



THE BEACON

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Looking Ahead in Worship

On summer Sundays through September 1, 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.

July 28

9:30 a.m. – Sanctuary worship – Diane Harvey will give the message. **Mission Team members** will offer special music with guest organist Peter Dickson.

August 4

9:30 a.m. – Sanctuary worship – Guest Preacher Bob Morse will give the message. **Walter Kimball & Pete Witham** will offer special music. Peter Dickson will be our guest organist.

August 11

9:30 a.m. – Sanctuary worship – The Senior Minister candidate will give the message. **Bruce Lockwood** will offer special music. A special Congregational meeting follows worship.

August 18

9:30 a.m. – Sanctuary worship – Diane Harvey will give the message; Peter Dickson will be our guest organist. **Sheryl Kieran and friends** will offer special music.

August 25

9:30 a.m. – Sanctuary worship – Diane Harvey will give the message and **Garrett Kieran** will offer special music. Peter Dickson will be our guest organist.

September 1

9:30 a.m. – Sanctuary worship – Diane Harvey will give the message and violinists **Dacha & Sara Thurber** will offer special music.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For those who live without sufficient food, water, shelter, or safety; for veterans and those in active service; for peace and peacemakers; for those dealing with the heat; for racial tensions around the country.

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**PRAYERS OF THE
PEOPLE
(continued)**

Prayers:

Darla Harris and Sharyn Dawson, both recuperating from heart surgery; for **Garvey MacLean** recovering from hip surgery and for **Cheryl Barter** dealing with complications from the broken leg she suffered this winter.

In memory:

Dick Rummmler, who died on July 6 at the age of 80, a member here since 1996. He is survived by his sons, **Jonathan and Matthew**. A private graveside service will be held later. Condolences may be sent to the sons at Dick's home.

ALTAR MEMORIALS

The flowers on the altar **August 4** are given in celebration of granddaughter **Katheryne Kelly** from Margie and Cole Kelly.

The flowers on the altar **August 11** are in loving memory of **Jeff York** by his wife Terry York and sons Seth and William York.

The flowers on the altar **August 25** are given in loving memory of cherished member **Lois Hill** from her daughters Nancy, Janet, Linda and Lauren.

**OFFICIAL CALL TO SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, U.C.C.
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE
AUGUST 11, 2013**

The members of the First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, are hereby called to meet on **SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2013** following the 9:30 a.m. service of worship for the following purposes:

1. To hear and act upon the recommendations of the Senior Minister Search Committee;
2. To approve terms of the call for a new Senior Minister.

Janet B. Butler, Clerk

Important Search Committee Announcement

The Search Committee is thrilled to announce that we have found a wonderful candidate for Sr. Pastor of our Church! The candidate will be preaching during worship on Sunday, August 11th. A Special Congregational Meeting will immediately follow worship for the purpose of voting on the recommendation of the Search Committee to Call the selected Sr. Pastor Candidate. It is very important to have a quorum present for the vote, so please mark your calendars now and plan to be with us on Sunday, August 11th! Details regarding opportunities to meet the candidate on Saturday, August 10th will be provided in a separate communication.

Please Note: The Search Committee will continue to hold the candidate's personal information in confidence until the week of August 5th, when you will receive that information by direct mail.

... And more personally from the Search Committee:

We have been on an amazing journey these past ten months. We have laughed, cried, worried and prayed together. We have struggled with issues and experienced moments of grace. We have learned the meaning of the word "discernment".

Our first assignment was to put into words a description of our church and to discern what our congregation is looking for in a new senior pastor. Describing our church helped us realize how strong, vibrant and caring this congregation really is. We knew we needed to find someone who will challenge us to new action, outreach and growth. We also knew we were seeking a creative, inspiring preacher and a welcoming, compassionate pastor.

We posted our prospectus and opened the floodgates. In the first

Search Committee Announcement (*cont.*)

few weeks candidate profiles came in 4 to 6 each week. We read and sorted and discerned, keeping some and dismissing others. We emailed, telephoned, Skyped, listened to recorded sermons and watched videos of worship services. As time went on we found ourselves returning again and again to one particular candidate.

Here is some of what we read in that profile:

"I believe another role of the pastor . . . is to generate passion . . . Passion for spiritual growth. Passion for the growth of the church. Passion for social justice. Passion for the healing of our brokenness. Passion for meeting one another's needs and carrying one another's burdens."

"I love everything about preaching: listening to the text, asking questions, searching for insight, discerning what word God might have for my people, and creating a sermon to meet the needs of those who will hear it. I simply can't wait to get into the pulpit from week to week."

"A minister can only be called a pastor when he or she has met hurting people where they are; . . . sat beside the hospital bed or stood beside the grave; . . . cried with them in their loss and celebrated with them in their joy. Then a minister becomes a pastor."

We exchanged questions and answers by email with the candidate. We met, interviewed and had conversations. We attended a worship service in a "neutral pulpit". We are impressed by this person's creativity, openness, sincerity, and compassion. We have prayed together, and individually, and we truly believe we have selected the right person for our church. It is our heartfelt prayer that you will feel the same. **Please join us in worship on August 11th!**

*Your Search Committee:
Aaron Scifres, Mike Kasputes,
Jim Rideout, Sandy Dyer,
Lauren Magnuson, Deb Dagnan, Gloria
Dinsmore, Jim Kupel,
Betsy Keiter and until his death,
Phil Whitney*

From the New Business Manager...

Thank you for your warm welcome. Please be patient as I learn your names and become familiar with your church. I will be in the office on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Feel free to stop by and say hello. I'm looking forward to meeting you. I can be contacted by email at business@fccucc.org.

*Candy Welch
Business Manager*



STEEPLE LIGHTING

The steeple is lighted the week of **August 4** in memory of **Howard Fleming** by his wife Jane.

The steeple is lighted the week of **August 11** in loving memory of **Frederick P. Andrews** by his wife Verna Andrews, and in memory of **Howard Fleming** from his Daughters.

The Steeple is lighted the week of **August 18** in memory of **Howard Fleming** from his Daughters.

A Christian family:

Loving,

Welcoming,

Serving

Remaining Beach Chair Theology Dates

The **Parsing Perplexing Parables on the Patio with People, the Parson and a Pot of Coffee** continues, and we'd love to have you join us! Three more Wednesday mornings we will meet at the home of Scott Berry at **8 a.m.** to study some of Jesus' more problematic parables. Carpooling from the church parking lot can be arranged. Dates and topics are listed below, and copies of the parables are now outside the associate minister's study. If you want the parables emailed to you, please let Diane know.

July 24

Parable of the Talents,
Matthew 25:14-30, Luke 19:12-27

Gather Many Waters

As you enjoy the summer, especially as you travel to favorite places, please collect a small amount of water to be shared on **Homecoming Sunday, Sept. 8** when we will gather that water in the baptismal font, share stories together and then keep the water to be used



Church Picnic!

When: Sunday, September 8th

Time: Right after the Church Service

What: We need YOUR HELP!!!

Our Annual Church Picnic will take place on Sunday, September 8th, right after the Church service.

The Eskimos do a fabulous job grilling up burgers and hotdogs for the congregation.....YUM! What we need is your help with a salad, side dish, or paper good contribution.

August 7

Parable of the Unjust Steward
Luke 16:1-8a

August 14

Parable of the Forgiven Servant
Matthew 18:23-34

A second group is meeting on the same dates but at **noon** at church. We are calling this version: **Leisurely Lectionary Lunch and Lemonade in the Laity Room.** Presently we have 2 or 3 people meeting and would love to have more.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BERNICE GRAHAM!

Our member, Bernice Graham, turns 100 on July 29! If you would like to send birthday greetings to her, she is at:

Piper Shores
15 Piper Rd. Apt. J210,
Scarborough, ME 04074



FREE FOR THE TAKING!

The upright piano now stored in the classroom/storage room to the right of the Preschool Office is free for the taking by anyone who would remove it at his/her own expense. The maker of the piano is F. Radel, NY; it is a Cabinet Grand with a carved soundboard built approx 60-70 years ago. Ivories are missing and a pedal is not functioning but with a few hundred dollars invested, it could be a valuable instrument for a person or family looking to make music at home or in a worthy institution. If interested, contact Shirley Curry at 799-3361, x108.

throughout the year for baptisms. September 8 is also the Sunday we return to two services, 8:30 a.m. in the chapel and 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. At 11:30 we will have the All Church Picnic!

Please look for a sign-up board (posted August 1st) and consider bringing a salad, chips, condiments, toppings for ice cream etc. Beals Ice Cream generously donates ice cream for this event...YUMMY! It is always a very fun occasion and a wonderful get-together!

If you have time to help or have questions, please contact: Margaret Thibodeau @ 767-7150 or 415-2500 or mtthib@maine.rr.com



SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Thursday, August 8 - **SAGE meeting at 1:00** in the 1st and 2nd grade classroom above the church office. (Please note: This is the second Thursday of the month).

Thursday, August 15 - leave the church at **11:00** for **lunch at Ken's Place** in Pine Point.

Thursday, August 2 - join us at **1:00** for a **trip to CIA** in South Portland.

Thursday, August 29 - Meet for **breakfast at I-Hop** at **9:00**.

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

MISSION & OUTREACH TEAM WANTS YOU!

Please join some fun and compassionate people like yourself starting in the fall to help us support some great near and far causes with time, attention, support, and donations. See MOT chair Don Russell for more information, don@brandme.net or 207-650-0356. Best and bless.

Fall Workshop

From Conflict to Connection: The Fundamentals of Nonviolent Communication

When I first heard of 'Nonviolent Communication', visions of South Africa and 60's peace marches filled my head. While the skills learned in a NVC workshop are extremely useful for peace-making, the scope is broader. Our culture is full of the kind of violence where one person is right and the other is wrong - one person wins and the other loses. How much more fulfilling would it be if we really listened to one another with empathy? What kind of connections could we experience if we engaged in compassionate giving of ourselves?

Mission Trip to Cherryfield

Sunday, July 28 during worship we will commission 20 members of the congregation as they leave immediately following the service for a week in Cherryfield, Maine with the Maine Seacoast Mission Housing Repair program. As of this writing, we don't know the exact details of what we will be doing, but it will most likely include lots of painting, roofing and skirting on trailers, rebuilding a bulkhead and building a wheelchair ramp. We start the work right away Sunday afternoon by serving the weekly community meal at the EdGe Center at the Seacoast Mission.

Please keep our group in your thoughts and prayers as we prepare to go, then during our week, July 28-August 4, and upon our return. Pray for safe travels, safe work, the deepening of relationships among team members, and for the building

Peggy Smith is a certified Nonviolent Communication Trainer. She is offering a workshop at our church on October 25 (6:30 - 8:30), 26 (9-4) and 27 (noon - 4). With the approval of the Church Council, FCCUCC is co-sponsoring this event.

You can read more about the workshop and NVC in a brochure - look for one linked to the FCCUCC web-site or on the table outside the church library. The brochure contains a registration form and information about cost. Also, you can contact me by phone or email to learn more.

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of relationships with those we meet and with whom we work. It is a privilege to be invited into the lives and community of others; and we expect to find Jesus everywhere we turn. Likewise, it is a gift to know Jesus' love and wisdom in the support we have already received from you and in the knowledge that you will be always with us in thought and prayer.

The Mission Team members are Scott Berry, Deb Dagnan, Linda Foss, Peter Foss, Diane Harvey, Tim Honey, Mike Kasputes, Chris Keiter, Sally Keiter, Walter Kimball, Andrew Lockwood, Bruce Lockwood, Peggy Murray, Elinor Redmond, Susan Redmond, Gary Roberts, Fran Rowell, Kathy Sahrbeck, Karen Westerberg and Prudy Wiggins. If you want to know more about Maine Seacoast Mission, their website is www.seacoastmission.org

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HOLLY DAZE BAZAAR

Back to school promotions started on July 4th, so I'm thinking it is time to start promotion of the *HOLLY DAZE BAZAAR*.

Sitting in the shade and sipping a cool drink can lead to daydreaming about things to be done...like... making pickles, jams and salsa from the garden excess; clearing out the household depository - be it attic, cellar or garage; checking out the latest, or oldest, Christmas craft magazines for inspiration.

What will be my contribution to a record setting HOLLY DAZE BAZAAR?

Happy daydreaming,
Lynne Lanctot
AKA: *the Bazaar Elf*

