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THE CALL TO THE SPECIAL MEETING

May 15, 2008

Pursuant to the By-Laws (Article VI, Sec. 4 and 5) the Call to the Special Meeting of the Bar Harbor Congregational Church, D.C.C. is herewith issued, said meeting to convene at **11:00 a.m., Sunday, July 27, 2008**. The purpose of the Special Meeting is:

1. To approve the Board of Trustees funding plan in addressing Parsonage and Church repair issues.
2. To transact such other business that may properly come before said meeting.

This call is issued by the Board of Trustees.

Rodney B. Fox, Board of Trustee Chair

ATTEST:

Margaret Blake, Clerk



May has indeed been a difficult month for many people. We have had huge disasters in the nation of Myanmar, (formally Burma). Hundreds of thousands of people in Myanmar are suffering in

the aftermath of Cyclone Nargis. They need help and because of political considerations it is slow in coming. China has experienced a tremendous earthquake and thousands are suffering there. How should the church and more importantly our congregation participate in aid to these countries?

If you were in church a few weeks ago perhaps you remember the topic of my sermon, "Who is my brother". The Jewish lawyer who was a Pharisee asked Christ that question in the parable of the Good Samaritan. What should we do?

Try this. First, we can pray for them, that is probably the most important thing. Pray as a family. Second we can help with our dollars. You don't have to give a bundle to make a difference. Even a small amount is helpful. And we can make it a learning experience. Talk to your kids. Tell them what is happening and then figure out a plan to involve the whole family. Perhaps each child might want to give a dollar. Add that to ten bucks from you pocket and send it off (CARE, Red Cross, ACT, etc.) You will have given your children a gift, the folks that are suffering a gift and yourself a gift in Christ name. Then take a few minutes to give thanks to God for all the blessings that flow to us.

Dusty

Join us for "Talking Faith"

Would you like to talk with people in our congregation about more than the next committee meeting? Would you like to spend some time considering big questions with great people in fun ways? Would you like to deepen

your faith and grow in your ability to share it? Join us for Talking Faith, an eight-week course that promises to energize us and get us talking with one another about things that really matter.

Each session will last one hour and will include some fun activities and great conversation. Together we will address such topics as "How Do We Know Anything about God?", "What Does God Do?", and "Who's to Say What Is Right and Wrong?". Our first meeting will be May 25 at 11:30 in the library room downstairs.

Dusty

GREETINGS FROM SABBATICAL LAND!

What a pleasure it was to worship with you yesterday. As I write this article I am still humming the hymns, remembering the joy of Baptism, and going over the news you helped me catch up on. What a lovely morning!

Now, as we are about to depart for California to see our older daughter, Melissa, graduate from California State University Monterey Bay, I am gearing up to do a little research while I am there. We will be attending the church our daughter and her family attend and, hopefully, I will get to spend a few minutes with the pastor of that church. I am looking forward to meeting him – I understand he leads worship in shorts, a Hawaiian shirt and sandals. Sounds very interesting! I will let you know.

I have been looking over your responses to the first questionnaire and I am pleased that so many of you took the time to do this. Your information is helpful for several reasons: It helps me to get a picture of the "view from the pew," it helps me keep up with what is going on in the minds of our parishioners that I seldom hear about; and it plants seeds in my mind for the future of our church. Thank you for your efforts. They are deeply appreciated. A few of you have used the questionnaire as a way to air your concerns

regarding our church. Although that was not the intent of the questionnaire, your information will be helpful as we look at our future.

With the coming of milder weather, Wally and I have spent more time at our camp in Dedham. How wonderful it has been to hear the song of the loons and the calls of more birds than I can identify. Looking out at the water has a way of bringing serenity and peace, even on the toughest of days. What a blessing this little corner of heaven is!

In this busy season of weddings, graduations and the return of the tourists, my prayer is that all of us will feel the peace that passes all understanding from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent one from another.

Sandra M Reed



Worship Leaders During Sandra's Sabbatical

June 1	Sandra Reed
June 8	Jenny Reece
June 15	Dusty Warner
June 22	Jenny Reece
June 29	Dusty Warner

Jennifer Reece is an ordained minister in the Reformed Church.

Sandra M. Reed

Big Doings at BHCCUCC

On Sunday, July 20 we will be celebrating our 50-year members and gathering after church for a pot luck luncheon. We hope this will be an important part of our 125th Anniversary observance.

We need two people to coordinate the luncheon. This doesn't mean they would have to do all the work, just the recruiting and planning! Everyone will help by bringing food.

Please let Paul (in the church office) know if you can do this. It promises to be a great day and with your leadership even better!

Congratulations!

Town Hill Playground

Joy Kelly was awarded the Governor's Exemplary Service Award by Governor John Baldacci for her extraordinary efforts in conceiving and heading virtually all phases of building the playground for children in Town Hill. Nominated by Anne McKenna of Mount Desert, "Joy has had to jump in and wear many hats including marketer, project manager, fundraiser, grant writer, event planner, community outreach coordinator, and even visionary,." "Joy has led the charge and worked incredibly hard," Ms. McKenna continued.

Joy notes: "Although I am heading this project, the play ground represents the good a community can do when it works together. Everything except the playground equipment itself has been donated by local businesses. The land, the fill, the groundwork, the landscaping, the equipment delivery, the signs, and even the installation of the equipment have been or will be donated by members of this community."

She is..."pleased to have been selected to receive the governor's award, mainly because of the attention she hopes it will bring to the playground project and the need to continue working to reach the fundraising goal of \$100,000." "They have raised about \$85,000 so far." I want the playground to serve "as an example of what is possible when you put your heart into something in which you believe."

"In addition to leading the playground project, Ms. Kelly chairs the Bar Harbor Congregational Church Council. She is a member of the Parent, Teacher Student Association at Conners-Emerson School and the Young

Readers Library Committee, which raises funds to buy books for both the public and school libraries. She also started the annual candy drive to help residents of Ledgelawn Avenue satisfy the hundreds of trick-or-treaters who descend on their neighborhood on Halloween.”

Along with husband John, and sons Ryan and Owen, we are indeed proud of Joy’s outstanding achievement and contribution to our community.

Source: Bar Harbor Times

Boston Marathon

“Bar Harbor native **Evan Graves**, who now hails from Presque Isle, finished the Boston Marathon course as Maine’s highest finisher for the second year running. He crossed the finish line in 51st place, with a time of 2:29:39.” Evan is the son of Roxie Brechlin and Doug Graves of Bar Harbor.

Husband and wife team **David Painter** and **Mary Dudzik**...finished 2,506th and 9,869th respectively.” Their times were 3:10:29 and 3:42:16.

Sources Mount Desert Islander and Bar Harbor Times

Rotary Club

Don Hobbs, along with four others, was recently honored by the MDI (Bar Harbor) Rotary Club as a charter member living in the area.

Source: Mount Desert Islander

Welcome Back

“**Maggie Painter**, a sixth grade student at Bar Harbor’s Emerson School, recently spent a week in Washington, D.C. at the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, an annual event that brings together hundreds of promising middle-school students from across the county.” Maggie is the daughter of Mary Dudzik and David Painter, and an important contributor to our church as a member of the youth choir.

Source: “Mount Desert Islander”

A Thank You to Our Many Members Who Help Others

Sometimes the kindness expressed by our members brings tears to one’s eyes. Such is the case involving Rose Ellison’s prom. “Rose has cerebral palsy“...and is “Profoundly disabled, unable to walk and in need of extensive, lifelong care...” Nonetheless, Rose wanted to go to her MDI High School prom, which “will probably be one of the most cherished memories in her life.”

“One problem was finding a prom dress that would fit. After shopping around, the family tried the MDI YWCA’s collection of ‘gently used’ prom dresses. They found a lovely dress, but it needed alterations. That’s when **Barbara Hepburn**...donated her time and talents as a seamstress to make the perfect fit.”

“...it’s the little thing in life – like going to the prom – that makes Rose bloom.” Rose’s mother noted: “I just wanted those who made this fairy tale evening for my daughter to know just how truly touched and grateful her father and I are. As a mother, this moment in time will be forever held in my heart.”

We thank all who help others in need.

Source: Bar Harbor Times



Bible Presentations

Kathy MacCulloch, Donna Beals and Michele Gurtler worked with our 3rd graders to teach them the basics of the Bible. They learned how to find the books of the Bible, find their favorite verses and where to go for help. The 3rd graders spent 3 weeks of early Sunday mornings, reading and talking about the Bible. During church on the 3rd week, they were presented with Bibles of their own. This is a wonderful program that Kathy MacCulloch developed. Thank you Kathy, Donna and

Michele for your love and guidance you shared with our children.

Spring Fling

The coming of spring was celebrated with our annual Spring Fling Pot Luck Dinner. There was plenty of good food, great friends and singing. This was a fun way to enjoy our church community. For those of you who were unable to attend, we hope you will join us next year!

Youth Sunday

Praises to the youth in our church! They did a wonderful job on Youth Sunday! The music was wonderful, the readings great and the service as a whole was truly amazing. We are certainly privileged to have such talented youth in our midst. We heard beautiful music, thoughtful prayers, and great readings. Many thanks to Mimi Dickson for planning the service and practicing with the youth; Kimberly Haller for teaching and inspiring the youth to create beautiful music; Doug McMinimy for joyous work with the choirs; and Kathy Woodside for being there when needed to help and support us all. The service was beautiful. Thank you all for helping make this a truly inspiring worship service.

Pilgrim Lodge

If you would like to go to Pilgrim Lodge, please register soon if you have not already done so. The various camps fill up fast! The church will pay 30% of the price of the camp or more if assistance is needed.

Upcoming Events

June 1st is Senior Recognition Sunday. We will be recognizing our graduating high school seniors. This is an important time in their lives as they transition into adulthood. We wish them well as they move on to new and exciting endeavors in their lives.

June 8th is our last day of Sunday School. The children and youth will be celebrating the end of the year with a picnic in the Village Green during Sunday School. Hopefully, the day will be warm and sunny.

June 15th, God's Garden Club begins. God's Garden Club is our summer Sunday School program. Each Sunday a different person teaches. Through stories, crafts, hikes, and other activities, they share their talents and gifts with our children. The children are all together in one group.

There will be nursery care for our little ones every Sunday during church.

Dianne Bonsey and Sandy Boyce will be leading God's Garden Club on June 15th. We will be planting Geraniums in the planters in front of the cemetery. The children should wear clothes appropriate for playing in the dirt. If any parents would like to join us and help with the children, they are more than welcome.

Mary Swift

An Important Revelation

A woman, tired of being approached to give to so many charitable causes, decided not to give to any of them. Such action soon became a learning experience for her.

By not giving money for any cause she began to feel that she was not "paying her rent for her existence on Earth." By not giving to a church or to other worthy operations such as The Salvation Army, the American Red Cross, The Cure for Cancer Fund, etc., she felt miserly and lonely.

She was not having meaningful fellowship with people who were striving to spread the Gospel, nor those waging fights against poverty, ignorance and various diseases such as AIDS. She wasn't even joining with others in assisting victims of hurricanes, earthquakes, droughts and other natural disasters

An important revelation came to her: She was bringing guilt and worthlessness upon herself. As she put it, "Without giving, I was isolated. With giving, I have an opportunity to share with others ... by doing some good."

Source: The Newsletter

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to pick up Myrtle at Sonogee and bring her to church, and then return her to Sonogee afterward. Please contact Ann Lee at 667-3637 if you can help with this ministry of caring.

Delegate Needed

A second adult delegate is needed to attend this year's Maine Conference Annual Meeting (June 20-22) at University of Maine at Farmington. For details, contact Kathy Woodside and/or check out the Maine Conference website.

A word for graduates

Congratulations to the young members of our congregation who are graduating! No doubt they look forward to the next phase of their lives with excitement, anticipation and perhaps a little apprehension.

We hope these words, adapted from Phillips Brooks, will serve graduates well as they embark on their journeys:

"Do not pray for an easy life; pray to be a stronger person. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers but for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle, but you will be the miracle.

Every day you shall wonder at yourself and the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God."

Source: The Newsletter

Come help send some Maine delegates to the CARE National Convention.

A Dinner and Silent Auction will be held Thursday, June 5th, 5-9pm, at the Calypso Restaurant, 156 Main St. Ellsworth, across from the Grand. We invite you to make a difference... one person at a time. Please make reservations by calling 667-6554. FMI on the event please call Alison @963-4147. Calypso will generously donate 30% of your evening bill to the cause!

Maine Conference United Church of Christ
Annual Meeting
June 20-22, 2008

“Anointed to bring good news” – that was the mission of Christ, and that is the call of the church
– the body of Christ – in this time and place.

The theme of this year’s Annual Meeting of the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ is It’s Who We Are, and it will be a Spirit-filled celebration of the many and varied ministries that bring gospel good news to our churches, our communities, and the world.

In the Maine Conference we are local churches, associations, commissions and committees. We are Pilgrim Lodge and Rockcraft Retreat Center. We are the Resource Center, educational programs, and retreats. We are the work for peace and justice. We are support networks and resources for churches, clergy and those on the path to ministry. We are the State Youth Council and the Youth Ministry Advisory Team. We are the Honduras Partnership and an ecumenical partner. We will celebrate these ministries – and so much more – acknowledging with gratitude that they are made possible by Our Church’s Wider Mission (OCWM) funding.

So come and join in the celebration of whom we are – anointed to bring good news!

This year’s conference will be held at the University of Maine at Farmington campus. Each year our church sends two adult delegates and two youth delegates, however there is no limit to the number of visitors who can attend. This is a terrific opportunity to learn more about the work of our denomination at the state and national level. There are some wonderful speakers and workshops scheduled, and because the meeting is being held on a campus the costs are somewhat less than in previous years. If you are interested in attending please speak to Kathy Woodside or go to the Maine Conference Website (<http://www.maineucc.org/>) for registration materials. The deadline for registration is June 1st.

Update on Disaster Response to Fort Kent Flooding

Many thanks to everyone who has reached out in response to our requests for help in Fort Kent. After coordinating with the Good Shepherd Food Bank, the American Red Cross, Maine Emergency Management Agency and Rev. John Woodward, pastor of Christ Congregational Church of Fort Kent, we have determined that personal hygiene products are needed right now, and are not being provided in adequate quantities by other responders.

Personal Hygiene Products Needed

Toothpaste	Hand Soap
Soap	Toothbrushes
Shampoo	Dental Floss
Deodorant	Tampons/ feminine napkins
Combs/brushes	Diapers – all sizes
Washcloths	Towels

We would like to encourage each Association to consider setting up a central collection site within your area and/or coordinate at least one journey to the Fort Kent church to bring collected items to them. All Soul's Church in Bangor has offered to act as a drop off site or staging location. Presque Isle Congregational UCC has also offered. We will ultimately need to have drivers to go up to Fort Kent about once a week to bring items. This short term response will last seven weeks, so getting each association or a church within each association to volunteer for a week would be ideal.

Dates for deliveries:

May 24	June 21 (possibly delivered to Annual Meeting)
May 31	June 28
June 6	July 5
June 14	

Please contact Lori Whittemore at loriwhit@maine.rr.com or call 699-8991 if you will be able to drive on one or more of these weeks. We will post names and additional information on the Conference website. (www.maineucc.org)

Kathy Woodside

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Special dates

- Flag Day, June 14, 2008
- Father's Day, June 15, 2008
- First day of summer, June 20, 2008

Father's Day

The first celebration of Father's Day is thought to have been in July 1908, in Fairmont, West Virginia. Grace Golden Clayton suggested the special observance to her pastor after a deadly explosion in a nearby town killed 361 men.

Soon after, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, wanted to show her gratitude to her father, who'd cared for the family after his wife died. Dodd asked her pastor to choose a June Sunday to honor all fathers, and he selected June 19, 1910.

In 1924, President Coolidge suggested that Father's Day become a national holiday. In 1966, President Johnson designated the third Sunday of June to be Father's Day. Six years later, President Nixon instituted Father's Day as a national observance.

A Father's Influence

Studies show that if the mother of a family attends worship, there's a 16 percent chance that the rest of the family will also attend.

Yet when a father attends worship, there's a 93 percent chance that other family members will be present, too.

Just think, Dad, of the clout you have. Hope to see you in church this weekend!

Source: The Newsletter



Stars and Stripes



Since the early 1800s various groups have observed a day to display the American flag. Presidents Woodrow Wilson (in 1916) and Calvin Coolidge (in 1927) issued proclamations marking June 14 as National Flag Day. But it wasn't until August 3, 1949, that Congress approved June 14 as a day of national observance. President Harry Truman signed it into law.

The American flag has changed designs more than any other flag in the world. In fact, the United States didn't have a standardized flag until 1912! And even after standardization, the flag changed three more times with the addition of new stars representing new states.

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June



- 1 Ruth Rossi
- 2 Paul Paradis
- 3 Addyson Makenna Boyce
- 5 Tricia Hammond
- 6 James MacLeod
- 7 Hilda Roderick
- 8 Michael Gurtler
- 8 Mary Brown
- 9 Cynthia Lambert
- 10 Shari Roopenian
- 10 Katie Fuller
- 15 Diane Bonsey
- 16 Raymond Turner
- 17 Lois Wade
- 17 Mary Paquet
- 18 Carla Haskell
- 19 Norman Nadel
- 20 Betty Crawford
- 21 Paul Hammond
- 21 Rodney Fox
- 26 Rob Shea
- 26 Vernice Young
- 26 Lynne Richardson
- 27 Kimberly Haller
- 29 Martha Hobbs
- 30 Alexa Bonsey
- 30 Scott Hammond



Sunday Worship Contributors

Head Deacon – Dusty Warner
Assistant Deacon – Patty Benore

Liturgists-

- 1: Betty Bryer
- 8: Doug Lee
- 15: Kathy Woodside
- 22: Rita Johnston
- 29: Debbie Dyer

Flowers –

- 1: Barbara Adler
- 8: Mr. and Mrs. William Skiff
- 15: Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Haraden
- 22: Rita Johnston and Lenny DeMuro
- 29: Paul and Mimi Dickson

Coffee Hosts -

- 1: Sandy and Jay Boyce
- 8: Gerard and Jane Haraden
- 15: Keith and Carolyn Miller
- 22: Ann and Doug Lee
- 29: Honduras Group

Home Bible Readings

- 1 Genesis 6:9-22; 7:24; 8:14-19
Psalm 31:1-5, 19-24
Romans 1:16-17; 3:22b-28
Matthew 7:21-29
- 8 Genesis 12:1-9
Psalm 33:1-12
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
- 15 Genesis 18:1-15
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8
- 22 Genesis 21:8-21
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39
- 29 Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm 13
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42