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From the Pastor

The other day someone asked me if I was having a restful summer. A restful summer, I wanted to scream – No, my summer has been anything but restful! My reply, after I calmed down a little was, “No my summer has been anything but restful!” So much for calming down. The person looked sheepishly at me and then said, “Okay, okay, don’t get so excited about it.”

I guess I was feeling a bit overwhelmed and that person caught me at just the wrong time. Oh well. No one is perfect. By the way, how is your summer going?

I remember well the idyllic summers of my childhood. School would let out about the third week in June and the rest of the summer stretched out before me like a beautifully woven fabric of fun and games. During the days there would be visits to Schiller Park, where I would join my friends at the neighborhood swimming pool followed by ice cream cones for the walk home. After supper there were endless games of kick the can, hide and go seek, and statues. I had to be home by eight o’clock, but bedtime was about two hours off, so that left time for some television, listening to the radio, or reading. About once a week my parents would let me invite a friend to stay overnight and at other times, I would spend the night at my best friend’s house. On the weekends, I spent time with my parents (when my father wasn’t working at his

second job) and on Sunday I would go to church with my best friend and her family. Sunday afternoons often included a trip to the movie theater along with my sister and brothers. All in all, I was pretty much on vacation until the dreaded day in September rolled around and school was back in session.

Times certainly have changed for me. Living in a resort community, I find that my summers are just as busy, or busier, than the rest of the year. This has definitely been the case this summer. I cannot remember ever being busier. This summer has been an exercise in humility and awareness of the truly important things in life. My time has been taken up in several endeavors, each of which has left a lasting impression on me. Some things in which I have been involved have changed me forever, leaving a lasting impression on me that I will not soon, if ever, forget.

During this summer a committee I serve on dealt with some very important issues. Two wonderful members of our community died, leaving particular holes in our lives. One in particular was an active, vital part of our church community. I will always miss her and I know you will too. There have been many more concerns claiming my time, but I will stop before you mistake my reflections for whining.

Have I had a restful summer? No. However, I have had a profoundly meaningful

summer thus far as I have delved into the ministry that God has given me and spent most of my time with people who were at decided crossroads in their lives. There is no greater honor and privilege than that.

How is your summer going? I know many of you have employment that makes the summer your busiest time. I know that others of you are dealing with a seemingly never-ending stream of guests. Still others of you are enduring the difficulties of illness, either yours or that of someone you love.

Still, I hope your summer, no matter how hectic it may be, has been lived in the midst of your faith. I pray that you have called upon God in prayer and have had time to share worship with your friends, neighbors and our visitors. If you haven't been in church, please remember that we miss you. No matter how busy we get, time spent in prayer and worship is a constant reminder that we are not alone and that we are surrounded by God's love. For myself, I have been finding Sunday worship to be a necessary part of my summer. Yes, even I get to worship on Sunday. I am not just talking during the service; I, too, am worshiping and giving thanks to my Creator. I don't know what I would do without that holy opportunity.

As summer moves toward fall, please know that you are in my prayers. I know that most of us are not having a restful summer, but I hope we are all having a meaningful and purposeful summer.

God bless you all.

Sandra



We Are Indeed Thankful, Gary, for your Tireless, and Dedicated Care for Helping Others

At a recent ceremony honoring Gary's service to others, "Speaker after speaker at the Sea Coast Mission's annual meeting spoke not only of [his] many accomplishments as he prepares to step down, but also his compassion and ability to listen and forge partnerships."

"Gov. John Baldacci declared July 14, the date of the annual meeting, as Gary A. DeLong day throughout Maine. In addition to reading the governor's proclamation, State Sen. Dennis Damon also read a proclamation from the Maine Legislature that noted that Rev. DeLong made a difference to thousands and showed them that they can make a difference. This may be the legacy that lasts the longest."



Testimonials were given at the meeting including: "Gary demonstrated a personal commitment to meet with us [residents of Frenchboro] and to talk with us, not at us," said Pat McEachern." "It was an ongoing pleasure to have Gary as part of our team."

“As she and others noted, Mr. DeLong learned what issues were important for the residents of each island and helped the community identify needs. His establishment of telemedicine on Frenchboro was a ‘godsend,’ said Ms. McEachern. He also arranged for a partnership between residents and the Maine Coast Heritage Trust in order to place 900 acres under conservation easement.”

“Ann Fernald of Islesford called his serving as minister on the islands a ‘sincere privilege’ and she was particularly pleased that following the services he was willing to go to her home for lunch.”

“Answering letters, arranging for a safety course for fishermen and hosting an elder care conference were all qualities residents of Great Cranberry appreciated said Sttefanie Alley.”

“Rev. DeLong grew up on Beals Island, graduated from Beals High School and attended college with the support of a Maine Sea Coast Mission scholarship. After serving as a youth minister for churches in Boston and Springfield, Rev. DeLong became associate pastor of the First Church of Christ in Longmeadow in 1975, co-pastor in 1977 and senior minister from 1987 until he returned to Maine to serve as executive director of the Mission in May 1999.”

“During is tenure...EdGE was initiated in 2002 and currently serves 500 children in 17 communities, through nine schools in Washington and Hancock Counties. Island Health Sevices, begun in 2001, provides access to health care to residents of Maine’s outer islands through a nurse and telemedicine equipment on board the Sunbeam V and in island clinics—clinics that link island patients with health care providers.”

“Food pantries now serve islands as well as Down East communities, and the Mission provides emergency assistance for hundreds of people each year with fuel and weatherization effort.”

We are extremely proud to have Gary and his wonderful wife Judy as members of our church, and admire the example they provide of how we can help others.

Sources: *Mount Desert Islander* and Maine Seacoast Mission



Thoughts on Stewardship

I’m thinking of the words and thoughts that were shared recently during our July services as I write this brief note about our Church’s stewardship efforts. Rod talked about his giving as being a habit he developed under the encouragement of his parents. Al and Kathe encouraged us to look at giving to our Church as a percentage of income in the tithing tradition. I asked all of our Church family to consider making a commitment as we approach Stewardship Sunday in September; considering a commitment of time, talent and financial support.

Webster’s tells us that Stewardship is the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care. Our buildings, our programs and our faith-based efforts are in need of our support. Whether you consider it a habit, or budget a percentage, making a commitment of your financial support is needed.

Please continue to reflect on what our other stewardship volunteers have to share during their “Moments”. Everyone has ideas and reasons on why they give to our Church family. My hope is that you’ll find a reason that works for you.

Mike Gurtler,
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Meditate on This

In September, Dr. Reed will be offering an opportunity for anyone interested to experience guided meditation. These gatherings will be held at the church, with a schedule to be announced. If you would like to participate, you need only a willing spirit.

Guided meditation is an ancient method by which we may grow closer to God through focused times of silence, being led through Scripture. It has been shown that guided meditation is good for stress, anxiety, and is a means of deepening our faith.

If you are interested, please watch the Sunday bulletins and next month’s newsletter for further details.



Our summer session is almost half over!! God's Garden Club has been going strong, with as many as 24 kids! What a great bunch!

Some Up-Coming Events-

Sunday, July 25th- Family Sunday.

August 1st we will be going to the Bar Harbor Food Pantry. We will have a permission slip for you to sign, please do this when you drop your child off Sunday morning. I will have the slip with me on the 25th as well if you happen to find me at coffee hour. (I plan on being there the whole time).

August 8th we will have another Family Sunday.

August 15th we will have time with Ward Holder leading GGC.

August 22nd, 29th and Sept 5th will be Doug McMinimy leading the kids in some dramatic arts getting ready for another musical to be performed on **Rally Day- September 12th**.

Vacation Bible Camp

We are also very pleased to announce that we are going to host a Vacation Bible Camp! It has been a few years since we have had a VBC and we are really excited about it. Doug McMinimy will be the group leader- we will be working on a musical to be presented on Rally Day.

Doug will begin introducing this to kids as stated above during GGC. VBC will run from **Sunday August 29th through Thursday September 2nd from 5:30 pm until 8pm**. All children are welcome, but we

ask that children 5 and under be accompanied by a child care provider. More details will follow, feel free to contact Doug McMinimy, doug.mcminimy@jax.org or myself if you have any questions or would like to volunteer!

CE Information on Church Website

I also want to draw your attention to the Christian Education portion of our Church website. Kathy Woodside has been working with Dave Lind to get info on it and out to you. Here is the link- <http://www.barharborucc.org/>

Nursery Need for Help

We need an extra nursery person for the next 3 Sundays as there will be no other adults downstairs other than the nursery attendant. Please let me know if you can volunteer for this very important job!

Thanks and keep bringing those wonderful kids our way each Sunday!

Kath

Our Sympathies to the friends and families of:

Mike Testa, husband of Kathryn

Rita Johnston, wife of Lenny DeMuro; and
mother of Melissa Mills

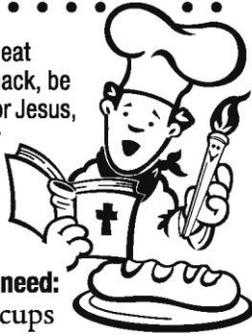
Baptisms:



Carter Allan Mills, son of
Kevin and Melissa Mills
Hayden Douglas Graves, son
of Sara Graves

BREAD painting

When you eat this fun snack, be thankful for Jesus, who is our Bread of Life.

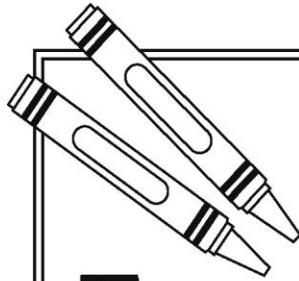


What you need:

- Small cups
- Milk
- Food coloring
- Clean artist brush
- Slice of bread
- Toaster or toaster oven
- Butter (optional)

What you do:

1. Decide how many colors you want to use, and set aside one cup for each color.
2. Pour about 1/4 cup of milk into each cup.
3. Add drops of food coloring until you get a bright color.
4. Using a brush, paint a picture or write words (such as a Bible verse) on the slice of bread. Make sure not to get the bread too soaked.
5. When you're finished painting, toast your bread. You can top it with a bit of butter. Enjoy!



Just for

KIDS

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Jesus knew that people would starve without physical bread to eat and water to drink. But he also knew they would die spiritually if they weren't fed by him.

Find and circle all the words horizontally. Then, starting on the top line and moving across from left to right, read John 6:35 (NIV) and write the Bible verse on the dashes.

JOHN 6:35

WORD LIST

am and be believes
bread comes I in
he hungry go He
life me me never
to never the of will
who will thirsty who

t e I r s u v w a m x y z a b t h e i
j k l m b r e a d n p o f q r l i f e
d H e e f g h i w h o j k l m n p q r
b c d f c o m e s g h i j t o k l m e
n w i l l o p q r s t u n e v e r v w
z y z b c a g o b c d e f g h i j k l
m h u n g r y n a n d o p q r s t u v
w x y z a b c d e f g h i j h e k l m
w h o n o b e l i e v e s p q r s t u
v w x y z i n a b c d e f g h i j k l
m n o p q r s t m e u v w x y z a b c
d e f w i l l g h i j k l m n o p q r
s t u v w x y n e v e r z a b c d b e
f g h i j k l m n o p q t h i r s t y

"I a m t h e b r e a d o f l i f e .
H e w h o c o m e s t o m e w i l l
n e v e r g o h u n g r y , a n d h e
w h o b e l i e v e s i n m e
w i l l n e v e r b e t h i r s t y ."

Answer: "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry; and he who believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35, NIV

August

Happy Birthday!

1 Julia Link
1 Nancy Pelletier
1 Hunter Riddell
3 Gabrielle Link
5 Jefferson Hobbs
5 Avary Bryer
5 Callahan Bryer
6 Sylvia Webber
7 David Woodside
10 Rebecca Bryer
10 Melanie Modeen
12 Donna Beals
12 Barbara Richardson
13 Gerard Haraden
17 Al Simons
17 Ponzi Reed
19 Marion Dyer
19 Jack Pelletier
20 Kristi Garland Hatrick
22 Lynn O'Neil
24 Derry Roopenian
27 Kendra Logan Bryer
27 Amy Riddell
27 Penny Frost
27 Gail Preston
27 Jennifer Booher
28 Billie Mitchell
29 Norman Moulton
30 Laurie Wellman



Sunday Worship Contributors

Head Deacon – Laurie Wellman
Assistant Deacon – David Lind

Liturgists-

1: Betty Bryer
8:
15:
22:
29:

Flowers –

1: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown
8: Mrs. Ronald MacQuinn
15: Mr. and Mrs. Norm Moulton
22: Charles and Patty Benore
29: Ruth Rossi

Coffee Hosts -

1: Cas Dowden
8:
15: Beth and Hannah Paradis
22: Blueberry Festival
29:

Home Bible Readings

1 Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23
Colossians 3:1-11
8 Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40
15 Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56
22 Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17
29 Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

August

1 Worship and God's Garden Club 10:00 am	2 <i>Cancer Support Group 5- 6:30</i>	3	4	5 <i>Bar Harbor Town Band (rain only)</i>	6	7
8 <i>Family Sunday</i> Worship 10:00 am	9 <i>Bar Harbor Town Band (rain only)</i>	10	11	12 <i>Bar Harbor Town Band (rain only)</i>	13	14
15 Worship and God's Garden Club 10 am	16	17	18 <u><i>Chimes</i></u> <u><i>Articles Due!</i></u> Setup for PEO Tea 5:00 pm	19 <i>PEO Tea 11:00 – 6:00</i>	20	21
22 Worship and God's Garden Club 10:00 am	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Worship and God's Garden Club 10:00 am <i>Vacation Bible Camp begins 5:30 – 8:00 pm</i>	30 <i>Vacation Bible Camp 5:30 – 8:00 pm</i>	31 <i>Vacation Bible Camp 5:30 – 8:00 pm</i>				

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Special Dates

Finding True Life

No one ever struggled more to find inner unity and, thus, real life than St. Paul. In chapter 8 of his letter to the Romans, Paul testified: “those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace” (Romans 8:5-6, NRSV).

Spirit-minded souls, Paul would say, will find the fruit of the Holy Spirit within: “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control” (Galatians 5:22-23, NRSV).

The Beginnings of Sunday School

Englishman Robert Raikes, born in 1735, was a Christian layman who was pained to see unschooled children working six days a week in factories or mines. On Sundays, children roamed the streets, often getting into trouble. Most didn't know how to read or write and knew nothing about Christ or the church.

As Raikes labored to reform England's prison system, he noticed that many children were imprisoned, stirring him to action on their behalf. He arranged for halls and homes to be used for educational purposes on Sundays, the one day children didn't have to work. He found volunteers to teach reading, writing and math, as well as the Bible and Christian beliefs.

The first Sunday school class was held in July 1780. Amazingly, by 1788 some 250,000 children were attending such schools. This occurred despite some people's opposition to the education of lower-class children.

Countless boys and girls have attended Sunday school classes since then, thanks to Raikes, who brought Christ's light and love to children around the world.