

CHEBEAGUE COMMUNITY CHURCH

An inclusive, diverse, caring Christian community: worshiping, praying, witnessing, and reaching out to all people on the Island and beyond; daring to grow and change as God calls us.

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP ROOTEDNESS CREATIVITY INCLUSIVITY INNOVATION

AGENDA

Chebeague Community Church – February 4, 2024, at 10 am Annual Meeting Gathering

Welcome!

Musical Meditation: "How He Loves Us" David Crowder

Joys and Concerns Community Announcements Pastoral Prayer

Musical Meditation: "Oceans/You Make Me Brave" Caleb+Kelsey

Congregational Lord's Prayer: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Offering

Annual Meeting led by Rochelle Rice Reflection: Looking Back (Reports from 2023)

- Buildings and Grounds
 - Finance
 - Human Resources

Nominating Committee

- Member Care
 - Worship
- Nominating Committee

If no one objects, these reports will be accepted into our records.

Business

Rochelle Rice, Chair
Cheryl Stevens, 2nd Chair
Donna Damon, Secretary
Lynne Priest, Treasurer
Lola Armstrong
Jay Corsen
Betsy Gaston
Kendra McKinnon

Reflection: Looking Ahead

We will have time for questions or you are welcome to stay after the service and discuss further.

Closing Musical Selection: "There's a Great Big Beautiful Tomorrow" Hailey Brinnel

Benediction Prayer:

V: Go now to wait on God, to pay attention to all God is doing around you, and to serve as the Spirit guides you. May the peace of Christ bless you and keep you wherever you may go. Amen.

CHEBEAGUE COMMUNITY CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ROLL

Chebeague Community Church Membership Roll As of 02/01/2023: 49 Full Members, 3 Associate Members, 17 Friends

Full Members

Armstrong, Lola Armstrong, Bill Auffant, Chris Auffant, Steve

Beaupre, Jean Louis Beaupre, Meredith Bowman, Cooper

Boxer, Vivian Brewer, Dianne Slowik

Brewer, Dianne Sio Brewer, Hartley Brown, Gloria Brown, Robert

Burns, Joyce Hamilton

Calder, Kevin

Corson, Karen Weiss

Corson, Jay

Damon, Donna Miller

Doughty, Julie Dyer, Arlene Dyer, Chloe Dyer, Elizabeth Dyer, Genevieve

Dyer, Mark Gaston, Betsy Hamilton, Denise Hillicoss, Cheryl Hillicoss, Darren

Hunneman, Pauline Smith

Jackson, Suzanne Komlosy, James MacNeill, Cathy Mayer, Betts Mayer, Eldon

McKinnon, Kendra Hamilton

Merrill, Barbara Muller, Emily Full Members (Cont)

Priest, Lynne Rent, Sharon Rent, John Rice, Malcolm Rice, Rochelle Rich, Jonathan

Riddle, Cindy MacNeill

Ross, Sylvia Stevens, Cheryl Stevens, David

Tonks-Hartling, Gretchen

Trask, Jacqueline Wentworth, Polly

Associate Members

Those who retain formal membership in their home

church/denomination

Clark, Elaine Webb, Stacie Webb, Toby

Friends

Those who express sympathy with the church's purposes and programs and support the life of

the church. Calder, Tracy

Cox-Chapman, Jim and Mally Cushman, Mary and Tom

Hackel, Jenny Lauterbach, David Leonard, Ann Leonard, Eddie McGee, Betsey

Pelton, Ken and Sawyer, Sue Porter, Barbara and Michael

Rice, Sandra

Webb, Sandy and Jessica

Changes in Membership in 2023

Removed by death:

Jackson, Leroy - 3/18/23 Bowman, Deborah - 7/17/23 Doughty, Judith St. Cyr - 12/6/23

Removed by transfer:

None

Removed by Request:

None

Removed by action of the Annual Meeting:

None

Added through Confirmation Classes:

None

Baptisms:

There was one baptism.

We also remember those who were part of our wider Chebeague community and have passed in 2023.

1/8/23 David Scott Hamilton

1/17/23 Pamela MacCormack Hamsley

1/25/23 Thomas L. Calder

1/29/23 Bernadette Lukac

2/3/23 David Emerson Ridgway

2/4/233 Bruce "PopPop" Bousquet

2/13/23 Beth Elaine Buchanan

2/16/23 Charles R. Ross

2/24/23 Marjorie L. Elder

3/11/23 Ruth Paul Bradish

3/18/23 Leroy "Roy" S. Jackson

5/16/23 Letby Noy 3. Jackson

3/27/23 Carolyn Millinger Holland

5/4/23 Marjorie Elaine Munroe

5/5/23 Jim (James Ferguson) Millinger

5/21/23 Stephen Christopher Johnson

6/4/23 Joan Bryan (Shuttleworth)

6/17/23 Peter Olney

6/19/23 Marlene Bowen

7/6/23 Ruth Moulton Ragan

7/10/23 Gillian Amy Ratcliff

7/17/23 Deborah Adams Bowman

7/17/23 Brent David Prescott

7/18/23 Rodman Bukeley Webb

7/22/23 Sherman Everett Webb

8/7/23 Mary Elizabeth "Biz" Rogers

8/12/23 Grace Niklas Warner

9/4/23 Gail R. (nee Hamilton) Johnson

9/5/23 Helena (Heli) McGuire

9/29/23 Eliza Grafton Burke

10/10/23 Jayden Lucas Szkirka

10/28/23 Cheryl L. "Cheri" (Jenkins) Dudley

10/28/23 Richard ("Dick" or "Nick") Niklas

11/12/23 George W.Sawyer Jr "Tom"

11/26/233 Jeremy Ames

12/8/23 Julie Devereaux Glynn

12/22/23 Rick Tonks

12/26/23 Ralph Emerson McLean

12/30/23 Ann Louise (Brown) Balesca

How do I become a Member of the Chebeague Community Church?

Contact the Church office if you are interested in becoming a member or associate member. If you haven't been connected with a faith community in awhile, or if you haven't gone through confirmation in another Christian denomination, we'll have a membership class which covers subjects like the Christian faith, spiritual formation practices, and our church structure.

What does it mean to be a member? Membership in a church isn't about membership in a brick and mortar institution, but about commitment to a people – that this particular incarnation of the Body of Christ is one's spiritual home, and these people

companions on the journey of faith. Members and Associates are able to serve on the Church Council and vote at our Membership Meeting. Friends can serve on committees and have a voice at our meetings.

How do I become a Friend of the CCC?

Contact the church office in writing (e-mail, letter, or call) and we will add you to our list. Friends of the church are those who support the work of the church without taking the step of formal membership.

The promises we make to each other are as follows:

- As a member of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?
- Will you seek to grow in love and understanding, seeking more fully your belovedness as a child of God as well as the belovedness of others?
- Will you strive to lift and build up this congregation - in words and in actions and seek to follow Christ through the work of this community of faith?

CHEBEAGUE COMMUNITY CHURCH LEADERSHIP

January 2024-March 2024

Terms are for one year. Members and Associate Members are eligible to serve on the Council; anyone is eligible to serve on committees

For 2024, the Council is asking the Membership to approve a slate of eight members for the Council to serve at a minimum through March 2024.

Once Victor is settled on the island March, 1 2024, we will hold another Membership meeting IF we have any changes to the slate. We are encouraged that many will step into roles on the committees.

Church Council

The Church Council functions as the Board of Directors of the Chebeague Community Church. Its responsibilities include establishing goals and objectives for the church and then initiating plans to accomplish those goals. It works to nurture the overall ministry of the church, tend to the church's overall financial health, hire employees, and evaluate and develop the church's ministries. Officers are elected by the Council.

Lola Armstrong
Jay Corson
Donna Damon
Betsy Gaston
Kendra McKinnon
Lynne Priest
Rochelle Rice
Cheryl Stevens

Building and Grounds Committee

This committee is responsible for the physical assets of the Chebeague Community Church, including maintaining maintenance logs and records, keeping a current facility assessment of the property, providing for the repair of the buildings and grounds, and preparing recommendations that need Church Council approval.

Jay Corson, Chair

Finance Committee

This committee works to develop the financial health of the Chebeague Community Church, and develops policies and procedures for handling income and expenses. This committee also looks at long range planning.

Rochelle Rice, Chair

The Lord himself will go before you and be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid. Do not be discouraged.

-Deuteronomy 31:8

Member Care Committee (formerly called Communications)

This committee works to ensure that members of the church and the wider community are hearing from us on a regular basis. This committee will work closely with the Food Pantry and the Ladies Aid to serve the needs of the larger community.

Kendra McKinnon, Chair

Human Resources Committee

This committee is responsible for being the bridge between the staff of the church and the wider congregation. This group is responsible for setting compensation for staff, overseeing background checks for staff and volunteers working with children, maintaining our safe sanctuaries policy, and developing and maintaining the employee handbook.

Nominating Committee

This committee is responsible for leadership development and for presenting a slate of leaders to be elected at the Annual Membership Meeting. They also make nominations to fill vacancies that occur on committees throughout the year, with the approval of the Church Council.

Pastor Rochelle Rice, Chair Cheryl Stevens, 2nd Chair

Worship Committee

This team focuses on developing worship series, caring for the day-to-day logistics involved with worship and supplies, brainstorming ideas for altar décor and images, and helps with the creative aspect of worship.

Pastor Betsy Gaston



NOTE FROM THE COUNCIL CHAIR

I am incredibly proud of our small but mighty Council who navigated an astonishing 2023. There were times the path was not clear, or decisions may have been questioned.

Working collaboratively in faith, fortified our belief in not only what was possible, but allowed us the understanding of the strength of the community around us. We stayed true to the top three needs of our community as identified in our February 2023 Community Survey:

- 1 Excellent worship services.
- 2 Funerals, weddings, baptisms, celebrations of life.
- 3 Pastoral care.

We also followed an extensive plan to hire our new minister. As evidenced by the timeline below, the Council and Pastor Search Committee remained steadfast and focused on the work to successfully hire Victor Diaz as our new minister/chaplain.

December 2023 – Victor successfully begins his Remote Ministry

November 2023 – Victor moves his belongings to the Parsonage.

October 2023 - Worship & Membership meeting to confirm Victor Diaz

September 2023 - Pastor Search Committee recommends Victor Diaz

August 2023 - Interviews of candidates continue.

July 2023 – 2nd Annual Lobster Roll Luncheon. Interviews of candidates begin.

June 2023 - Applications for the role of Part-time Settled Pastor are accepted.

May 2023 - Part-Time Settled Pastor position posted.

April 2023 - Church Profile completed by Pastor Search Committee.

March 2023 – The top three community needs** identified through survey.

February 2023 - Community survey launched - 121 responses.

January 2023 – CCC begins with guest ministers. Work continues on the Church Profile.

December 2022 - Melissa finishes her term of service on Christmas eve.

November 2022 - Work on the Church Profile begins with the Pastoral Search Committee.

October 2022 - CCC hires Rev Betsy Waters as a consultant.

As of this writing, we have hired Vicki Todd as our office person – a role that will be refined and recreated to match the needs of the congregation and technology. We look forward to creating more opportunities where people can be involved and participate in our church.

I continue to stand humbly on the shoulders of many generations before me. This role as Council Chair is never taken for granted. It carries the responsibility of leading with grace, compassion, and empathy for the entire community.

We will continue to honor our traditions while continuing to make space for our future - bridging the generations as God knits this island into one family.

I am committed to the health and well-being of the council members who serve selflessly.

I remain open to listening – either by phone, text, or email. I welcome the opportunity to extend

my term and serve as Chair of the Council, 2024. With my sincere thanks to those who have selflessly mentored me along the way.

I am forever grateful.

With abundant gratitude,

Rochelle Rice
Rochelle/Shelly Rice
CCC Chair, 2024



Buildings and Grounds Report 2023

The primary focus of the Buildings and Grounds Committee for 2023 was the parsonage. With the Pastoral Search Committee hard at work this committee began the year with a 40-item punch list of repairs/improvements to the parsonage. The services of Specs Eaton were secured and he and Committee Chair Jay Corson along with other island contractors began work in February. Highlights of this first phase include:

- Clean and inspect the furnace
- Paint the kitchen, living room, half bath, and bedroom (downstairs)
- Replacing ceiling tiles and paint supports (kitchen and bedroom)
- Replace ceiling fixtures
- Paint kitchen cabinets
- Install CO2 detector and new smoke detectors
- Paint living room and bedroom floor (downstairs)
- Repair light switches/outlets
- Replace glass in front door
- Install door in bedroom closet



Once this work was completed and spring approached the focus shifted to interior cleaning, furnishing, and grounds. Committee member Vicki Todd led this effort. A work party was organized, and the front beds were cleared, a tree removed, and the interior cleaned. A lightly used washer and dryer were donated and installed. As summer approached, the downstairs and upstairs bathroom were furnished (largely through generous donations) and visiting pastors were invited to stay at the Parsonage.

In September Committee member Cheryl Stevens brought in Evergreen Home Performance to conduct an energy assessment audit of the Parsonage. The audit identified air sealing, insulation, and moisture control deficiencies in the upstairs knee walls, attic, and basement. Also identified were asbestos insulated heating ducts in the basement. The asbestos heating ducts were remediated in November and Committee member Elaine Clark is leading contract negotiations with Evergreen Home Performance to complete the air sealing, insulation and moisture control in the basement, upstairs and attic.

Also completed in 2023 were the replacement of the sanctuary narthex light, scraping and painting of the exterior steps and landings of the church, parish house and parsonage, and the installation of a railing to the chancel in the sanctuary. Replacement cost property insurance for all church properties and liability insurance was reviewed and renewed.

Our lovely historic buildings require and deserve our constant attention. This year we hope to complete the air sealing, insulation, and moisture control work in the parsonage. Our next priority is to repair the sill and belfry of the church and paint the church exterior. We extend our continuing gratitude to the island community and the families of Jan Knight Wentling and Page West Richardson for their support.

Finance

- Budget
- Fund Report
- P&L Statement

*see attached reports below



	Jan - Dec 24
Income Church Income Ordinary Income Gifts,Tithes & Offerings	
Pledged Funds Pledged Funds - Other	38,000.00
Total Pledged Funds	38,000.00
Loose Plate- Non-Identified Loose Plate-Identified Special Days	4,500.00 18,500.00
Christmas Easter	3,600.00 600.00
Total Special Days	4,200.00
Total Gifts, Tithes & Offerings	65,200.00
General Fund Donations Building Use Rentals Chedemption Other Other - Other	2,200.00 600.00 9,000.00
Total Other	9,000.00
General Fund Donations - Other	0.00
Total General Fund Donations	11,800.00
Fund Raising Annual Appeal Events	10,000.00 600.00
Total Fund Raising	10,600.00
Total Ordinary Income	87,600.00
Total Church Income	87,600.00
Total Income	87,600.00

_	Jan - Dec 24
Expense	
Church Programs Worship	
Licensing/Memberships	160.00
Supplies	400.00
Music Ministry Piano Repair & Maintenance	205.00
Total Music Ministry	205.00
Total Worship	765.00
Mission/Outreach	
Supplies Postage	350.00
Supplies - Other	800.00
Total Supplies	1,150.00
Web Expense	250.00
Total Mission/Outreach	1,400.00
Admin Council	100.00
Fund Raising	400.00
Postage Fund Raising - Other	400.00 100.00
Total Fund Raising	500.00
Total Church Programs	2,765.00
Adminstrative	
Pastor's Payroll	25 000 00
Salary Pastor's Reimbursable Expense	25,000.00
Pastor's Reimbursable Expense - Ot	6,000.00
Total Pastor's Reimbursable Expense	6,000.00
Pastor's Payroll - Other	0.00
Total Pastor's Payroll	31,000.00

	Jan - Dec 24
Administrative Assistant Wages	3,900.00
Total Administrative Assistant	3,900.00
Custodial Services Supply Minister	4,100.00
Ferry Tickets Supply Minister - Other	200.00
Total Supply Minister	1,000.00
Worker's Comp	500.00
Total Adminstrative	40,500.00
Operating Expenses Fire Extinguisher Inspection* Liability/ Property Insurance* Regulatory Expenses Church Electricity	200.00 5,400.00 35.00 1,000.00
Heating Fuel Internet Repairs & Mtc	1,500.00 720.00 500.00
Total Church	3,720.00
Parsonage Electricity Internet Telephone Sat. TV Heating Fuel Property Tax * Repairs & Mtc	2,600.00 720.00 750.00 700.00 4,000.00 2,600.00
Repairs & Mtc - Other	1,500.00
Total Repairs & Mtc	1,500.00
Total Parsonage	12,870.00
Parish House Electricity Heating Fuel Septic Pumpout*	1,400.00 4,000.00 575.00

	Jan - Dec 24
Supplies - Other	700.00
Total Supplies	700.00
Repairs & Mtc Repairs & Mtc - Other	800.00
Total Repairs & Mtc	800.00
Total Parish House	7,475.00
Office Internet Network Connection Web Domain Hosting and Software	720.00 100.00
Total Internet	820.00
Telephone Computer/Equipment/Software Printing and Reproduction Paper Toner & Ink Printing and Reproduction - Other	750.00 2,000.00 100.00 400.00 200.00
Total Printing and Reproduction	700.00
Supplies Supplies - Other Total Supplies	700.00
Postage and Delivery	700.00
Total Office	5,670.00
Finance Banking Charge for Checks/Deposit Slips	200.00
Total Banking	200.00
Software Update	725.00
Total Finance	925.00

	Jan - Dec 24		
Repairs & Mtc			
Snow Removal/Lawn Care	3,300.00		
Total Repairs & Mtc	3,300.00		
Automobile Expense			
Automobile Insurance	500.00		
Automobile Gasoline & Expenses	800.00		
Automobile Repairs	500.00		
CTC Parking Permit	900.00		
Registration	75.00		
Total Automobile Expense	2,775.00		
Total Operating Expenses	42,370.00		
Total Expense	85,635.00		
Net Income	1,965.00		

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Chebeague Community Church Fund Report

As of December 31, 2023

	Dec 31, 23
ASSETS Current Assets Checking/Savings Bath Savings Bank - CCC Fund Accounts Ladies Aid Food Pantry Keep the Buildings Music Ministry Fund Pastor's Discretionary Fund Recompense - Covid Testing	9,821.17 30,186.16 6,312.50 493.62 1,870.35
Total Fund Accounts	4,932.37 53,616.17
Bath Savings Bank - CCC - Other	43,183.40
Total Bath Savings Bank - CCC	96,799.57
Total Checking/Savings	96,799.57
Other Current Assets Paige West Richardson Fund MCF- Cheb Community Church Fund MCF-CCC Complex Building Fund	213,371.59 33,092.49 56,267.44
Total Other Current Assets	302,731.52
Total Current Assets	399,531.09
TOTAL ASSETS	399,531.09
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00

	Jan - Dec 23
Income Church Income Ordinary Income Gifts,Tithes & Offerings Pledged Funds Pledged Funds Expense Pledged Funds - Other	-11.59 33,430.52
Total Pledged Funds	33,418.93
Loose Plate- Non-Identified Loose Plate-Identified Loose Plate PayPal Expense Special Days Christmas Easter	4,025.00 17,839.20 -11.59 4,988.00 584.00
Total Special Days	5,572.00
Total Gifts, Tithes & Offerings	60,843.54
General Fund Donations Building Use Rentals Chedemption Ladies' Aid Other	2,002.00 600.00 214.00 5,213.00
PayPal Income PayPal Expense	-104.18
Total PayPal Income	-104.18
Total General Fund Donations	7,924.82
Designated Ladies' Aid *	13,897.92
Food Pantry	3,740.00
Keep The Buildings	433.00
Memorials	1,500.00
Total Designated	19,570.92
Fund Raising Annual Appeal Events Fund Raising - Other	22,051.62 652.00 100.00
Total Fund Raising	22,803.62
Reimbursements/Refunds	23.00
Total Ordinary Income	111,165.90

	Jan - Dec 23
Investment Income Interest & Dividends Realized Gains Unrealized Gaines Contributions	1,891.88 24,116.90 9,083.66 21,790.82
Total Investment Income	56,883.26
Total Church Income	168,049.16
Total Income	168,049.16
Expense Investment Expense Investment Cost Adminstratve Fees	2,794.59 2,318.00
Total Investment Expense	5,112.59
Grant Expense Recompense Covid 19 - Testing	216.00
Total Recompense	216.00
Total Grant Expense	216.00
Church Programs Worship Licensing/Memberships Supplies	158.00 203.31
Total Worship	361.31
Mission/Outreach Supplies Postage Supplies - Other Total Supplies	315.00 712.02 1,027.02
Web Expense	215.57
Total Mission/Outreach	1,242.59
Total Church Programs	1,603.90
Adminstrative Administrative Assistant Wages Misc Reimbursable - Assistant Administrative Assistant - Other	435.00 5.00 302.50
Total Administrative Assistant	742.50
Custodial Services Guest Speaker Fees	4,335.00 508.50

	Jan - Dec 23
Supply Minister	
Ferry Tickets	437.30
Supply Minister - Other	11,800.00
Total Supply Minister	12,237.30
Worker's Comp	448.00
Total Adminstrative	18,271.30
Operating Expenses Fire Extinguisher Inspection* Liability/ Property Insurance*	665.75 5,290.50
Professional Services	2,325.00
Regulatory Expenses	35.00
Church	
Electricity	1,041.13
Heating Fuel	2,332.66 636.27
Internet Repairs & Mtc	176.25
•	170.23
Total Church	4,186.31
Parsonage	
Electricity	615.66
Internet	637.52
Telephone	730.55
Heating Fuel	2,171.38
Property Tax * Repairs & Mtc	2,526.61
Equipment & Furnishings	629.11
Repairs & Mtc - Other	17,255.00
Total Repairs & Mtc	 17,884.11
Total Parsonage	24,565.83
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Parish House Propane Stove	497.82
Electricity	1,550.06
Heating Fuel	4,680.57
Supplies	582.23
Repairs & Mtc	94.89
Total Parish House	7,405.57
Office	
Internet	
Network Connection	636.86
Web Domain Hosting and Software	176.95
Total Internet	813.81
Telephone	733.28
Computer/Equipment/Software	606.63
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	Jan - Dec 23		
Printing and Reproduction Paper	73.98		
Total Printing and Reproduction	73.98		
Supplies	964.35		
Postage and Delivery	636.64		
Total Office	3,828.69		
Finance Banking Bank Fee	30.00		
Total Banking	30.00		
Software Update	706.85		
Total Finance	736.85		
Repairs & Mtc Snow Removal/Lawn Care	3,450.00		
Total Repairs & Mtc	3,450.00		
Automobile Expense Automobile Insurance Automobile Gasoline & Expenses Automobile Repairs CTC Parking Permit Registration	456.11 98.24 563.63 850.00 70.52		
Total Automobile Expense	2,038.50		
Total Operating Expenses	54,528.00		
Misc. Expenses Ladies' Aid Expense* Moving Expense	26,150.36 7,000.00		
Total Misc. Expenses	33,150.36		
Designated Disbursements Food Pantry Freight Food Pantry - Other	4.00 7,232.86		
Total Food Pantry	7,236.86		
Memorials	750.00		
Total Designated Disbursements	7,986.86		
Total Expense	120,869.01		
Net Income	47,180.15		

Human Resources

Human Resources Annual Report January 2024

- The HR Committee members both served on the Pastoral Search Committee. A new pastor was engaged, but has not yet moved to the island. Victor Diaz is to start the 25 hour a week job on March 1.
- The HR Committee wrote the pastor's job description and reviewed the employment contract.
- The committee advertised for an Administrative assistant, with no applications to date.
- Emily Muller resigned from the committee in October. Lola is the sole member of the committee. New members are needed.

Submitted by the Human Resources Committee



Member Care



Member Care Report 2023

The Food Pantry and Ladies Aid came under Member Care for the year of 2023. Since both serve the needs of our community, this helped us streamline our efforts to operate more efficiently.

Food Pantry continues to provide monthly, Hannaford gift cards to approximately 6-9 families with food insecurity on the island. The Food Pantry also provided Thanksgiving and Christmas food boxes to 9 families each holiday, on the island.

The Ladies Aid continued to meet on Thursdays. They had a very successful Fair in the summer and a Holiday Fair and Wreaths Sales in November. They plan to distribute some of their funds once they have a larger group coming to the meetings. The meetings are open to all to attend.

The top three concerns of our community based on the February 2023 Community Survey included: Excellent worship services
Funerals, baptisms, weddings, memorials
Pastoral care

As part of this mission and to continue to foster a community of care, we sent the following:

Thank you notes – 6 (mostly furniture donations to the Parsonage)
Get well cards – 8
Sympathy – 13
High School graduation – 5
Baptism – 1
Congratulations – 1 (1st grandchild)
Other – 4 (thank you for your service)



TOTAL CARDS 38

I have had several people approach me and thank me for the note they received, which shows the time and effort to write something personal to an individual or family is letting them know the CCC is thinking of them and caring for them.

The Member Care Committee continues to be one of our most successful missions with a positive, caring and uplifting impact on the community.

Respectfully submitted, Kendra Hamilton McKinnon Chair, Member Care 2023

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Comittee will resume in 2024.

Worship

- Worship Recap
- Worship Schedule

Worship at CCC during 2023

During 2023, even without a pastor, consistent worship services were held at Chebeague Community Church – from January till Easter in the Parish House; from Easter through yearend in the sanctuary. Almost every Sunday there were formal worship experiences led by guest pastors and/or church members, and the few exceptions were times of informal fellowship. From the outset we were blessed by the assistance of retired UMC pastors from the Wesleyan Community in Wells, notably our own former pastor Rev. Mary Jane O'Connor-Ropp, Rev. Joy Toll-Chandler, and others. We also welcomed local speakers and several other guest pastors, all of whom brought vibrant insights and wisdom to our pulpit.

We recognized the importance of providing on-call pastoral assistance for the church and community; Pastor Mary Jane provided that service January through March, and Pastor Joy carried it forward the rest of the year. These pastors, and also Pastor Linda Brewster, presided over several memorial services, visited the sick and infirm, provided comfort at times of bereavement, and made sure every island situation received pastoral aid when needed – as when we grieved over the loss of life in Lewiston.

Somewhere around April we reviewed our success so far and started discussions of summer worship. The phrase "rock star summer" somehow took hold and our summer programs really lived up to that expectation – guest pastors, musicians, and church members worked together to provide several months of exciting and memorable worship. Momentum carried right through the fall as we celebrated our church history, gratitude and giving, and angels, thanks to a beautiful Advent series coordinated by Pastor Joy. Our year culminated with our Christmas Eve Service and worship on New Years Eve, both presided over by our newly chosen Pastor Victor Diaz.

The 2023 worship experience could not have happened without the assistance of countless people, and the strong and unfailing support of our dedicated congregation!

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Gaston, Ad Hoc Worship Coordinator



Chebeague	Community Church Wo	rship Experie	nces - 2023		
DATE	WORSHIP	SCRIPT	LECTOR	MUSIC/OTHER	PASTORAL CARE
01/01/23	Lock Kiermaier	Lock			Rev MJ O'Connor-Ropp
01/08/23	Search Comm. Report	Shelly et al			Rev Mary Jane
01/15/23	No Service				Rev Mary Jane
01/22/23	Rev Mary Jane	Mary Jane		Communion	Rev Mary Jane
01/29/23	No Service				Rev Mary Jane
02/05/23	Fellowship at PH				Rev Mary Jane
02/12/23	Donna Damon	Betsy		Church History (1)	Rev Mary Jane
02/19/23	Rev Mary Jane	Mary Jane		Communion	Rev Mary Jane
02/26/23					Rev Mary Jane
03/05/23	Annual Meeting	Council			Rev Mary Jane
03/12/23	Donna Damon	BG,Denisse		Church History (2)	Rev Mary Jane
03/19/23	Rev Joy Toll-Chandler	Joy		Joy (piano)	Rev Mary Jane
03/26/23	Rev Mary Jane	Mary Jane		Communion	Rev Mary Jane
04/02/23	Palm Sunday Service	Betsy			Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
04/09/23	Rev Mary Jane	Mary Jane		Easter, back to Sanctuary	Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
1 ' '	Donna Damon	Betsy		Church History (3)	Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
04/23/23	Rev Joy Toll-Chandler	Joy		Joy (piano);Communion	Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
1 ' '	Search Comm. Update	Shelly et al			Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
	Sister Church Zooms				Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
05/14/23	Mother's Day Service	Betsy	Denise		Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
05/21/23	Simple Worship - EHG	Betsy	Betsy		Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
05/28/23	Rev Joy Toll-Chandler	Joy	Kendra	Joy	Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
06/04/23	Vicki Todd	Vicki	Vicki		Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
06/11/23	Rev Nancy Collins	Nancy	Emily		Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
06/18/23	Rev Betsy Waters	Betsy W.	Kendra		Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
06/25/23	Rev Nancy Collins	Nancy	Lola		Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
07/02/23	John Emery	Betsy	Kendra	Bob Eaton, piano	Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
	Rev Joy Toll-Chandler	Joy	John	Deb, Adele, Melody, Bob	Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
	"Lessons & Carols"	Betsy	Betsy	John Howard	Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
07/23/23	Rev Nancy Collins	Nancy	Gretchen		Rev Joy Toll-Chandler

07/30/23	Lobster Roll Lunch		Shelly	Melissa Doughty et al.	Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
08/06/23	Victor Diaz	Betsy	Kendra		Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
08/13/23	"Sacred Jazz"	Betsy	Betsy	Paul English	Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
08/20/23	Rev Joy Toll-Chandler	Joy			Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
08/27/23	Marisa Laviola	Betsy	Emily	Bob Eaton, Deb Wallace	Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
09/03/23	Barrie Shepherd	Betsy		Katie Urich, Tyler Stanley	Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
09/10/23	John Emery	Betsy	Kendra		Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
09/17/23	Rev Joy Toll-Chandler	Joy		(Canceled - Storm)	Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
09/24/23	Rev Nancy Collins	Nancy		Communion	Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
10/01/23	Victor Diaz	Victor			Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
10/08/23	Fellowship Brunch			Parish House	Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
10/15/23	Rev Nancy Collins	Nancy		Katie, Chip	Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
10/22/23	Rev Joy Toll-Chandler	Joy		Katie, Chip; Communion	Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
10/29/23	Rev Joy Toll-Chandler	Joy			Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
11/05/23	Rev Mary Jane	MJ			Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
11/12/23	Donna Damon	Betsy		Church History (4)	Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
11/19/23	Gratitude Sunday	Shelly			Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
11/26/23	Rev Joy Toll-Chandler	Joy			Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
12/03/23	Rev Joy Toll-Chandler	Joy	Betsy		Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
12/10/23	Rev Jean Marsh	Jean			Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
12/17/23	Rev Mary Jane	MJ			Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
12/24/23	Christmas Eve Service	Victor			Rev Joy Toll-Chandler
12/31/23	Victor Diaz	Victor			Rev Joy Toll-Chandler

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