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Sunday Worship

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)

April 2nd - Palm Sunday & Communion / April 9th - Easter



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

I came across this contemporary version of the “Lord’s Prayer” which depicts what I was saying in my February 19th sermon:

"Lord's Prayer" Maori-Polynesia from the New Zealand Book of Common

Prayer:

Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand © August 5, 1997 Harper Collins On-line FREE version
<https://anglicanprayerbook.nz/>
<https://livinghour.org/lords-prayer/new-zealand-maori/>

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

The hallowing of Your name echo through the universe!

The way of Your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For You reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

What I love about this version of the “Lord’s Prayer” is how it begins with a list of names, or attributes, we might use to address God. It names the depth of God’s relationship with us, intimate and varied.



Notice, the authors/interpreters retain the term Father while including Mother in the same breath – Father and Mother of us all. It lifts up many of the ways God is at work in the world and our own lives.

We do that with important people in our own lives. We are called by our names and shortened names and nicknames {Michelle/Chellie/Mitchell Bomber: my father’s early nickname for me}. We speak of people’s roles and titles {Mr, Mrs, Ms / Mom, Dad / parent, sibling...Teacher / Employer, Boss/ Co-worker / Partner...}. We use intimate names and terms of endearment {sweetie, dear, my love,...}. What intimate names or terms of endearment do you use for the people closest to you? Those endearing words reveal the depth of intimacy of those relationships. In fact, counselors suggest when those intimate names stop being used in a relationship it is a sign that there is a hurt or unresolved issue – the relationship needs renewal or reconciliation.

So, what are your terms of endearment for God and Jesus other than *Father* and *Friend*?

For as one commentator asks:

“Whom else should we be more intimate than the God about whom the Bible says,

‘The One in whom we live and move and have our being’? (Acts 17:28)”

Blessings & Much Joy,
Pastor Chellie

“The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.”

PSALM 145:18

“Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.”

1 JOHN 4:8

“We love because he first loved us.”

1 JOHN 4:19

"So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him."

1 JOHN 4:16

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 and
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?

GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

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
Thursdays	Adult Children of Alcoholics	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Chapel
	NA	6:00 - 7:30 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)

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

What a great way to spend a spring 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!

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

4/2 Palm & Passion Sunday @ JSUMC 11:00 am
Sacrament of Communion celebrated

4/6 Maundy Thursday @ PUMCST 6:00 pm
Institution of Communion
Stripping the Sanctuary & The Garden

4/7 Good Friday - Camden Community TBA
Good Friday @ JSUMC 1:00 pm
Stations of the Cross in the sanctuary
Silent Prayer in the Chapel
Good Friday @ PUMCST 4:00 pm
Stations of the Cross
7 Last Words of Christ 6:00 pm

4/9 Easter Sunrise @ PUMCST 6:00 am
Followed by breakfast
Easter Morning @ PUMCST 9:00 am
Easter Morning @ JSUMC 11:00 am
Easter Afternoon @ Finnish Cong 2:00 pm

"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

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Extending the Table Online Communion

Extending the Table is an online Communion Service led by members of the Extended Cabinet held at **8 am on the first Sunday of each month.** Participants do not need to pre-register. The Zoom link and more information, including the schedule for the first half of 2023 can be found at **www.neumc.org/communion**

REV. RICK MCKINLEY APPOINTED AS KATAHDIN DS

January 27, 2023

Bishop Peggy A. Johnson is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Rick McKinley as Katahdin District Superintendent effective July 1, 2023.

Since 2011, Rev. McKinley has served as the Conference Director of Congregational Development.

“I am delighted and grateful to Rick for accepting this new role,” Bishop Johnson said. “Rick has a heart for the people and churches of Maine, and his knowledge of new trends in ministry and technology will make him an excellent guide and resource for the clergy and congregations he will serve.”

Rev. McKinley will follow the Rev. Dr. Jacquelyn Brannen, who will seek retirement after seven years on the Cabinet.



Photo by Rev. Shannon Keeney

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Prayers for our Church Family

Prayers for Strength & Faithfulness

New England Conference

Bishop Peggy A. Johnson Rev. Dr. Jackie Brannon, DS
Rev. Rick McKinley, DS appointed 2023
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

March 5-19, 2023

Mapleton, Mars Hill, Mattawamkeag, Milbridge, Milbridge-Wyman, Park St: Milo

March 19 – April 1, 2023

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

John Street UMC Family Members

March 19 – April 1, 2023

Vicky Lesmeries, Tom & Judy McKearney, Ralph & Pat Miller, Dick & Sandy Milstead
Don & Gail Moody, Renee Moody, Jay Pendleton

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

*"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

Lectionary Scriptures

Pentecost / Ordinary Time Yr. C

March 26 Lent 5 Purple/Gray
Ezekiel 37:1-14 Ps. 130
Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45

May 7 Easter 5 - Comm
Acts 7:55-60 Ps 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10 Jn 14:1-14

April 2 Palm/Passion - Comm Purple / Red
Mt 21:1-11 Triumphal Entry Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29
Isa 50:4-9a Christ's Passion Ps. 31:9-16
Phil 2:5-11 Mt. 26:14-27 (27:11-54)

May 14 Easter 6
Christian Home/Mother's Day
Acts 17:22-31 Ps. 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22 Jn 14:15-21

April 6 Maundy Thurs. White / Red
Exod 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14 Ps. 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Cor. 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-17, 31b-35

May 18 21 ASCENSION White
Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47
Eph 1:15-23 Lk 24:44-53

April 7 Good Friday Black & Wood
Isa 52:13-53:12 Ps 22
Heb 10:16-25 Jn 18:1-19:42

May 21 Easter 7 White
Acts 1:6-14 Ps 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 Jn 17:1-11

EASTER White/Gold
April 9 Sunrise White
Mt 28:1-10
Morning
Acts 10:34-43 Ps 118:1-2, 14-24
Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-18

May 28 PENTECOST Red/Flames
Acts 2:1-21 Ps 104:24-34, 35b
1 Cor 12:3b-13 Jn 7:37-39

June 4 Pentecost 1 White & Red
Trinity Sunday & Peace with Justice
Gen 1:1-2:4a Ps 8
2 Cor 13:11-13 Mt 28:16-20

EASTERTIDE White & Pastels
April 16 Easter 2
Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Ps 16
1 Peter 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

June 11 Pentecost 2 Summer Greens
Gen 12:1-9 Ps 33:1-12
Rom 4:13-25 Mt 9:9-13, 18-26

April 23 Easter 3 Native American
Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Ps 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23 Lk 24:13-35

June 18 Pentecost 3 Father's Day
Gen 18:1-15; (21:1-7) Ps 116:1-2, 12-19
Rom 5:1-8 Mt 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

April 30 Easter 4 Good Shepherd
Acts 2:42-47 Ps 23
1 Peter 2:19-25 Jn 10:1-10

June 25 Pentecost 4 Summer Greens
Gen 21:8-21 Ps 86:1-10, 16-17
Rom 6:1b-11 Mt 10:24-39
Pastor Chellie's last Sunday

CARILLON HYMNS FOR LENT

6AM "LORD WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS"
9AM "ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED"
12PM "ALL GLORY LAUD AND HONOR"
3PM "BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS"
6PM "IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY"
9PM "WERE YOU THERE"

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

PROVERBS 16:9

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

ACTS 1:7

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

GENESIS 8:22

Draft Minutes from 2023 Special Church Conference

**John Street United Methodist Church of Camden, ME
March 2, 2023 at 12 PM**

Special Zoom Church Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Jackie Brannen, our D.S. It was done through Zoom, rather than in person, because of snowy weather conditions. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss and vote on the Church changing from a Full Time Pastoral status, split between John Street UMC of Camden and Peoples UMC of South Thomaston, to a separate Half Time or Quarter Time Pastoral status.

Members in Attendance:

Richard Household-Finance Chair
Steve Dailey-Endowment Chair
Gail Moody-SPRC Chair
Joyce Smith-Financial Secretary
Bob Smith-Trustees Chair

Rev. Jackie was asked to give an outline of the differences between Half Time and Quarter Time:

Half Time is roughly 20 to 25 hrs per week which would include Worship and 2 other Activities (Bible Study, Home Visitations are a couple of examples). This would require more of the Administrative workload to be handled by the congregation. No Approximate pay was mentioned. Vacation time is still 4 weeks. Pension is the same as Full Time. No Health Insurance included.

Quarter Time is roughly 10 to 12 hrs per week which would include Worship and 1 other Activity (Bible Study, Home Visitation are a couple of examples). This would require most, if not all, of the Administrative workload to be handled by the congregation. Approximate Pay \$10,000.

Richard Householder made a motion that was seconded by Steve Dailey that we move to a Half Time Pastoral status.

The vote was unanimous.

A couple of important items for consideration, when searching for a new Pastor, were Personal Care (Visitations) and growing the church congregation.

Rev. Jackie brought up about the possibility of combining congregations, selling our present properties and building new.

We discussed meeting again, in person, with Rev. Jackie and asked if our new incoming DS Rick could join us. Rev. Jackie will check with Rick and get back to us with a date.

Rev. Jackie closed with a prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Smith Trustees Chairperson

*"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

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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"Heart in ashes" www.canva.com

"*Cross Flame Logo*" from cranefumc.org

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"Heart" www.canva.com

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"Stained glass" by Heather Corson de Alarcon

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