



THE BEACON

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Deadline for the September BEACON is Friday, August 18. Send entries to beacon@fccucc.org.



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 areas in strife around the world.

Prayers for Heather Allen;

Prayers for Debbie Conlon;

Prayers for Peter Cotter;

Prayers for Karen Ellis;

Prayers for Jim Ekedahl;

Prayers for Jim Kupel's mother and family;

Prayers for Bonnie MacInnis;

Prayers for Barbara Merrill (no calls, please);

Prayers for Donna Morong;

Prayers for Mary Suessmann.



LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

Sunday, August 6 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship with Communion
Cindy Maddox will give the message.
Fellowship time follows with lemonade on the porch.

Sunday, August 13 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
Cindy Maddox will give the message.
Fellowship time follows with lemonade on the porch.

Sunday, August 20 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
A guest speaker will give the message.
Fellowship time follows with lemonade on the porch.

Sunday, August 27 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
Skyler Keiter will give the message.
Fellowship time follows with lemonade on the porch.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

9:00 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

UPDATES ON GREATER PORTLAND FAMILY PROMISE:

I want to provide everyone with an update on the Greater Portland Family Promise project, and to explain the ways you can be involved.

Our church is an official host congregation for the program, and our first week of hosting families in need of shelter will be the week of September 24th. The program is commencing operations on Sunday July 9th, and there are now 12 congregations who will be housing families. We are all preparing to welcome families into warm and hospitable spaces.

Here are the ways you can get involved:

- 1) Please contact Debra Honey at debrafvl@maine.rr.com and let her know you would like to volunteer your time. Volunteers from each church/synagogue will provide meals, evening activities, logistical support, and companionship to the families during their stay at the church/synagogue.
- 2) In late August or early September, Debra will be circulating a sign-up sheet for specific tasks that need to be performed by our church. On the sign-up sheet, she will indicate the job that needs to be performed, the day and time, and how many volunteers are needed. So please, if you can volunteer, send your contact information to Debra so you can be on our master list to receive more information.
- 3) All FCC UCC Family Promise volunteers will participate in a training session at a date to be announced, likely in late August or early September. If you sign up now, Debra will notify you the exact dates when the mandatory training will be occurring once they are announced by the staff of Family Promise Greater Portland.
- 4) If you would like more information about the program before signing-up please feel free to contact one of our four volunteer coordinators: Peter and Linda Foss (fossy@gwi.net), Debra Honey (debrafvl@maine.rr.com) and Tim Honey (timhoney@aol.com).

If you can't volunteer your time, please consider contributing to the Greater Portland Family Promise. You have an opportunity to support children and their families who are experiencing homelessness in the Portland areas. We are thankful to the Board and other Family Promise community connections for doubling your contribution by their promised matching funds. The campaign will last until the end of July. Every dollar helps. No gift is too small!

You can donate on line at: <https://tinyurl.com/gfpdonate>

Or mail a check to:
Greater Portland Family Promise
PO Box 11048
Portland, Maine 04104



A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES:

A very large **Thank You** to the **ROME VBS campers** for participating and especially the volunteers for helping. We had a smaller group of campers this year with 12 attendees. They seemed to have a great time if you measure by the squeals and noise emanating from Guptill Hall. Some of the highlights were an “aging Paul” (Paul, Finn and Otis) with the loyal jailer, Brutus (Walter). Brutus never aged, but found God by the end of the week. Another favorite feature, a real people-powered chariot made by Rob Fuehrer, and pulled mostly by Jameson. Hide and seek rocked the games.

We always start VBS with designing the set and props. We thank Grace, Julia and Jameson for a lot of “heavy lifting,” painting and moving things in and out, up and down.

Extollo, our musical praise workshop was led by Amelia. Her stage and direction experience was a gift for us as she had the group singing and dancing in three days. Julia did the crafts and also brought in her flute to play for the underground church service. Alice put her fashion sense to work with “Dress up To-ga Day.”

Sally and Aileen took their Octavious and Tiberious Family roles seriously and kept the kids moving and engaged throughout the week. Four youth came from other churches to help

Teen Volunteers

- Jameson and Sally Bakke
- Alec and Aileen Campbell
- Amelia McNeil-Maddox
- Grace Stacey
- Paul and Finn Zechman
- Julia Olsen (St. Albans Episcopal Church)
- Alice Murphy (South Freeport Congregational Church UCC)
- Celia Migliaccio (South Freeport Congregational Church UCC)



Adult Volunteers

- Otis Thompson
- Walter Kimball
- Lynne Lanctot
- Louise Nesbit

Save the Date

Join the Casco Bay CROP Hunger Walk

Date: Sunday, October 15, 2017



**Back Cove Trail
Portland, ME**



Walk start time: 1:00 p.m.

Contact Information: Marilyn Pierce

marilyngus@yahoo.com

MISSION GLOBE, ALTAR FLOWERS & STEEPLE REMEMBRANCES

ALTAR FLOWERS:

August 13—In loving memory of **Jeff York**, from Terry, Seth and William York

STEEPLE DEDICATIONS:

August 6-13—In loving memory of Howard Fleming from his daughters.

August 27-September 2—In loving memory of **William T. & Vera T. Holbrook**, from Judy & Bob Kelley. Debbie & Joe Conley and Karen McDonough.

To remember or celebrate loved ones with flowers on the altar or light the Mission Globe, please contact Dana Wiggins at danawig@gmail.com.



The 10th UCC Women's Celebration is being planned for **April 6-8, 2018**. The celebration will be held in Portland and organization is beginning to happen. Not only do we need all the help we can get but there are many things more easily done by people close by.

Committee members are from all over New England and although there are leaders in place, these women need our help. Please contact the church office or Kathy Sahrbeck if you would like more information or know you could help. Thank you!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES ACTIVITIES

Thursday, July 27—SAM meeting at 1:00 p.m. Please join us to help plan activities and have some fun. **Note:** This is in place of a meeting during the first week in August.

Saturday, July 29 at 10:00 a.m. for a trip to **Casco Days** (about an hour ride). Lunch will either be at the festival or at nearby Pear's Ice Cream & Hoagie Shop. There's a parade, bingo, other games of chance, etc.—a fun summer day.

Thursday, August 10 at 12:30 p.m.—We will leave the church for a matinee performance of **"Steel Magnolias"** at the **Hackmatack Playhouse in Berwick**. **Tickets are first come, first served at \$20 per person**. We'll stop for lunch at Fogarty's Restaurant before the play.

Thursday, August 24—SAM meeting at 1:00 p.m. Please join us to help plan activities and have some fun.

Thursday, August 31- meet at 9:00 for **breakfast at the Egg and I** in Scarborough.

Wednesday, September 6- leave the church at 10:30 to go into Portland and take a **ferry to Peak's Island for lunch**. Please RSVP by August 30.

THE DISCOVERY CENTER

Summer is here and The Discovery Center is now enrolling for the 2017-2018 academic year. Our mission is to provide a preschool program that will nurture your child's individuality, creativity and spirituality. We offer a theme-based curriculum and a supportive environment that helps to develop creative, compassionate and confident students. Our program has two classes, limited to 20 children, and has a very low student to teacher ratio. For more information please send an e-mail to discoverycenter@fccucc.org or contact Jinny DeRoche at 523.9684.



Church Calendar Aug 2017 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 9:30am - Sanctuary	31	1	2	3	4	5 9am - Children's 5:30 pm - Soup
6 9:30am - Sanctuary	7	8 2 pm - CCM Review	9 12:30pm - Seniors' 6:30pm - Care &	10	11 10am - Labyrinth	12
13 9:30am - Sanctuary	14	15	16 Beacon Deadline	17 9am - Children's 7 pm - Council	18	19 9am - Children's
20 9:30am - Sanctuary	21	22	23 1 pm - SAM meeting	24	25	26
27 9:30am - Sanctuary	28	29	30	31	1	2 9am - Children's 5:30 pm - Soup

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