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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) **12:15 pm** Fellowship

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



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



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Pastor's Corner

by Pastor Chellie

It has been a year of rough seas for me. The administrative and technological effects from the pandemic continue to be complicate church work.

I am grateful to everyone in both churches who have helped us write grants for equipment, improve our livestream, keep the internet connected, learning new formats and new equipment, and being VERY FLEXIBLE! We have certainly ridden the tides.

The level of care my parents required increased as their conditions advanced with their age. My father's passing on October 1 st was a deep sadness. Yet, I am grateful that he is released into Divine Wholeness and that my mother continues to do well. My own breast cancer diagnosis this June was unexpected - perhaps explaining some of my exhaustion and lack of focus. My treatment schedule is rigorous and lengthy. I am forever grateful to the leadership of both PUMCST & JSUMC as well as Rev. Jackie Brannen DS , for the support, encouragement, and work schedule flexibility. Your presence and prayers have made riding this unpredictable wave towards the shore more doable. I know, in my very being, that I will completely recover from this cancer.

This cancer will require more focus and energy than I have ever given to myself - a gift really. A gift of self-care I must give and make a priority if I am to heal fully. I am also a realist. I know I do not have enough energy to give to others and to serve two churches. You deserve and require a pastor who can offer you their time and skills in helping you achieve your goals and live into your ministry. I am no longer able to offer that to you.



When I met with Rev. Brannen, DS in August, I requested not to be appointed to a church in 2023. I plan to complete this appointment year which end June 30, 2023. I need a time of rest and renewal. What that looks like I have no idea. But I have placed my trust in God's Spirit to guide me and open opportunities that I may not have considered. I am thankful for PUMCST, JSUMC, the friends and the colleagues who are offering their support and nurturing me (and nourishing me) in this time of uncertainty and discernment.

Until June 2023, we will celebrate the coming birth of Christ through Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. We will reflect on His calling upon our life as a church during Lent and Holy Week. And we will celebrate the New Life that the Risen Christ offers during Easter and into the Renewal of our Spirit at Pentecost. You are a constant, reliable, and flowing people. You are resilient and compassionate. You have weathered storms and heartaches. You have rejoiced with the calm. You have made yourselves vulnerable and have turned to each other to learn to grow and change with Christ's help. And You have done it all with love and grace. You are an amazing faithful people. May God continue to bless you and make you so.

With Much Love and Peace,
Rev. Michelle M. Wiley
Pastor Chellie

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take”

PROVERBS 3:5-6

““LORD my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me”

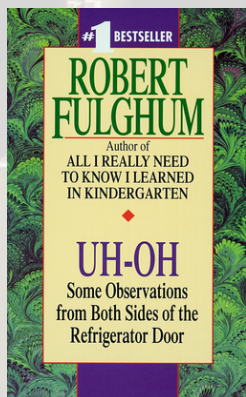
PSALM 30:2

“Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand”

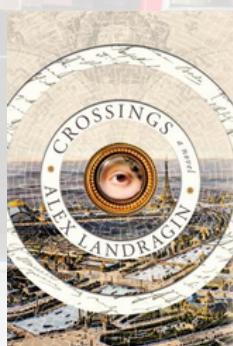
ISAIAH 41:10

What's Chellie Reading?

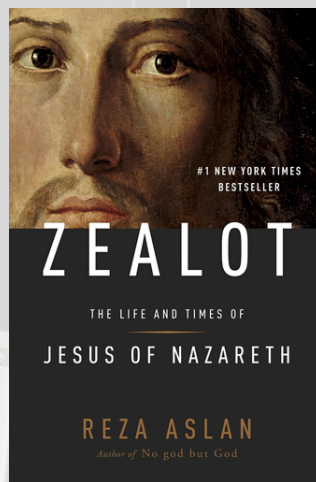
Chellie is currently reading **"UH-OH: Some Observations From Both Sides of the Refrigerator Door"** by Robert Fulghum, **"Crossings"** – a novel, consisting of 3 manuscripts: *The Education of a Monster / City of Ghosts / Tales of the Albatross* by Alex Landragin, and **"Zealot: The Life and Times of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

"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**



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 Happening at JSUMC?

Sundays	Fellowship	12:15-1:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
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 am - 4:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
	Penobscot Bay Orchestra	5:30 - 8:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
Wednesdays	Crafting	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
	Adult Children Of Alcoholics	6:30 - 8:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Thursdays	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)

DATES TO KNOW

11-20	Sunday	Thanksgiving Service	
11-27	Sunday	Advent 1	
12-03	Saturday	PUMCST Christmas Bazaar	9:00 am
		MoJO Christmas Concert	3:00 pm
12-08	Thursday	MVHS Carols in the Round	7:00 pm
12-20	Tuesday	Penobscot Bay Orchestra	7:00 pm
		Christmas/Solstice Concert	
12-24	Saturday	Christmas Eve Day @ JSUMC	TBD
		Christmas Eve @ PUMCST	5:00 pm
12-25	Sunday	CHRISTMAS DAY – NO WORSHIP	
12-31	Sunday	New Years' Day – NO WORSHIP	TBD
1-08-23	Sunday	Epiphany Service & Communion	11:00 pm

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

What a great way to spend a fall 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

Prayers for our Church Family

Prayers for Strength & Faithfulness

New England Conference

Bishop Sudarshana Devahdar / Rev. Dr. Jackie Brannon, DS

TBA 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

Prayers of Love & Fellowship

Katahdin District Churches

November 1 - 12, 2022

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

Federated, Stonington, Thomaston Federated, People's: Union

November 13 - 26, 2022

Vanceboro, Waldoboro, Lidston Memorial: Washburn, Ellington's Corner:

Winterport, West Lubec

November 27 - December 10, 2022

Alton, Atkinson, Baileyville, Bangor, Bath, Belfast, Boothbay Harbor, Brewer,

Brooksville, Brownville Junction, Bucksport

December 11 - 24, 2022

Calais, John Street: Camden, Gray Memorial: Caribou, Faith: Columbia Falls,

Columbia Falls UMC, Corinna

John Street UMC Family Members

November 1 - 12, 2022

Jay Pendleton, SueEllen Roberts, Silvia Sayers, Howard & Gerry Simonton

Nancy Shibles, Bob & Joyce Smith, Grace Stetson, Nancy Sturdee, Lillian Vose

Thom & Pat White, Pamela Whitt & Leslie Kristeller, Teddy Wilcox

Jean Winslow Robert & Suzanne Williams

November 13 - 26, 2022

John & Linda Armstrong, Herb & Grace Annis, Jean Boobar, Judy Clossey

Bill Cross, Edith Berry, MarySue Bishop, Kathy & Anna Christie, Arthur Crockett

Harold & Pamela Crockett

November 27 - December 10, 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

*"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

December 11 - 24, 2022

Nancy Graham, Harvey & Lucy Harms, Spring Hanna, Mark Hannibal
Dot Harrington, Fran Hart, Richard & Florence Householder, Bruce & Nancy Ives
Barbara Ludwig, Vicky Lesmeries, Tom & Judy McKearney, Ralph & Pat Miller
Dick & Sandy Milstead, Don & Gail Moody, Renee Moody

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

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

November 1 / All Saints Day

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

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

November 13 / Pentecost 23 / Pledge Sun.

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

November 20 / Christ the King / White

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

ADVENT Yr. A Begins

November 27 / Advent 1 / Purple

Isaiah 2:1-5 Ps. 122
Romans 13:11-14 Mt. 24:36-44

December 4 / Advent 2 - Comm / Purple

Isaiah 11:1-10 Ps. 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13 Mt. 3:1-12

December 11 / Advent 3 / Rose

Isaiah 35:1-10 Lk. 1:46b-55
James 5:7-10 Mt. 11:2-11

December 18 / Advent 4 / Purple

Isaiah 7:10-16 Ps. 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7 Mt. 1:18-25

December 24 / Christmas Eve

Gold & White

Isaiah 9:2-7 Ps. 96
Titus 2:11-14 Lk. 2:1-14

December 25 / Christmas Day

Gold & White

Isaiah 52: 7-10 Ps. 98
Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12) Jn. 1:1-14

December 31 / Watch Night

New Years White

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 Ps. 8
Revelation 21:1-6a Mt. 25:31-46

January 1, 2023

Christmastide White

Isaiah 63:7-9 Ps. 148
Hebrews 2:10-18 Mt. 2:13-23

January 6 / Epiphany

White & Silver & Blue

Isaiah 60:1-6 Ps. 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12 Mt. 2:1-12

*"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

JOURNEY TO HEALTH COURSES

Pen Bay Medical Center | Waldo County General Hospital

REGISTER: journeytohealth.coursestorm.com or call 301-3950

Held Support Group

This support group provides a safe space for families grieving the loss of a child through miscarriage or pregnancy loss. Join Leah Kohlstrom and Claire Philbrook the first Tuesday of each month to explore grief with tea and the occasional activity. This will be a space to share and process grief alongside others who have experienced similar loss.

WHEN: Tuesday, November 1, 6 to 7 p.m.

LOCATION: Beebe Health Center, 15 Anchor Drive, Rockport

COST: FREE

REGISTER : journeytohealth.coursestorm.com or 301-3950

Happy Wanderers Guided Hikes

Join the Community Health Improvement team partnering with the Coastal Mountains Land Trust to get outdoors and stay active with guided hikes this year. All levels are welcome. This group will meet at trailheads throughout Knox and Waldo counties on the first Thursday of each month.

DATE: Thursday, November 3 TIME: 10 a.m. to noon

LOCATION: Little River Trail, Belfast

COST: FREE

REGISTER: journeytohealth.coursestorm.com or call 301-3950

Naloxone Training

Naloxone is a life-saving medication that is used to counter the effects of drugs like heroin and prescription narcotics. Join providers from Pen Bay Medical Center to learn how to use naloxone to save the life of someone who is experiencing an opioid overdose.

DATE: Monday, November 14

TIME: Noon to 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Virtual

COST: FREE

REGISTER: journeytohealth.coursestorm.com or call 301-3950

Take a Break with Guided Meditation

Making time in your day to recharge and offer yourself the gift of presence is important for your well-being and can be as simple as tuning in for this virtual class. Find a quiet spot and sign in for as much of this short meditation break as you can. The class will begin with a 15-20 minute guided meditation, followed by five minutes of silent meditation and a brief time for reflections and questions.

DATES: Wednesdays, November 2 - 30 TIME: Noon to 12:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Online

COST: FREE

REGISTER: journeytohealth.coursestorm.com or call 301-3950 / Pre-registration is required.

Community Resources & Announcements



Caring.com

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

Newsletter Resources

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"Camden Harbor" www.canva.com

"Cross Flame Logo" from cranefumc.org

p.2

"Two paths in woods" www.canva.com

p.3

"Book and coffee" www.canva.com

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https://www.amazon.com/Crossings-Alex-Landrigin/dp/1250259045/ref=sr_1_1?crid=BYA1MNFGXC7Z&keywords=crossings+alex+landrigin&qid=1658404557&s=books&prefix=crossings+%2Cstripbooks%2C102&sr=1-1

https://www.amazon.com/Zealot-Life-Times-Jesus-Nazareth/dp/0812981480/ref=sr_1_1?crid=2G7DUK7SDGN89&keywords=zealot+by+reza+aslan&qid=1665649065&qu=eyJxc2MiOilxLjQ0liwicXNhIjoiMS4zMilsluFzcCI6IjEuNTEifQ%3D%3D&s=books&prefix=zealot+by+%2Caps%2C120&sr=8-1

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