



THE BEACON

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Deadline for the October BEACON is Monday, September 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 Barbara Merrill;

Prayers for Donna Morong;

Prayers for Mary Suessmann;

Prayers for Barbara Thomas.



LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

September 3
9:30 a.m.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sanctuary Worship with Communion
Cindy Maddox will give the message.
Fellowship time follows with lemonade on the porch.

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

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Chapel Worship
Sanctuary Worship with Meetinghouse Choir
Cindy Maddox will give the message.
Homecoming picnic follows.

September 17
8:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

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

September 24
8:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

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

OFFICE HOURS

9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Updates on Greater Portland Family Promise

Our church is an official host congregation for the Family Promise program, and our first week of hosting families is rapidly approaching. Family Promise commenced operations on Sunday, July 9, and there are 12 congregations who will be hosting families.

Our week begins on Sunday, September 24. We now have all our systems in place to ensure a successful week. Peter and Linda Foss (fossy@gwi.net) and Debra and Tim Honey (debrafvl@maine.rr.com) (timhoney@aol.com) are our church's volunteer coordinators.

Please note that Family Promise of Greater Portland has selected a website called "SignUp" as the organizer for all volunteer activities. **Debra Honey is the FCC UCC SignUp coordinator.**

If you have already signed up to volunteer, and have registered on SignUp, and have selected your volunteer task and time slot, thank you! You're set to go!

If you have volunteered for Family Promise, but have not yet registered on SignUp please send an e-mail to Debra Honey at debrafvl@maine.rr.com. She will then make sure that you receive the link to SignUp and you can then volunteer on-line for a specific date, time-slot and job. If you have any difficulties, please contact Debra via e-mail or phone 207.450.4122.

Once you are signed up you will be asked to attend a volunteer training on Wednesday, September 13, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in Guptill Hall. Remember, all volunteers are asked to attend this training.

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 area. No gift is too small.

You can donate on line at: <https://greaterportlandfamilypromise.org/>



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

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

MISSION GLOBE:

September 10—In loving memory of **Eugene & Bernice Rideout and Linwood & Edith Durrell**, from their children Debbie & Jim Rideout.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

September 17—In loving memory of **Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd A. Jordan**, from Stanley & Marie Jordan and the grandchildren.

September 24—In loving memory of **Ruth Bonney**, from her daughter Sue Stevens.

STEEPLE DEDICATIONS:

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.

For Steeple Dedications, please call the Church Office.

RUMMAGE SALE

Our Rummage Sale will be held on **October 14**, so save the date, your clothing, furniture, books, etc. for the big sale. For more information, contact Prudy Wiggins at 799.5705. **Please do not bring any items to church until after October 1.**



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES ACTIVITIES



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

Thursday, September 14—We'll be leaving the church at **11:30 a.m.** to have lunch at the **Dolphin Restaurant** in Harpswell.



Thursday, September 21—**SAM meeting at 1:00 p.m.** Please join us with your new activity ideas for Fall and beyond.

Tuesday, October 3—We'll leave the church at **8:30 a.m.** for the **Fryeburg Fair.** It's Senior day, and admission is free for seniors.



NOTE: The October **SAM Meeting** will be at **1:00 p.m.** on **Wednesday, October 18**, instead of the usual Thursday time.

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.



EVERYONE IS INVITED to our annual **Church Picnic on Homecoming Sunday, September 10**, after the 10:00 a.m. worship service.



Sign-up sheets for food donations are on the easel by the lemonade table. Location to be determined by Mother Nature – parking lot or Guptill Hall.

WATER FROM MANY PLACES

If you are traveling this summer, consider bringing home a small container of water from a special place.

We'll gather the water in the font on **September 10**, and consecrate it to be used for baptisms in the coming year.



Blessing of the Backpacks

On **Homecoming Sunday, September 10**, we will have a blessing of the backpacks during our children's time. All students (of any age) are invited to bring their backpacks to be blessed.

Teachers, administrators, and other school personnel are also invited to bring their bags or anything else that represents their work.

Also, please bring extra school supplies for children in need.

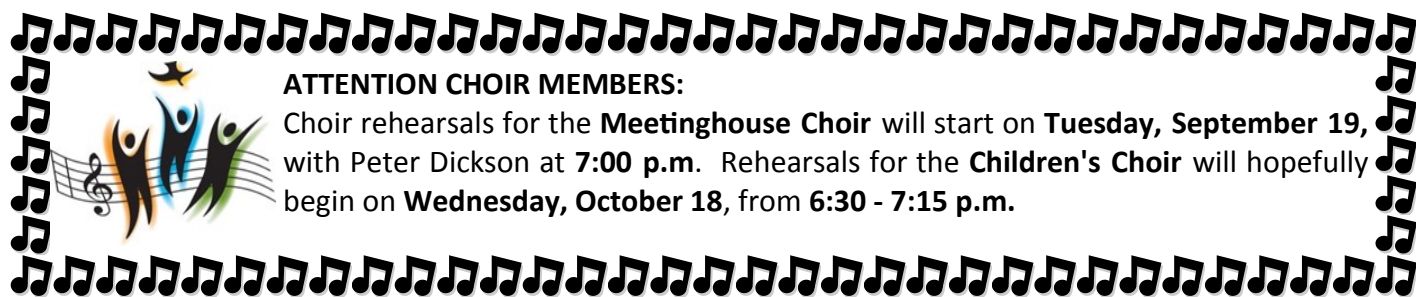


SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Please use the form on the link provided on the Sunday School section of our website, or fill out one of the paper forms in the narthex and leave in Anne Fuehrer's mailbox. The **first day of classes is September 17**.



Teachers and teaching partners are needed in all grades, so please don't be shy about expressing an interest in this area. We need adults to cover all the age groups. Teacher Training will be held early this month, with updates in an upcoming church bulletin.



ATTENTION CHOIR MEMBERS:

Choir rehearsals for the **Meetinghouse Choir** will start on **Tuesday, September 19**, with Peter Dickson at **7:00 p.m.** Rehearsals for the **Children's Choir** will hopefully begin on **Wednesday, October 18**, from **6:30 - 7:15 p.m.**



CHILDREN'S MUSEUM & THEATRE OF MAINE

We have a membership pass to the **Children's Museum & Theatre!** Church members may use this pass for free admission to the Museum for up to six people (in one group) per day. Please call or stop by the Church Office to reserve the date that you would like to visit the Museum and a pass will be issued. For information activities and hours at the Museum, visit the web site at www.kitetails.org

Church Calendar

Sep 2017 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 9:30am - Sanctuary	28	29	30	31	1	2 9am - Children's 5:30pm - Soup
3 9:30am - Sanctuary	4	5 9am - Children's 6:30pm - Eskimos @	6 12pm - Staff 1pm - SAMS @ 2nd 6:30pm - Care & 6:30pm - S, L & W @ 7pm - Mission	7	8	9 10am - Labyrinth
10 8:30am - Chapel 10am - Sanctuary	11 6:30pm - Prayer	12 2pm - CCM Review 5:30pm - Family 7pm - Storytelling	13 9am - Children's	14 6:30pm - Admintistr 7pm - Pastor Parish	15	16 9am - Children's
17 8:30am - Chapel 10am - Sanctuary	18 Beacon Deadline	19 6:30pm - Prayer 7pm - Choir	20 9am - Children's	21 7pm - Council	22	23
24 Family Promise @ All Classrooms	25	26	27	28	29	30
5pm - Family Promise @ Guptill Hall & Comm Room						
8:30am - Chapel 10am - Sanctuary	6:30pm - Prayer 7pm - Choir					

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