



# THE CHIMES

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## From the Pastor

I am writing this article as I enter the fourth week of my recovery from total knee replacement surgery. I am amazed at the healing power of the human body and grateful that mine seemed to know just what to do. Even physical therapy isn't as bad as I thought it might be. Thanks to Debbie Hammond for getting me off to a good start!

It goes without saying that I appreciated your response to my surgery. There were prayers, cards, food, telephone calls, emails, e cards, and visits. You reminded me that I am part of a church family and, for that, I am very grateful. (By the way, I have a little advice to pass on to anyone who is thinking of getting married: don't marry anyone who wouldn't make a good caregiver if you should need one. I certainly picked well in that department! Just a thought.) But I digress.

It was also wonderful not to have to worry about worship while I was unable to be here. Grateful thanks to Ward Holder, Dusty Warner and those who participated in the lay service. I have heard nothing but positive comments on the worship. I want to pass on a very strong sentiment (I cannot count the number of comments) that the lay service was well done and much

appreciated. More than one person said it was the finest lay service he had ever attended. You all contributed a great deal to my healing.

Isn't healing a funny thing? It sometimes takes a long time and, sometimes, it doesn't go in a straight line. One day you may feel fine; the next day you are in the doldrums. Sometimes our healing proceeds with due speed. All of us know what it is like to have to heal, whether from an illness, a surgical procedure, a broken dream, the death of a loved one, or the end of a relationship. As we start down the path of healing we often feel that we will never be happy or whole again. Then, as time goes by and healing takes hold, and friends and family step in to love us, our hope in a healthy future begins to take shape. Finally, at a to-be-determined date, we are once again able to navigate our lives.

There are three things I have learned about healing, regardless of what kind it is.

1. Healing does not occur on our schedule. Be patient and do the work required. It will pay off.
2. A sense of humor is a very important part of healing. If you are healing from something, make sure you laugh at least five

times per day. Thinking beyond your own problem and looking at the world with a touch of humor will truly help.

3. Finally, faith in the great Healer brings us through whatever we need to go through. No one asks for an injury, an illness or any other thing that requires us to heal. During my healing from surgery, for the first time I truly understood what it means to cling to the cross of Christ. When no pain pill works, nor pep speech, nor human encouragement, the love of God will see us through. I suppose I knew this intellectually prior to my surgery, but I learned it in a very real way in the last several weeks. In the words of the great hymn, "Rock of Ages," *Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling . . .* I am reminded of my dependence on God. And so it is for us all.

When healing needs to come, each of us has to participate, but in addition to our own efforts, and the efforts of human healers, we have this wonderful treasure in God, who loves us and wants the best for us. Without wanting you to suffer an incident that requires healing, I do pray that each of us will come to depend on God as the ultimate Healer and the One to whom we turn in times of need.

**God is good – all the time.**

Sandra M. Reed

## **SRUCE UP DAY WAS A GREAT SUCCESS**

I wish to thank everyone who participated in the Church's spruce up on April 24. As the saying goes "many hands make light work", and that was

evident as twenty people took on the many chores that had to be done.

It was the spirit of cooperation and fun that filled the morning and made it a great success, and encourages us all to do it again next year. Again, thank you all for your generosity.

**We especially want to thank Estelle Megquier for her dedication to our church, and her tireless work not only as a trustee, but also for a superb job in organizing and supervising the "Church Spruce-Up" event for our beautiful church building and grounds. Thank you, very much, Estelle!**

## **PILGRIM LODGE ALERT!!**

It's not too late to register for one of the many camp programs offered at Pilgrim Lodge this summer.

**Don't forget our church has a special Pilgrim Lodge Scholarship Fund that will cover 1/3rd of the registration fee!!** So take advantage of this amazing opportunity and spend some time at PL this summer! Check out the Pilgrim Lodge display in the Church Parlor; choose a camp and GO!! You will be glad you did!!

**For those of you who register online, please let the church office know so we can be sure that the church pays 1/3 of your registration fee!!**



The Board of Christian Education is proud to announce that we have 11 kids graduating from the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Bible Class! These kids have studied the Bible from front to back, and like the rest of us, have a ton more to learn about it, but have discovered the over all themes of love and covenant. God's love for us and his promise to us only work if we accept it.

In the class were:

**Isabella Wellman-Webster  
Grady Wellman-Webster  
Carolyn Graber  
Olivia Stanley  
Zeke Valleau  
Nick Duley  
Brett Duley  
Drew Shea  
Anna Naggert  
Tabitha Booher  
Julia Link.**

Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade class has studied "The Case for Christ for Kids" - a wonderful book that follows a reporter on his quest to prove Jesus was Christ. Again, tons to learn here, but we do have copies in the Library if you want to borrow one. Look for their bulletin board in the hallway downstairs

In the class were:

**Kincaid MacCulloch  
Mason Gurtler  
Annie Painter  
Julia Hendricks  
Kaitlyn Mitchell  
Alaina Duley  
Mac Shea**

**If you see any of these kids, please encourage them in their faith!**

None of this would be possible without the help of all our wonderful teachers. This list includes:

**Mimi Dickson  
Mike and Diane Bonsey  
Ray Vonder Haar  
Beth Paradis  
David Lind  
Laurie Riddell and Tim Smith  
Scott Hammond  
Laurie Olson  
Connie Blaney  
Kathy MacCulloch  
Michele Gurtler  
Kathy Woodside  
Leslyn Shea  
Kim Craighead  
Kathe Simons  
Melissa Mills  
Sandy Boyce  
Marianne DiMauro  
Sandra Reed  
Doug McMinimy  
Kimberly Haller**

**If you see any of these teachers, please encourage them in their faith as well.** Doesn't that look like a wonderful team to join?

## **Special Dates**

### **Coming up in June-**

**June 6<sup>th</sup>**- Graduate Recognition and Youth Sunday

**June 13<sup>th</sup>** Sunday School Picnic

**June 20<sup>th</sup>** First God's Garden club

# Hancock-Waldo Association Spring Meeting

Kathy MacCulloch and Kathy Woodside represented our congregation at the Spring meeting of the Hancock-Waldo Association meeting held on Saturday, May 1st at the Union Congregational Church of Hancock, UCC.

After a brief business meeting, David Gaewski, Conference Minister for the Maine Conference and Jeff McDonnell of Allen/Freeman/McDonnell (representative for UCC insurance in Maine) conducted a workshop on "Developing Safe Church Policies." They provided an overview of the various types of policies churches should consider adopting as well as a number of resources for churches that want to begin the process of developing, or updating, safe church policies. Some of the policies that were discussed were:

- Safe workplace policies
- Safe facility policies
- Abuse prevention  
for local churches

For more information, go to the following links:

[http://www.maineucc.org/resources/safe\\_church\\_guidelines.pdf](http://www.maineucc.org/resources/safe_church_guidelines.pdf)  
<http://www.insurancemadeeasy.com/>

Kathy MacCulloch and Kathy Woodside also have additional resource materials for those who are interested.

## Maine Conference News

The **Maine Conference Annual Meeting** is coming quickly! Delegates from UCC churches around the state will gather in Farmington on June 10 – 13 for the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Maine Conference. The deadline for registrations is May 26 to reserve meals and lodging on campus. For more information about registration materials go to [www.maineucc.org](http://www.maineucc.org).

## New in the Resource Center!

### *Before the Amen:*

*Creative Resources for Worship*; Maren C. Tirabassi & Maria I. Tirabassi, Editors

Before the Amen is a new worship anthology that evolved from the bestselling "Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship." Providing fresh language inclusive of gender, ethnicity, race, age, orientation, and ability, Before the Amen contains nine chapters of seasonal materials, three chapters of sacraments and services, and seven chapters oriented by topic. It is filled with materials that come before amen such as: resources for the worship service (readings, healing services, and chancel dramas); general resources; and prayers for special issues such as natural disaster, domestic violence, and surrogate parents. Written by over 80 seasoned writers and young authors from diverse backgrounds and various Christian denominations, it will appeal to an intergenerational, ecumenical audience.

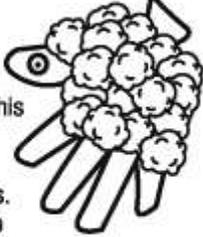
**There is still time to register for the New England Regional Youth Event, Inside-out, Outside-in, Finding our Way in God's World. June 24-27, Boston University, Boston, Mass.**

**LAST CALL – Registration deadline is June 1.** Already we have over thirty people registered for RYE. Sign-ups are continuing, and scholarship help is available. Come join us as we meet young people from all over New England. Great leaders, an urban mission experience in Boston, a historic trolley tour, music, worship, and workshops! There is much that awaits you. Go to New England Regional Youth Event on the Internet and see what is in store. Questions? Call Susie Craig at 846-5118 or e-mail [susiecraigacm.aol.com](mailto:susiecraigacm.aol.com).

**Weekly Conference Updates** are available through ACE (All Conference E-mails). If you would like to subscribe to this weekly online newsletter send e-mail to [conference@maineucc.org](mailto:conference@maineucc.org). This is a great way to stay current with what is happening in the life of our UCC churches throughout Maine and beyond!!

# Lamb Mission Bank

God can do great things with our gifts. This craft reminds us that every little coin counts. When your lamb is full, empty out the coins and give them to a charity or church mission program.



## What you need:

- Knit glove (black or white)
- 1-foot-long piece of thin ribbon, any color
- Stapler
- Craft glue or hot glue gun
- Fiberfill or cotton balls
- 2 googly eyes

## What you do:

1. Staple one end of the ribbon to the inside of each side of the glove's opening to make a hanger.
2. For the lamb's body, cover the palm and half of the thumb with glue. Stick the fiberfill or cotton balls onto the glue.
3. Glue a googly eye to each side of the mitten's thumb. (The other fingers will be the legs.)
4. Hang the lamb where you'll see it often. Whenever you have extra change, drop it into your lamb bag.



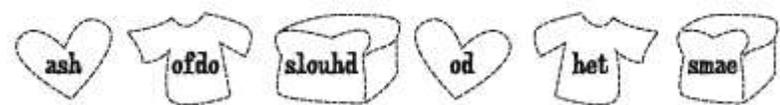
# Give to those in need

John the Baptist spoke to a crowd, telling them they should be fruitful. When the crowd asked how they could be fruitful, John the Baptist responded with some specific ideas.

Unscramble John the Baptist's reply from Luke 3:11 (NIV), and write the words in the blanks below.

## ★ WORD BANK ★

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two tunics has the who none and one the same has



Answer: "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same." (Luke 3:11, NIV)

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- 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
- 29 Dylan Stillman
- 30 Alexa Bonsey
- 30 Scott Hammond



## Sunday Worship Contributors

**Head Deacon –** Scott Hammond  
**Assistant Deacon –** Laurie Wellman

### Liturgists-

- 6:
- 13: Al Simons
- 20:
- 27:

### Flowers –

- 6: Charlotte and Bill Skiff
- 13: Rita Johnston and Lenny DeMuro
- 20: Jim, Cindy, Noah, and Matthew Lambert
- 27: Paul and Mimi Dickson

### Coffee Hosts -

- 6:
- 13:
- 20:
- 27:

### Bible Readings -

- 6 I Kings 17:8-24  
Psalm 146  
Galatians 1:11-24  
Luke 7:11-17
- 13 I Kings 21:1-21a  
Psalm 5:1-8  
Galatians 2:15-21  
Luke 7:36-8:3
- 20 1 Kings 19:1-15a  
Psalms 42 and 43  
Galatians 3:23-29  
Luke 8:26-39
- 27 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14  
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
Luke 9:51-62



		1 <i>Acadia Shawl Ministry 7:00</i>	2	3 <i>Adult Choir 7:00</i>	4 <i>Minister's Day Off</i>	5 <i>Eden School Flea Market</i>
6 <b>Youth Sunday</b> <i>Graduate Recognition</i> <b>Worship / Sunday School</b> 10 am <i>Girl Scouts 2-4</i>	7 <i>Cancer Support Group 5- 6:30</i> <i>Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:00</i>	8 <b>Outreach Board</b> 7:00 pm	9	10	11 <i>Wedding rehearsal 4:00 pm</i>	12 <b>Wedding</b> 6:00 pm
13 <b>Worship 10 am</b> <b>Sunday School picnic</b> <i>Girl Scouts 2-4</i> <i>Sarah Fraley student recital 4:30</i>	14  <i>Town Band rehearsal 6:00</i>	15 <i>C.E. Board Meeting 7:00</i> <i>Acadia Shawl Ministry 7:00</i>	16 <u><i>Chimes</i></u> <u><i>Articles Due!</i></u>	17 <i>Trustees 5:30</i>	18 <i>Minister's Day Off</i>	19
20 <b>Father's Day</b> <b>Worship 10 am</b> <b>God's Garden Club begins</b> <b>Deacons 11:30</b> <i>(BH Chamber of C. concert rain location 6:30)</i>	21 <b>Summer Begins</b> <i>Eden School Board 6:00</i> <i>(BH Chamber rain location 6:30)</i>	22	23 <i>(BH Chamber rain location 6:00)</i> <b>Church Council 7:00</b>	24 <i>(BH Chamber rain location 6:00)</i>	25 <i>Minister's Day Off</i>	26
27 <b>Worship / Sunday School</b> 10 am	28	29	30			

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## Special Dates

- Flag Day, June 14, 2010
- Father's Day, June 20, 2010
- First Day of Summer, June 21, 2010

## Morning Prayer

The alarm clock has wakened me, dear God, but I want to talk with you before it rings again. I need to thank you for this comfortable bed and a good night's sleep, for good health and strength, for an enjoyable [yesterday], for a wonderful church and worship service, for friends and family who care and love, for you and all that you bring to our lives, for the opportunities to serve you.

Be with me throughout this day and the week ahead. Let me do my work honestly, willingly and responsibly. As I meet people, help me to see them as your children and your loved ones.

I know you will lead me in whatever circumstances this day holds. I look forward to the adventures you and I will share together. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

—Peggy Ferrell,

Sources this page: Newsletter Newsletter

## Preparing for Dad's day

Here are some things you can do for your father on Father's Day:

How about taking him out for breakfast before worship or for lunch after the service? Or both!

Consider starting a Memory Book for him. Collect papers such as his birth and baptism certificates, photos of him as a child, a student, a graduate, a groom, a father, at his job and so on. If your mother has any special letters from your father she would be willing to share with the family, put them in the scrapbook.

Some time during Father's Day, ask him to tell stories about his most exciting adventures, meaningful religious experiences, his greatest joys, etc. Record these wonderful memories and then share them again on future occasions such as his birthday, anniversaries, family gatherings, Thanksgiving, etc..."