



THE BEACON

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Deadline for the next BEACON is Friday, October 26, 2012.
Send entries to beacon@fccucc.org .

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Looking Ahead in Worship

October 21 - Consecration Sunday as we dedicate our pledges for 2013

8:30 a.m. - Chapel worship

10:00 a.m. - Sanctuary worship with the Hilltop Ringers and Sunday school. Stewardship Committee members will lead worship, and John McCall will give the message. Fellowship time follows in Wright Pavilion.

October 28

8:30 a.m. - Chapel worship

10:00 a.m. - Sanctuary worship with the Children's Choir and Sunday school. John McCall will give the message. Fellowship time follows in Wright Pavilion.

November 4

Daylight Saving Time ends - set your clocks back

8:30 a.m. - Chapel worship with communion

10:00 a.m. - Sanctuary worship with communion, the Meetinghouse Choir and Sunday school. John McCall will give the message. Fellowship time follows in Wright Pavilion.

November 11

Veteran's Day

8:30 a.m. - Chapel worship

10:00 a.m. - Sanctuary worship with the Hilltop Ringers and Sunday school. Diane Harvey will give the message. Fellowship time follows in Wright Pavilion.

PLEASE REMEMBER to wear your nametag 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 of the People
continued...*

Continuing Prayers:
*Betty Martin following
surgery.*

Congratulations: *to
Rusty Lamer and
Lydia Klenova who
were married June 8 in
San Francisco, CA , and
to Scott Lamer and
Diana Page who were
married August 11 in
Harpwell, ME. Both are
sons of Russ and Donna
Lamer of South Portland,
formerly of Cape
Elizabeth.*

HOSPITALIZATIONS

*Please contact the
office if you or a family
member are
hospitalized. We check
the lists at Maine
Medical Center and
Mercy regularly but
may miss your name
among the many. Email
office@fccucc.org or
phone 799-3361 to let
us know.*



Pastoral Search Committee Appointed

The Church Council is pleased to announce that we have chosen members of our Pastoral Search Committee. We met on October 4 and voted to approve the following people:

Deb Dagnan, Gloria Dinsmore, Sandy Dyer, Mike Kasputes, Betsy Keiter, Jim Kupel, Jim Rideout, Aaron Scifres, and Phil Whitney. Lauren Magnuson will be a youth representative. Diane Harvey will meet with them as needed as a process and resource person.

They will have their first meeting on October 18 when Associate Conference Minister Darren Morgan will meet with them to talk about the task ahead. Before the committee can recruit and interview, they will want to understand who we are – as a church, as a community, and as people of faith.

What can we do? We will meet them on a Sunday in November when we commission the search committee during worship. We can respond when we are asked for our opinions, our needs, and our hopes for the future. We can honor the need for confidentiality about committee deliberations. Above all, we can pray for the people on the committee as they meet and plan.

We are blessed with a wonderful church community. We are fortunate to have much help from the UCC, on both state and national levels. With hard work and God's guidance, we will be blessed with a wonderful pastor to guide us as we minister in the name of Jesus Christ.

Nancy MacLean

Moderator

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS HERE

Regular Sunday school classes for preschoolers through eighth grade are rocking! Each Sunday our children begin in the sanctuary and then leave for classes after the children's message. Nursery and toddler care are also offered each week for the 10 a.m. service. Families can register children for Sunday school online at: <http://fccucc.org/grow/sunday-school/sunday-school-registration/>

Baptisms Scheduled

The sacrament of baptism will next be offered **November 11**. Baptism is appropriate at any age. For infants and children, families declare their intention to raise their child to be a

disciple within the fellowship of the church. For adults, baptism is a confession of faith in Jesus Christ. Contact John McCall for more information, jbm@fccucc.org

New Members for the Narthex Team

Are you a friendly person with a winning personality who would like to welcome folks to church on Sunday morning? We are looking for a few happy people to join the Narthex Team. You might be asked to choose three Sundays this year and would need to be present in the narthex when folks enter the church in the morning. You will be asked to

watch for, greet and direct visitors to correct rooms; bring Prayers of the People to the pulpit, and assist the minister after the service in the narthex. This is a simple way for you to volunteer your time and help your church. Please call or email Debbie Riley if you are interested at 767 - 3149 or email rileydeb@gwi.net.

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 the 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 at flowers@fccucc.org.

Current dates open for donation are October 21 and October 28.



STEEPLE LIGHTING

The steeple was lighted the week of **October 7** in loving memory of **Grace Grinnell Mink**, whose birthday is October 12 by her daughter Sue Ellen M. Roberts, and in memory of **Ralph Howard**, whose birthday is October 12 from his wife, children, and great grandson.

The steeple was lighted the week of **October 14** in loving memory of **Earle and Sylvia Angell** by Ed Angell, and in loving memory of **Marcelia and Kenneth** by Scott Berry.

The steeple is lighted the week of **October 21** in loving memory of her mother **Jane Manuel** by Martha Ahonen.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR CHANGE

Please note that the **November 3** date to serve at the Preble Street Soup Kitchen has been postponed, date TBA. For updates please view upcoming Beacons, contact Jerry Reynolds at youth@fccucc.org, or visit www.fccucc.org.

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Don't forget our sale... **Saturday, October 20th!** Look through your attic, garage and basement for things you no longer use. Someone else will think it's a great find and purchase it! Donations can be dropped off in Guptill Hall.

Please remember, no computers, typewriters, exercise equipment, or suitcases. We have a hard time disposing of them if they are not sold.

Prudy Wiggins
799-5705
rummagesale@fccucc.org

A Christian family:

**loving,
welcoming,
serving.**

FCC UCC Mission Trip 2013

We'll be returning to Cherryfield, Maine in the summer of 2013 to work with the Maine Seacoast Mission (MSM). **Dates for your calendars are to depart on Sunday, July 28th after church and return home on Saturday, August 3rd.** (There may be some interest also in departing for Cherryfield on Saturday, July 27th so we can get set up and attend services with our hosts in the Congregational Church before our work week begins, but this is not firm at this point.) As many of you know, the MSM serves the Downeast region year-round with an after-school program, food pantries, emergency assistance and special work with both seniors and youth. Our church has been invited to participate in the Housing Repair Ministry, which serves individuals in western Washington County from Steuben to Jonesboro. Last summer the Housing Repair Ministry worked with volunteers from all over the country on more than 36 homes in the Cherryfield area repairing roofs, painting siding and interiors, attaching skirts to mobile homes and related projects. The need for assistance has never been higher according to our contacts with MSM. Over the coming weeks we plan to seek out volunteers interested in working with many of the veterans who participated on the 2011 Mission Trip. The trip is limited to church members and open to all people 12 years old and over with all skill levels from basic to expert. Be watching

for Beacon articles and flyers with more information on the trip. Be on the lookout too for Mission Trip recruiters seeking volunteers! We'll be having information nights, fundraising events and planning sessions in the weeks to come. So for now, keep the last week in July into the first week of August 2013 in your thoughts and prayers and penciled in on your calendars. For further information you may contact the Mission Trip Planning Team:

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MISSION & OUTREACH / ADMINISTRATION

Thanksgiving Basket Reminder

“Over the river and through the woods...” I’m sure we all know the words to this song which celebrates the feast of Thanksgiving. For many people, such feasts are more of a dream than a reality and, unfortunately, the numbers are increasing. This year we will be providing Thanksgiving baskets to 30 families in our area. **Please remember to share your blessings by bringing your donation of non-perishable food to the church service on Sunday, November 18th.** Recommended items include canned

vegetables, stuffing, potatoes, bread/rolls, cranberry sauce, gravy, pumpkin pie filling/crust, beverages and any other items you may traditionally have at your Thanksgiving table. We will be sorting and packing the baskets after worship at 11:30 on November 18th and would love some extra hands, so please come join us for some joy-filled service! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Linda Strunk at thanksgiving@fccucc.org.

Fair Trade Coffee News

By way of reminder, **November 4th and 11th** will be the last opportunity to order coffee & tea for this year. With order distribution scheduled for December 2nd, you will have time to order some for Christmas giving, perhaps filling a basket (from the Rummage Sale of course) with a selection of coffee & tea. You will need to plan ahead as we will not be selling Fair Trade products at the Bazaar this year.

Incidentally, we are losing two of our key committee members. AnnElissa Leveque has been a faithful volunteer, always being available to take orders, sort and distribute the coffee and tea. Since we first began taking orders in

2008, Greg Wyman has done the huge job of not only taking orders but also compiling them all, handling the funds & placing the final order. We are very grateful to both AnnElissa & Greg for their support.

With the loss of these two people, **our committee is very much in need of additional volunteers.** It is not a big commitment with activity typically occurring only 5 times per year. If you think this is something in which you you might have an interest, please contact one of our committee members: Laurie Cary, Lisa Merchant, Dolores Broberg or Carol Scheffler at fairtrade@fccucc.org.

Gifts of Stock

We have new instructions and account numbers for those of you who give gifts of stock to our investment advisors Morgan Stanley Smith Barney

Please call me in order to get the account numbers. Thank you.

Cyndi Alden
799-3361

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Donations of dollars and food are needed for our Food Pantry. The need is ever so great. The comparison below gives you an idea of the surge in Food Pantry requests from August to September.

August:

- Families = 31
- Adults = 50
- Children = 24

September:

- Families = 51
- Adults = 94
- Children = 70

The Food Pantry’s most basic needs are **cereal (both hot & cold), peanut butter, jelly, soup, canned fruits, canned vegetables, coffee (small containers), pasta and spaghetti sauce.**

Thank you to all who give and keep this community outreach going.

Cyndi Alden
foodpantry@fccucc.org

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SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, October 24 – we will leave the church at **10:30** for a foliage ride to Gray and **lunch at Cole Farms restaurant.**

Wednesday, October 31 - meet at **9:00** for **breakfast at I-Hop.** Costumes are encouraged since it is Halloween day.

Thursday, November 1 - **SAGE meeting at 1:00.**

Wednesday, November 7 - a **movie** starring Judy Dench will be shown in Davidson Lounge at **1:00 p.m. (please note the new time).** The movie is called *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* and is reputed to be uplifting and very entertaining. A group of retired British people yearn for the perfect life.... in India.

Thursday, November 15 (date change) - join us for an **ABC Lunch and Fun at noon** in Wright Pavilion. Bring your lunch and stay for a Domino game afterwards.