



# THE BEACON

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## Looking Ahead in Worship

### January 13 – The Baptism of Jesus

8:30 a.m. – Chapel worship

10:00 a.m. – Sanctuary worship with the Meeting House Choir, the Hilltop Ringers, and Sunday school. Diane Harvey will give the message. Fellowship follows in Wright Pavilion.

### January 20 – Diversity Sunday

*Worship led by our Diversity Committee on the theme: “The Gift of Imperfection.”*

8:30 a.m. – Chapel worship

10:00 a.m. – Sanctuary worship with the Meeting House Choir and Sunday school. Fellowship follows in Wright Pavilion.

### January 27 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 a.m. – Chapel worship

10:00 a.m. – Sanctuary worship with the Meeting House Choir and Sunday school. John McCall will give the message.

11:15 a.m. – Congregational Budget meeting. Fellowship follows in Wright Pavilion.

*PLEASE REMEMBER to wear your name tag to help others learn your name!*



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*For those suffering from the effects of the tough economy; for those who live without sufficient food, water, shelter, or safety; for veterans and those in active service; for peace and peacemakers.*

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*Prayers continued...*

**Celebrations:** Sandy Hansen and Ted Halverson who were married December 22 in Falmouth; with Bill & Elaine Brownell on the birth of their grandchild **Samuel Dabney Brownell**, son of John & Sarah Brownell; Tim & Jess Proctor (& big sister Abby) on the December 18<sup>th</sup> birth of **Samuel James Proctor**; Kathy & Bruce Sahrbeck on the birth of their grandchild **Maya Marie Sahrbeck**, daughter of Jeffrey & Heather.

**Ongoing Prayers:** George & Terry Graessle & their family on the sudden death of his son Matthew, age 25, in early December; Frank Brooks & Marvin Ellison on the sudden death of Frank's brother, Paul Brooks on December 31<sup>st</sup>; Carolyn Foster following surgery; Faye Graham & her family on the death of her mother Mae Tibbetts at the age of 91; Elaine Pitkin, following back surgery mid-December; Pauline Wyman now at Brighton Rehab; those who feel **loneliness and loss in this season**, including all who have suffered from Hurricane Sandy & other natural disasters.

**In Memory:** The Rev. Anna Helen Zigmund died December 17 in Portland. Following her graduation from the Hartford Seminary in 1970, she was ordained here in our sanctuary. She later served our congregation as Minister of

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## Budget 2013 – Save the Date

The Budget Committee is hard at work, looking at Church finances for 2013. Our talks are stimulating and exciting! We are looking at the whole of church finances in a different way and considering the transition in which we exist this year.

Our Congregation will meet after the 10:00 service on **Sunday January 27<sup>th</sup>**. The Budget committee will present a look at how our church spends its money during the year from all sources. We will

look at the big picture in a simplified format and suggest one or two changes. We will present the 2013 budget and ask for a vote.

We covet your input as members of the congregation. Please plan to attend. There will be supervised activities for the children during the meeting.

## Family Potluck – January 27, 5 - 7 p.m.

Come join us for an evening of good food, playtime for the children and conversation for the adults. The topic for the evening is Communion. Our church welcomes children to receive communion but how but how do we know when they are ready to receive? How do we talk with our children

about matters of faith? Diane Harvey will lead a discussion for parents. Later this winter there will be a Saturday morning family class on communion for anyone interested. Please join us. For more information, speak to Diane (799-3361, x104) or Carol Zechman (799-1241).

## Youth Ministry

### Looking Ahead to Super Bowl Sunday

Youth Ministry will be taking **sub orders** after both chapel and sanctuary services on **Sunday January 20** and **Sunday January 27** for Super Bowl Sunday on February 3.

Proceeds will be donated to a community service to be determined by the kids in the near future.

## Hilltop Guild - January 10, 2 p.m.

We will be having our January meeting in the afternoon on **January 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.** Please join us for a musical trip **"Down Memory Lane" with Monica Grabin**, a singer with a huge repertoire of music from folk songs to popular standards, and accompanying herself on guitar, banjo, autoharp and percussion. All ladies of the church are

welcome to come along for an afternoon of music, fun fellowship and dessert. If you're not on our calling list, please call Joan Dennison (799-3193) by January 7<sup>th</sup> to let her know that you'll be coming.

## Is It Still Adultery if the Spouse has Alzheimer's?

*Speaker: Rev. Marvin M. Ellison, Ph.D., Willard Bass Professor of Christian Ethics at Bangor Theological Seminary. Tuesday, February 12 at 7:00 pm. The State Street Church, 159 State Street, Portland. Reception to Follow.*

practice what may be called serial monogamy. The question to explore is what does fidelity mean, and how do we best maintain a high standard of ethically vibrant and faithful unions?

Christians have traditionally drawn a hard ethical line between monogamy and non-monogamy and presumed that ethical marriages are marked by monogamy, sexual exclusivity, and permanence. Because of the widespread practice of divorce and remarriage, the ideal of lifelong intimate partnership remains, but many people

Marvin Ellison's recent book, *Making Love Just*, will be available for purchase payable by cash or check (no credit cards). Marvin will sign books following the lecture. 10% of the book sale proceeds will go to the Religious Coalition Against Discrimination. For more information, please contact the BTS Portland Campus at 774-5212, x201.

## Celebrate Marriage Equality

**St. Ansgar Lutheran Church (515 Woodford St., Portland)** and Integrity Maine invite you to share our joy as we celebrate the opening of marriage to all in Maine with a brief vespers service

**Saturday January 26 at 6 p.m.**

Reception to follow with hearty hors d'oeuvres, champagne, and wedding cake. RSVP encouraged to: [rebeccaburns@saintansgar.org](mailto:rebeccaburns@saintansgar.org).

### Prayers continued...

Christian Education for several years. She served in the Peace Corps and as pastor in several congregations, both UCC and United Methodist, throughout Maine. She retired back to South Portland in 1999. Helen was 84, and is survived by nieces and a nephew. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

**Roger N. Walker**, a member since 1956, and an Elder since 1992, died January 1, while in Hospice Care, at the age of 86. His memorial service was January 5. Survivors include Ruth, his wife of 61 years, their four children and grandchildren.

### PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE ...

...if you or a family member is hospitalized. We check the lists at Maine Medical Center and Mercy regularly but may miss your name among the many. Email [office@fccucc.org](mailto:office@fccucc.org) or phone 799-3361 to let us know.



### STEEPLE LIGHTING

The steeple is lighted the week of **January 6** in memory of Paul D. Gray by Beth DeTine and Sarah Gray.

The steeple is lighted the week of **January 20** in loving memory of **Virginia May Skillin** by daughter Stephanie Skillin Ambra and family, in loving memory of **John, Madelyn and Gary C. Stephens** from Glenn & Jane Foster and family, and in loving memory of **Diane Onos** from Jerry Onos.

### JANUARY ALTAR MEMORIALS

The Mission Globe on the altar **January 6** was lighted in loving memory of our parents **Roscoe and Marion Knapp and Charles and Lurlene Mitchum** by Blair and Charlotte Knapp.

The flowers on the altar **January 13** are in loving memory of my father **Frank Westerberg** from Karen Westerberg.

The Mission Globe on the altar **January 20** is in loving memory of **Bill Harris** from Darla Harris.

## Mission Trip 2013 Sign-up Sheet Available

It's January and we need to begin preparations for this summer's upcoming return trip to Cherryfield, Maine. **Dates for the trip are Sunday noon, July 28<sup>th</sup> until Saturday afternoon, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.** The Mission Trip Planning Team is meeting this month to finalize the schedule of activities that will lead up to the trip. Many of you have already verbally indicated your intent to join the Mission Trip crew but we want to give everyone a chance to sign up so look for the sign-up sheet this

week outside Wright Pavilion and add your name if you are interested. We'll be holding an information night in the near future to explain the whole program and give you a chance to ask questions. Mark your calendars for the last week in July/first week in August and stay tuned for more information.

Your Mission Trip Planning Team:  
*Diane Harvey, Scott Berry,  
Mike Kasputes, Betsy Keiter,  
& Kathy Sahrbeck*

## Fair Fancy-Holly Daze Bazaar

January brings resolutions and with that your Fair Fancy chairmen resolve to start planning for the next Bazaar!! After profoundly thanking all who donated their time, talents and money for this past Fair Fancy success, we now invite all crafters and would be crafters to think about and start working on items for next November. With the cold weather and more indoor activities this is a perfect time to put your thinking caps on and hands to work. To get you started, this year we had requests for aprons, especially mother/daughter holiday and everyday type. We

need tree ornaments - lots of them, enough for 2 trees!! We welcome your ideas and input and offer help to any of you willing to get a head start. Remember, no matter how small your idea, it will be appreciated. Call us with your thoughts.

*Marilyn Andress (741-5199)  
Marilyn Mitchell (773-4147)*

## You Still Have A Chance ...

If you missed placing your order on January 6<sup>th</sup>, orders for **Fair Trade coffee & tea will again be taken in Wright Pavilion on January 13, right after chapel and the 10:00 a.m. services.**

Look for Fair Trade members (Laurie Cary, Dolores Broberg, Lisa Merchant, Judy Kimball and/or Carol Scheffer) to place your order.

## Electronic Pledging for 2013

If you made a 2013 pledge on line @ our website, and *did not* get an e-mail thanking you/acknowledging your pledge, please contact Cyndi: [cda@fccucc.org](mailto:cda@fccucc.org) or 799-3361. We did have an instance of this happening

so we want to make sure that all 2013 pledges have been received.

Thank you,  
Cyndi

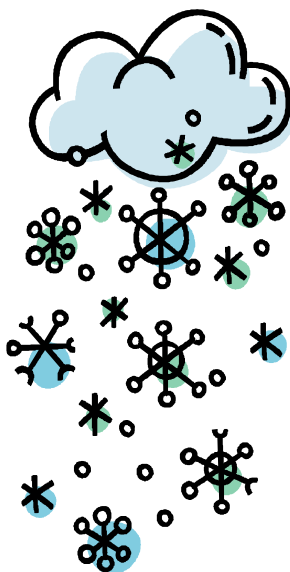
## When the Weather Outside is Frightful...

### Weekdays:

Check the SMCC storm line (741-5900). If evening classes at the college are cancelled, so are church Teams, committees, or Council. You can also find SMCC cancellations on local TV and radio stations. Each Team or committee is responsible for rescheduling their meeting. Note: this *doesn't* include choir rehearsals or fellowship groups; these groups have their own contingency plans.

Sundays: Worship service cancellations will be listed on the three local news stations (Channels 6, 8 & 13) as well as on radio 560 - WGAN. We've only canceled worship once in the past 20 years, and would do so only if there's a public safety issue or power outage

affecting our building. However, be alert to parking bans during heavy snows and try to avoid parking on Cottage Road.



### SENIOR ACTIVITIES

**Wednesday, January 9** - Leave the church at **11 a.m.** for the **Egg and I** in Scarborough.

**Thursday, January 17** - Join us for **Lunch and Fun with the ABC's** at **11:30 a.m.** Please bring your lunch and beverages will be provided. We hope you will stay for a Domino game after lunch or bring your Scrabble or other board game to play. Come to find out what the ABC's are all about.

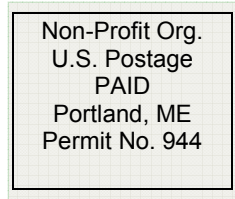
**Thursday, January 24** - We will view the **movie "Hope Springs"** at **1 p.m.** in Davidson Lounge. It stars Meryl Streep, Tommy Lee Jones and Steve Carell. Kay (Meryl) and Arnold (Tommy Lee) have a good marriage but Kay wants to reconnect (spice it up) and they go for a week of therapy to a little town called Hope Springs. Please come.

**Thursday, January 31** - Join us at **I-Hop** for breakfast at **9 a.m.**

**Thursday, February 7** - **SAGE meeting** will start at **1 p.m.**. Bring your ideas for new activities

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