

THE MESSENGER

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WE ARE A RECONCILING CHURCH SINCE MARCH 1, 1998



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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)

Dec 4 th Advent 2 & Comm / Dec. 18 th Advent 4 & Christmas service



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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by Pastor Chellie

Imagine if we approach our conversations and conflicts believing that everyone's perspectives and ideas complement each other. Mixing and blending to create new, more just, and peaceful ways of being. Where power and wealth don't influence the outcome. What would that look like?

The Old Testament lesson for Dec. 4, 2022, is Isaiah 11:1-10. Isaiah wrote this after the invasion of Assyria and the annexation of the Northern Tribes of Israel. Destruction and displacement, pain and suffering, resentment and hatred... where is/was God in all of this. The prophet describes in vv. 6-9 a vision of God's Kingdom so full of Hope and Peace that even predators and prey, competitors and enemies, live peacefully together. You know the passage, lion and lamb lay down together and a little child leads them.

The Peaceable Kingdom. It's a beautiful, peaceful scene. As Christians we quickly embrace the peaceful-ness and label the child leader as the prophesized Jesus who would be Messiah, Christ. All will be right and at peace when Jesus comes. Yes, when Jesus speaks the magic words and performs the ritual act... Poof... there will be peace. Actually, No. Look deeper into the vision.

The Peaceable Kingdom is the outcome of our hard work inspired and inspirited by God's Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. (The Advent Themes) The little child leads without power or resources to influence or manipulate. The little child leads with eyes of wonder, a heart of love, and a mind of hope. The little child welcomes together those on complete opposite sides to demonstrate the expansiveness of possibilities. The little child does not judge what is better or insist upon an outcome. The little child leads with love and acceptance.



The Peaceable Kingdom is the outcome of addressing and ending injustice. What does it really take for predators to set aside their very nature to live peaceably with their food source? What does it really take for aggressors to admit their war crimes and make restitution? What does it really take for those with wealth and power to share their resources and relinquish control? What does it really take to listen to the oppressed and marginalized and respond to their needs and concerns as they have identified them? What does it really take for people of opposing opinions, or political parties or faith communities for that matter, to have a civil conversation and work for the well-being of all and not just themselves or those who 'think like them'?

The Peaceable Kingdom does not come from a magical Divine intervention that removes all conflict and hatred. What would be the point? Humanity wouldn't learn anything from that? The Peaceable Kingdom comes when we recognize the Divine in all of humanity – all of creation – and we deal with one another from that place of Divine blessedness. None of us is completely right or completely wrong. None of us has all the answers or the one solution. Each of us has a piece of the solution, a part of the answer.

I read a bit about color theory and the color wheel while preparing my sermon because of the paintings of Edward Hicks, a Quaker painter/preacher most noted for his almost 100 depictions of The Peaceable Kingdom.

“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

JOHN 16:33

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”

MATTHEW 5:9

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

JOHN 14:27

What I learned about Complementary Colors directly correlates to the lessons of the Peaceable Kingdom. Substitute the word Opinion or Perspective for the word Color:

1.Complementary Colors are created by combining Primary Colors {each person's lived experience}

2.Complimentary Colors are always made up of one cool color and one warm color

3.Complementary Colors are on direct opposite sides of the color wheel – no matter what shade or tone

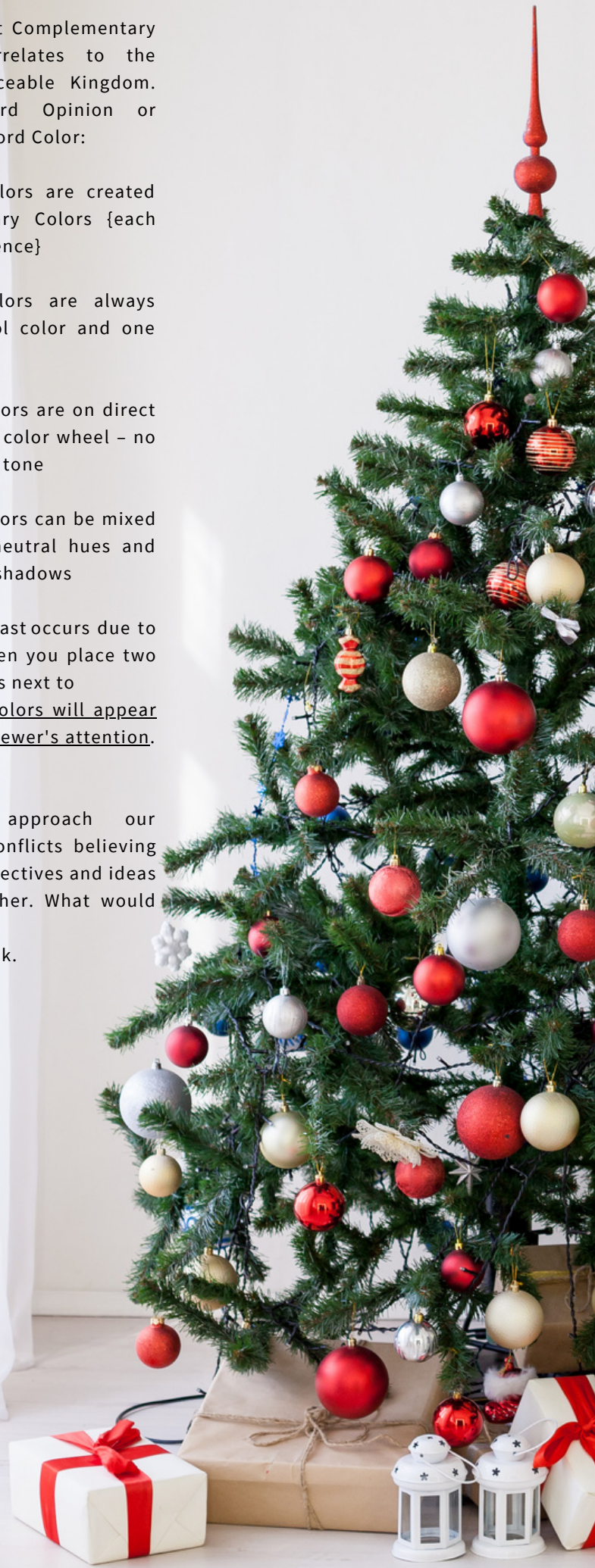
4.Complementary Colors can be mixed to create effective neutral hues and blended for creating shadows

5.Simultaneous contrast occurs due to a natural illusion when you place two complementary colors next to one another. Both colors will appear brighter and grab a viewer's attention.
ie: compromise

Imagine if we approach our conversations and conflicts believing that everyone's perspectives and ideas complement each other. What would that look like?

Pretty Peaceful, I think.

Blessings,
Pastor Chellie



“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.”

COLASSIANS 3:15

“Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.”

HEBREWS 12:14

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

ROMANS 15:13

What's Chellie Reading?

Chellie is currently reading *"The Coffee Bean: A Simple Lesson to Create Positive Change"* by

Jon Gordon and Damon West © 2019.

Publ: John Wiley & Sons, Inc. Hoboken, NJ

ISBN: 978 81119430278



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

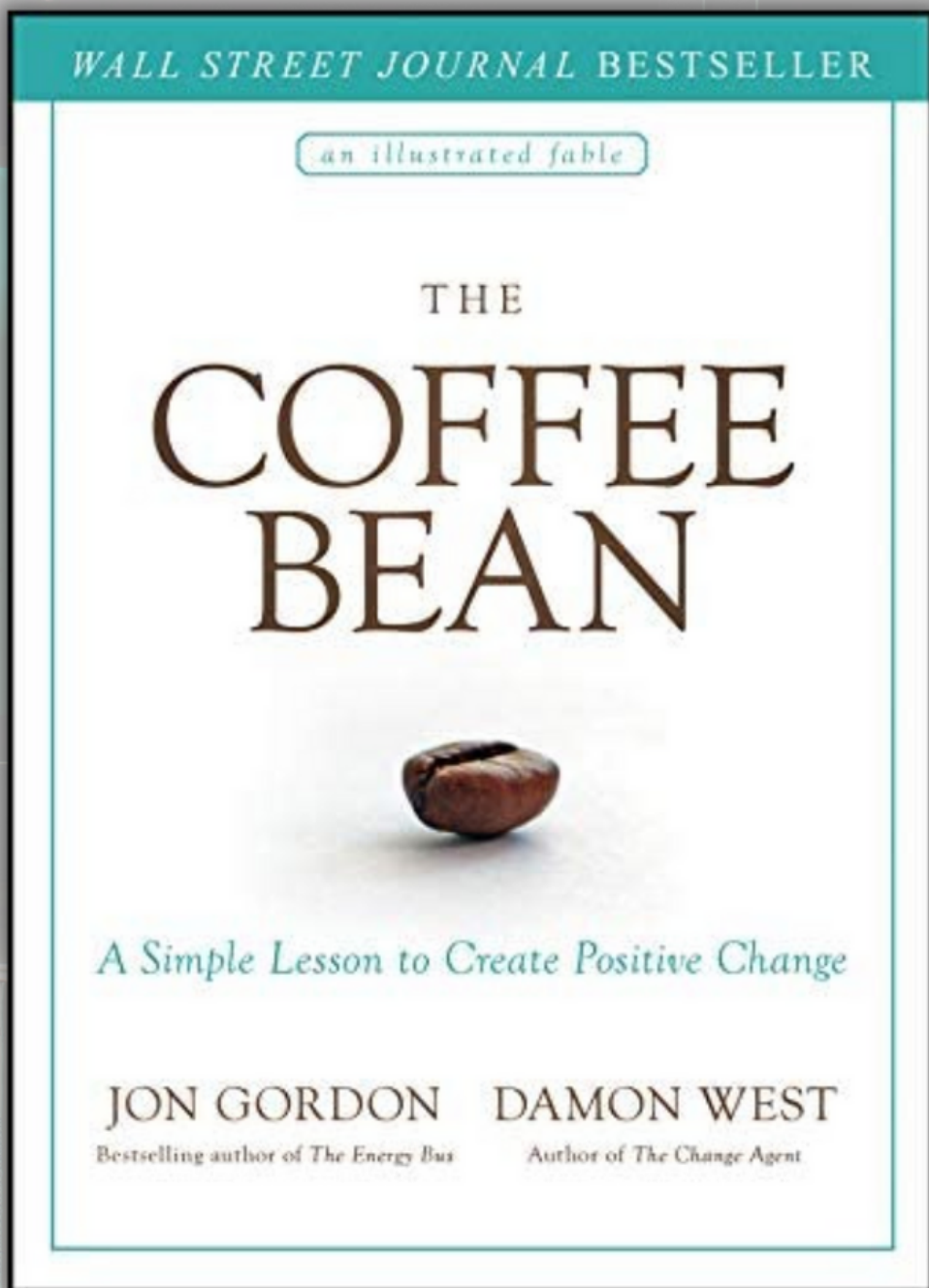
PROVERBS 18:15

"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



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

12-24	Saturday	Christmas Eve @ PUMCST	5:00 pm
12-25	Sunday	CHRISTMAS DAY – NO WORSHIP	
12-31	Sunday	New Years' Day – NO WORSHIP	
1-01-23	Monday	PUMC New Years' Day Service	9:00 am
		Very informal & Relaxed	
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

Bishop Peggy A. Johnson to serve NEAC

The Northeastern Jurisdiction College of Bishops and Committee on the Episcopacy released the following announcement today:

The Council of Bishops has approved the recommendation from the Northeastern Jurisdictional College of Bishops (COB) and The Committee on the Episcopacy (COE) that Retired Bishop Peggy A. Johnson serve as Interim Bishop for the New England Annual Conference (NEAC) beginning January 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024.

New England Conference

Bishop Peggy A. Johnson (ret.) Rev. Dr. Jackie Brannon, DS Interim Admin.
Assist., Sue Stoughton

Bishop Eduard Kheday, 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

December 11 - 25, 2022

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

January 1 - 29, 2023

Broad Cove: Cushing, Cutler, Dixmont, Dover-Foxcroft, East Boothbay,
Jacksonville: East Machais, Blakey Memorial: Eastport, North Brewer-Eddington,
Ellsworth

John Street UMC Family Members

December 11 - 25, 2022

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

January 1 - 29, 2023

Silvia Sayers, Howard & Gerry Simonton, Nancy Shibbles, Bob & Joyce Smith,
Grace Stetson, Nancy Sturdee, Lillian Vose, Thom & Pat White, Teddy Wilcox
Jean Winslow, Robert & Suzanne Williams

*"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

At Home: Bill Cross 236-8152 Ralph Miller 236-8009 Jean Winslow 236-4778
Florence & Richard Householder Tom & Judy McKearney

Anderson Inn/ Quarry Hill: Jean Boobar (apt. 318) 207-542-1523
Knox Center: Dot Harrington
Merry Gardens: Lilian Vose 207-390-0878
Bella Point: Mary Dearborn



*"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

December 24 / Christmas Eve

Gold & White

Isaiah 9:2-7 Ps. 96

Titus 2:11-14 Lk. 2:1-14

January 8

Jesus' Baptism White

Isaiah 42:1-9 Ps. 92

Acts 10:34-43 Mt. 3:13-17

December 25 / Christmas Day

Gold & White

Isaiah 52: 7-10 Ps. 98

Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12) Jn. 1:1-14

January 15

Human Relations Day White/Silver/Blue

Isaiah 49:1-7 Ps. 40:1-11

1 Cor. 1:1-9 Jn. 1:29-42

December 31 / Watch Night

New Years White

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 Ps. 8

Revelation 21:1-6a Mt. 25:31-46

January 22

Epiphany 3 White/Silver/Blue

Isaiah 9:1-4 Ps. 27:1, 4-9

1 Cor. 1:10-18 Mt. 4:12-23

January 1, 2023

Christmastide White

Isaiah 63:7-9 Ps. 148

Hebrews 2:10-18 Mt. 2:13-23

January 29

Epiphany 4 White/Silver/Blue

Micah 6:1-8 Ps. 15

1 Cor. 1:18-31 Mt. 5:1-12

January 6 / Epiphany

White & Silver & Blue

Isaiah 60:1-6 Ps. 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12 Mt. 2:1-12

CARILLON HYMNS FOR ADVENT

6AM AWAY IN A MANGER

9AM THE FIRST NOEL

12 JOY TO THE WORLD

3PM HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

6PM O HOLY NIGHT

9PM SILENT NIGHT

*"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

FINANCES REPORT

Income, Expenses, Budget

YEAR-TO-DATE INCOME FROM PLEDGES NON-PLEDGES & CASH

PERIOD	BUDGET	ACTUALS
JAN 1 to JAN 31	\$ 4,058	\$ 2,150 (down 48%)
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%)
JAN 1 to JULY 29	\$ 28,406	\$ 27,167 (down 4.4 %)
JAN 1 to AUG 31	\$ 32,464	\$ 29,137 (down 10.3%)
JAN 1 to Sept. 30	\$ 36,522	\$ 32,117 (down 12.1%)
JAN 1 to OCT 31	\$ 40,580	\$ 37,003 (down 9.0 %)
JAN 1 to NOV 29	\$ 44,502	\$ 40,693 (down 8.6%)

YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENSES

PERIOD	BUDGET	ACTUALS
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%)
JAN 1 to SEPT. 20	\$101,378	\$100,901 (down 0.5 %)
JAN 1 to OCT 31	\$111,950	\$114,950 (up 2.6 %)
JAN 1 to NOV 29	\$122,353	\$125,834 (up 2.8%)

NOTE: It should be noted that the Jan. 30th Service was cancelled due to snow. To date, \$70,000 has been transferred from the Endowment to the Operating Account.

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

PHILIPPIANS 4:19

*"Wealth gained
hastily will
dwindle, but
whoever gathers
little by little
will increase it."*

PROVERBS 13:11

*"Give, and it will
be given to you.
Good measure,
pressed down,
shaken together,
running over,
will be put into
your lap. For
with the
measure you use
it will be
measured back
to you."*

LUKE 6:38

JSUMC BUDGET FOR 2023 (Revised for Nov. 15, 2022)(3)

Proposed Revenue Plan:	2022	2023
Pledges	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Anticipated from non-Pledges Givers	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 3,500.00
Other giving	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Church Use	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00
Endowment Div./Interest	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Other Income Required	<u>\$ 72,705.00</u>	<u>\$ 74,362.00</u>
Total Income	\$134,205.00	\$133,162.00

Proposed Spending Plan:	2022	2023
Administrative	\$ 7,250.00	\$ 7,200.00
Church Staff (1)	\$ 78,259.00	\$ 75,013.00
Finance Comm. Account	\$ 185.00	\$ 0.00
CORE Account	\$ 185.00	\$ 150.00
Worship Account	\$ 725.00	\$ 220.00
Mission Shares Account (2)	\$ 15,803.00	\$ 16,488.00
Trustees Account / contract services	\$ 31,548.00	\$ 33,841.00
Committee Account	<u>\$ 250.00</u>	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
Total Church Expenses	\$134,205.00	\$133,162.00

Notes:

- (1) Due to the projected reduction in Church income, the Church Staff salaries remain the same as the listed amounts for 2022. The Pastors salary was increased \$600 to conform to the Elders base salary plus 15 years' experience. The Pastor's reimbursable expenses were reduced \$1000.
- (2) The amount reflects the 2023 Conference request.
- (3) The revised Budget includes changes to Trustees budget, corrections to Staff salaries, increase amount of Pulpit Subs and updated Mission Shares.

*"Bring the full
tithe into the
storehouse, that
there may be
food in my
house. And
thereby put me
to the test, says
the Lord of
hosts, if I will
not open the
windows of
heaven for you
and pour down
for you a
blessing until
there is no more
need."*

MALACHI 3:10

*"The blessing of
the Lord makes
rich, and he
adds no sorrow
with it."*

PROVERBS 10:22

JSUMC in Memorial 2022

MaryJane Gautesen



May 25, 1934 - March 13, 2022

William (Bill) Murphy



June 12, 1928 - August 27, 2022

Thomas Moody, Jr.



December 19, 1971 - July 7, 2022

Barbara Ludwig



August 18, 1923 - November 27, 2022

Community Resources & Announcements



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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"Nativity Scene" www.canva.com

"Cross Flame Logo" from cranefumc.org

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"Peaceful Kingdom" www.canva.com

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"Book and coffee" www.canva.com

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aps%2C222&ref=nb_sb_noss_1](https://www.amazon.com/s?k=the+coffee+bean&crid=25ME8GBJ10WGY&sprefix=the+coffee+bean%2Caps%2C222&ref=nb_sb_noss_1)

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