



The North Church

# BEACON

The deadline for the next BEACON is *Friday, July 20, 2012*. Send entries to [beacon@fccucc.org](mailto:beacon@fccucc.org).

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June 17, 2012

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## Looking Ahead in Worship

*On summer Sundays through September 2, we offer one worship service at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary, with childcare in the nursery for ages five and younger. There will be varied music offerings, both choral and instrumental, during worship and lemonade on the porch following worship.*

### June 24

9:30 a.m. – Sanctuary worship - John McCall will give the message and we'll celebrate the sacrament of baptism. **Deb Dagnan and Family** will offer special music.

### July 1

9:30 a.m. – Sanctuary worship - John McCall will give the message and we'll celebrate the sacrament of communion. Special music will be offered.

### July 8

9:30 a.m. – Sanctuary worship - Elsa Peters will give the message and **Bruce Lockwood** will offer special music. Peter Dickson will be our guest organist.

### July 15

9:30 a.m. – Sanctuary worship - Elsa Peters will give the message with an offering of special music. Peter Dickson will be our guest organist.

### July 22

9:30 a.m. – Sanctuary worship - John McCall will give the message and **Sally Keiter** will offer special music. Andrea Rosenberg will be our guest organist.

### July 29

9:30 a.m. – Sanctuary worship - John McCall will give the message and **Garret Kieran** will offer special music. Peter Dickson will be our guest organist.



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*For peace and peacemakers; for our veterans and those in active service; for those who struggle with PTSD and injury; for all who live without sufficient food, water, shelter, safety, love; for all who live with Alzheimer's and dementia and for those who love them.*

*For the Maine Conference, UCC, whose annual meeting is June 22-24 in Farmington.*

**Celebrations:** those who were confirmed into church membership on June 10, their families and their mentors; for graduates and their families; for **Linda and Harold Rines** who renewed their vows June 16, after 18 years of marriage.

**Concerns:** **Jeanie Lothrop**, at Brighton Rehab after breaking her wrist; **David McLaughlin**, Cindy Morgan's husband, having treatments for cancer; **Melba White** at home as she continues recovery from a broken hip; **Henrietta Lombard** at Pine Point Nursing Home; Fred Howard asking prayers for his friend **Jim Holmes** who's receiving Hospice care.

*In memory:* **Elizabeth Hamlin**, a member since 2001, died at home on Thursday after a long illness. She was 75. We hold her family in our prayers, especially her husband Dick, and their four adult children. (cont. pg. 3)

## Sunday School & Nursery Update

On Children's Celebration Sunday, we thanked two wonderful leaders in our church life for their service. Diana Howe has been volunteering in the nursery for over 20 years. She has been a presence for our youngest members and we're thankful for all that she has done. We are equally grateful for the ministry that Carolyn Foster has offered in the past year as Sunday School Coordinator. Carolyn loves our kids and has been a strong advocate for our faith formation program ever since she joined the church.

During the summer, our teenagers have eagerly stepped up to offer their paid support of caring for our little ones. The Education Growth & Fellowship Team seeks to support our teens (and their empty pockets) by encouraging this connection with our littlest people. EG&F will be filling the summer calendar with capable volunteers. If your teen is interested in helping out, please contact Carol Zechman at [egfteam@fccucc.org](mailto:egfteam@fccucc.org). In the

fall, Kiersten Ellis will take over as Nursery Coordinator - and we'll hope to have an email set up for her soon so that she can collect all of your names to volunteer.

Sunday School will begin again on September 18, 2012. This allows for some time to plan for the future. I have been working with members of the Sunday School Committee, teachers, concerned parents and EG&F to prepare for the next leader. At this time, it seems appropriate to say leaders rather than leader. There doesn't seem to be one person that is ready to offer their time and talent to this ministry on a volunteer basis so we're looking at other possibilities of shared leadership. I trust that you'll continue to hold this program in your prayers over the summer. Our attendance in Sunday School has steadily increased over the years - and we want the best leadership possible to continue this wonderful ministry!

## Meet Our Newest Church Members

On June 10 we witnessed 13 youth complete their journey toward Confirmation. Welcome **Lexie Bakke, Olivia Booth-Howe, Mac Brucker, Mary Cronin, Ben Ekedahl, Adara Graessle, Xander Keiter, Alex Livingston, Erica Magnuson,**

**Elena Peters, Christian Row, Molly Skeffington and Finn Zechman** as the newest members of our church family.

The Rev. Richard E. Ryder died May 9th and his funeral was June 9 at the First Congregational Church, UCC, of Bridgton. He was 79. Dick and his wife Sue had worshiped with us regularly since their move to Piper Shores last year. We hold Sue and their family in our prayers.



### STEEPLE LIGHTING

The steeple is lighted the week of **June 24** in honor of **George Johnston** by his niece Sandra Hansen.

The steeple is lighted the week of **July 15** in loving memory of my husband **James Lancaster** by his wife Jane.

### JUNE ALTAR MEMORIALS

The flowers on the altar **June 17** are in celebration of **Linda Rines** and **Harold Thifault** as they renew their vows after 18 years of marriage.

### THANK YOU

We would like to thank the **Monday Bridge Group** for their donation of \$100.00 to *Community Crisis Ministries*.

*Cyndi Alden  
& Kathy Sahrbeck  
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## Flowers and Globe Honor Loved Ones

Each Sunday as we enter the sanctuary our eyes are drawn to the altar and the cross. Most Sundays we'll see flowers on the altar, and occasionally a world globe. These donations are a familiar way of remembering a loved one, honoring a dear friend, or celebrating a special time in the donor's life. Information about the donor and the occasion are included in the worship bulletin and the Beacon.

Flower donors may gather flowers from their garden or order an arrangement from a florist, to be

delivered on Saturday. After the service the donor may take the flowers or ask that they be delivered to a home or nursing home.

Mission Globe sponsors choose this alternative by making a donation to the mission fund, used by our Mission Team for special projects and outreach. Our flower committee schedules donors for Sundays throughout the year, and welcomes your contact to learn more. Please email [flowers@fccucc.org](mailto:flowers@fccucc.org).

## Food Pantry

Food Pantry donations are greatly needed during the summer months. This is the time of year where demand goes up and donations go down which results in bare shelves.

There is a shopping basket just outside of the narthex where you can drop off non-perishable goods. Likewise, there is a box just outside the Pantry door, for donations.

Common items that we always need are: cereal, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables and pasta sauce.

Thank you for helping us to serve our South Portland and Cape Elizabeth neighbors-in-need.

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

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

**Thursday, July 12** - meet at **11:30** for a picnic (place to be announced) or if raining eat picnic lunch together at church and stay for a Domino game.

**Thursday, July 26** - leave church at **10:30** to eat at **The Egg and I Restaurant** in Scarborough.

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### **CELEBRATE DAVID AND SUELI GAEWSKI**

Join the party **Sunday, July 15, 3:30-6:30 p.m.** at the **First Congregational Church of Waterville**, to celebrate David Gaewski's years as our Maine Conference Minister. It's a mega barbecue with roast and toast. For more information, go to [www.maineucc.org](http://www.maineucc.org) and follow the link. David has been called to become the Conference Minister of New York, and will be moving to Syracuse later in the summer.