

THE MESSENGER

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Tuesdays & Thursdays

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Tuesdays @ JSUMC

Wed & Thurs @ Home/Visits/Calls

Fridays @ PUMCST



Weekly Pledges & Offerings

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

JSUMC

c/o Joyce Smith

PO Box 295

Rockport, ME 04856

9 am - 12:30 pm

11 am - 4:00 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** Fellowship

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

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BY PASTOR CHELLIE

My first recollection of anything to do with May Day was from the opening scenes of The Mary Tyler Moore Show. We see her strolling through the streets of New York City smiling and twirling as the theme song reassures us, "You're gonna make it after all..." Then, right near the end, when she's walking through Central Park - as the tv station cuts away for a commercial before airing the episode's first scene - there it is {no, not her tossing her red hat into the air} 3 seconds of children dancing the maypole dance.



I learned a snippet of the musical significance of May Day one semester in music school. But I never learned WHY May Day was so significant to so many countries. This year, 2022, the first Sunday of May is May 1st - May Day. It was time to find out.

No surprise, like everything springtime - May Day is about the promise of new life and regeneration - fertility, renewal and restoration - an earthly resurrection. It is the celestial half-way marker between the dark of deep winter and the light of mid-summer.

Spring Equinox - March - Lent

Summer Solstice - June - Pentecost

The earliest recorded May celebrations were held between April 27th - May 3rd with the Floralia / festival of Flora, honoring the Roman goddess of flowers.



The Maïouma/Maiuma, a festival celebrating Dionysus and Aphrodite (fertility gods) was held every three years during the month of May.

May Day is also related the oldest and most well-known springtime celebrations of Beltane, which translates to lucky fires.

This Celtic, British Isles festival honors the return of life and fertility to the world. Beltane celebrations included lots of fire: bonfires, fire displays, jumping over fires; lots of eating: springtime berries, sweets and cakes from the last of the winter stores; and field games and dances - including dancing around a tall pole with brightly colored ribbons, as the dance progressed the ribbons brightly wrapped the pole. Historians believe the first maypole dance took place as part of Germanic pagan fertility rituals.



"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

ISAIAH 43:18-19

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17



In the 19th century, May Day took on a new meaning in the U.S. when May 1st was declared International Workers' Day amid a labor movement for worker's rights and an eight-hour workday. The giving of May Day baskets was very popular back in the 19th and 20th centuries. People would fill paper baskets or cones with sweets, berry-flavored candies, and flowers. After hanging the basket on the door knob they'd knock on a neighbor's door and yell "May basket!" and run away. If they got caught, the giver of the basket owed the receiver of the basket a kiss.

We are at the mid-point of the promised hope of our Christian faith – between the brokenness of Lent with its lies and betrayals, death and emptiness and the restoration of Pentecost with its truth and promises kept, new life / new creation and fullness of Spirit. All the world celebrates the newness of life springing forth from the depths of darkness – life after death, an empty tomb to fullness of life.

Abundant Life to you,
Pastor Chellie

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."

JOHN 5:24

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-24

CDC Guidelines & Updates

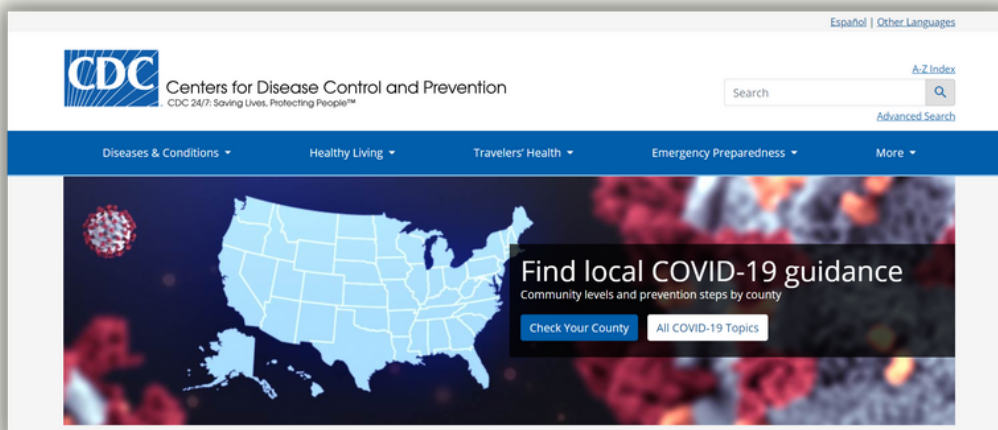
FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES AND WORSHIP SPACES



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

People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask. Masks are recommended in indoor public transportation settings and may be required in other places by local or state authorities.



For up-to-date information about exposure risk by state and county, the CDC website updates its map every Thursday. **As of April 30th, 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."

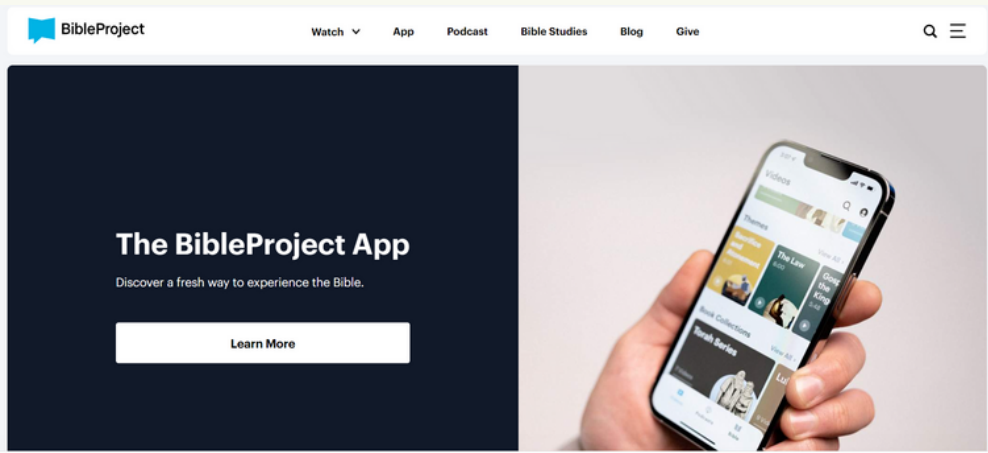
PHILIPPIANS 2:4

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

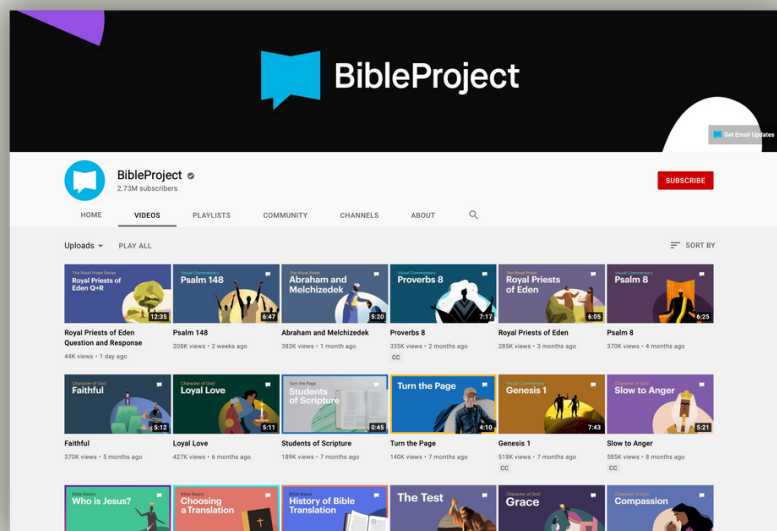
GALATIANS 5:13

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."

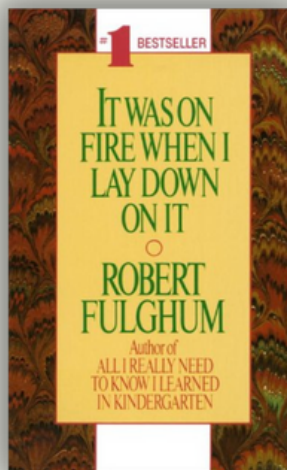
HEBREWS 11:1

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

CORINTHIANS 5:7

What's Chellie Reading?

Chellie is currently reading **"It Was on Fire When I Lay Down on It"** by Robert Fulghum (2nd of his short essays). She recently finished **"Another America / Otra America"** by Barbara Kingsolver (poetry), and **"A Spindle Splintered"** by Alix E. Harrow. This May she'll start **"Red at the Bone"** by Jaqueline Woodson.



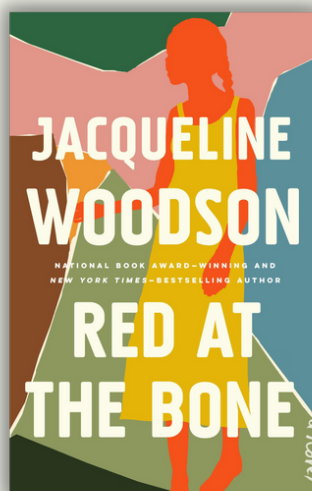
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"An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge."

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

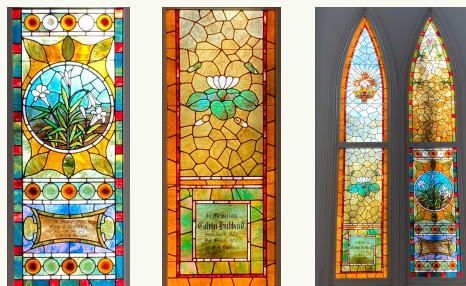
*"And he said to
them, "Go into
all the world
and proclaim
the gospel to the
whole creation."*

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**

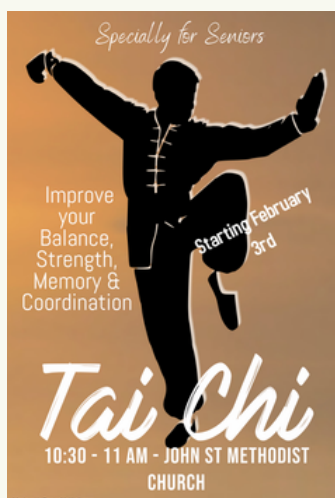
Fun, Fellowship, Faithfulness is the mission of this group. The ever-faithful “Hand & Foot” card game players are here most Tuesdays filling four, and sometimes five, respectfully distanced tables. To play, each person is asked to make a donation to the designated mission project. Their donations have 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



SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP: Fruit Parfaits 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! Fruit Parfaits (yogurt & cottage cheese) 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 fruit parfait, 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. Bishop Eduard Khagay, Bishop of both Russia and Ukraine
Bishop Christian Alsted, Bishop of Nordic Baltic Area

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

May 1 - 14, 2022

Thomaston Federated, People's Union, Vanceboro, Waldoboro, Lidston Memorial: Washburn,
Ellington's Corner: Winterport, West Lubec

May 15 - May 28, 2022

Alton, Atkinson, Baileyville, Bangor, Bath

May 29 - June 11, 2022

Belfast, Boothbay Harbor, Brewer, Brooksville, Brownville Junction, Bucksport

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

John Street UMC Family (May -11, 2022)

Barbara Ludwig, Vicky Lesmeries, Tom & Judy McKearney, Ralph & Pat Miller, , Bill Murphy,
Dick & Sandy Milstead, Don & Gail Moody, Renee Moody

John Street UMC Family (May 15-May 28, 2022)

Jay Pendleton, Sue Ellen Roberts, Silvia Sayers, Howard & Gerry Simonton, Nancy Shibles,
Bob & Joyce Smith, Grace Stetson, Nancy Sturdee

John Street UMC Family (May 29-June 11, 2022)

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

At Home: Bill Cross 207-236-8152 Bill Murphy
Barbara Ludwig 207-763-3257 Jean Winslow 207-236-4778
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: those having surgery or recovering from recent procedures

JOYS & THANKSGIVING: Signs of Spring

WISDOM & COMPASSION: World and National Leaders

COURAGE & SUPPORT: 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: Those who have died in the war on Ukraine

*"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

Lectionary Scriptures

Epiphany / Ordinary Time Yr. C

May 1 EASTER 3 / May Day / Native American Min.

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20) Ps. 30

Rev. 5:11-14 Jn. 21:1-19

SERMON: Luke 24:13-32 Road to Emmaus

June 5 PENTECOST/Communion RED

Acts 2:1-21

Ps. 104:24-34, 35b

Rom. 8:14-17

Jn. 14:8-17, (25-27)

May 8 EASTER 4 / Mother's Day

Acts 9:36-43 Ps. 23

Rev. 7:9-17 Jn. 10:22-30

June 12 PEACE with JUSTICE / TRINITY RED

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Ps. 8

Rom. 5:1-5 Jn. 16:12-15

May 15 EASTER 5

Acts 11:1-18 Ps. 148

Rev. 21:1-6 Jn. 13:31-35

June 19 Pentecost 2 / Father's Day TEAL

1 Kgs. 19:1-15a Ps. 42

Gal. 3:23-29 Lk. 8:26-39

May 22 EASTER 6

Acts 16:9-15 Ps. 67

Rev. 21:10, 22-22:5 Jn. 14:23-29

June 26 Pentecost 3 TEAL

2 Kgs. 2:1-2, 6-14 Ps. 77:1-2, 11-20

Gal. 5:1, 13-25 Lk. 9:51-62k

May 26 ASCENSION WHITE

Acts 1:1-11 Ps. 47

Eph. 1:15-23 Lk. 24:44-53

July 3 Pentecost 4 / Communion TEAL

2 Kgs. 5:1-14 Ps. 30

Gal. 6:(1-6), 7-16 Lk. 10:1-11, 16-20

May 29 EASTER 7

Acts 16:16-34 Ps. 97

Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 Jn. 17:20-26

Carillon Hymns for the Easter Season

Christ Arose, Christ Is Alive
Crown Him With Many Crowns
Thine Is The Glory
He Lives
Lord of The Dance

*"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

JSUMC Council Meeting Summary

Brief Reports

SPRC: Gail Moody & Rev. Wiley

- >Coffee Fellowship will start up again since ME CDC Guidelines lessens mask requirement
 - +take home containers are available
 - +Lenten Soup Fellowship
- +Eastertide Fruit Parfaits (yoghurt & cottage cheese)

TRUSTEES: Bob Smith

- >1st Discussion on use/sale of back property was Wed, April 20th 4:00PM
 - >Paving of Parking Lot – begun on Monday, April 25th
 - >Bell Tower - replace old plagues with 1 larger plague, cleaning bells, new bell pull ropes, Clean-Up/Upgrade the area
 - >Landscaper/Gardener: We have hired Duryea & Gauvin Decker Griffith
 - +they started the weekend of April 24th
 - >Gas Detector purchased and installed in Kitchen
 - >Refinish entry doors
 - >Replace Outside Lighting
 - >Interior Painting 2022: Men's Bathroom & Church Office
 - >Possible new entrance into Fellowship Hall off the back parking lot – mostly for winter
- Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 @ 4:00 pm

MISSION: Rev. Chellie

- >Ukraine Assistance encouraged through UMCOR
- Make Checks payable to: JSUMC on the Memo Line: UMCOR Advance #982450
- >Gas Cards for Meals on Wheels volunteer drivers – will be purchased & delivered in May
- >A list of local non-profits we encourage supporting is included on our weekly announcements, newsletter, & webpage

WORSHIP – Rev. Wiley

- >Easter sanctuary was beautiful!
- +Depiction of Holy Week to Easter with robe 2 the pulpit, palms on the floor leading to a table set up for Maundy Thurs & Communion, 2nd table with crown of thorns & coins for Good Friday, and of course the Easter Garden of Flowers around the altar.
 - >Thank you Grace A. & Pat M. for making this come to life
 - >April 24th Rev. Chellie is on Respite/Renewal
- +Earth Day lay led service based on previous Merry Spring services

PASTOR: Rev. Wiley

- >We are saddened at the passing of our dear friend, MaryJane Gautesen
 - >Meetings to set: SPRC, Worship, Missions
 - >Respite Days Off as recommended by our DS
 - +Respite Wk 1: Thurs. Feb. 17 - 25 / Rev. Matthew McDonald, supply was well received
 - +Respite Wk 2: Thurs April 21 – 26 / Earth Day Service – laity will lead
 - +I did not receive a silent retreat at the UMC Epworth House
 - >Summer Vacation Requesting the Month of August (7th, 14th, 21st, 28th)
 - +SPRC & I will find guest speakers / Rev. Jackie Brannen, DS is available for 1 Sunday
 - >VISITS & CALLS: I'm doing my best to schedule visits & make more check-in calls
 - +How I prioritize calls & visits
 - 1st those with little to no family support in the area
 - 2nd those with ongoing illnesses
 - 3rd those with ongoing situation
 - Those with strong support systems in the area (family & friends)
 - I'm calling/visiting when & if the person or family requests
- That means church or family members need to let me know if a person would like a visit
- NEXT MEETING: Wednesday May 18, 2022 @ 4:00 pm Hybrid

"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

Community Resources & Announcements



This may be a Rockland initiative but Pastor Chellie is encouraging our John St. church family & friends to take this up as well.

<https://rocklandmaine.gov/no-mow-may/>

NO MOW MAY INITIATIVE

The goal of **No Mow May** is to allow grass to grow unmown for the month of May, creating habitat and forage for early season pollinators. This is particularly important in densely populated areas where floral resources are often limited.

No Mow May was started in England by a group called Plantlife, to support early emerging pollinators with more flowers for foraging. In this country it is promoted by Bee City USA. Not mowing lawns in May allows many more flowers to bloom in the lawn, and these flowers are crucial forage for spring-emerging bees.

Maine has seventeen species of bumblebees, which carry out crucial pollination services, and several of these species are in decline. Rockland is pleased to encourage our pollinators and No Mow May goes hand in hand with our ordinance (passed last year) phasing out lawn pesticides. We are identifying areas in our local parks that will be left unmown in May as well as spaces well-suited to promoting wildflowers.

“No Mow May” educational signs can be printed off the Bee City USA website,

<https://beecityusa.org/>

[https://beecityusa.org/wp-](https://beecityusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/No_Mow_May_Bee_Campus.pdf)

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to let folks know this is being done intentionally. Also, volunteers will be printing lawn signs for anyone who would like one, details upcoming.

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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/>
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"Masks" graphic from <https://katu.com/news/local/face-masks-now-required-in-seven-oregon-counties>
CDC screenshot taken from www.cdc.gov

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"Bible Project" screenshots taken from www.bibleproject.com & Youtube

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"Another America" taken from <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/58340979-another-america-otra-am-rica>
"Red at the Bone" from <https://www.amazon.com/Red-at-Bone-Jacqueline-Woodson/dp/0525535276>
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