



T H E B E A C O N

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

LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For those who live without enough 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:

Peter Cotter

Karen Ellis

Stephen Fox

Jan Maddox

Evie Strom

The Jellison's niece,

Ashley

All those who grieve



OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday-Friday,
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**

January 6

8:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

Epiphany

Chapel Worship with Communion
Sanctuary Worship with Communion,
Meetinghouse Choir and Sunday School
Cindy Maddox will give the message.
Fellowship time follows.

January 13

8:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

First Sunday after Epiphany

Chapel Worship
Sanctuary Worship with Meetinghouse Choir and
Sunday School. Cindy Maddox will give the message.
Fellowship time follows.

January 20

8:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Chapel Worship
Sanctuary Worship with Meetinghouse Choir, Children's
Choir and Sunday School. Cindy Maddox will give the
message. Fellowship time follows.

January 27

8:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Chapel Worship
Sanctuary Worship with Meetinghouse Choir and
Sunday School. Cindy Maddox will give the message.
Congregational Meeting follows.



MEMORIALS/DEDICATIONS

ALTAR FLOWERS

January 6 - In loving memory of **Paul Gray** from his wife, Beth DeTine, and daughter, Sarah Gray.

January 13 - In loving memory of my Dad, **Frank Westerberg**, from Karen Westerberg.

MISSION GLOBE

January 20 - In loving memory of **Bill Harris**, by his wife, Darla.

January 27 - In loving memory of **Wayne M. Lockwood** from Bruce, Ann, Rachel and Andrew Lockwood.

Please call the church office to dedicate the **Steeple** in remembrance or celebration of loved ones.

Consider placing **flowers** on the church **altar** in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a wonderful life moment such as a special birthday or anniversary. You can order these from a florist to be delivered or buy flowers at Hannafords or the farmers market and arrange a simple bouquet.

The **Mission Globe** is another choice for remembering asylum seekers and countries in strife.

To reserve a Sunday, please email: danawig@gmail.com



ESKIMOS CLUB will meet on **Wednesday, January 2 at 6:30 p.m.** in the igloo. **REMEMBER** to bring items for the food pantry.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES ACTIVITIES

Let's **watch a movie** together at **1:00** on **Thursday, January 3**, in Davidson Lounge. The name of the movie is to be determined, but we promise a good one. If you have suggestions please contact Kathy Sahrbeck.

We will meet on **Thursday, January 17**, for a **SAM meeting** at **1:00** to plan future activities. Please join us and provide new ideas and adventures.

We're looking forward to having lunch at SMCC and also at other new (or old) restaurants in our area. We'll let you know when those are scheduled. We would love to hear about your ideas, that is, only if you're 55 or older! Many of you are eligible and haven't yet participated, so ask friends if they've had a good experience with the SAM group.

SAM also has a monthly newsletter, "**Senior Moments**," that highlights our activities for those over 55 years old. If you would like to be on our mailing list, just call the office (799.3361).

NEW CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Virginia (Gin) Micucci joined the Church staff in mid-December. She has a long career in office administration in the area. Gin lives in Scarborough with her long-time boyfriend and has three adult children who all live locally.

Gin enjoys crocheting and plans to share her craft at future events. She looks forward to meeting all in the congregation and lending a helping hand where possible.



OFFICIAL CALL TO THE BUDGET MEETING

The members of the First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, are hereby called to meet on **Sunday, January 28**, following the regular 10:00 a.m. service, for the following purposes:

- I. To receive and act upon the 2018 church budget proposed by the Church Council, and
- II. To hear and act upon any other business that may properly come before the church.

CELEBRATION OF YOUNG MUSICIANS 2019



We invite you to join in celebrating seven of southern Maine's most talented young musicians on **Sunday, January 27**, at **4:00 p.m.** (Snow date Saturday, February 2.) Piano, voice, violin, cello, organ, fiddle and flute all produce exceptionally good music – jazz, folk, classical – in the hands of these skilled young people. They range in age from 8 to 18. Come, listen, and enjoy examples of Maine's exciting musical future. Suggested donation \$10 - \$15. Children under 12 are free.



FALL CLEANUP RESULTS

Many members, gardeners, Elks and others enjoyed a brisk outdoor experience after church service on November 11, by raking leaves and bagging them for disposal. It took less than two hours for the cleanup due mainly to the large number of hands who helped out.

The House Committee thanks all who participated and also those who cleaned up grounds or gardens before that date.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Sharing announcements during worship is an important part of our time together. Our "Life of the Church" time helps us connect with some of the many things going on in our congregation at any given time, and helps us know how we can give back to the church and to others. But recently these announcements have been taking up too much time. On one Sunday recently, we didn't start the Call to Worship until 10:15! If you were visiting a church, would you want the first fifteen minutes of worship time to be about things that don't relate to you? Can you imagine trying to keep squirmy children quiet for that long? So we are going to make a concerted effort to streamline this time. Please be aware that we may sometimes turn down last-minute requests to make announcements. We might even experiment with sharing our announcements at a different time during worship. So please send any announcements to the office by Thursday morning so we can put them in the bulletin. We appreciate your patience as we figure out the best way to share the Life of the Church in a meaningful, worshipful way.

PER CAPITA CONTRIBUTIONS

Have you made your 2018 donation towards your Per Capita dues? This is the \$15.00 annual fee that the church pays on your behalf to the Cumberland Association and the Maine Conference.

“EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN”

The past three weeks have been exciting – and a bit bemusing -- for me. As the inimitable Yogi Berra said, “it’s like déjà vu all over again.” On December 1st I started as your new Bridge Associate Pastor, a part-time position running through end of next August. I’m delighted to be able to serve the congregation I love and that has meant so much to me and my family over the years in this way. But, since I’m back in the same office I occupied as the (full-time) Associate Pastor here from 2002-2005, I do keep running into memories (and even some of my own books and files!) everywhere I turn.

A great deal has changed in the past 13 years, of course – our Senior Minister, most of the staff (except for Shirley Curry and Tom), old friends and loved ones who were here then physically and are now with us in our hearts and prayers instead. And then there are all the little changes that those of us who, like my family since 2005, are here for worship and Christian Ed and other events and activities, but not part of the work it takes all week long in the office and on teams to make it all happen. Like, where do we keep the pencils now? And, how does this fancy new phone system work?

But some things never change and it’s why I fell in love with the world of church long ago and with this church specifically way back in 2002. Church means belonging. It means face-to-face. It means being called to be our best selves – not unbroken, not perfect, but loving and forgiving and curious and on the lookout for joy and justice. It means singing Silent Night on Christmas Eve surrounded by others, having lived together through another year of chores and challenges and changes. It means listening to a great sermon or letting a great hymn wash through you and being in a place where it’s okay to cry because your heart has been touched. It means being connected by the Spirit that can only be named as “Holy.” It means welcoming the stranger and serving the neighbor, not just in word but in deed, together.

My ministry with you over the next few months will focus on pastoral visitation, youth ministry and helping with other areas such as adult education gatherings and serving as worship leader once a month. The position is half-time (24 hours per week). I’ll generally be taking Wednesdays as a day off and will either be in the office or out doing visits M-T, Th-Fri and will of course be here on Sunday mornings, likely chasing my two little granddaughters through coffee hour as usual.

Stop by and say hello. Let’s see what we can learn together the next few months about the shape of ministry this church is growing into now, what we need and what we can sustain. And thank you for this opportunity to serve with you and discover what “new things” God is doing in our midst!

Happy New Year!

Rev. Jill Saxby, Bridge Associate Pastor



SCHOLARSHIP MATCH

We appreciate the generous and consistent support provided by Vinton Lewis over the years to our General Scholarship Fund. To encourage additional support for the Fund, Mr. Lewis offered a matching gift to other contributions to the General Scholarship Fund. The total received was \$7,050.

The 2018 Scholarship Committee members: Jeri Sides, Chairperson, Judy Kimball, Barbara Powers, Sally Sutton and Cindy Maddox, express their thanks to the congregation and donors for their support of these scholarships and for the privilege of administering such a wonderful program on behalf of our church.

Church Calendar

Jan 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		Office is Closed for	9am - Children's 12pm - Sr. Movie 6:30pm - Children's 6:30pm - Eskimos @	6:30pm - Care & 6:30pm - SL&W @ 7pm - EF&G @		9am - Children's 5:30pm - Soup
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:30am - Chapel 10am - Sanctuary		6:30pm - Prayer 7pm - Choir	2pm - CCM Review 6:30pm - Children's 7pm - Women's	12pm - Staff 6:30pm - Administra 7pm - Pastor Parish		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:30am - Chapel 10am - Sanctuary		6:30pm - Prayer 7pm - Choir	9am - Children's 6:30pm - Children's	1pm - SAMS @ 2nd	Bascon Deadline	9am - Children's
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:30am - Chapel 10am - Sanctuary	Office is Closed for	6:30pm - Prayer 7pm - Choir	6:30pm - Children's			
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
8:30am - Chapel 10am - Sanctuary 11:15am - Congrega 12pm - Set up for 4pm - Concert with	7pm - Investment	6:30pm - Prayer 7pm - Choir	6:30pm - Children's			

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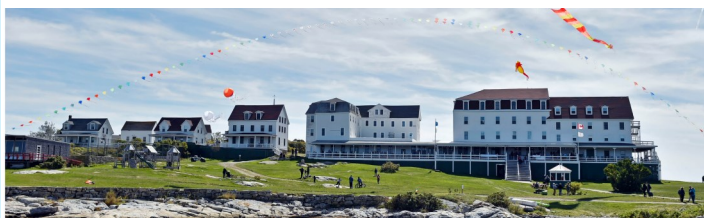
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Happy New Year

WORK ON STAR ISLAND IN 2019



Interested in working and living on Star Island this summer? Star Island is currently seeking applicants for seasonal work as *Pelicans* on Star Island, one of the Isles of Shoals off the coast of Portsmouth, NH. Kitchen, wait staff, and housekeeping positions are available, as well as positions requiring strong customer service and cash handling skills.

Residency on Star Island is required 6 days per week. The general employment period is mid-June through late-August with earlier or later dates available, too. Must be 18 years or older to apply.

Seeking a job on Star means you are willing to commit to working hard and to contributing to the whole island community. Including guests and other staff, you are part of a meaningful experience. In return you will be presented with a unique opportunity and one that could be of lifetime importance to you. Applications accepted through January 28th.

We encourage you to apply online at StarIsland.org or to contact us with any questions you might have about working and living on Star Island.