

RALLY DAY 2025

September 7th, 2025 - 9:30 AM

PRELUDE

CHORAL GATHERING SONG “Come Let Us Gather” Traditional

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

* GATHERING HYMN “Make Me a Servant” Black Hymnal 2176

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, people of God, the Spirit is gathering us in!

People: We come, ready to begin again.

L: In Christ we are no longer strangers, but brothers and sisters.

P: We come to be welcomed, and to welcome others.

L: The church is alive with God’s promise and hope!

P: Let us worship with joy, for God is making all things new!

* OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, you have called us together this day to begin anew. As Paul urged Philemon to receive Onesimus as a brother, so you call us to welcome one another in Christ. On this day of new beginnings, fill us with joy in belonging, confidence in your transforming love, and courage to follow where you lead. Bless this new year of worship, learning, and service, that all we do may bring glory to your name. In the Spirit of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

* HYMN “This is a Day of New Beginnings” UMC Hymnal 383

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER

(The congregation may raise their prayers in silence or aloud.)

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the

kingdom, the power and the glory. Forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AND WORKBAGS – *The congregation is welcome to bring them up front or lift them up from where they are sitting.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Paul reminded Philemon that faith in Christ is never just private—it shows up in how we live, how we welcome, how we give. Today, as we bring our gifts, we do more than support a budget—we help complete the picture of God’s love in this community. On this Rally Day, let us give with joy, trusting that God will use our offering to welcome, to transform, and to build up the body of Christ.

CHORAL ANTHEM “Martha, You Have Many Cares” M.F. Smith

*GIVING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMC Hymnal 95

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING Philemon 1-21 Pew Bible pg 967

SERMON

A New Beginning Together

HOLY COMMUNION: *United Methodist Hymnal pp. 13 -14*

* CLOSING HYMN “Forward Through the Ages” UMC Hymnal 555

* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING “God Be with You Till We Meet Again” Rankin/Tomer

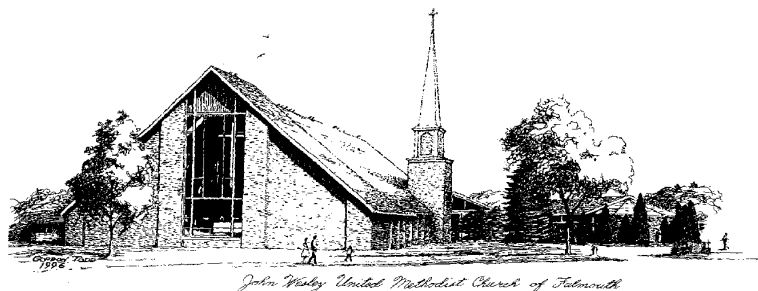
POSTLUDE

* Please feel free to stand, if you are able.

The flowers adorning the altar today are from Loretta Croft, honoring Al Croft's birthday

Staff

Rev. René A. Perez, Pastor
Dr. Michael Smith, Director of Music
Lyndsey Melchiono, Church Administrator
Myles Lowery, AV Coordinator
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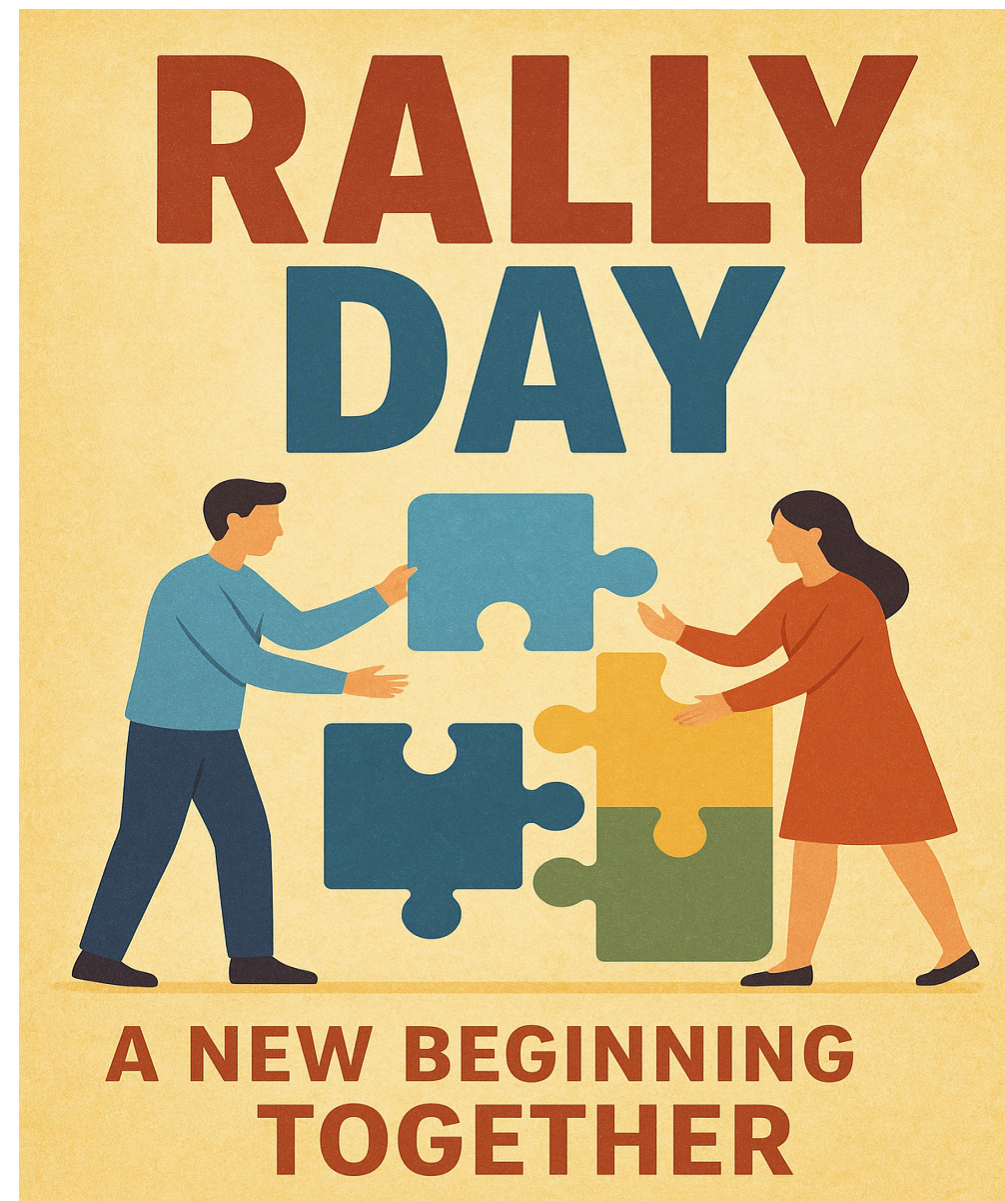
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WELCOME TO JOHN WESLEY U. M. CHURCH

We are a welcoming and active congregation which seeks to
“**LOVE GOD...LOVE OTHERS...SERVE THE WORLD.**”

We invite you to experience meaningful worship services, engaging Bible studies, Sunday school, fellowship, preaching, life-changing local and global mission opportunities and more. We are an active congregation. At John Wesley, there is always room for everyone to become a part of something greater than ourselves.

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Worship Every Sunday: 9:30 am

Tuesday 9th

- Comfort and Love Support Group 3PM (Chapel)
- Spiritual Growth Team 5 PM (Library)

Wednesday 10th

- Prayer Meeting 11 AM (Youth Room)
- Bell Choir 5:45 PM (Sanctuary)
- Chancel Choir 7 PM (Sanctuary)

Thursday 11th

- SPRMT Meeting 5:30 PM (Fitzgerald)

Saturday 13th

- Dinner and Discussion 5:30 PM (Fellowship Hall)

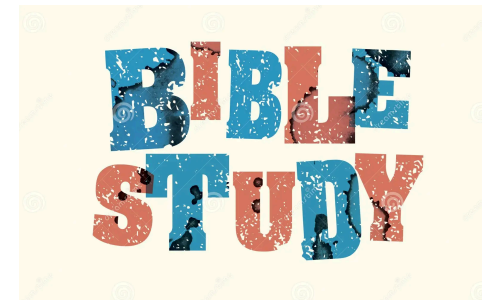
CHANGING OUR WORLD for September is Belonging To Each Other (BTEO).

Donations will be used to open two houses in Falmouth during the winter months to house the homeless in our community.

Rally Day Rocks! For Rally Day the Family Ministry Team happily encourages the whole family to decorate rocks! You can decorate them with designs, paint sentimental words on them, create pet rocks, or anything else that inspires you!



Dinner and Discussion is back this year! Join the Spiritual Growth Team for a monthly *Dinner and Discussion* on the second Saturday of each month at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share and enjoy a relaxed potluck around a big family table. Each month features a different topic to spark meaningful conversation, deepen faith, and build community. All ages welcome—including kids!



New Book Study: *Ephesians* with N.T. Wright

Discover the bigger story behind Paul's letter to the Ephesians and your place in God's grand narrative! Join one of our 11-session studies using N.T. Wright's *Ephesians* guide:

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM (Fitz Room) – starting Sept. 16

Wednesdays at 2 PM (The Local Grounds, Cataumet) – starting October 1

Thursdays at 2:30pm (JW Library) - starting Sept. 18

Books are \$8 in the Office or available online.

Sign up at the Connection Desk in the Fellowship Hall!

“Thank you all for your thoughtful donations in memory of Ruth Moulton. An acorn has been added to the Tree Of Life in the Narthex to honor Ruth.” - Marie Syverson

Our Church conference will be Sunday, November 30th. We will be welcoming our new district Superintendent Rev. Byung Moo Lee, who will be preaching and presiding.