



The North Church

BEACON

The deadline for the next BEACON is at **9 a.m. Monday July 25, 2011**. Send entries to beacon@fccucc.org.

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Looking Ahead in Worship

Each Sunday from June 19 – September 4, we'll have a single sanctuary service at 9:30 a.m. followed by lemonade on the porch. Infant and child care through age 5 is offered in the nursery. We'll have varieties of special vocal and instrumental music throughout the summer. Communion – by intinction – will be offered on the first Sundays of July, August, and September. Homecoming Sunday, September 11, we'll resume services at 8:30 in the chapel and 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. Join us!

John and Elsa's sermons will follow the Revised Common Lectionary readings through **Genesis and Exodus** exploring the ancient narrative of God's Creation and Promise and what it means to us now.

June 19 (John) – Genesis 1:1-2:4a

June 26 (Elsa) – Genesis 22:1-4

July 3 (John) – Genesis 24:34-67

July 10 (Elsa) – Genesis 25:19-34

July 17 (Elsa) – Genesis 28:10-19a

July 24 (John) – Genesis 29:15-28

July 31 (John) – Genesis 32:22-31

August 7 (Garvey MacLean) – Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

August 14 (Elsa) – Genesis 4:1-15

August 21 (John) – Exodus 1:8-2:10

August 28 (John) – Exodus 3:1-15

September 4 (John) – Exodus 12:1-14

PLEASE: remember to bring non-perishable items for our food pantry. The need is greater than ever.



IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Those serving in the military and their loved ones; peace and peacemakers; victims of the earthquake in Japan, and weather-related suffering especially in the southern US; those caught up in government protests; for our elected leaders and those who are left desperate by budget cuts and shifting priorities.

Bert Rendall, **Wayne MacKeil** and **Fern Calderwood**, recently hospitalized; **Heidi Watson**, recovering from surgery; **Dave Smart** at Falmouth by the Sea; **Bert Munde** continuing recovery after back surgery; **Jim Morang**, having treatments for cancer; **June Bisel**, Ed Silcock's daughter, who lives daily with scleroderma, a chronic, degenerative disease; We celebrate with **Maxine Wright** on her 93rd birthday, June 26.



STEEPLE LIGHTING

The steeple is lighted the week of **July 17** in loving memory of my husband **James Lancaster** by his wife Jane.

PRIDE!



The Diversity Committee celebrated 21 members and friends marching together with the Religious Coalition Against Discrimination (www.rcad.org) in the **Southern Maine Pride Celebration** on June 18, 2011. In the top photo, you can see our church family standing proudly behind our church banner including (from left to right) the **Lockwood Family**, **Kathy Sahrbeck**, **Scott Berry**, **Ed Saxby**, **Carol Scheffler**, **Deb Theriault**, **Sally Keiter**, **Mike Kasputes**, **Betsy Keiter**, **Sara Bloom**, **Judy Dow** and **Joan Carrier**. In the bottom photo, our members and friends took to the streets. These fabulous photos were taken with **John Howard's** cell phone.



SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Thursday, June 30 - Meet for breakfast at I-hop at 9:00.

Thursday, July 7 - SAGE meeting at 1:00.

Wednesday, July 13 - Bring your own lunch and leave from the church at 11:30 to have a picnic at Thomas Park.

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

Wednesday, August 3 - SAGE meeting at 1:00. (Please note change in date-Wednesday, not Thursday.)

Wednesday, August 24 - Leave church at 12:15 for **Arundel Barn Playhouse** where we'll see "I Left My Heart". Tickets are \$22.

SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you, Monday Morning Bridge Group, for your recent generous donation of \$100.00.

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Beach Chair Theology

Bring a beach chair and a Bible. The coffee will be poured and Bibles will be opened at 8:00 a.m. at our host Scott Berry's home. Continue to read along or join us on **Tuesday mornings**:

Tuesday June 28: Exodus 13:11-13:22

Tuesday July 12: Exodus 14:1-15:19

Tuesday Aug. 2: Exodus 15:20-16:36

If you've never been to Scott's home then you will probably need directions, which follow:

Take 77 to Two Lights Road. Follow this to Mare's Hollow Lane (on your right where the paintings are sold). Make a sharp right. Scott's home is the first on the left. There is ample parking on the grass right before Scott's home. Scott may even be out there to direct traffic.

We look forward to sharing this journey with you.

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Meet Our Newest Church Members



On June 12 we witnessed 10 youth complete their journey toward Confirmation. Welcome **Sam Ayre, Heather Chase, Casey Fournier, Josh Graessle, Barrett Hess, Rachel Lockwood, Emma Russell, Joanna Quinn, Hannah Saturley, and Silas Zechman** as the newest members of our church family. We'd like to take this wonderful opportunity to share a few things with you about each of them.

Sam Ayre

I'm 13 years old and go to Mahoney Middle School. I'm a 2nd degree black belt in Karate. I'm also ranked 1st in the nation for the W.O.M.A.A. circuit. I've lived in South Portland

all my life and attended the church for as long as I can remember.

Heather Chase

I'm in the 9th grade at Cape Elizabeth High School. I live in Cape Elizabeth with my parents and guinea pig Piggles. I like to swim, bike ride and do yoga. I also love music and singing and am in my school's chorus.

Casey Fournier

I'm going to be starting my Sophomore year at South Portland High School in the fall. My favorite sport is lacrosse and I just finished my first high school season. I also enjoy playing soccer and I'm

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learning to play the piano. I have an older brother that is enrolled in medical school. I am planning to study veterinary medicine when I go to college.

Josh Graessle

I'm finishing my Freshman year at Cape Elizabeth High School. I play Alto Saxophone in the band and I am a member of the Science Team. My favorite sport is soccer - I'm looking forward to the season starting back up mid-August. I have three older brothers and a younger sister. I am applying to be a Page on the Senate floor my Junior year.

Barrett Hess

I live in Cape Elizabeth. I'm part of the confirmation class. I have to admit that the 10 required worship reflections were a pain do every Sunday and complete on time BUT, they did help me to really understand that church is more than a pastor with a mic. I've seen that confirmation is my opportunity now to connect on my own with God. Being a member will make my understanding flourish. This is still a lot of learning to do for me and I know that being a member will give me the opportunity to do that. Thank you.

Rachel Lockwood

I'm almost done with eighth grade at Cape Elizabeth Middle School. I dance ballet five days a week and am going to Boston Ballet's Summer Program this summer which I am really looking forward to. I also play the oboe and was a part of the Speech Team. I have a younger brother Andrew, and I am excited to become a member of this church and

embrace all it has to offer!

Joanna Quinn

I'm very interested in music. My two main instruments are the tuba and the drums, and I play those in multiple bands. In addition to music, I play softball, basketball, soccer and enjoy to rock climb. But most important of all, I have a huge, amazing family who supports everything that I do.

Emma Russell

I'm 14 years old. I have a mom Sue a dad Don and an awesome brother named Matt. We all get along great as a family. I love to play sports like soccer basketball and frisbee. I am just graduating my 8th grade year at Mahoney Middle School. Here comes high school! I love the outdoors and swimming. I also love to roller blade.

Hannah Saturley

I've been coming to church with my family and attending Sunday school since I was a little girl. I'm just about to graduate from the 8th grade at Cape Elizabeth Middle School. My favorite sports are field hockey, basketball, and softball. I enjoy playing both the piano and saxophone. I am a certified scuba diver and currently am studying to get my private pilot's license. I really look forward to learning what some of my new church family likes to do and can't wait to be a part of the church family!

THE NEW HARRY POTTER MOVIE... AND FAITH??

The final Harry Potter movie comes out in July... Many older children and Potter fans of all ages who've already read the books and seen the other movies will be rereading and reviewing them, looking forward to this final installment. Some will attend the movie dressed in costume.

It is also a big deal that has some great connections to the Christian story.

There are two books that have been recently published that explore the power of Harry Potter (which you might want to read to talk about faith with your kids), including:

- *The Gospel According to Harry Potter* by Connie Neal
- *How Harry Cast His Spell* by John Granger

Or you may have no interest in reading these books and simply want a way to talk about these films and the readings of the season with your kids. To find that weekly inspiration, please visit: <http://worshipingwithchildren.blogspot.com/>.

FCC UCC CHILDREN'S CLOSET SCHEDULE

This summer the Children's Closet is open from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. the third Thursday and the first and third Saturday of June, July and August. The future dates remaining follow:

JULY: 2, 16 & 21
AUGUST: 6, 18 & 20

We will be resuming our regular schedule in September.

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CASCO BAY FRIENDS GROUP OF SAFE PASSAGE

Bowdoin College Prof. Allen Wells will lead a discussion of Guatemala politics and unrest entitled *From Guatemala to Guatepeor: A Nation's Troubled Past*, on **June 26, 4-6 pm at First Parish Church, Yarmouth, Maine.** Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

If you have any questions or want to do additional reading about this event, please email cascobayfriends@safepassage.org.



Maine Conference Annual Meeting 2011

Please keep our delegates **Adam and Jean Siulinski** and clergy in your prayers as they make the journey to the Maine Conference Annual Meeting on June 23-26, 2011.

The Maine Conference continues to wonder about new things the church will do with our limited resources. The agenda will also include some time to discern whether or not the Maine Conference should be an Open and Affirming Conference. In the true spirit of our polity, local churches are taking this step. In Farmington, we'll ask if the Conference is next.

For more info, visit:
www.maineucc.org.

A Letter of Gratitude

Recently the church received a letter from a family that all church members will take heart in:

"Dear Church Members,

I want to say thank you so much for the support you offer to members of the community. We are contributors to and users of the Children's Clothes Closet and that in and of itself is a huge blessing to our community. With the cost of clothing, medicine, gas, and groceries going up many mothers, including myself, take comfort that there are gently used hats, shoes,



Live Webcast of General Synod 28

If you're curious what happens at General Synod, or just want to see the Maine Conference Delegation in action including **Elsa Peters**, you might want to check out the live webcast.

Any time that General Synod is in session (plenaries, worship, etc.) in the main hall we will be webcasting live. In general that means that we will be following the schedule found here: <http://www.ucc.org/synod/calendar.html>. The stream will be seen live on this page and on the United Church of Christ Facebook page. Elsa will give her best efforts to update her Facebook page and blog with the various things she finds interesting in this gathering of the UCC in Tampa from July 1-5, 2011.

and coats there when needed. The Children's Closet is just one example of the good works you do in our neighborhood and world. I am home with my son and able to volunteer with LaLeche League to help new mothers in part because of your work. The enclosed donation is a token of thanks for everything the church has done for our family, neighbors, and community neighbors.

Sincerely,
[Grateful family]

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