief touches on what we each believe to be true. So, faith will likely come up at some point during this group. Please note the word "Faith" and the word "Religion" are not the same.

Pastor Cheryl has been at the Congregational Christian Church for over 12 years.
Prior she served as Hospital Chaplain and as Grief Coordinator for Hospice.



— ADULT SERIES STUDY —

"The Final Days: A Lenten Series Through the Gospels"

begins March 5, 2025 through Easter

See Deacon Janina for book and with any questions.

All Are Welcome to attend!



TREASURES FROM YOUR TRUNK SALE!

VENDORS WANTED

to be held Saturday, May 24, 2025 - 9am-2pm
 Congregational Christian Church of Somerset, 1411 County St, Somerset, MA 02726

RESERVE VENDOR SPACE FOR \$30.
 CONTACT TONI-JEAN uccsomersetma.events@gmail.com



The Deacons Invite You to
Coffee & Conversation

Mondays 11am
 Stop by the Rise Café for a relaxed time of conversation.
 900 County St, Somerset

You may enjoy a few laughs. We chat about everything!



Lil' Jesus Mission

There's a new army of lil Jesus' just waiting to be found, and if you find yourself in a dark place they glow in the dark. Let your light shine. Share your light with others.
 — Religious Education Class aka best Lil Jesus Placers



For daily happiness, learn to enjoy the scenery even on a detour.



Sunday, April 20, 2025

after 10am Service



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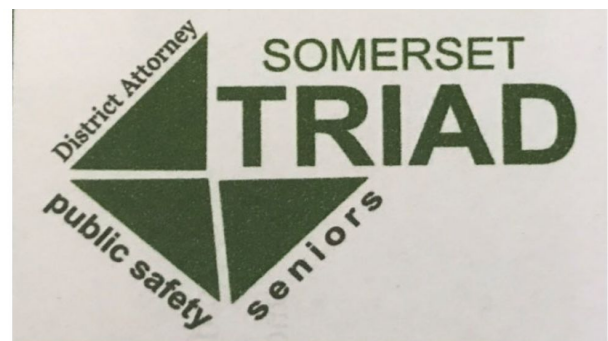


Gentle Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall.

Join us on Mondays at 9:30am.

Cost is \$5.

Please contact Karen R. for information.



SOMERSET TRIAD

TRIAD is a collaboration of the Police and Fire Departments, the District Attorneys Office, the COA and Seniors to promote safety programs for the Seniors in Somerset.

We provide information and programs at the COA and offer materials to help Seniors stay Safe. Please check out the table at the COA to get additional information and be on the lookout for upcoming programs and presentations.

**We have reflective house number markers
FREE**

for Somerset Seniors.

**These markers are for emergency vehicles to
identify your home for a quick response.
Call the COA at ~~508-646-2833~~ to reserve your
marker.**



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1411 County St, Somerset

Tuesday and Thursday

6:00-7:00pm

\$30/month

**To register - contact Tracy at
508-415-3638**

www.GoldensEstateSales.com

Old Tyme Live Auction

with Amanda & Ken

Date: SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025

Time: 2pm (viewing and registration will start at 11am)

Location: Congregational Christian Church
1411 County St., Somerset, MA 02726



Antique Royal Doulton Vases & Figures, Asian Antiques, Decorated Crocks.
We found a great car for the opening of our auction! It is a beautiful 2007 Mercedes Benz!



*For any questions,
contact us at amandajmig@gmail.com or call (508) 558-1366
Amanda Migneault, License #AU0100108*



Connor Dupré
Barbara Smith

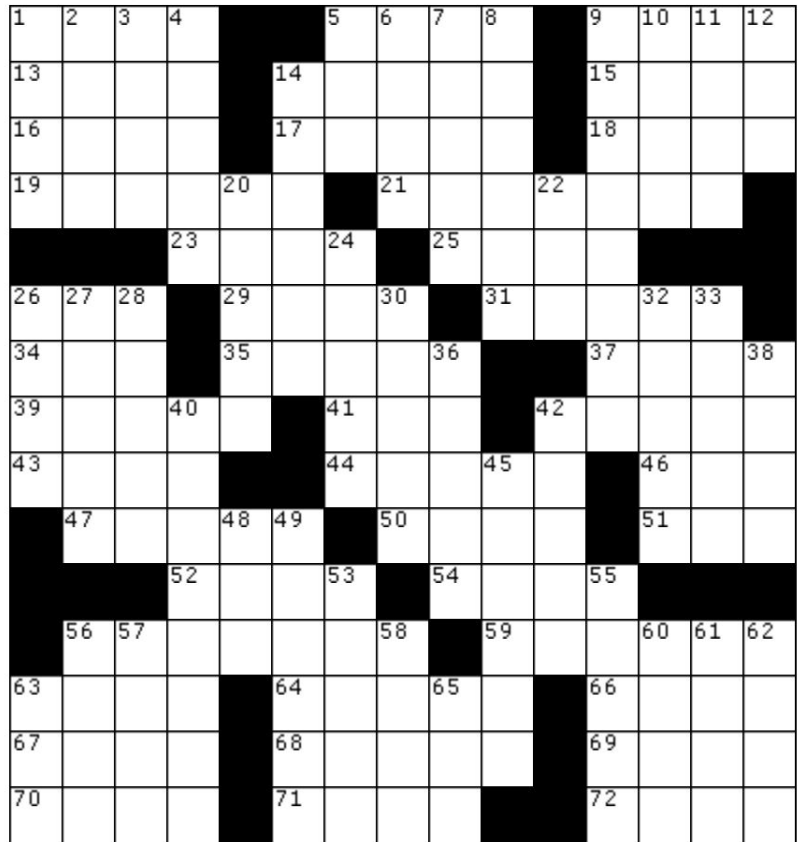


Luis & Michaela Botelho

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5 Daddy
9 North Atlantic Treaty Organization
13 Johnnycake
14 City in Ohio
15 Imitated
16 On top
17 Famous psychologist
18 __ Piper
19 Famous painter
21 Father of Ishmael
23 Continent
25 Trial
26 Border
29 Sequel to Luke
31 Dock
34 Spanish "one"
35 Brother of Miriam
37 Sister of Rachel
39 Kind of acid
41 Wrath
42 __graph

- machine
43 Trickery
44 Coke's competitor
46 No room for them in the ____
47 Religious songs
50 Drains energy
51 Children's game
52 Fresh
54 Stare
56 Pentateuch book
59 Where Noah's ark landed
63 Herr's wife
64 Tribe of Israel
66 Tree trunk
67 Bond together
68 Protein sources
69 Wine bottle
70 Eve's son
71 Writer Bombeck
72 Baal
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1 Goad
2 Faith, ____ and charity
3 Soon



- 4 Italian city
5 Danish krone (abbr.)
6 Location
7 Mistrust
8 One of the apostles
9 Tribe of Israel
10 Capital of Western Samoa
11 Swarm
12 Strange
14 Continent
20 Son of Abraham
22 Tree
24 A vacation (2 wds.)
26 Wheel centers
27 First son of Cain
28 Eel
30 Aches
32 Make a payment
33 Matador passes at bull
36 Asian country
38 __ Kong
40 God with us
42 Tightwad
45 Pointed

- weapons
48 North northeast
49 __ Street
53 Smarter, like an owl
55 Jewish teacher
56 Food
57 Relieve
58 Pillow covering
60 Crucifix
61 Singing voice
62 Duck
63 Future Farmers of America (abr.)
65 Terminal abbr.

"Alright, does everyone have sound?"



Inclusion isn't
just *inviting*
someone to sit at
your table.

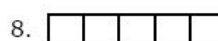
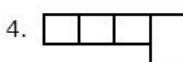
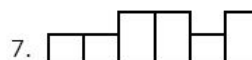
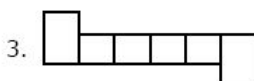
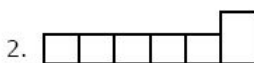
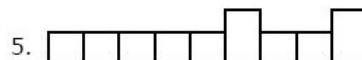
It's *believing* they
belong there.



Easter Sunrise Surprise

He is not here; he has risen! Luke 24:6a (NIV)

Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.



women
tomb

stone
rolled

away
living

crucified
raised



Dighton Rock State Park

Department of Conservation and Recreation

2025 PROGRAMS

All programs are free and open to the public. All programs meet at the Dighton Rock Museum; 3rd Ave, Berkley, MA. The museum will be open at these times. Programs co-sponsored by the Friends of Dighton Rock Museum and DCR.



ADA/Reasonable Accommodation:

Cell: 617-645-0358 | Moneesha.dasgupta2@mass.gov

Sunday,
April 27
1PM-2PM

SOUTHEAST MA ADULT WALKING CLUB & BEACH CLEANUP

Join Park Interpreter Simon Schreier for an easy, 1-mile walk around Dighton Rock State Park. We'll end our journey along the banks of the Taunton River, where we'll take some time to beautify the incredible landscape. Afterwards, you're invited to drop into the museum to see the park's namesake monument. For families of all ages.

Sunday,
May 11
1PM-2PM

COMPOSTING 101: FROM START TO FINISH

1:00 pm—2:00 pm, Dighton Rock Museum
Learn about the steps of composting with a demo of what is happening at each stage. Composting bins from DEP will be available for sale. Age 10+. In partnership with the Department of Environmental Protection.

Sunday,
June 8
1PM-3PM

CAPRON PARK ZOOMOBILE

1:00 pm—2:30 pm, Dighton Rock Museum
Caitlynn Newton, the Capron Zoo Education Curator, will present Zoomobile Animal Encounters for all ages. Join us at 1:00, 1:45, or 2:30 p.m. For all ages. Supported in part by a grant from the Berkley Cultural Council, which is supported by the Mass. Cultural Council, a state agency.

Sunday,
July 13
1PM-2PM

MY SUMMER WITH OSPREYS

Pamela Lowell shares her volunteer experiences with Mass Audubon and the Southcoast Osprey Nest Monitoring Project on the Westport River. Pamela authored the book, "My Summer with Ospreys." For ages 8+.

coming events

April 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 11am-12pm Grief Support Group 1pm Bible Study	2 6-7pm Zumba SECRETARY in OFFICE 3-7pm	3 6-7pm Zumba SECRETARY in OFFICE 3-7pm	4 10am-12pm Church Yard Clean Up 12pm Prayer Chain Meet
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EASTER Sunrise Service AT SOMERSET WATERFRONT 10:00am Worship 11:00am Breakfast of Breads Easter Egg Hunt	20 9:30am Yoga 11am Rise Café Meet <i>PATRIOTS DAY</i>	21 9:30am Yoga 11am Rise Café Meet <i>PATRIOTS DAY</i>	22 SECRETARY in OFFICE 8am-12pm <i>EARTH DAY</i> 6-7pm Zumba	23 11am-12pm Grief Support Group 1pm Bible Study	24 6-7pm Zumba SECRETARY in OFFICE 3-7pm	25
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