



THE CHIMES

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From the Senior Pastor:

I can tell the end of the summer is near. My patience with the congestion of Bar Harbor streets and vacationers walking in front of my car is starting to wear. September is just around the corner as I write this article for the Chimes. As I write, I find myself looking forward to the “new year” in front of us.

I have some new ideas for ministry for the coming year and I have heard from several church family members about some ideas they have. All in all, it looks like an exciting year to come. However, all the exciting ideas in the world cannot work unless we have the minds, hearts and bodies to carry them out. That is what I want to write about in this article. In short, **WE NEED YOU!**

For some reason, our church attendance and participation dwindles mightily over the summer months. While I have never understood this, I have come to accept it as part of our life together. What this usually means is that little happens during the summer. **(With one wonderful exception of the folks who work hard at running God’s Garden Club and Vacation Bible Camp, both of which were great successes!)** The truth is, our church gets a bit lazy in the summer. That is why, when September rolls around, I wonder if we will come together to pull off another year of quality ministry together. So far, my worries have been unjustified and I am very grateful for that!

As we have welcomed back our “snowbirds” along with the great visitors we worship with, I have thought about things we might offer them in terms of programming and

other opportunities here at our church. Wouldn’t a summer church supper or two be a good idea? How about some Bible study? Perhaps some fellowship gatherings at our homes? Or is everyone on vacation during the summer and doesn’t require these kinds of events? I wonder

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But I digress. What I really want to say is that it is my hope and prayer that all of us will make sure to make church a priority for ourselves and our families as this new year begins. That is the only way it will work: church has to be an important part of our lives or our church will suffer. If our church suffers, so does our discipleship. I know that the summer offers many opportunities outside of church for people to take part in. I am aware that families need time at their camps, cottages, and retreats. As the summer draws to a close, I hope that familiar faces will soon be reappearing in the pews, down in Sunday School, and at important events in the life of our church. There is much to do for Christ as we serve Him here and beyond Bar Harbor.

If there are things that you have been thinking about over the summer to improve our life together, I hope you will share your thoughts. We are coming into our 125th anniversary year, so I hope we will have a year of jubilee and celebration. There is so much to look forward to.

As September begins, let’s turn our hearts and minds toward another year of discipleship. I can’t wait to get started!

Sandra M. Reed



Prayer Power

I am hoping to start a Prayer Team here at the church. This group of people would be on call to pray for folks who are in need.

Please Pray For:

Contacts would be made among the Prayer Team members either by telephone or by email, whichever system worked best for the member. This Prayer Team would also meet on whatever schedule the Team decided on for prayer, discussion and support. If a member of our church family knew of a specific prayer need, he or she would contact the leader of the Prayer Team. That leader would then contact the members of the Prayer Team and we would all pray for that person.

We all know that prayer is a very powerful gift. I have been the one in need of prayer on many occasions and I can testify that prayer does, indeed, make a profound difference. I hope you will be willing to be a part of this exciting new ministry of the Bar Harbor Congregational Church, United Church of Christ.

If you are interested, please contact me at (207) 460-9300. This is something you can do even if you are homebound or too busy to support your church in other ways. Thank you for your interest.

Sandra M. Reed

BHCC Activities and Services Directory

A directory of Bar Harbor Congregational Church activities and services is shown as an insert to this issue of the Chimes. It is important that members and friends be aware of the many activities and services supported by our church, and to recognize those who give their time and talents to make the activities and services possible.

Should you need help, or want to participate in any of the BHCC activities, please give the appropriate contact a call. As Sandra notes: "There is much to do for Christ as we serve Him here and beyond Bar Harbor."

TEENS: ARE YOU UP TO A CHALLENGE?

There will be an Adventure Day at Camp Beech Cliff for our high school age youth on Saturday, October 6. Please join us for a day of fellowship, teamwork, and self-motivation on the Beech Cliff Challenge Course. Test yourselves on the low and high elements of the course. This is a proven program that allows participants to try difficult tasks in an atmosphere of caring and support. There are slots available for 16 participants, teens and adults, so sign up now to participate in this fun and exciting event. Bring a friend! Contact Ray Vonder Haar (288-0411) to learn more details and to get your name on the list.



Choir Notes

As I make Christmas travel arrangements for my in-laws, coordinate details of the Bangor Symphony

Orchestra's Christmas concert, encourage my husband to start our Christmas shopping, and prepare Advent and Christmas music for the choirs, I think one thing . . . WHERE DID THE SUMMER GO? Even though I'd like a few more months of this gorgeous weather, I always look forward to the choirs starting up again and the glory of leaves changing in autumn.

The Adult Choir will resume Thursday night rehearsals (7:00-8:30PM) on September 6 and the Alleluia Choir will resume Sunday morning rehearsals (11:30am-noon) on September 9. As always, new singers are welcome and appreciated!

Many thanks to our "Special Music" musicians during the summer: Doug McMinimy, Erin Dyer, Debby Fortier, the Bar Harbor Music Festival artists (Ryan Taylor, Jerome Tan, and Fenlon Lamb), Stephanie Leonardi, Casandra Engstrom, Sally Swift, Larry Hobbs, Brian Booher, and Debby Hammond.

Pictured below are Stephanie Leonardi (left) and Casandra Engstrom (right) who played Vivaldi's Concerto for Two Trumpets and Orchestra during an August service.



Celebrate God's Beautiful World

The bus was dark, except for the few reading lights on here and there. I was en route from Albany to Schenectady, the last of a long 12-hour, bus ride. Sitting quietly in the darkness thinking of the days ahead, I heard the sweet sound of singing, "Jesus loves me, this I know..." floating in the air from a few seats back. I turned. There was a young black woman and her young daughter, eyes full of love, softly singing music from their heart..."little ones to him belong..." so simple and so beautiful - God's love on a bus bound for Schenectady.

This image has been stopping by to visit with me these last few weeks, I hear the words over and over in the quiet of my mind, "little ones to him belong..." I am filled with love and wonder.

This year is gearing up to be a wonderful year full of activities. September starts with our Family Camping Weekend, September 7th-9th. Check in and set up is Friday evening. Saturday a.m. we will be hiking (or driving) up Cadillac

Mountain for a picnic lunch with a gorgeous view! Vespers will be Saturday evening, 7:00 p.m. at our campsite, followed by singing, and of course roasting marshmallows at our campfire until time to snuggle into our tents for the night. Everyone is invited to join us for all, or part of the camping weekend. Please bring your own camping equipment, and food for you and your family. Our meals will be eaten together. Breakfast on Sunday, September 9th, will be at the church for the start of Rally Day. Please see the Camping Flyer insert to the Chimes, and RSVP Debby Hammond at 288-8058 to reserve your campsite.

Rally Day, as also shown on the flyer insert to the Chimes, starts off with breakfast at 9:00 a.m. After breakfast we will have Sunday School Registration and a time for fun with the children. Come and enjoy Family Camping and Rally Day to celebrate God's beautiful world!

Youth groups are starting up again in September. **The 3rd - 5th Grade Youth Group** will meet Thursdays of the month from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. The children may take the bus from Connors Emerson School to the church.

The Jr. Youth Group will meet every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Sr. Youth group will meet once a month for special planned activities. The first activity will be an adventure day at Camp Beech Cliff, including the ropes course! This is open to all high school students, and you may invite a friend! Stay tuned for dates and times. Please contact Ray Vonder Haar 288-0411 or Mary Swift 288-2299 for more information.

We would like to extend a warm and loving thank you to Patty Berry for all her love and care she gave to the babies in the nursery this past year. Patty has turned over her job as Nursery Attendant to a wonderful young woman, Mary Richards, who has recently been hired to watch the nursery during church. If you have not met her yet, stop by the nursery on Sunday morning and give her a warm welcome. Patty we will miss you in the nursery!

Mary Swift

Congratulations to:

Barbara Hepburn

"Barbara Hepburn was awarded the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship Award.... This award is one of the highest honors Rotary can bestow upon a person. Recipients are Rotarians or other community professionals who are chosen in recognition of their outstanding contributions and for exemplifying Rotary's motto of 'Service Above Self.'" "Ms. Hepburn has been with Bar Harbor Bank & Trust for 29 years." She is a board member of the Jesup Memorial Library, and a member of the Maine Sea Coast Mission Gala Committee, the Thorndike Committee, which awards grants to local public service organizations, and the Bar Harbor Congregational Church.

Dr. David Painter

Dr. David Painter, triathlete, recently qualified at the Lake Placid Ironman "to race in the original Ironman, the world championship race held annually in Kona, Hawaii." Dr. Painter "finished the total 140.6 miles of the Lake Placid Ironman in 11 hours and 17 minutes. The race consisted of a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bike race, and a final 26.2 marathon distance run." "Sometimes your dreams really do come true.' He will compete among a field of 1,700 qualifiers and several other lottery-picked participants this October" in Hawaii. "Although the race will be highly competitive, he has found satisfaction in 'just getting there.'" "I'm going to treat this one in a special way and not get too caught up in it,' he said."

Bruce John Riddell

"Bruce John Riddell, Landscape Architect of Bar Harbor, is a recent recipient of the Boston Society of Landscape Architects 2007 Merit Awards for outstanding Landscape Architectural Design." "This year, Mr. Riddell once again received one of only three Merit Awards given throughout New England for his design of a private garden located in Northeast Harbor." Mr. Riddell has received several

BSLA design awards in the past including the Charlotte Rhoades Park and Butterfly Garden, and the Southwest Harbor Veteran's Memorial. He is also noted for numerous gardens in the 248 acre public garden and arboretum featured at the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens located in Boothbay, ME.

Sources: *Mount Desert Islander* and *Bar Harbor Times*



Cullen Harrison BATTERY
Son of Vanessa and Ken
BATTERY, August 5, 2007



Jennifer Jill
Harman and Ozcur L. R.
Burlington, July 27, 2007



Jillian Louise Hepburn,
daughter of Victoria and Ian
Hepburn, sister to Keir,
granddaughter of Barbara
Hepburn, born July 6, 2007

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Special dates:

- Labor Day, September 3, 2007
- National Grandparents Day, September 9, 2007
- Patriot Day (remembrance of Sept. 11), September 11, 2007
- National Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15-October 15, 2007
- First Day of Autumn, September 23, 2007



calling on the American people and state and local governments to observe the day with appropriate programs and activities. Those activities include remembrance services, candlelight vigils, moments of silence, and flying the American flag at half-staff.

Patriot Day — a day of remembrance

On December 18, 2001, Congress approved a joint resolution designating September 11 of each year as “Patriot Day.” It’s a day to remember the more than 3,000 innocent lives lost on that September morning in 2001.

The resolution requests that each year the President issue a proclamation

In his 2003 proclamation President Bush said, “On that day, and in its aftermath, we saw the greatness of America in the bravery of victims; in the heroism of first responders who laid down their lives to save others; in the compassion of people who stepped forward to help those they had never met; and in the generosity of millions of Americans who enriched our country with acts of service and kindness.”

Keep them all in your prayers this Patriot Day.

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- 4 Jean Willis
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- 28 Kathy MacCulloch
- 28 Robert Haskell
- 30 Elijah O'Connor
- 30 Melissa Reed Young



Sunday Worship Contributors

Head Deacon – Bruce Blake

Assistant Deacon – Maryanne Starbird

Liturgists-

2: Sandi Myers

9: Debbie Dyer

16:

23:

30:

Flowers –

2: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dyer

9: Penny Frost and Cindy & Jim Lambert

16: Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Soule

23: Mr. Robert Malaney

30: Charlie and Michele Croan

Coffee Hosts -

2:

9:

16:

23:

30:

Lectionary -

2 Jeremiah 2:4-13

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

9 Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Philemon 1-12

Luke 14:25-33

16 Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Psalm 14

I Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

23 Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Psalm 79:1-9

I Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

30 Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

I Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31