

# THE MESSENGER

OUR MISSION IS TO WORSHIP, SERVE, AND SHARE GOD'S LOVE  
WE ARE A RECONCILING CHURCH SINCE MARCH 1, 1998



## *You are a Part of the Family!*

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Check us out on Youtube, too!

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Tuesdays & Thursdays

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### **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



### **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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# Pastor's Corner

by Pastor Chellie

I planned to visit a church member who was placed in a care facility in Searsport. A friend of the church member asked if she could come along. I said, "Sure." We hopped the 7:00 am ferry, got in my mainland car, and with coffees in hand we set out for Searsport. The conversation was light-hearted and the time passed quickly.

The visit was wonderful. The church member was delighted to see their friend and I was glad to see the progress they had made. I offered to pick up lunch so the two friends could visit.

The car wouldn't start. I tried 3-4 times – nothing. Oh great. No lunch. Who do I call for a tow & where is the car garage in Searsport? How do I get my passenger back to Rockland for the 4:30 pm ferry? Ugh!

I return to the nurse's desk and share my plight:

**1. Nurse 1:** *"Today is the day we, the nursing staff, order sandwiches from the local shop. We'll just add 3 more sandwiches to our order when we call it in about 10 mins from now!"*

**2. Nurse 2:** *"My husband is friends of the owner of the garage on Route 1. You know the one just before the gas station? I'll call him to have his friend come get your car."*

**3. Nurse 1:** *"Hey, don't they sell bus tickets at the gas station?"*

Sandwiches arrive, lunch is eaten gratefully, and the tow truck arrives; Nurse 2 drives me & my passenger to the gas station/bus stop.

4. I enter the gas station/bus stop to purchase a ticket to Rockland for my passenger. The bus arrives at the ferry terminal at 4:15 pm just in time for the 4:30 pm ferry home. Perfect.



5. As I leave the store, my passenger comes up to me smiling & excited: *"You won't believe who is filling their truck up with gas? So-&-So VH Resident! They are willing to take me back with them. They have a 4:30 pm car reservation. I'll get home just as we planned!"*

## Fate? Luck? Or Serendipity?

**Merriam-Webster Dictionary:**

**Serendipity** (serən'dipədə) Noun

"The faculty or phenomenon of finding valuable or agreeable things not sought for"

"The occurrence and development of chance events experienced in a happy or beneficial way."

"Serendipity is a noun, coined in the middle of the 18th century by author Horace Walpole (he took it from the Persian fairy tale *The Three Princes of Serendip*)."

## Serendipity - Fate - Luck

**Serendipity:** is finding/seeing/ experiencing coincidental events/circumstances as having a connected meaning. Serendipity is always experienced as GOOD.

**Fate:** is seeing/experiencing events/circumstances as inevitable and often adverse outcome. Fate can be experienced as Bad or Good.

**Luck:** a force /events/circumstances that brings good fortune or adversity." Luck can be experienced as Bad OR Good.

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."*

JEREMIAH 29:11

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

PROVERBS 16:9

*"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."*

EPHESIANS 2:10



Serendipity is when bits of moments come together, like layers of a fruit salad, (I had to bring in fruit – a nod to our Fruit of the Spirit sermon series) to create these unexpected hopeful/helpful connections or meanings – especially when we aren't looking for any. When we serendipitously come upon the “I needed to see/read/hear... that today” while running errands or in a time of uncertainty or even crisis, Serendipity can feel like Grace.

As a person of faith, I don't believe these encounters are coincidence or happy accidents. I believe God is working through these “chance encounters” or “aligning of events.” They only become serendipitous once we are open to see the alignment as a gift of grace; to see the work of Divine Presence in our lives.

**Serendipity = a string of  
grace-filled moments that  
could only happen by Divine  
Design.**

My journey with cancer has offered me several moments of  
Serendipity = Grace.

**1. This just happened to be my  
mammogram year**

- radiologist said mammograms rarely detect this type of tumor and then said: “*You have been given a miracle.*”

**2. The timing of my diagnosis with  
this sudden lucid time for David**

- an opportunity for healing some of the pain of our relationship  
- comfort & friendship while he still has some memory

**3. It's like the tumor “knows” the  
Liturgical Year – if all goes as  
planned**

- 12 weeks of chemo ends  
Thanksgiving weekend  
- 4-6 weeks off before surgery:  
Advent-Christmas-Epiphany  
- 4 weeks healing after surgery before  
chemo & maybe radiation start again –  
Lent; chemo should end Holy Week or  
just after Easter



**4. My front deck steps need to be  
repaired before winter, but I couldn't  
get anyone to look at the job**

- my neighbors had a carpenter working on their house Monday of this week (Aug. 29th)

- I asked if he might have time before winter to make the repairs.

- He said he had nothing lined up for the rest of the week and he'd do it before Labor Day weekend

\*10:45 am Friday, Sept 2nd the repair is done & better than I ever dreamed for a “quick fix.” \*I even have a railing!

There's too much happening, too much to be a coincidence. Serendipity is a string of Grace-Filled moments that could only happen by Divine Design.

***God of serendipity and grace,  
Open our eyes to the miracles all  
around us.***

***Gently remind us to put down our  
phones and lift our gaze to notice the  
work you are doing in the world. You  
speak to us in a million different  
ways, if only we would listen.  
Help us to hear You whispering to us in  
unexpected ways throughout our day,  
encouraging us and reminding us of  
Your Presence.***

***Help us to be that voice of  
encouragement to others who we  
encounter on our journey.  
Thank You for loving us and being with  
us. Amen***

(Prayer by Kelly Johnson posted on  
<https://theglorioustable.com/2017/09/devotion-god-serendipity/>)

Grace & Peace,  
Pastor Chellie

*"Before I formed  
you in the womb I  
knew you, and  
before you were  
born I consecrated  
you; I appointed  
you a prophet to  
the nations."*

JEREMIAH 1:5

*"Whatever has  
come to be has  
already been  
named, and it is  
known what man  
is, and that he is  
not able to dispute  
with one stronger  
than he."*

JEREMIAH 1:5

*"And we know that  
for those who love  
God all things  
work together for  
good, for those  
who are called  
according to his  
purpose."*

ROMANS 8:28

# CDC Guidelines & Updates

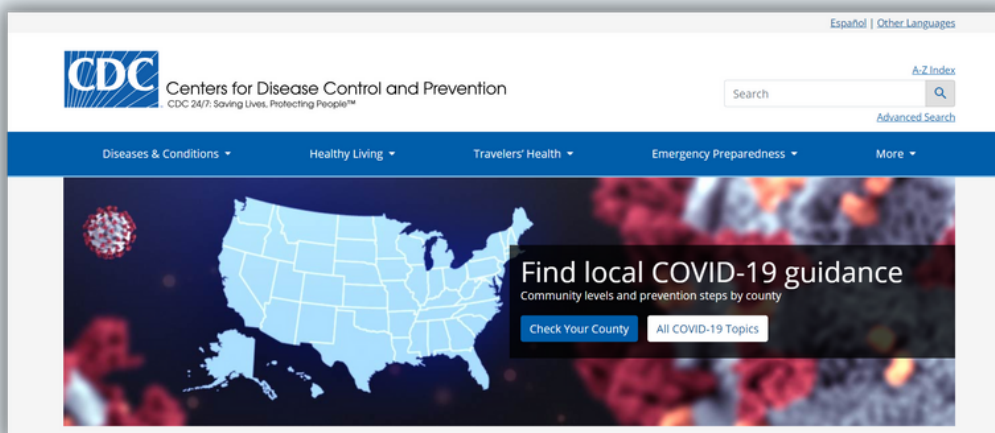
FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES AND WORSHIP SPACES



GENERAL UPDATE AS OF OCTOBER, 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 October 12, 2022, Knox County was at a Low (green) 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

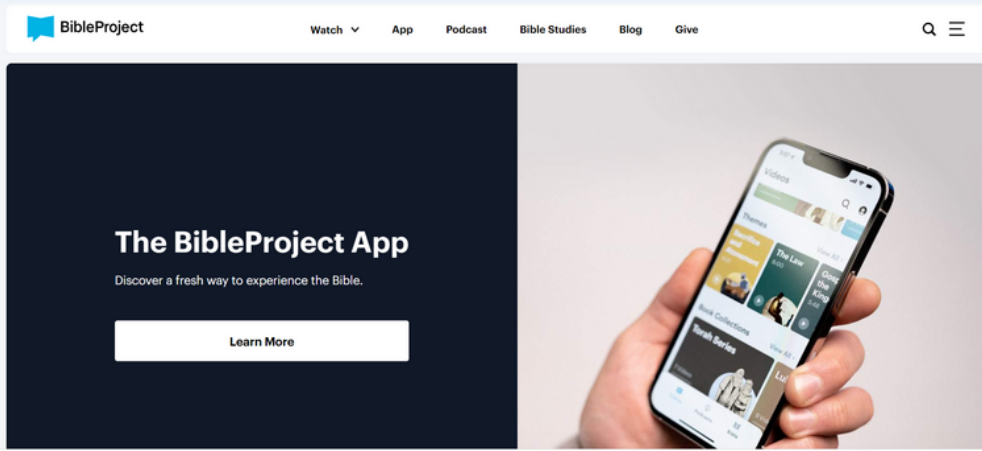
*"Use your freedom to serve one another in love."*

GALATIANS 5:13

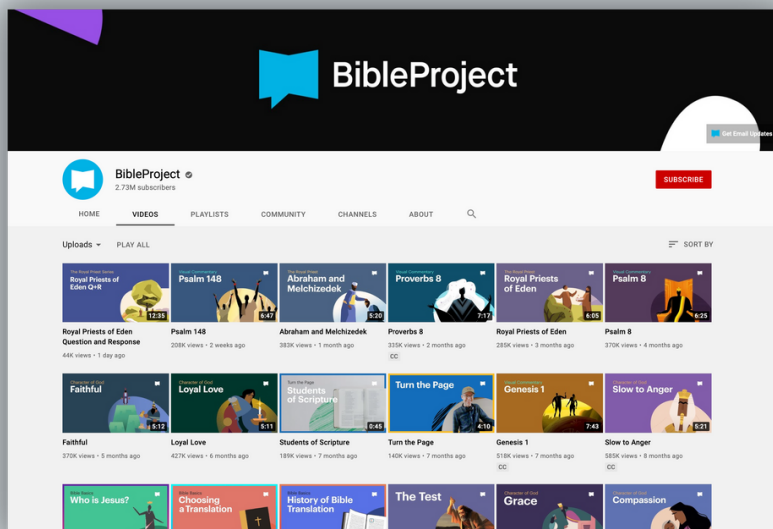


# Faith Formation

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."*

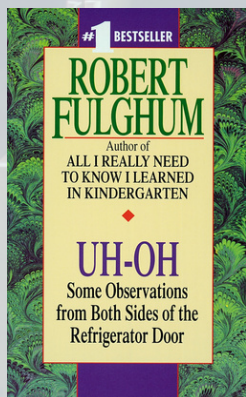
HEBREWS 11:1

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

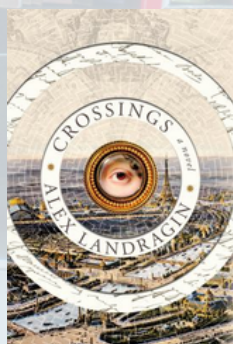
CORINTHIANS 5:7

# What's Chellie Reading?

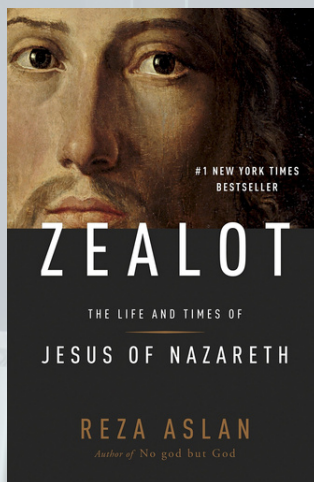
Chellie is currently reading **"UH-OH: Some Observations From Both Sides of the Refrigerator Door"** by Robert Fulghum, **"Crossings"** – a novel, consisting of 3 manuscripts: *The Education of a Monster* / *City of Ghosts* / *Tales of the Albatross* by Alex Landragin, and **"Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth"** by Reza Aslan.



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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





# Sermon Series

## The Fruit of the Spirit

### "THE REAL FRUIT"

**Sept. 4th** Love

**Sept. 11th** Joy

**Sept. 18th** Peace

**Sept. 25th** Patience

**Oct. 2nd** Kindness

**Oct. 9th** Goodness / Generosity

**Oct. 16th** Faithfulness

**Oct. 23rd** Rebecca Jacobs, guest speaker

**Oct. 30th** Gentleness

**Nov. 6th** Self-Control

**Nov. 13th** Unity as Community of Faith

**Nov. 20th** Thanksgiving Sunday

#### Carillon Hymns

**6am** Morning Has Broken

**9am** What A Friend We Have In Jesus

**12pm** How Great Thou Art

**3pm** Blessed Are They

**6pm** Amazing Grace

**9pm** Let There Be Peace on Earth

*"And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."*

COLLOSSIANS 3:14

*"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,"*

JAMES 1:2

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*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness."*

GALATIANS 5:22

*"For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."*

2 TIMOTHY 1:7



## 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**

### 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.



### 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 = Your choice
- 5th Sunday = World Missions {Heifer  
Intl./UMCOR Disaster Relief / etc.}

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

### LOCAL MISSIONS / NON-PROFITS WE SUPPORT

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

*"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?

<b>Sundays</b>	Fellowship	12:15-1:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
<b>Mondays-Saturdays</b>	AA Meetings	7:00-8:00 am	Fellowship Hall
<b>Mondays</b>	MoJO (Monday Nite Jazz Orchestra)	6:30 - 9:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesdays</b>	Penobscot Bay Orchestra	5:30 - 8:30 pm	Sanctuary
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Crafting	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
	Adult Children Wednesdays Of Alcoholics	6:30 - 8:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
<b>Thursdays</b>	NA	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
	Writers Group	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Classroom 1 (red rm)
<b>1st Saturdays</b>	Novel Writers Group	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Classroom 1 (red rm)

## WEDNESDAYS: CRAFTING 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!

*"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

**COMBINED CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING  
ZOOM & IN-PERSON  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022 @ 9:30 AM**



# Prayers for our Church Family

## **New England Conference**

Bishop Sudarshana Devahdar Rev. Dr. Jackie Brannon, DS  
Kelly Santiago, Dist. Admin. Assist. Bishop Eduard Khegay,  
Bishop of both Russia and Ukraine  
Bishop Christian Alsted, Bishop of Nordic Baltic Area

## **JSUMC Leadership Team**

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

## **Katahdin District Churches - Prayers of Love & Faithfulness**

### **September 4-17, 2022**

Mapleton, Mars Hill, Mattawamkeag, Millbridge,  
Millbridge-Wyman, Park St.: Milo

### **September 18-October 2, 2022**

New Harbor, Sheepscott Comm.  
Federated: Newcastle, North Searsmont,  
People's: Newport, North Bucksport, North Woolwoch

### **October 2-16, 2022**

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

### **October 16-30, 2022**

Searsmont, Searsport People's: South Thomaston, Southport, Stillwater  
Federated, Stonington

### **October 30-November 13 2022**

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

## **John Street UMC Family Members**

### **September 4 – September 18, 2022**

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

### **September 18-October 2, 2022**

Steve & Liz Dailey, Sarah Dailey, Sharon Danforth, Mary Dearborn,  
Lisa & Tom Decker Griffith, Thelma Dean, Beverly Doherty,  
Laura Engel, Christine & Christopher, Samantha & Scott Escancy

### **October 2 - 16**

Nancy Graham, Harvey & Lucy Harms, Spring Hanna, Mark Hannibal, Dot  
Harrington, Fran Hart, Richard & Florence Householder, Bruce & Nancy Ives

*"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



**October 16-30**

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

**October 30 – November 13**

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

**At Home:**

Bill Cross 207-236-8152

Ralph Miller 207-236-8009

Jean Winslow 207-236-4778

Florence & Richard Householder Tom & Judy McKearney

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

**Merry Gardens:** Dot Harrington 207-236-3942 / Lilian Vose 207-390-0878

**Bella Point:** Mary Dearborn

**Harbor Hill:** Ronald Brunelle (Chellie's dad)

**Tall Pines:** Barbara Ludwig, 24 Martin Ln, Belfast, ME 04915



*"Do not be  
anxious about  
anything, but in  
everything by  
prayer and  
supplication  
with  
thanksgiving let  
your requests be  
made known to  
God."*

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

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

MARK 11:24

*"If you abide in  
me, and my  
words abide in  
you, ask  
whatever you  
wish, and it will  
be done for  
you."*

JOHN 15:7

# *Lectionary Scriptures*

## *Pentecost / Ordinary Time Yr. C*

### **September 4 / Pentecost 13 Communion**

Jeremiah 18:1-11 Ps. 139:1-6, 13-18  
Philemon 1-21 Lk. 14:25-33

### **October 23 / Pentecost 20**

Joel 2:23-32 Ps. 65  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Lk. 18:9-14

### **September 11 / Pentecost 14**

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Ps. 14  
1 Timothy 1:12-17 Lk. 15:1-10

### **October 30 / Pentecost 21 Reformation**

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Ps. 119:137-144  
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Lk. 19:1-10

### **September 18 / Pentecost 15**

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Ps. 79:1-9  
1 Timothy 2:1-7 Lk. 16:1-13

### **November 1 / All Saints Day**

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Ps. 149  
Ephesians 1:11-23 Lk. 6:20-31

### **September 25 / Pentecost 16**

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Ps. 91:1-6, 14-16  
1 Timothy 6:6-19 Lk. 16:19-31

### **November 6 / Pentecost 22**

Haggai 1:15b-2:9 Ps. 145:1-5, 17-21  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Lk. 20:27-38

### **October 2 / Pentecost 17 Wrld Comm November 13 / Pentecost 23 Pledge Sun.**

Lamentation 1:1-6 Ps. 137  
2 Timothy 1:1-14 Lk. 17:5-10

Isaiah 65:17-25 Isaiah 12  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Lk. 21:5-19

### **October 9 / Pentecost 18**

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Ps. 66:1-12  
2 Timothy 2:8-15 Lk. 17:11-19

### **November 20 / Christ the King WHITE**

Jeremiah 23:1-6 Lk. 1:68-79  
Colossians 1:11-20 Lk. 23:33-43

### **October 16 / Pentecost 19 Laity Sunday**

Jeremiah 31:27-34 – New Covenant! Ps. 119:97-104  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Lk. 18:1-

*"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*

## *Brief Summation*

*Wednesday, September 7, 2022 @ 6:30 In-person*

### **SPRC: Gail Moody & Rev. Wiley**

- Special Mtg Thurs, July 21st: Rev. Wiley announced her breast cancer diagnosis
- JS Leadership met with Rev. Jackie Brannen, DS (via Zoom) to share support for Rev. Wiley and agreed she would stay on as pastor while she is in treatment
- JS Leadership understands we need to operate very differently to allow Rev. Wiley to work from home when she needs to & lay readers may need to read messages/on-line sermons in place of Rev. Wiley's sermon if she is unable to attend worship

### **TRUSTEES: Bob Smith**

- Thank you to Tom Boland for the excellent job on stripping, sealing & waxing the floors
- New Building Use Request: Adult Children of Alcoholics on Wednesday evenings – yes
- Land Use/Sale Project: DS recommended putting on hold in light of Rev. Wiley's cancer diagnosis
- Parking Lot – completed
- Emailed about groove cuts in front of the main doors for drainage – NO RESPONSE
- Striping: waiting for call backs - Dan
- Handrails: waiting for call backs - Steve
- Bell Tower & Memorial Plaque - Judy Clossey submitted Bob follow-up
- Adventure Advertising – because of the number of names they suggested something different
- Duryea has offered to give a quote on cleaning the brass
- Cleanings Bell and New Ropes – Duryea Decker Griffith submitting an estimate
- Narthex Interior Doors: Still waiting for Overhead Door. Co. to replace gasket
- Lighting: Emergency Lights Yearly Testing: Tom Boland will work with Bob Smith
- Felling Dead Trees & Chipping the Slash - Duryea Decker-Griffith. Thank you & great job! A woman requested if she could have the wood from the trees – Trustees said yes
- Property Management Company for year-round coverage:

### **ENDOWMENT: Steve Dailey**

- We were meeting every 60 days because of the world situation but have returned to meeting the month after quarterly reporting comes out
  - Our last meeting was July 13, 2021
  - Balance as of Aug 26, \$564,380.59
  - Withdrawals:
- Trustees voted up to \$75,000.00 can be pulled out for 2022 w/authorization from Endowment Chr. & Finance Chr.
- Total Withdrawals to Operating Expenses To Date for 2022:

Jan 7th \$10,000.00  
Feb \$10,000.00  
May 15 \$10,000.00  
June 0  
July 19th \$10,000.00  
Aug 0  
Sept

*"And I tell you,  
ask, and it will  
be given to you;  
seek, and you  
will find; knock,  
and it will be  
opened to you."*

LUKE 11:9

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

HEBREWS 11:1

*"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



- Richard discovered we had not been receiving our dividend payments. That has been corrected and updated.
- NEXT MEETING: October

**FINANCE: Richard Householder**

- Still receiving less money from offerings/donations
- INCOME FROM PLEDGES, NON-PLEDGES & CASH

PERIOD BUDGET ACTUALS :

JAN 1 to JAN 31 \$ 4,058 \$ 2,150 (down 48%) (1)  
JAN 1 to Feb. 28 \$ 7,916 \$ 8,122 (up 2.6%)  
JAN 1 to MAR. 29 \$11,913 \$11,059 (down 7.2%)  
JAN 1 to APRIL 28 \$16,350 \$14,631 (down 10%)  
JAN 1 to MAY 31 \$20,290 \$19,115 (down 5.8%)  
JAN 1 to JUNE 30 \$21,861 \$21,245 (down 3%) (2)  
JAN 1 to JULY 29 \$28,406 \$27,167 (down 4.4 %)  
JAN 1 to AUG 31 \$32,464 \$29,137 (down 10.3%)

- EXPENSES

JAN 1 to JAN 31 \$13,000 \$10,433 (down 20%)  
JAN 1 to FEB 28 \$24,143 \$19,214 (down 20.5%)  
JAN 1 to MAR. 29 \$33,802 \$28,959 (down 14.4%)  
JAN 1 to APRIL 28 \$44,889 \$41,101 (down 8.5%)  
JAN 1 to MAY 31 \$55,851 \$58,719 (up 5.1%)  
JAN 1 to JUNE 30 \$60,740 \$60,549 (down 0.4%)  
JAN 1 to JULY 29 \$79,935 \$77,234 (down 4.4%)  
JAN 1 to AUG 31 \$91,166 \$89,981 (down 1.3%)

**NOTE:** It should be noted that the Jan. 30th Service was cancelled due to Snow.  
To date, \$40,000 has been transferred from the Endowment to the Operating Account

**WORSHIP: Pat Miller & Rev. Wiley**

- Livestreaming worship is not going well. The next option is to record the service then post it to FaceBook later in the day & onto our YouTube Channel later in the week
- Extended Sermon Series: Full Study of The Letter to the Galatians (June 19 – Nov. 13)  
+Fruit of the Spirit & Gal. 6
- Soloists for Musical Offerings – get us used to having singers in the sanctuary  
Bob Smith / Jay Pendleton w/ Harvey Harms on piano / anyone else?
- Sanctuary Colors change to Darker Greens for September 4th to October 9th  
Autumn/Harvest Colors added October 16th – November 20th
- October 14th – 16th is ME UCC Annual Mtg – Coverage  
\*Lay Lead Service & I'll provide something to be read – Lisa Decker Griffith & Bob Smith
- Advent begins Sunday November 27th.
- Christmas Eve is a Saturday making Christmas Day a Sunday  
We will not offer a Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Service

*"And my God  
will supply every  
need of yours  
according to his  
riches in glory  
in Christ Jesus."*

PHILIPPIANS 4:19

*"But seek first  
the kingdom of  
God and his  
righteousness,  
and all these  
things will be  
added to you."*

MATTHEW 6:33

*"For I know the  
plans I have for  
you, declares  
the Lord, plans  
for welfare and  
not for evil, to  
give you a future  
and a hope."*

JEREMIAH 29:11

**PASTOR: Rev. Wiley**

- Thank you for your support & understanding with the news of my cancer diagnosis
- Together we can continue to offer Worship & Spiritual Care
- We will continue to offer our facility to community groups:  
AA, NA, Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA), Game Day, Crafting/Scrapbooking, Writers & Novel Group, MoJO & Penobscot Bay Orchestra

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Financial Concerns: Richard**

- Where can we cut/reduce the budget
- We use a Payroll service because there are no church members with payroll experience
- Positions we pay through Payroll: Pastor, Bookkeeper, Custodian, Admin Assistant  
- Church Accompanist is paid through General Operating Expenses; receives a W2
- Positions Cut: Again, we don't have church members with the skills of the physical ability to do this work: Yardwork, Custodial, Bookkeeping, Computer/Digital
- Pest Control: contract with business has to be monthly  
Bob will check with smaller, local owned pest control companies to see what they offer
- SeaCoast Security – this is the Fire Detection System  
- Doors Unlocked Still – Letter to all groups, Lisa D-G will write this  
- Maybe install Trail Cameras
- Pastoral Appointment: EXECUTIVE SESSION  
Discussion and any outcomes will be shared at a later date



*"Count it all joy,  
my brothers,  
when you meet  
trials of various  
kinds, for you  
know that the  
testing of your  
faith produces  
steadfastness.  
And let  
steadfastness  
have its full  
effect, that you  
may be perfect  
and complete,  
lacking in  
nothing."*

JAMES 1:2-4

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*"And we know  
that for those  
who love God all  
things work  
together for  
good, for those  
who are called  
according to his  
purpose."*

ROMANS 8:28

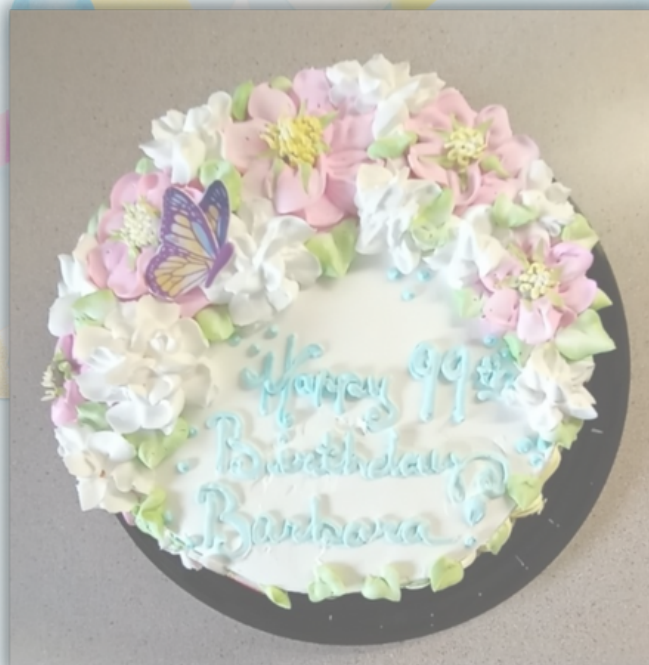


*Barbara's Beauties*





## ***Birthday Wishes***



**Happy 99th Birthday, Barbara Ludwig!**  
**Happy 100th Birthday, Bill Cross! (Our Hug Master)**





## Community Resources & Announcements



The following web links from [www.caring.com](http://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

# *Newsletter Resources*

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"Camden Main Street" [www.canva.com](http://www.canva.com)

"Cross Flame Logo" from [cranefumc.org](http://cranefumc.org)

## **p.4**

"Masks" graphic from <https://katu.com/news/local/face-masks-now-required-in-seven-oregon-counties>

CDC screenshot taken from [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

## **p.5**

"Bible Project" screenshots taken from [www.bibleproject.com](http://www.bibleproject.com) & Youtube

## **p.6**

"Book and coffee" [www.canva.com](http://www.canva.com)

[https://www.amazon.com/Uh-Oh-Some-Observations-Sides-Refrigerator/dp/0804111898/ref=sr\\_1\\_3?](https://www.amazon.com/Uh-Oh-Some-Observations-Sides-Refrigerator/dp/0804111898/ref=sr_1_3?crid=16MD3P6EBU9XX&keywords=uh+oh+some+observations&qid=1658404496&prefix=uh+oh+some+observations%2Caps%2C100&sr=8-3)

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"Books background" & "Stack of books" [www.canva.com](http://www.canva.com)

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"Fruit background" [www.canva.com](http://www.canva.com)

"Hands" [www.canva.com](http://www.canva.com)

"JSUMC" by Heather Corson de Alarcon

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"Bible" [www.canva.com](http://www.canva.com)

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"Cat" by Barbara Ludwig / "Church" [www.canva.com](http://www.canva.com)

## **p.17**

Pictures by Rev. Chellie

## **p.18**

"Caring" image taken from [www.caring.com](http://www.caring.com)

"Trunk or Treat" & "Leaves" [www.canva.com](http://www.canva.com)