

THE MESSENGER

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Weekly Pledges & Offerings

We appreciate your continued support
and mailing of your pledges / offerings to:

Joyce Smith
PO Box 295
Rockport, ME 04856

9 am - 12:30 pm

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Weekly Worship / Sunday mornings

9:00 am People's UMC So. Thomaston (In-Person & FBLive)

11:00 am John Street UMC Camden (In-Person & FBLive) **12:15 pm** Lenten Soup Fellowship

2:00 pm Finnish Congregational Church (in-person every other week)

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BY PASTOR CHELLIE

Every now and then I crave pizza. Yummy, hot, sink-my-teeth-into doughy crust pizza. I make my own dough when I have the time. The pizza is large enough that after I cut it into slices (square slices because my large tray is rectangular) I have 6-8 slices I can wrap and freeze for later.

The past three weeks I have REALLY been craving pizza. Not my own mind you, but one from a local business. Mmmm, Pizzza kept invading my thoughts. Several times I talked myself out of turning into the parking lot as I drove past the eatery, giving myself positive affirmation each time I resisted the temptation.

Then one by one 'things' came in. Stacking up and onto a schedule and responsibilities that I had just sorted through. Reworking my schedule, extra trips to the doctors for Mom, a paint job unfinished, more snow shoveling, sad yet expected news ... tired, anxious, maybe a bit lonely, I noticed I was hungry. Or at least I thought I should be hungry and therefore I was hungry. PIZZA sounded AMAZING! and not just any pizza but – ohhhh yea... you know...

I did my best to talk myself out of ordering. It's cold; do you really want to get in the car and drive there; you could make 3 homemade pizzas for what this will cost;... I dialed and ordered. "Okay, before I begin eating, I'll wrap half of it and put it in the freezer," trying to convince myself that the temptation was not going to consume me. (yes, consume).

Nope, I succumbed to temptation. I knew better. But the temptation "got the better of me."



And that's what temptation does and how it works. Temptation is not necessarily evil or bad. It is invasive and persuasive. Working its way in when we are worn-down and vulnerable. The more worn-down the more invasive. The more vulnerable the more persuasive. And it's not like we don't know it because, we do. When we are so tired we can't think, temptation comes. When we are so lonely anyone's company, anyone's attention will do... that's temptation whispering. When we are so angry or anxious that we say or do things we normally wouldn't... You get the picture.

A popular acronym used in recovery programs is H.A.L.T. = Hungry, Angry/Anxious, Lonely, Tired. Temptation seeps in when we are Hungry, Angry/Anxious, Lonely, Tired. The message is HALT! HALT! Stop. Step back. Breathe. Take time to recognize and claim you're H.A.L.T. Reconsider your decision.

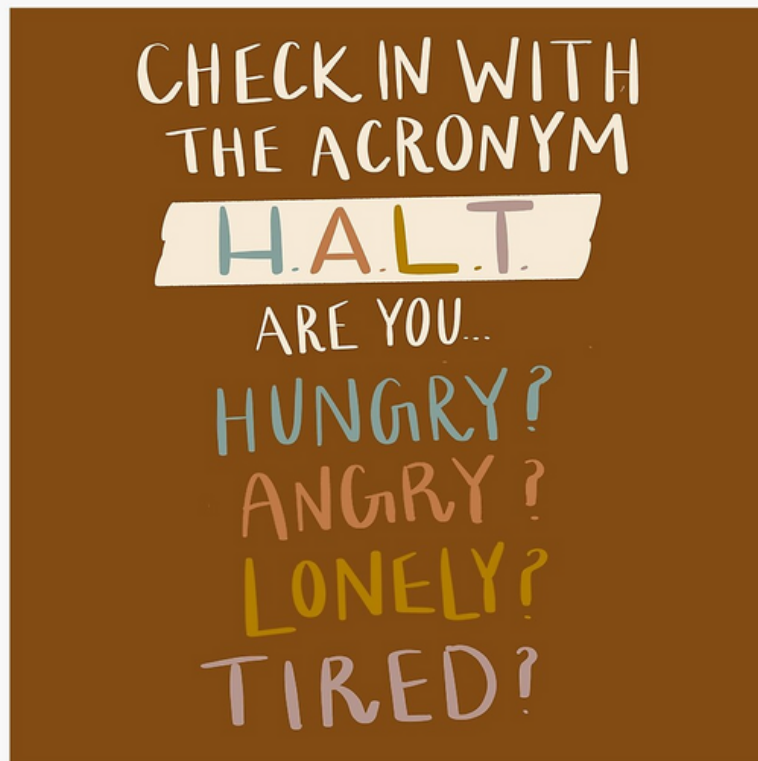


"No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

"For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted."

HEBREWS 2:18



Luke 4:1-13, the Gospel lesson assigned to this first Sunday of Lent year C, tells the story of Jesus' very human temptations for power, wealth, and control. Hungry, anxious (discerning more likely), lonely, tired, Jesus called upon God's Presence and Promise to fight back each temptation placed before Him. Filling His hunger with the Presence of God. Filling his mind with the Word and Promises of God. Speaking it out loud gave Jesus the strength and courage to say, "HALT!" "NO!"

Jesus didn't escape temptation and neither do we. Jesus showed us how to stave off temptations by keeping our minds and hearts on the promises of God. The Lord's Prayer (Mt 6:7-15) begins by placing God center in our lives. God's ways will not wear us down or wear us out. "Lead us NOT into temptation..." God's Promises, Will for Life, leads us away from temptations that cloud our thoughts and zap us of our energy, our passion for life. God's mercy and presence can deliver us from the evil we may do when we are Hungry, Angry/Anxious, Lonely, Tired.

Right now, most of the world is H.A.L.T. = Hungry, Angry/Anxious, Lonely, Tired – open to all kinds of temptations. We are witnesses to the pain and devastation. Do not be afraid. Like Jesus, Name it. Claim it. Proclaim it. Invite God's Presence and Promises into your weary heart and exhausted thoughts. Breathe God in as you wrestle with the choices before you.

And perhaps the best part, at least for me, is when we are too worn-out and tired, and we do give in to temptation – God's promised Grace and unfailing Love are there to sustain us. AMEN.

Hope & Peace,
Pastor Chellie



"Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him."

JAMES 1:12

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

ROMANS 12:2

CDC Guidelines & Updates

FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES AND WORSHIP SPACES

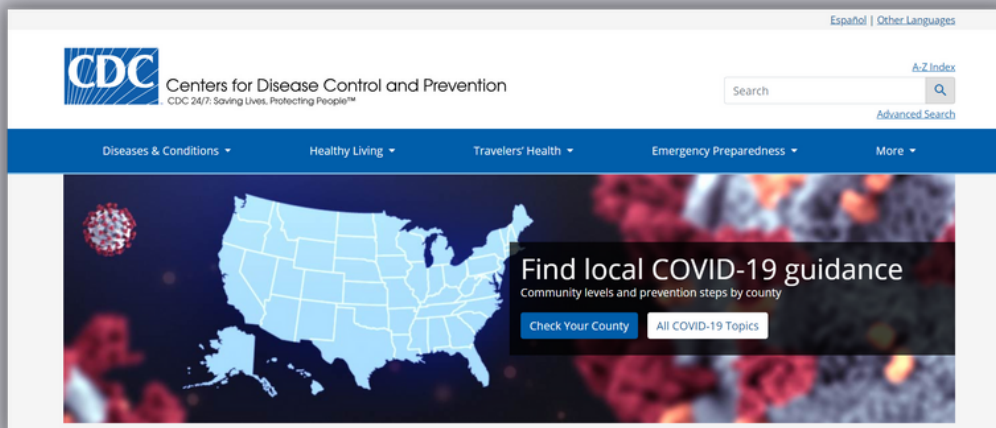


GENERAL UPDATE AS OF MARCH, 2022

UPDATED COVID-19 Protocols for In-Person Worship are in accordance with ME CDC
Masking is an individual's choice / Respectful Distancing is still encouraged

IN CASE OF EXPOSURE TO COVID19

- All FULLY vaccinated individuals should be OK, but we recommend extra social distancing and minimal public contact for 24 hours to allow for changing of clothes, etc.
- **ALL NON-VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS MUST QUARANTINE FOR 14 DAYS AND SEEK TESTING IF FEVER, HEADACHE, OR OTHER SYMPTOMS APPEAR, AS PER THE CDC**



For up-to-date information about exposure risk by state and county, the CDC website updates its map every Thursday. **As of March 10th, 2022, Knox County was at a Medium (yellow) risk level.**

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."

JOHN 13:34

"Love thy neighbor as thyself."

MARK 12:31

"Let each of you look out not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

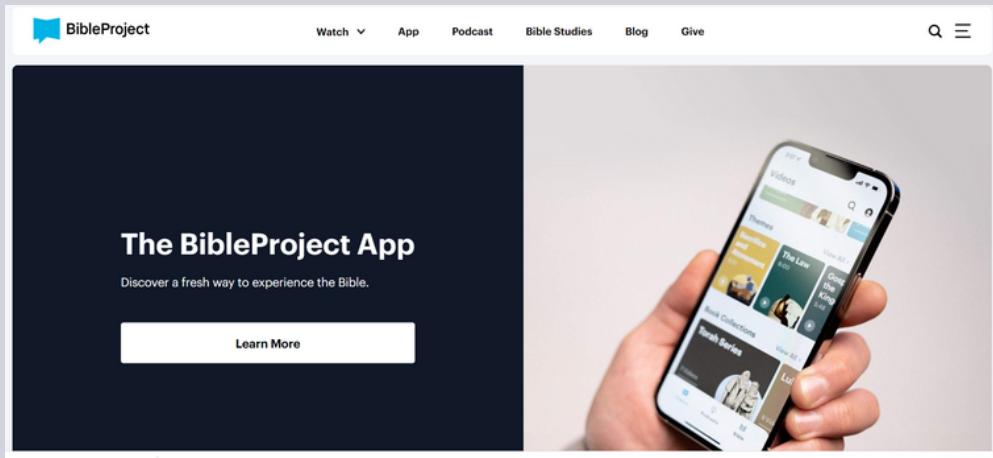
PHILIPPIANS 2:4

"Use your freedom to serve one another in love."

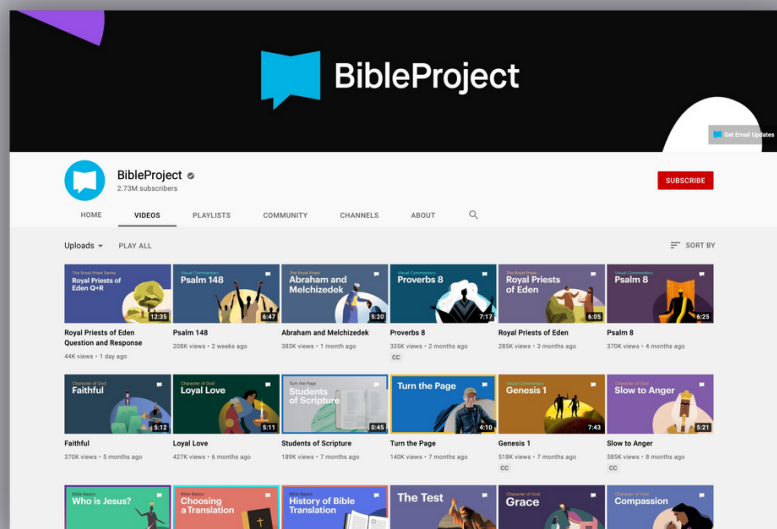
GALATIANS 5:13

Faith Formation

PRAY, READ, WATCH



This is a website that offers a blog, a podcast, and a series of five to eight minute videos on **Youtube** and **Facebook** on books of the Bible, theological concepts, and word studies! You have to check these out; Pastor Chellie loves them!



"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

PROVERBS 3:5-6

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

HEBREWS 11:1

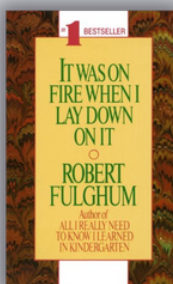
"For we walk by faith, not by sight."

CORINTHIANS 5:7

What's Been Happening @ JSUMC?

What's Chellie reading?

Chellie is currently reading **"It Was on Fire When I Lay Down on It"** by Robert Fulghum (2nd of his short essays), **"Another America / Otra America"** by Barbara Kingsolver (poetry), and one article: **"Bringing a Community Project Into Focus."**



Ivy Books by Ballantine Books: New York

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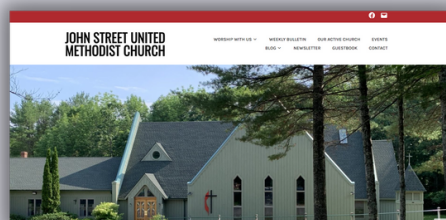


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JSUMC WEBPAGE



Our Bulletin & Weekly Schedule are there for downloading! Go to the webpage and select the big button to download the bulletin or the weekly schedule. You'll still receive by email unless you ask us to remove your name from the list.

Thank you, Heather, remote assistant!

Oh, our Newsletter is there, too.

We're striving to monthly link/upload our **Worship Services & Mid-Day Prayers from Facebook to our webpage & YouTube Channel.**

"An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge."

PROVERBS 18:15

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."

ROMANS 12:12

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

HEBREWS 10:24-25

THE LANDING PLACE: Helping youth of the Midcoast area

They are back to delivery only due to COVID. Below is a list of their Current Needs. The Landing Place receives donations on Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10 am – 2 pm. Call Shannon Shimer, youth program coordinator @ (207-691-7206) to plan a time to drop off your items.

COMFORT FOOD: Specifically, cans of beans, juice boxes, and pancake mixes (add water only).

URGENT NEEDS:

- Cold weather clothes: gloves, hats, warm socks, fleece jackets, hoodies, snow gear, snow boots
- Water bottles
- Blankets
- Hand warmers
- Yoga mats
- Fidgets/manipulatives (stress balls, playdough, spinners, etc)
- New, clean underwear and socks

MISSION OFFERINGS

If you have some to share after your pledge/tithe, consider helping one of our on-going missions:

- 1st Sunday/Communion Sundays = Camden Area Food Pantry
- 2nd Sunday = Your choice
- 3rd Sunday = Pastor's Discretionary Fund or Knox County Homeless Coalition
- 4th Sunday = UMCOR Disaster Relief
- 5th Sunday = World Missions {Heifer Intl./ CWS Blankets / etc.}

Make checks payable to JSUMC include the name of the non-profit on the MEMO line of the check

UMC Covenantal Missions

OUR MISSION SHARES connect
us to UMC mission

Locally: The Methodist Home in Rockland = Meals on Wheels,

Mentoring/Leadership Training for Clergy

Regionally: Camp Mechuwana, Lay Servant

Ministry Courses, Preachers' Aid Society,

Salem Economic Ministry, The Wilson Center

(Campus Ministry @ UMaine)

Nationally: Interdenominational Fund (partnerships)

Globally: African College, Nicaragua Connection

UMCOR: Disaster Response, Heifer International, Church World Service (CWS) = Blanket Sunday

How to assist Ukrainians

United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.

Make Checks payable to: JSUMC on the

Memo Line: **UMCOR Advance #982450**

LOCAL MISSIONS / NON-PROFITS WE SUPPORT

KNOX COUNTY HOMELESS COALITION
HOSPITALITY HOUSE
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
OUT MAINE
THE LANDING PLACE
COASTAL OPPORTUNITIES
CAMDEN AREA CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY
CAMDEN DIST. NURSING ASSOC.
MEALS on WHEELS & P.A.W.S

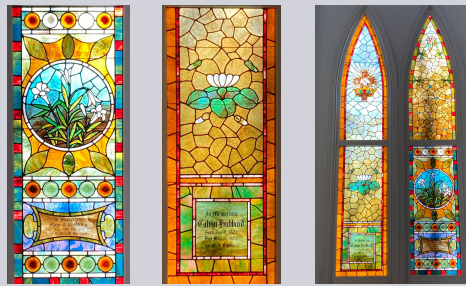
"And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."

MARK 16:15

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

MATTHEW 28 19-20

What's Going On at JSUMC?



Mondays-Saturdays	AA Meetings	7:00-8:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Mondays	MoJO (Monday Nite Jazz Orchestra)	6:30 - 9:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Tuesdays	Game Day	11:30 - 3:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
	Penobscot Bay Orchestra	5:30 - 8:30 pm	Sanctuary
Wednesdays	Scrapbooking	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Thursdays	Adult Tai Chi	10:30 - 11:15 am	Fellowship Hall
	NA	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
	Writers Group	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Classroom 1 (red rm)
1st Saturdays	Novel Writers Group	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Classroom 1 (red rm)

Fun Opportunities!

TUESDAYS: GAME DAY Winter hours 11:30 am – 3 pm – Gerry Simonton & Pat Miller

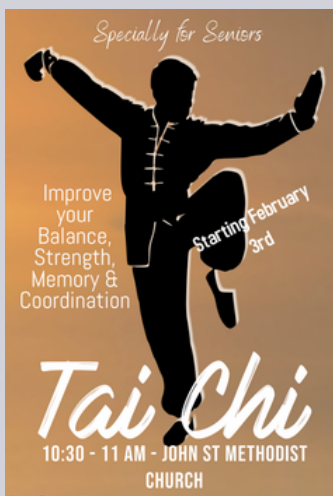
Fun, Fellowship, Faithfulness is the mission of this group. The ever-faithful “Hand & Foot” card game players are here most Tuesdays filling four, and sometimes five, respectfully distanced tables. To play, each person is asked to make a donation to the designated mission project. Their donations have supported Camden Area Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, and JSUMC. There’s room for one more table in the Fellowship Hall and two more tables in the classrooms. Do you have a group of friends who might want to play board games like Scrabble, Trouble, or Parchesi or card games like Cribbage or Rummy?

WEDNESDAYS: SCRAPBOOKING 10 am – 2 pm / Sharon Danforth & Judy Clossey

What a great way to spend a winter afternoon – creating something in a room with friends. This small yet very faithful group meets most Wednesdays to create beautiful albums and cards while they enjoy each other’s company. Each person is provided a table (respectfully distanced) and brings their own materials. There’s room in the Fellowship Hall for three more tables – Crafters of any kind are invited to come!

THURSDAYS: BEGINNER ADULT TAI CHI 10:30 – 11:15 am / Andrew Lesmerises

Vicky, Andrew’s mom, enjoys attending his classes in Warren but wondered if there was a way for the classes to be closer to home. Absolutely, Vicky! Right here @ JSUMC! Meet up with friends while you gently improve your balance, core strength, and confidence under the instruction of Andrew. Concerned about your balance and standing for an extended length of time? Many of the moves and positions can be modified to be done in a chair. Progress at your own pace. Class fees will be donated to a local non-profit chosen by class participants. More information about registration etc. will be coming in the next week or so.



"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

MATTHEW 18:20

"That is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine."

ROMANS 1:12

"Don't forget to do good and to share what you have because God is pleased with these kinds of sacrifices."

HEBREWS 13:16

"Carry each other's burdens and so you will fulfill the law of Christ."

GALATIANS 6:2



SUNDAYS: LENTEN SOUP FELLOWSHIP 12:15 pm - Rev. Chellie & Gail Moody

The ME CDC Guidelines say it is safe for fully vaccinated adults to share a meal together when respectful distancing is provided. We have plenty of room in our Fellowship Hall! A simple meal of Soup & a Roll / Biscuit will be offered in the Fellowship Hall. There will be take home containers for those not ready to share a meal in-person. If you would like to help provide a soup or rolls/biscuit contact Chellie or Gail.



TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS: MID-DAY PRAYER & COMMUNION 12:30 pm - FBLive

Join Rev. Chellie online Tuesdays for Mid-Day Prayer & Reflection, and Thursdays for At-Home Communion. Most days Chellie will be livestreaming from John St. UMC. Call ahead if you want to join her in-person.



"Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

HEBREWS 10:25

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

ACTS 2:42

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."

1 JOHN 1:7

Prayers for our Church Family

New England Conference

Bishop Sudarshana Devahdar Rev. Dr. Jackie Brannon, DS
Kelly Santiago, Dist. Admin. Assist.

UMC Mid-ME District Churches - Prayers for Strength & Faithfulness

March 6 - 21, 2022

New Harbor, Sheepscott Community Federated Church: Newcastle, North Searsport,
People's: Newport, North Bucksport, North Woolwich

March 21 - April 3, 2022

Old Town, Orland, Orono, First: Orrington, Stetson Memorial; Patten, Pembroke, Penobscot

JSUMC Church Leadership

Rev. Chellie Wiley, <i>Pastor</i>	Lisa Decker Griffith, <i>Council & Lay Leader</i>	
Gail Moody, <i>SPRC</i>	Richard Householder, <i>Finance</i>	Joyce Smith, <i>Fin. Sec.</i>
Pam Boland, <i>Bookkeeper</i>	Steve Dailey, <i>Endowment</i>	Bob Smith, <i>Trustees</i>
Heather Corson, <i>Remote Admin. Asst.</i>	Pat Miller, <i>Worship & Missions</i>	Matt Mainster, <i>organist</i>
	Tom Boland, <i>Custodian</i>	Glen Smith, <i>Tom's Helper</i>

PUMCST Church Leadership

Rev. Chellie Wiley, <i>Pastor</i>	Priscilla Torpey, <i>Council</i>	Nancy Stalcup, <i>Lay Leader</i>
Marie Ilvonen, <i>SPRC</i>	Dave Matthews, <i>Finance</i>	Bethany Fontaine, <i>Fin. Sec.</i>
Pam Boland, <i>Treasurer</i>	Bill Torpey, <i>Trustees</i>	Georgia Hansen, <i>Altar Guild</i>
Susan Jones, <i>Music/Worship</i>	Tom Boland and Glen Smith, <i>Custodians</i>	

Prayers for Love & Fellowship

JSUMC Family Members (March 6 -21, 2022)

Lillian Vose, Thom & Pat White, Pamela Whitt & Leslie Kristeller, Teddy Wilcox, Jean Winslow, Robert & Suzanne Williams

John Street UMC Family March 21-April 3

John & Linda Armstrong, Herb & Grace Annis, Jean Boobar, Judy Clossey, Bill Cross, Edith Berry, Kathlene & Anna Christie, Arthur Crockett, Harold & Pamela Crockett

At Home: Bill Cross 207-236-8152 MaryJane Gautesen 207-785-2342 Bill Murphy
Barbara Ludwig 207-763-3257 Jean Winslow 207-236-4778 Thom & Pat White
Ralph Miller 207-236-8009 Florence Householder (recovering & receiving rehab)

Quarry Hill / Anderson Inn: Jean Boobar (apt. 318) 207-542-1523

Windward Gardens: Mary Dearborn 207-470-0990 / 207-390-1128

Merry Gardens: Dot Harrington 207-236-3942
Lilian Vose 207-390-0878 (Bob's Sister)

HEALTH & WELLNESS: Florence Householder (rehab in Portland)

those having surgery or recovering from recent surgeries

Bruce Smith (Bob's brother)	Sherry (Mary D's daughter)
Susan Wilson (cancer – Fran's sister-in-law)	Joyce Smith & Gail Moody (pain relief)
Emma (cancer - Don M's niece)	Luke (Gail's nephews)
Ruby & her husband (Silvia's sister & brother-in-law)	
Pat Dutille (recovering from pancreatic cancer surgery)	

PRESENCE & COMFORT: Richard Householder as he visits Florence @ MEMed

JOY & THANKSGIVING: Fellowship starting again – and with SOUP!

BALANCE & SUSTAINING FAITH for this period of sorrow, grief, & loss

WISDOM & COMPASSION: World and National Leaders / Ukraine

SAFETY & ASSISTANCE: the homeless, the underemployed, the hungry and the disenfranchised

REST & COMFORT & ASSISTANCE: all Caregivers, especially those caring for family members
or caring for loved ones w/cognitive impairment

COURAGE & HOPE: those living with anxiety, depression, and mental illness, addictions

SOLIDARITY & COMPASSION: refugees; immigrants & asylum seekers; Native peoples

>Victims/survivors of racial violence; religious intolerance & terrorism, domestic violence

FAMILY & FRIENDS: 987,600+ people who have died in the US from COVID-19 & its variants

*"I call on you,
my God, for you
will answer me;
turn your ear to
me and hear my
prayer."*

PSALM 17:6

*"The Lord is
near to all who
call on him, to
all who call on
him in truth."*

PSALM 145:18

*"Therefore I tell
you, whatever
you ask for in
prayer, believe
that you have
received it, and
it will be*

yours."
MARK 11:24

*"Then you will
call on me and
come and pray
to me, and I will
listen to you."*

JEREMIAH 29:12

In Deep Sympathy



It is with great sadness we share the passing of our dear friend, MaryJane Gautesen, on Saturday, March 12, 2022. She died peacefully at home with her loving, caring family by her side.

Lectionary Scriptures

Epiphany / Ordinary Time Yr. C

February 6 Epiphany 5 White/Blue/Silver

Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13) Ps 138
1 Cor. 15:1-11 Lk 5:1-11

March 13 Lent 2 Purple/ Sticks+ Stones

Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18 Ps. 26
Phil. 3:17-4:1 Lk. 13:31-35

February 13 Epiphany 6 White/Blue/Silver

Jeremiah 17:5-10 Ps 1
1 Cor. 15:12-20 Lk 6:17-26

March 20 Lent 3 Purple/ Sticks+ Stones

Isa. 55:1-9 Ps. 63:1-9
1 Cor. 10:1-13 Lk. 13:1-9

February 20 Epiphany 7 White/Blue/Silver

Genesis 45:3-11, 15 Ps 37:1-11, 39-40
1 Cor. 15:135-38, 42-50 Lk 6:27-38

March 27 Lent 4 Purple/ Sticks+ Stones

Josh. 5:9-12 Ps. 32
2 Cor. 5:16-21 Lk. 13:31-35 15:1-3, 11b-32

February 27 Transfiguration White

Exodus 34:29-35 Ps 99
2 Cor. 3:12-4:2 Lk 9:28-36, (37-43a)

April 3 Lent 5 Purple/ Sticks+ Stones

Isa. 43:16-21 Ps. 126
Phil. 3:4b-13 Jn. 12:1-8

LENT BEGINS

March 2 ASH WED Gray/Purple

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Ps 51:1-17
2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10 Mt 6:1-6, 16-21

April 10 PALM SUNDAY RED

March 6 Lent 1 Purple/ Sticks+ Stones

Deut. 26:1-11 Ps. 91:1-2, 9-16
Rom. 10:8b-13 Lk. 4: 1-13

Carillon Hymns for the Lenten Season

Alas, And Did My Savior Bleed
Glory Be to God
All Glory, Laud and Honor
Lord, Throughout These Forty Days
Beneath The Cross of Jesus
Were You There?

*"The heart of
man plans his
way, but the
LORD
establishes his
steps."*

PROVERBS 16:9

*"And he said
unto them, it is
not for you to
know the times
or the seasons,
which God hath
put in his own
power."*

ACTS 1:7

*"While the earth
remaineth,
seedtime and
harvest, and
cold and heat,
and summer and
winter, and day
and night shall
not cease."*

GENESIS 8:22

Letters from Jackie

From our D.S.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! Luke 13:34

Dear Friends,

This morning as I awoke, my heart was heavy; just as it has been for so many days. I feel a sense of helplessness as I watch the news and see the horrifying images that come from the Ukraine. Why do we, humans, choose to hurt and oppress one another? it is easy to vilify Putin. He is a flawed and misguided man who has too much power. However easy it is to place justifiable blame on him, history and current events show us that we are all capable of discrimination and harming others. We saw this same kind of evil in World War I and II, the Holocaust, the current occupation of Palestine, the enslavement of Africans, and the colonization of the Native people here in America. Sadly, that is just the tip of the iceberg.

I believe that God longs to hold each of us under God's wings and shelter and protect us from all the evil intentions in our hearts. I know that God has so much love to share and that we are at our best when we live into that same life of love and peace.

While we may not be able to stop the atrocities in the Ukraine, there are things we can do today to make the world a more peaceful and less hateful place. The first, of course, is to pray. Pray for peace. Pray for good to come out of the evil in the world, pray for our leaders, and pray that we will be used to help in whatever way we can. This morning, if you want to send in a donation to help the people in Ukraine through UMCOR,

<https://umcmmission.org/umcor/how-to-assist-the-ukrainian-people/>

Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450>

By toll-free telephone: 888-252-6174

By Check made out to John St. UMC with "Advance #982450-Ukraine" on the memo line. or

Global Ministries/UMCOR with "Advance #982450-Ukraine" on the memo line

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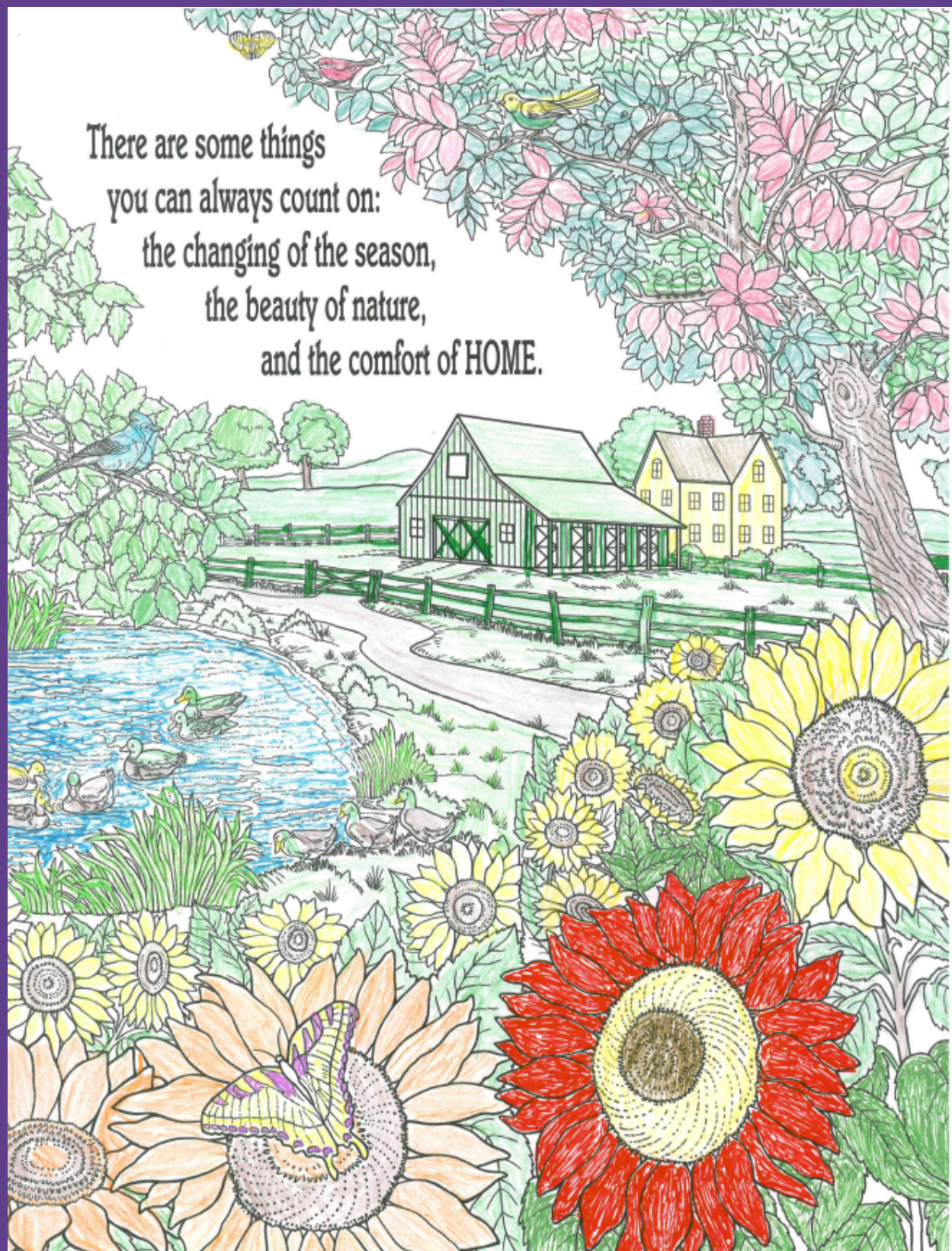
Second, let us look around at the folks near us who are also not treated fairly. Last month, I worked with the Bishop and our Conference Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns to submit testimony to our Maine State Legislature in support of LD 1626, to allow our Native Nations within the state of Maine sovereignty of their nations; just as all the other Native Nations have in other states. While this cannot erase the oppression and mistreatment that our Native brothers and sisters have had over the years of colonial occupation, it is a step in the right direction. Our United Methodist Book of Resolutions affirms that we are in support of tribal sovereignty. It states. "Tribal sovereignty is an inherent international right of Native nations. It encompasses various matters, such as jurisdiction over Indians and non-Indians on tribal lands, education and language, child welfare and religious freedom. Land is both the physical and spiritual foundation of tribal identity." (United Methodist Book of Resolutions, 2016). More information about the needs of our Native nations can be found at Wabanakialliance.com.

We all know that God's love can also be expressed right in our own families and local churches. Rather than seeking our own needs and desires at the expense of others, we can intentionally act with humility and with love for others. These small steps may not stop the war in the Ukraine but like a pebble thrown into the water will reverberate long beyond what we can imagine.

I will be praying for you as we work toward peace together. Blessings, Jackie

Barbara's Beauties

Art contributions by Barbara Ludwig



Prayers to Ponder

A New Serenity Prayer

By Fr. James Martin, SJ



God, grant me the serenity
to accept the people I cannot change,
which is pretty much everyone,
since I'm clearly not you, God.
At least not the last time I checked.

And while you're at it, God,
please give me the courage
to change what I need to change about myself,
which is frankly a lot, since, once again,
I'm not you, which means I'm not perfect.
It's better for me to focus on changing myself
than to worry about changing other people,
who, as you'll no doubt remember me saying,
I can't change anyway.

Finally, give me the wisdom to just shut up
whenever I think that I'm clearly smarter
than everyone else in the room,
that no one knows what they're talking about
except me,
or that I alone have all the answers.

Basically, God,
grant me the wisdom
to remember that I'm
not you.

Amen.



Community Resources & Announcements

General Conference further postponed to 2024

The following announcement was made today by the
Commission on the General Conference
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 3, 2022

Nashville, Tenn.: As the pandemic continues and the wait time for visas stretches to over two years in some countries, the Commission on the General Conference announced today that the 2020 General Conference cannot be held in 2022 due to COVID-related and governmental policies/constraints.

Commission members received a report based on conversations with multiple officials of the U. S. Department of State outlining the massive backlog of visa applications in some areas. ...
...Commission chairperson Kim Simpson said the decision to postpone once again was an exceedingly difficult one, with many factors to consider -- including visas and passports, the health and safety of delegates, volunteers and other attendees, vaccination rates, and the need for provisions for quarantine or medical care should any delegates contract COVID-19.

To read the full statement go to:

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/general-conference-further-postponed-to-2024>



The following web links from www.caring.com have helpful information related to memory care services and tips for caregivers:

- <https://www.caring.com/senior-living/memory-care-facilities/>
- <https://www.caring.com/senior-living/memory-care-facilities/maine>
- <https://www.caring.com/caregivers/alzheimers/>
- <https://www.caring.com/caregivers/dementia/>
- <https://www.caring.com/caring/senior-care-graphic>

"This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you."

JOHN 15:12

"Instead of each person looking out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others."

PHILIPPIANS 2:4

"Generous persons will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed."

PROVERBS 11:25

"Be kind, compassionate, and forgiving to each other, in the same way God forgave you in Christ."

EPHESIANS 4:32

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