



The North Church

BEACON

The deadline for the next BEACON is *Friday, June 1, 2012*. Send entries to beacon@fccucc.org.

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Looking Ahead in Worship

Sunday May 27 - Pentecost Sunday

At **8:30** and **10:00 a.m.**, we will celebrate the birthday of the Christian church by listening carefully for good news in Ezekiel 37:1-14. In the 10:00 am service, Caroline Mahoney will sing a special solo. This will also be the last Sunday of Sunday School.

Sunday June 3 - Children's Celebration Sunday

In the **8:30 a.m.** chapel service, we will ponder the mystery of the Holy Trinity and celebrate communion. At the **10:00 a.m.** Sanctuary service, our Sunday School children will lead us in praise to our God. We will celebrate the ministry of our teachers, honor the good work that Diana Howe has done in our nursery and share in a special communion ritual. Immediately after worship, we will gather in the parking lot for grilled items lovingly prepared by the Eskimo Men's Club and share in the Annual Church Picnic.

Sunday June 10 - Confirmation Sunday

At **8:30** and **10:00 a.m.**, we will share in the power of the words offered in 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1. During the 10:00 am Sanctuary worship, we will celebrate the commitment of faith of those young people that choose to become members of our church family through Confirmation. Immediately after worship, there will be cake to celebrate.

Sunday June 17 - Summer Worship Schedule Begins

We will celebrate in one worship service in the Sanctuary at **9:30 a.m.** and welcome our own Garvey MacLean to share the good news with us.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For peace and peacemakers; for those in the military and their loved ones; for all who live without sufficient food, water, shelter, safety; for those in our congregation and beyond who continue to struggle with the many seasons of grief; for our state and all who voted this week; for the hope of the world.

Celebrations: For all our college graduates and their happy parents.

Concerns: **Cathy Bickford** and family mourning the loss of her father Irving who died this week; **Bert Mundee** with ongoing back problems; **Melba White** at Seaside; **Ruth Upshall** living with cancer; **John McCall** at home.

In our extended family: Through **Community Crisis Ministries**, we reach out to a family struggling with job loss and raising a 3 year old. Between the gap of unemployment checks and his new career in the military, we have worked with the city of South Portland to cover rent and utilities. We hope that the future is bright for this family.

A Note from Rev. John McCall

My dear friends -

I really wish I were with you. Soon after Easter I somehow herniated a disk in my lower back and in the weeks since then I've been slowly but surely healing. With an MRI and steroid injection I've avoided surgery. Gradually, I'm able to spend more time moving and less time lying down. I have every confidence I'll recover completely but it's a low process.

I join you in thanking Elsa for all she has carried so ably. Our lay leadership is strong and everything has gone smoothly in my absence.

Particularly, I thank you, our church family, for so many cards, prayers, and expressions of loving support. I feel richly blessed.

I'll continue to pray for you collectively and individually, and ask the same of you. I'll happily return as soon as I am able.

Faithfully, gratefully,
John



STEEPLE LIGHTING

The steeple is lighted the week of **May 27** in memory of **Gordon Franklin Adams** from his wife Gretchen, daughter Cynthia Adams Blanchard and son Robert Gordon Adams and their families.

The steeple is lighted the week of **June 17** in loving memory of **Alma M. Sahrbeck** by her family.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY JUNE 10

Love our youth as they decide if and how they will join our church in June.

THANK YOU

I want to thank my "church family" for the prayers, cards and calls which I've received on the death of my grandson Kerry Queen. It was much appreciated.

With Christian Love,
Marilyn Seavey



Beach Chair Theology

The coffee will be poured and Bibles will be opened at **8:00 a.m.** at Scott Berry's home this summer. We'll be reading the Book of Jonah - chapter by chapter. Please look for reading materials available around the church building to learn more about this whale of a

tale. Our plans are:

- **Tuesday June 19:** Jonah 1
- **Tuesday July 10:** Jonah 2
- **Tuesday Aug. 7:** Jonah 3
- **Tuesday Aug. 14:** Jonah 4

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Annual Church Picnic – June 3

Please plan to gather after worship on **Sunday, June 3rd** for our **annual church Picnic!** The Eskimos will prepare delicious grilled items, while salads, chips, buns etc. are contributed by church members. Please consider

helping! Look for a sign-up board located outside the the sanctuary. In case of rain, we will move our picnic indoors. Any questions? Contact Margaret Thibodeau @ 767-7150 or mtthib@maine.rr.com.

Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee organizes and facilitates the process for church members to receive financial support from the Scholarship Fund for their post secondary education. Awards are made through two funds: **the General Scholarship fund**, which includes six different bequests and gifts; and **the Loretta Thomson Pond Scholarship fund** that was established by friends and family of Loretta Pond. Each scholarship fund has specific criteria for applicants to meet in order to qualify. It was a pleasure for the committee to award **General Scholarship Funds** to **Sam Chatto, Ross Cummings, Christopher**

Harle, Jennifer Harle, Evan Indorf, Catherine McAloon, Alexander Ratta, Greg Reinhold, Connor Shoos and Amelia Wiggins. In all, \$12,000 was disbursed from the General Scholarship Fund. Awarded Scholarships from the **Loretta Thomson Pond Fund** included both **Barry Quinn and Haela Booth-Howe.** In all, \$9,000 was gifted from the Pond Scholarship. We thank you, the congregation and donors, for the privilege of administering this wonderful program for our church.

The Scholarship Committee

The Men's Gathering

Our first two gatherings were well attended with great leadership from Mike Quinn and Jeff Sandler. This month we will gather for our third and last (this year) session with Scott Berry as our leader. Our church has an extraordinarily

interesting congregation but our busy-ness seldom affords us the opportunity to share conversation. But here it is! Join us **Thursday, May 31** from **7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** in our own Davison Lounge.

Jerry Onos

Sunday School - Farewell

Dear Teachers and Friends,

It is with emotion that I submitted my resignation to Elsa this past week. This decision comes after much thought and prayer. Because of the very difficult year I am experiencing, I have come to the conclusion that I very much need to be in worship. I especially need to participate in the elements of communion.

I have survived this past year with the duties of Coordinator on only with your love, support and

prayers. I am so grateful to each of you for your dedication to our church school. You make it go!

It has been a pleasure to work with each of you. My last Sunday will be June 3, Children's Celebration Sunday.

May God bless each of you and may God bless our children. Thank you. See you Sunday.

Much love,
Carolyn Foster

Sunday School Coordinator

Have You Registered for Pilgrim Lodge Yet ???

If you're interested in going to Pilgrim Lodge this summer, your church offers camperships for all our members in order to diminish the family's burden. Whether you are an adult or a teenager, please explore the Pilgrim Lodge website (www.pilgrimlodge.org) to see what PL might have in store for you. When you register, simply

alert the Church Office (office@fccucc.org) and we'll make sure that a campership is offered to you this summer.

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Building Use Awareness

We have many outside groups who use our building throughout the week/month. Please have respect for those groups using the facilities by not entering the rooms where a yoga class is in progress, or a meeting being held. There is a building use calendar in the front office (posted on the gray bulletin board next to the mailboxes) with a daily view of which groups are using the various rooms. You can

refer to this information to find out when any particular room is available. Thank you.

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YOUTH MINISTRY SCHEDULE



Sunday May 27, 12 00p.m.:

Seadogs Game with 1 p.m. game time

Sunday May 27, 4 00 p.m.:

End of Year Cookout

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SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Thursday, June 7 - SAGE meeting at 1:00 in the 3rd/4th grade classroom above the church office.

Thursday, June 14 - We will plan to leave the church at 11:30 for a picnic at Ft. Williams. If it is raining, we'll have lunch at the Bridgeway Restaurant.

Wednesday, June 20 - Join us at 12:30 to attend a matinee performance of "Forever Plaid" at the Arundel Barn Playhouse. Tickets are limited and cost \$25. Please RSVP by June 10.

Thursday, June 28 - Meet at I-Hop for breakfast at 9:00.

Thursday, July 5 - SAGE meeting at 1:00.

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