

Pastor's Greetings

Grace and peace, and welcome to the United Methodist Church in Osterville! Our logo features a person holding a starfish, inspired by the story of a young child who rescues starfish drying out on the beach. When an observer asks the child, "What difference do you think you're making? There are too many to save them all," the child responds as she returns one to the ocean: "It makes a difference to this one."

You are invited to join our community of faith and make a difference by caring for others in the name of Jesus. In this community, we are cared for as we care for others. Please feel free to call or text me anytime if you have questions or need assistance regarding our church family.

In Christian love,

Pastor John

(508) 451-5858

1 Corinthians 16:14 "Do everything in love"

Thank you for your interest in our church. The QR code below will direct you to our website, where you can subscribe to receive Weekly Tidings, our church newsletter that provides news and updates about what's happening at our church. You can also visit the Giving page, where you can securely donate online to support the ministries of the United Methodist Church in Osterville.

www.ostervillechurch.com



WORSHIP

Worship with us in person or via livestream! Early services at 8:30 AM and at 10:00 AM on **YouTube** and **Facebook**. Children's Sunday School is offered during the 10:00 AM service. In the summer months we have a Thursday, 5:15 pm service at Dowses Beach in Osterville, and our 8:30 am Sunday service is held in the Blaine Taylor Outdoor Chapel (weather-permitting) located in the rear of the church.

Reach Out

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*Together in Christ,
Committed to Serve*

Ways to Connect

Church Directories

We produce a printed directory with names and contact information, available to all church members and guests. This directory is a great resource for getting involved in any group or committee. You can pick up a copy in the office.

Bible Study

Join Pastor John every **Thursday at 10 AM** for a Bible study session exploring the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday. These sessions are a fantastic way to deepen your understanding and prepare for the week's services.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Led by Debbie Gannett, the Prayer Shawl Ministry meets once a month on **Sunday mornings between services**. The group knits shawls for those in need of warmth and prayers.

United Women in Faith

Under the leadership of Alice Murphy, the United Women in Faith organize events catering to the interests of all women in the church. These events range from social gatherings to enriching workshops.

Welcoming Committee

Chaired by Vonnie Jacquard, the Welcoming Committee meets on **select Thursday afternoons** to plan activities that help welcome new members to our church. This group is integral to fostering a warm community atmosphere through coffee hours, luncheons, dinners, and other engaging activities.

Prayer Group

Join our weekly Prayer Group on **Tuesdays at noon** to engage in focused prayer and spiritual support. This group meets to uplift each other, our community, and global concerns through prayer. It's a powerful way to connect and reflect within our faith community.

Become Involved

Rainbow's End Thrift Shop

Located at 1056 Main Street, Rainbow's End Thrift Shop operates **Wednesday to Saturday, from 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM**. Visit us to browse our items, meet our Manager, Pamela Turner, and experience a warm welcome. Volunteer opportunities for pricing are available.

Yard Sales & Holiday Fair

Join us at the Annex, 1080 Main Street to donate items for our summer yard sales and Holiday Fair Attic Treasures. **Open Tuesday mornings from 9:00 AM to noon**, you can also participate in crafting lovely gift baskets and ornaments. Priscilla Tinsley and Susan DeMartino will greet you, whether you're donating items or crafting on Tuesday morning.

Lend-A-Hand

Every **Monday from 9:00 AM to noon**, our congregation's men and women gather to maintain our four church properties: the church, the cottage, the Annex, and Rainbow's End. Activities include landscaping, painting, and assisting with event setups and cleanups. Join us for fellowship and teamwork under the leadership of David Easton.

Coffee Hours

We invite you to our Coffee Hour for fellowship **after Sunday services**. Don't hesitate to introduce yourself—we're eager to meet newcomers! Volunteers, scheduled every 8-9 weeks, prepare and share treats. To join our welcoming team, please contact Heather Wolfe or Sharon Kaczmarczyk.

Joining the Choir

Open to all who love to sing, the choir enhances our worship services with musical praise and provides an enriching experience for both participants and the congregation. Rehearsals and performances are scheduled throughout the year by our Music Director, Daniel Shinabarger.

Make a Difference

Trustees

Our Board of Trustees oversees all church buildings and grounds. For suggestions on enhancing our facility's functionality, please contact Jeanine Farrell. The church is fully handicap accessible, with an elevator in the stair tower at the rear of the building and accessible bathrooms on all levels.

Outreach

Led by chairs Patty and Allen Morell, the Outreach committee organizes various mission-driven activities. Stay updated by signing up for our Weekly Tidings newsletter or picking up a printed copy in the solarium. Our initiatives include collecting food for local pantries and the Miracle Kitchen, serving monthly lunches at the Salvation Army, and gathering warm clothing for the homeless and veterans.

Children and Youth Ministries

Pastor John leads our Youth Group, and Heather Wolfe coordinates the Sunday School, which meets every Sunday. These programs are dedicated to nurturing the spiritual growth and engagement of our young members.

Stewardship

Each fall, we conduct a pledge drive to support the missions and ministries of our church. Led by Jackie Schrafft, this annual effort is crucial for funding the majority of our church's budgetary needs through congregation pledges.

Volunteering as an Usher

We welcome volunteers to serve as ushers during our Sunday Services. Ushers play a crucial role in welcoming congregants, assisting with seating, and facilitating the collection and communion processes. It's a rewarding opportunity to engage with the church community and ensure services run smoothly. Contact Mary Ann Farley for more information.