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CRAIGVILLE CHRONICLE

Weekly News from the Village

◆ For All People ◆

◆ In All Seasons ◆



Dear Craigville family and friends,

This is the last issue of the Chronicle for the season. It's been a joy spending the summer with you! We'll publish our first off-season issue around Thanksgiving. Until then, may God bless you and your family with health, peace, and joy.

-Edward Dunar, Chronicle Editor

CRAIGVILLE FAMILY AND FRIENDS

BYE BYE BIRDIES

As our summer season comes to a close, things are winding down at the corner of Lake Elizabeth Drive and Craigville Beach Road. George and Jennie Osprey have left for the season, and only two fledglings are left in the nest. We are sure they will be gone shortly. We will miss our five o'clock wakeup call each morning—the ospreys have been better than an alarm clock. As dawn breaks, the usual early runners are still seen while the crowd of beach sun-worshippers is getting smaller and smaller. It has been a wonderful beach season with the parking lots filled late into the evening. Sunsets have been gorgeous and the early morning fishermen have been happy. Cottage owners are preparing for the winter, closing up their cottages, and saying so long to summer friends old and new. Each year is a new experience. From all of us down at the beach—two legged, four legged, and those with wings—we wish you much happiness and good health. Until we meet again, stay well. Enjoy each day, as it never returns. See you in the spring.

-Maxine Schortman



Sunset over the Marsh. Photo credit: Rev. Art Kaufman, a guest of the Deyton Family.

A LETTER FROM ANDY LANG

As another summer season in Craigville closes, I wanted to share my appreciation to the Craigville family—especially the Christian Camp Meeting Association—for the faithful stewardship that has preserved the Craigville Retreat Center for future generations.

Most of my experience of Craigville centers on the annual Theological Colloquy, which I first attended twenty-two years ago as a reporter for the United Church of Christ. Since its first gathering in 1984, the Craigville Colloquy never treated theology as an abstraction or a specialized discipline detached from reality. Our topics were always relevant to mission in the life of the local congregation. Over the years, the Colloquy has engaged issues of pastoral and social urgency, from Muslim-Christian dialogue to new ecumenical trends in spiritual practice. In recent years, we've explored the theology of creation in the context of global climate change and, this summer, the Biblical traditions of economic and racial justice in a year when the Black Lives Matter movement has raised these issues with new urgency. Every summer in Craigville, the Colloquy confronts pastors and lay leaders with difficult questions for which our faith offers answers.

In a very short time, I came to love Craigville and recognized that it was a center for reflection and renewal unlike any other I've known in my years of public ministry in the United Church of Christ. I'm not fond of hyperbole, and "unique" is a word I don't often use, but it certainly applies to the Craigville Retreat Center. The Colloquy simply would not be the same without Craigville.

Long after I moved on from my ministry as a Christian journalist, I continued to devote a week of my summer vacation to Craigville. It meant that much to me and to others for whom Craigville is one of the few places where serious and relevant theology can happen in a sacred space that builds relationships and nurtures community. Craigville is a place to which I return year after year to feed my mind and refresh my spirit.

I owe to Craigville my current ministry as an advocate for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community in our church. It was during my third or fourth Colloquy when Gabe Fackre, then a professor at Andover Newton Theological School and one of the Colloquy's cofounders, asked me to represent the

LGBTQ community in a theological encounter in Massachusetts on the subject of same-sex marriage. This was my first experience as a public advocate for my community. From this experience, I learned I could be an effective theological voice for the sacred worth of our relationships. The encouragement of Gabe and others at Craigville transformed my life and was an essential preparation for my current ministry as executive director of the UCC's Open and Affirming Coalition.

I know there are many others who could say this about Craigville—that they owe their ministries as pastors, theologians, and lay leaders to the seeds that were planted in this place that many of us have come to regard as holy ground.

I know, of course, that the Colloquy is only one week of programming each year at the Craigville Retreat Center. But I would not be surprised if our stories of lives transformed and ministries renewed are typical of the experiences of others who have participated in the Retreat Center's programs over the years.

Avery Post, one of four UCC Presidents who have experienced Craigville first-hand, describes the Craigville Colloquy as "a serious deep-running conversation of laypersons and ministers about our theological and ethical roots as the UCC lives its calling in the world. Over 30 years the Colloquy has functioned as a catalyst: enabling, resourcing, and cohering other centers of renewal in the life of the church."

At this time last year, I didn't know if the Craigville Retreat Center would survive. For many of us, the decision by the UCC's Massachusetts Conference to end its decades-long relationship with CCMA was a devastating blow. So it was almost a miracle when CCMA announced the Retreat Center would remain open under new management. It was a joy to return to Craigville knowing this unique place of encounter and renewal is here to stay.

A big thank you to the Christian Camp Meeting Association, whose hard work has assured the Craigville experience will continue to transform lives.

-Andy Lang, Executive Director
Open and Affirming Coalition
United Church of Christ
Cleveland, OH

CRAIGVILLE NEWS

CCOA UPDATE

Thanks to those who attended the CCOA meeting last Sunday. It was a very informative evening.

We are still looking for two volunteers to host Illumination Night and the Ice Breaker next year. Ellen Cardarelli has done an outstanding job running Illumination Night, but she has decided that it is time for someone else to do it. She is more than willing to assist the next volunteer. The Ice Breaker is our traditional start to the summer. The CCOA Board will help the next volunteer to run it. Both of these events are an important part of our village life. It would be a shame to lose them.

Special thanks to Dede Danforth Underwood for her remarkable work in compiling the Cottage Owners list as well as providing us with an updated map of residences. She put considerable effort into producing these resources. Please remember that these two documents are to be used only by dues-paying cottage owners. If you have not received them, you can arrange to pick them up at my house at 26 Prospect Avenue. Give me a call to set up a time.

As noted at the CCOA Meeting, there have been some concerns about the dangerous intersection of Old Craigville Road and Strawberry Hill Road. One request has been made to the town to make this intersection a four-way stop, but no response has been received. We are hoping that cottage owners get involved in trying to make this happen. If enough people get in touch with Daniel Santos in the Public Works Division, we can make this a safer intersection. He can be reached at 508-790-6400 or at daniel.santos@town.barnstable.ma.us. Let me know if you contact his office so we can determine whether there is enough support to pursue this endeavor.

-Lee Williams
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CRAIGVILLE BOOKIES

Our last book of this season will be *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin. We will meet on Thursday, September 15th at 9:30am at Lee Williams's home at 26 Prospect Ave.

-Nancy Hansen

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In early September, we need volunteers to move hymnals and Bibles to the Inn for use by retired clergy for their monthly gathering and for off-season storage. Wagons will be available for this task. Contact Joanne Hartunian (joannehartunian@gmail.com) if you have an hour to help.

JOIN THE RED LILY POND PROJECT

The summer is winding down and the nights are starting to feel a bit cooler. Before you go back to your winter homes, take a minute to think about your blessings here in Craigville, especially Lake Elizabeth and the Centerville River. We are still taking donations and membership contributions for our efforts to improve the waterways. Send your checks to:

Valerie Lane
86 Summerbell Ave.
Centerville, MA. 02632

BAB-TAB

Winter is coming, and so is the closing of the BAB-TAB (bring a book-take a book). Come help yourself to books and puzzles. There is a large variety to choose from. On those cold dark winter nights, a good read or challenging puzzle might be just what you need. Come to the BAB-TAB and help yourself.

-Linda McKinney

FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT IN DECEMBER WITH ELTON KAM

Each summer, vocalist and violinist Elton Kam shares his musical talents with us during a service in the Tabernacle. If you have enjoyed his music, you might be interested in a free Christmas holiday program he is performing in December. On Wednesday, December 7 at 1:30pm, Elton Kam and Cheryl Cochran will perform a one-hour concert at the Barnstable Senior Center on Falmouth Road. The program will feature fun and accessible music from a variety of different genres. Refreshments will be provided.

TABERNACLE NEWS

THANK YOU!

As our season draws to a close, I want to thank everybody who helped make this season in the Tabernacle welcoming, prayerful, and joyful. It takes many hands to create meaningful worship. Members of the community greeted and ushered, proclaimed the Word of God, provided beautiful flower arrangements, gave feedback, and supported the community with heartfelt prayers and steadfast presence. Thank you! The Tabernacle is a special "thin place" because so many faithful people are generous with their time, resources, and love. And, of course, we owe the greatest gratitude to our loving God, from whom all blessings flow. I look forward to worshipping with you next summer.

-Edward Dunar
Worship Coordinator

CRAIGVILLE GIVES GENEROUSLY

Each year, we set aside 10% of the offering from Tabernacle services (both Protestant and Catholic) for organizations that serve our neighbors in need on Cape Cod. This year, we chose two organizations that reflected our theme, "Tell Me a Story": the Cape Cod Literacy Council, which provides classes and tutoring to adults learning to speak, read, and write English, and Amazing Grace of Cape Cod, a weeklong summer camp for children with an incarcerated parent coordinated by Rev. Carol Bolstad, a friend of the Craigville community.

We also set out two tin cans, decorated by the Hansens, to give members of the Craigville community a chance to donate pocket change to the organization of their choice. The community donated a total of \$70.64 through these "Change for Change" tins. Between the offering during worship and the contribution of pocket change, we sent a donation of \$191.56 to the Cape Cod Literacy Council and \$231.08 to Amazing Grace of Cape Cod.

Thank you for your generosity! Your contributions will help improve the lives of our neighbors. Stay tuned for more information about this year's organizations in the November issue of the Chronicle.

-Edward Dunar

THINKING AHEAD

We are beginning to think ahead to next season, and we need your ideas! In particular, we wonder if there are any particular scripture passages you would like to hear our visiting preachers explore in their sermons. Do you have a favorite passage about which you would appreciate a reflection? Is there a story in the Bible that you rarely hear in Church that you think would be a fruitful starting point for the sharing of wisdom during our services? Send scripture suggestions to edward@craigvilletabernacle.org.

SEPTEMBER AT SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

You are invited to services and programs at South Congregational Church. Here are some upcoming events in September:

Weekly Programs

Sundays: *Morning Worship and Children's Faith Formation*, 10am

Tuesdays:

- *Morning Prayer at Craigville Tabernacle*, 7:30am
- *Bible Study on Philippians*, noon

Wednesdays:

- *Still Point for Meditation and Healing Prayer*, 12:15pm
- *Theological Reflection Group: Spiritual Seascapes: New Horizons for Holistic Christianity*, 1pm
- *Women's Spirituality Book Group*, 2pm (first and third Wednesday)

Special Events

- Monday (September 12) *A Month with a Mystic: Meister Eckhardt*, 1pm and 7pm
- Thursday (September 22) *Equinox Service at Craigville Beach*, 6:30pm

For more information, please contact Bruce Epperly at (508) 240-4355 or consult our website: <http://southcongregationalchurch-centerville.org/>

FUN READS

CRAIGVILLE HISTORY

In the August 26 edition of the Barnstable Patriot under "Early Files" was the following article:

"**1886 CRAIGVILLE:** The Washburn House, the largest and most popular hotel at this place, has been well-filled throughout the season- its guests representing many of the States of the Union. F.B. Washburn, Esq., its popular proprietor, knows how to keep a hotel, and he is therefore very popular with his guests."

Checking Marion Vuilleumier's book, I learned that the above-mentioned hotel was first known as the Palmer house and was built in 1873 at the site of the present volleyball court on the Village Green. A relative of the Buffington family, Mr. Mason Fisher, purchased the hotel in 1891 and renamed it the Chiquaquett Inn. This old hotel was the only Craigville hotel that served adult beverages and even had dancing!

-Jim Lane



Postcard: *Bath Houses and Beach at Craigville Beach, circa 1930-1945.* Photo credit: Boston Public Library. Reprinted under Creative Commons Attribution 2.0 Generic License, <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/2.0>

THANK YOU

I wish to express my sincere thanks to you all for the compliments I have received about the articles I write for the weekly Craigville Chronicle. I do so enjoy writing them as I learn about different topics and then share fun facts with you. We learn together. Your comments mean a great deal to me. I wish you a safe and healthy winter.

-(Doppler) Debbie Almy

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?:

MIND YOUR PS AND QS

Meaning: To mind your manners

History: This saying comes from early pub days, when beer and ale were served in pint and quart containers. Pub tabs were tracked on a chalkboard used to count the pints and quarts consumed. To mind your Ps and Qs meant to control your alcoholic intake and behavior.

Pub keepers often maintained a tab for regular customers, especially sailors. The sailors' tab was sometimes paid directly out of their pay by the ship's captain to assure the pub keeper of payment. However, this created the opportunity for the pub keeper to charge for a few extra pints and quarts. In some cases, the captain was in on this little deception and shared in the extra payment. Hence, it was in the sailors' interest to keep count of their own pints and quarts, or to mind their Ps and Qs.

-Debbie Almy

FEATHER / FUN FACTS: ONIONS

The onion, known scientifically as *Allium*, is a humble brown, white, or red paper-thin skinned bulb. Despite its plain looks, it has an intense flavor and is a beloved part of the cuisine of almost every region of the world. The onion is one of the most used items in any kitchen. There are several hundred onion varieties to choose from, but they all fall into two basic categories: pungent and mild. The pungent onion contains more of the sulfur molecules that give off the characteristic oniony flavor as well as lots of sugar, and both of these ingredients make this onion the best choice for any cooking using heat. The mild onions have more of the sugars glucose, fructose, and sucrose, but they have fewer sulfur molecules, giving them a weaker taste that makes them perfect for raw applications.

The history of the onion can be traced back to Roman gladiators who were rubbed down with onions to firm up their muscles. In the Middle Ages, onions were such an important food that people would pay their rent with onions and even give them as gifts. The ancient Egyptians worshipped the onion, believing its spherical shape and concentric rings symbolized eternal life. Onions were even used in Egyptian burials, giving them spiritual uplift to the afterlife.

So when shopping, how do you tell whether the onion you are getting is pungent or mild? The only sure way to get a mild onion is to go by the trademark label,

such as Vidalia or Walla Walla. Here are some tips to predict which onion flavor you are getting. Most of the common yellow onions are pungent, but the white or red may be pungent as well. Do not judge the onion by its color, for that is not a good indicator of the flavor inside. First, check out the shape, for pungent onions are more oval, while the mild are round. Next, check out the neck, for the pungent will be tighter with thicker papery skins which are deep golden brown. Finally, give the onion a squeeze. It should feel smooth, rock hard, and heavy for its size. If it gives a little when pressed, it may be on the mild side, but avoid onions with soft spots that might indicate a bruised or rotting area. Pungent onions will keep for up to six months in a dry well-ventilated space. Just don't store them by potatoes, which give off moisture that makes the onions spoil faster. The round mild onion will keep up to two months without spoiling. Scallions, or green onions, should be stored in the refrigerator and will last up to a week.

Onions, like garlic, are members of the Allium family, and both are rich in sulfur-containing compounds that are responsible for their pungent odors and for many of their health-promoting effects. Health benefits of onions are numerous, including increasing bone density for post-menopausal women, but only if consumption is almost on daily basis. Both onions and garlic most helpful in terms of triggering large-scale anti-inflammatory responses and in getting chronic unwanted inflammation under control. Onions have repeatedly been shown to lower our risk of several cancers, even when we consume it only 1-2 times per week. Onions are very versatile and can be baked, boiled, braised, grilled, fried, roasted, sautéed, eaten raw in salads, or used as a main ingredient on their own in French onion soup or onion chutney. You can use the onion in most every kind of cooking method you can think of.

How you cut an onion is important because the layers of plant cells run from the root to the stem. If you cut across the layers, they fall into small pieces that are good for pureeing in a smooth soup. When you cut from stem to root in the direction of the fibers, the pieces hold their structure and can be deeply browned and flavorful perfect for onion soup or caramelization.

Finally, the perpetual question of how to cut into an onion without crying has a multitude of answers, most of which are wrong. Eye glasses, goggles, or covering your eyes are the best methods, but lighting a candle will help to oxidize the sulfuric proponent, making the fumes less pungent.

-Debbie Almy

DELTA FLIGHT 15

This is a little-known true story about 9/11. It will make you proud of the vast majority of humanity. Here is an amazing story from a flight attendant on Delta Flight 15, written following the terrorist attack.

“On the morning of Tuesday, September 11, we were about five hours out of Frankfurt, flying over the North Atlantic. All of a sudden, the curtains parted and I was told to go to the cockpit, immediately, to see the captain. As soon as I got there I noticed that the crew had that ‘All Business’ look on their faces. The captain handed me a printed message. It was from Delta’s main office in Atlanta and simply read, “All airways over the Continental United States are closed to commercial air traffic. Land ASAP at the nearest airport. Advise your destination.”

“No one said a word about what this could mean. We knew it was a serious situation and we needed to find terra firma quickly. The captain determined that the nearest airport was 400 miles behind us in Gander, Newfoundland. He requested approval for a route change from the Canadian traffic controller and approval was granted immediately, no questions asked. We found out later, of course, why there was no hesitation in approving our request.

“While the flight crew prepared the airplane for landing, another message arrived from Atlanta telling us about some terrorist activity in the New York area. A few minutes later, word came in about the hijackings.

“We decided to lie to the passengers while we were still in the air. We told them the plane had a simple instrument problem and that we needed to land at the nearest airport in Gander, Newfoundland to have it checked out. We promised to give more information after landing in Gander. There was much grumbling among the passengers, but that’s nothing new! Forty minutes later, we landed in Gander. Local time at Gander was 12:30pm, which is 11am EST.

“There were already about twenty other airplanes on the ground from all over the world that had taken this detour on their way to the U.S. After we parked on the ramp, the captain made the following announcement: ‘Ladies and gentlemen, you must be wondering if all these airplanes around us have the same instrument problem as we have. The reality is that we are here for another reason.’ Then he went on to explain the little bit we knew about the situation in the U.S. There were loud gasps and stares of disbelief. The

captain informed passengers that ground control in Gander told us to stay put.

"The Canadian Government was in charge of our situation, and no one was allowed to get off the aircraft. No one on the ground was allowed to come near any of the aircrafts. Only airport police would come around periodically, look us over and go on to the next airplane. In the next hour or so more planes landed and Gander ended up with 53 airplanes from all over the world, 27 of which were U.S. commercial jets.

"Meanwhile, bits of news started to come in over the aircraft radio. For the first time, we learned that airplanes were flown into the World Trade Center in New York and into the Pentagon in DC. People were trying to use their cell phones, but were unable to connect due to a different cell system in Canada. Some did get through, but were only able to get to the Canadian operator who would tell them that the lines to the U.S. were either blocked or jammed.

"Sometime in the evening the news filtered to us that the World Trade Center buildings had collapsed and that a fourth hijacking had resulted in a crash. By now the passengers were emotionally and physically exhausted, not to mention frightened, but everyone stayed amazingly calm. We had only to look out the window at the 52 other stranded aircraft to realize that we were not the only ones in this predicament.

"We had been told earlier that they would be allowing people off the planes one plane at a time. At 11 pm, Gander airport told us that our turn to deplane would be 11 am the next morning. Passengers were not happy, but they simply resigned themselves to this news without much noise and started to prepare themselves to spend the night on the airplane.

"Gander had promised us medical attention, if needed, water, and lavatory servicing. They were true to their word. Fortunately, we had no medical situations to worry about. We did have a young lady who was 33 weeks into her pregnancy. We took really good care of her. The night passed without incident despite the uncomfortable sleeping arrangements.

"About 10:30 on the morning of the 12th, a convoy of school buses showed up. We got off the plane and were taken to the terminal where we went through Immigration and Customs and then had to register with the Red Cross.

"After that we (the crew) were separated from the passengers and were taken in vans to a small hotel. We had no idea where our passengers were going. We

learned from the Red Cross that the town of Gander has a population of 10,400 people and they had about 10,500 passengers to take care of from all the airplanes that were forced into Gander. We were told to just relax at the hotel and we would be contacted when the U.S. airports opened again, but not to expect that call for a while.

"We found out the total scope of the terror back home only after getting to our hotel and turning on the TV, 24 hours after it all started.

"Meanwhile, we had lots of time on our hands and found that the people of Gander were extremely friendly. They started calling us the 'plane people.' We enjoyed their hospitality, explored the town of Gander, and ended up having a pretty good time.

"Two days later, we got that call and were taken back to the Gander airport. Back on the plane, we were reunited with the passengers and found out what they had been doing for the past two days. What we found out was incredible.

"Gander and all the surrounding communities (within about a 75 Kilometer radius) had closed all high schools, meeting halls, lodges, and any other large gathering places. They converted all these facilities to mass lodging areas for all the stranded travelers. Some had cots set up, some had mats with sleeping bags and pillows set up.

"All the high school students were required to volunteer their time to take care of the guests. Our 218 passengers ended up in a town called Lewisporte, about 45 kilometers from Gander, where they were put up in a high school. If any women wanted to be in a women-only facility, that was arranged. Families were kept together. All the elderly passengers were taken to private homes.

"Remember that young pregnant lady? She was put up in a private home right across the street from a 24-hour Urgent Care facility. There was a dentist on call, and both male and female nurses remained with the crowd for the duration.

"Phone calls and e-mails to the U.S. and around the world were available to everyone once a day. During the day, passengers were offered excursion trips. Some people went on boat cruises of the lakes and harbors. Some went for hikes in the local forests. Local bakeries stayed open to make fresh bread for the guests. Food was prepared by all the residents and brought to the schools. People were driven to restaurants of their choice and offered wonderful meals. Everyone was given tokens for local laundromats to wash their clothes,

since luggage was still on the aircraft. In other words, every single need was met for those stranded travelers.

“Passengers were crying while telling us these stories. Finally, when they were told that U.S. airports had reopened, they were delivered to the airport without a single passenger missing or late. The local Red Cross had all the information about the whereabouts of each and every passenger and knew which plane they needed to be on and when all the planes were leaving. They coordinated everything beautifully. It was absolutely incredible.

“When passengers came on board, it was like they had been on a cruise. They were swapping stories of their stay, impressing each other with who had the better time. Our flight back to Atlanta looked like a chartered party flight. The crew just stayed out of their way. It was mind-boggling. Passengers had totally bonded and were calling each other by their first names, exchanging phone numbers, addresses, and email addresses.

“And then a very unusual thing happened. One of our passengers approached me and asked if he could make an announcement over the PA system. We never, ever allow that. However, this time was different. I said “of course” and handed him the mic. He picked up the PA and reminded everyone about what they had just gone through in the last few days. He reminded them of the hospitality they had received at the hands of total strangers. He continued by saying that he would like to do something in return for the good folks of Lewisporte.

The Craigville Chronicle is sponsored by the Craigville Cottage Owners' Association (CCOA) and the Christian Camp Meeting Association (CCMA). It is produced weekly from the last week in June through the end of August and off-season during the fall (November), winter (February), and spring (May).

Article Submissions. We welcome articles involving news in Craigville Village, updates about members of our community, and reflections about life on the Cape. Each week, email your news to craigvillechronicle1872@gmail.com by Thursday at noon.

Photograph and Artwork Submissions. We welcome photographs and artwork related to life in the village. We include them in the Chronicle as space allows.

More information. You can find back issues, as well as general information about the village, at craigville.org. You can find information about the Craigville Retreat Center at craigvilleretreats.com. Information about the ministry of the RATC is available at craigvilletabernacle.org.

“He said he was going to set up a Trust Fund under the name of Delta 15 (our flight number). The purpose of the trust fund is to provide college scholarships for the high school students of Lewisporte. He asked for donations of any amount from his fellow travelers. When the paper with donations got back to us with the amounts, names, phone numbers and addresses, the total was for more than \$14,000.

“The gentleman, a MD from Virginia, promised to match the donations and to start the administrative work on the scholarship. He also said that he would forward this proposal to Delta Corporate and ask them to donate as well. As I write this account, the trust fund is at more than \$1.5 million and has assisted 134 students in getting a college education.

“I just wanted to share this story because we need good stories right now. It gives me a little bit of hope to know that some people in a faraway place were kind to some strangers who literally dropped in on them. It reminds me how much good there is in the world.”

“In spite of all the rotten things we see going on in today's world, this story confirms that there are still a lot of good and Godly people in the world and when things get bad, they will come forward.

“God Bless America... and the Canadians”
-Debbie Almy