

Coffee Hour	Lay Readers
Judy Cross	8:30 am Misti Hedges
Priscilla Tinsley	10:00 am Sandy Nabhan

Join us for coffee hour after the service each Sunday in our Solarium. If this is your first time, please fill out the registration pad in the pew.

Reminder: We want to get to know each other. If you see someone you don't know, greet them and introduce yourself.

Announcements

Summer Cookout

Saturday, August 15 | 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Hosted by Daren & Dave Easton

49 Shammass Lane, Marstons Mills, MA 02648

Please sign up in the Solarium at church and bring a hot dish, a cold dish, or a cold beverage to share.

Vacation Bible Camp

August 17–21 | 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

All Church Family Beach Picnic

Sunday, September 13 | 3:00 p.m. | Dowses Beach

Tables of 6 (or 8)

Sign-up sheet available in the Solarium.

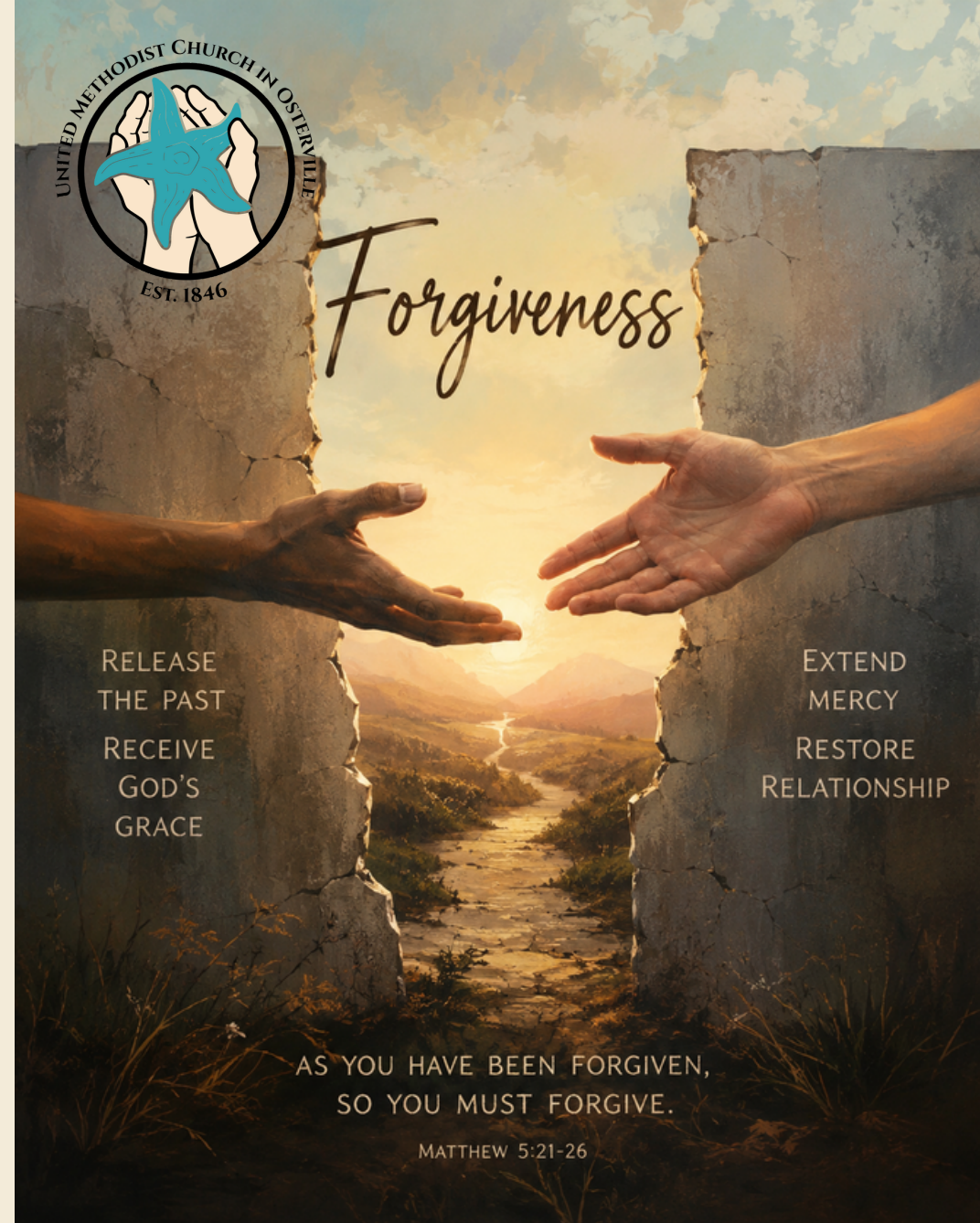
New Way to Submit Announcements for the Weekly Tidings

Have an event, ministry update, or announcement you'd like included in the Weekly Tidings? Please submit your announcement using our new online submission form on our website

www.ostervillechurch.com

Submission Deadline: Wednesdays by 12:00 noon

Questions? Contact sonja@ostervillechurch.com



The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

Pastor John Wesley Taylor | Music: Brian Morris & Janet Leahy
Osterville United Methodist Church | 57 Pond Street, Osterville

Pastor: 508-451-5858

Welcome, Announcements & Passing the Peace

Call to Worship (Genesis 45 & Matthew 5)

Leader: Come, people of God, and gather before the Lord who calls us to love, forgive, and seek reconciliation.

People: We come with grateful hearts, trusting in the God whose grace is greater than our failures.

L: Joseph stood before the brothers who had betrayed him, and instead of seeking revenge, he offered forgiveness.

P: Help us, O God, to release our anger and choose the way of grace.

L: Jesus teaches us, “First be reconciled to your brother or sister.”

Give us courage to mend broken relationships and seek peace with one another.

When resentment fills our hearts, remind us of Your mercy.

P: Make us people of reconciliation, compassion, and love.

ALL: Come, let us worship the God who turns brokenness into blessing, enemies into family, and wounded hearts into instruments of grace.

Alleluia!

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Opening Prayer

Children's Sermon

Prayer of Confession (from Genesis 45 and Matthew 5)

Leader: Gracious and merciful God, We confess that we often hold on to anger, resentment, and hurt. We remember the wrongs others have done to us, while forgetting the many ways You have forgiven us.

People: Forgive us when jealousy, pride, and bitterness take root in our hearts. Forgive us when we speak harsh words, refuse to listen, or allow broken relationships to remain unrepaired.

L: Lord, You remind us through Joseph that forgiveness is possible even after deep betrayal. You remind us through Jesus that reconciliation matters to You. Give us the courage to take the first step toward peace when it is possible.

P: Help us to forgive without pretending that the hurt did not happen. Help us to seek reconciliation without compromising wisdom or healthy boundaries. And when reconciliation cannot happen, help us release our anger into Your hands.

L: Heal the wounds we carry. Soften our hearts. Give us humility when we need to ask forgiveness and grace when we need to offer it.

P: Thank You that, through Jesus Christ, You have forgiven us more than we could ever deserve.

ALL: May the grace we have received become the grace we share with others. In the name of Jesus, who calls us to love, forgive, and be reconciled, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Hear the Good News! Joseph's brothers came before him carrying guilt, shame, and fear. Yet Joseph chose forgiveness instead of revenge. He reminded them that God was able to bring good even out of what they had intended for harm.

People: And Jesus reminds us that reconciliation and forgiveness are at the heart of God's desire for His people.

L: We may carry the weight of things we have done, words we have spoken, and relationships we have damaged. But we do not have to carry that burden alone.

P: Through Jesus Christ, God offers us mercy instead of condemnation, grace instead of judgment, and reconciliation instead of separation.

L: So hear this promise: God does not define you by your worst mistake or your deepest failure. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, restored, and loved. Go now in the freedom of God's grace, and as you have been forgiven, seek to forgive others.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Offering

Doxology

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Scripture. Genesis 45:1-15, Matthew 5:21-26

Sermon: The Courage to Forgive

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn “Open the Eyes of My Heart”

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Benediction